

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ. Gospel Reading - Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

#### <u>Living the Word This Week</u> How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Seek out community, parish, or diocesan efforts to assist those in need and participate to the best of your ability.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6th or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2nd and January 8th. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the Magnificat at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: 1) the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, 2) the Baptism of Christ and 3) the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (Ceremonial of Bishops). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts. ~ Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year, Msgr. Peter J. Elliott, Ignatius Press.

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#### **COUNCILS & COMMITTEES**

Altar Society Chairs: Jim Baller and Mary K Bell

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> Finance Council Chair: Larry Bandi

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> SVS School Advisory Board: Anne Ricci

Parish Bulletin: Submit announcements / articles by Tuesday 5:00 pm via email technology@saintvincentparish.org

#### MASS CELEBRATIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday - 5:30 pm Wednesday - 5:30 pm Thursday - 8:00 am Friday - 8:00 am

Saturday - 8:00 am SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 5:00 pm (Vigil) Sunday - 9:00 am & 11:30 am

- Rosary 30 minutes prior to each Mass - Adoration Tuesdays from 10:00 am -5:30 pm

Evening Adoration 3rd Tuesday of the Month from 6:00 - 9:00 pm (Next evening Adoration is January 16th)
Reconciliation Saturdays from 4:00 -

4:30 pm, and on the 1st Saturday of the Month after morning Mass

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<b>Parish Information</b> Liturgy and Minister Schedule					
The Epiphany of the Lord, Year B - January 7th, 2024 Gospel Acclamation: Mt 2:2 We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.					
<u>Greeters for January 6th &amp; 7th</u> 5:00 pm - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / 9:00 am - Tammy & Trenton Rosenthal / 11:30 am - Nancy Freeman & Gwen Porter					
<u>Date</u>	Time	Mass Intentions	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
<b>Sat. Jan. 6th</b> *Vigil	8:00 am *5:00 pm	+ Lawrence Bole All the People of the Parish	Cecilia Palmer	Nancy LaBrosse, Vickie Joseph & Carol Harris	
Sun. Jan. 7th	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Pam Ammirante + Bonenberger & Toman Families	Larry Bandi Jeanne McKeets	Matt Koval, Susie Koval & Marilyn Delbrugge Judy Stadler, Karen Bates & Barb Napple	
Tues. Jan. 9th	5:30 pm	+ Lee Childers	AL	TAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses)	
Wed. Jan. 10th	5:30 pm	+ Pam Bishop	Logan 1	Buchannan, Charleigh Carr, Georgia Carr,	
Thurs. Jan. 11th *School Mass	8:00 am *9:45am	+ Maurice & Margaret Brant + Brant Family	Eleano Billy I	Claire Connley, Emma Dean, Ava Dominquez, Eleanor Hortet, Lydia Koval, Landon Kazemka, Billy Looney, McKenzie Looney, Luke Minor, Angelene Ricci, Austin Schwanker, Ava Thomas, Emma Thompson, Justin Wilson	
Fri. Jan. 12th	8:00 am	+ Living & Deceased Members for the Brookover & Witt Families	Angeler		
Greeters for January 13th & 14th					
<b>5:00 pm -</b> Jeff k	Klosinski & J	ohn Bartsch / 9:00 am - Cynthia Di	mmey & Nancy Geor	ges / 11:30 am - Heather Mazeroski & Lisa Armstrong	
Sat. Jan. 13th *Vigil	8:00 am *5:00 pm	+ Joseph & Helen Burkhart + Guy Bellanco	Tom McFadden	Carol Harris, Tom McFadden & Vickie Joseph	
Sun. Jan. 14th	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Sharon Basham All the People of the Parish	Mary K Bell Lori Buchanan	Barb Napple, Derek Dimmey & Lynn Hetzel Judy Stadler, Karen Bates & Susie Newmeyer	
READINGS FOR THE WEEK           M - JANUARY 8th - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD           Is 55: 1-11 OR 1 JN 5: 1-9 / IS 12: 2-3. 4BCD. 5-6 (3) / MK 1: 7-11           T - JANUARY 9th - TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME           WHEN THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD OCCURS ON MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME           WHEN THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD OCCURS ON MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (E.G. THIS YEAR), THE READINGS ASSIGNED TO MONDAY MAY BE JOINED TO THOSE OF TUESDAY SO THAT THE OPENING OF EACH BOOK WILL BE READ.           MONDAY'S READINGS: 1 SM 1: 1-8 / PS 116: 12-13. 14-17. 18-19 / MK 1: 14-20 TUESDAY'S READINGS: 1 SM 1: 9-20 / 1 SM 2: 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8ABCD / MK 1: 21-28           W - JANUARY 10th - WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME 1 SM 3: 1-10. 19-20 / PS 40: 2 AND 5. 7-8A. 8B-9. 10 / MK 1: 29-39           T - JANUARY 11th - THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME 1 SM 4: 1-11 / PS 44: 10-11. 14-15. 24-25 / MK 1: 40-45           F - JANUARY 12th - FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME 1 SM 8: 4-7. 10-22A / PS 89: 16-17. 18-19 / MK 2: 1-12           S - JANUARY 13th - SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME 1 SM 9: 1-4. 17-19; 10: 1 / PS 21: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7 / MK 2: 13-17				<b>Gospel Reflection:</b> The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them. These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very famil- iar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great im- portance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new call- ing. Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listen-	
1 Sm 3: 3в-10. 19 20 / Jn 1: 35-42	0 / Ps 40: 2.	SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10 (8a. 9a) / 1 Cor (	ing? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make. <i>ay I always be attentive to the countless ways that Yo</i>		

ord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

# **Prayer & Worship** Prayer List, Mass & Adoration Opportunities, Religious Education

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At St. Vincent de Paul Parish we believe in prayer, its power and the daily necessity for it. We invite you to submit your requests to us and we will pray for you. We get it that prayer needs happen anytime all the time. We understand that you might not know how to ask or what to say. You don't have to be a member of our Parish family, just someone who has a prayer need.

Charles Ballard, Jim Baller, Barb Bennett, Patricia Bock, Marsha Boissy, Steven Bonenberger, Carl Bott, Mary Kay Britt, Bill Childers, Theresa Comer, Gerald Cook, Holly Custer, Betty Dietrich, Allison Dunlap, Harry Ebert, Ethan Eckman, Melissa Hipkiss, Joe Holly, Frederick Jaquay, Jack Klug, Flavia Langan & Family, Ray Laudermilt, Marcia Laughlin, Jacqueline Laurine, Geralyn Latz, Brandi Mackey, Sue Marple, Brandt Mazeroski, Ted McKeets, Wally McMasters, Kelsey Miller, Arlene Muccioli, Mike Perring, Madelyn Reed, Alice Riggle, Vincent Rodak, Jenna Russell, Paul Russell, Gary Shaver, Julie Shiess, Addison Stephens, Joe Tankovits, Marlene Trischler, Katrina Turkaly, Glen Ullom, Lynn Uraco, John Wagner, Chris Walker, Pete Walker, John Walt, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, Ann & Charlie Wolfe, Dick Wolfe, All Homebound, Sick and Shut-Ins

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HELPERS**

Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 5:30 pm, concluding with a Benediction at 5:30 pm followed by Mass.

Helpers are needed for Eucharistic Adoration, especially between the hours of **4:00-5:00 pm** and <u>for the Evening Adoration time</u> <u>slots of **6:00 pm**, **7:00 pm and 8:00 pm** on the **3rd Tuesday** of the Month.</u>

Please call Joann Drnach at 304-238-6534 to sign up

#### **COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION**

for January

Sue Hohman / Bob Schmitt / Dorothy Schmitt Chris Thomas / Zita Husick Living & Deceased Members of Kreitzer & McDougall Families

Linas, John, & Grace Miller Living and Deceased Members of the Miller Family Chalmer L. Moffett Living and Deceased Members of the Moffett Family Mary Lee Behrens Living and Deceased Members of the Behrens Family Carl & Joan Baller Living and Deceased Members of the Bandi Family

#### NO MASS AT OLSD

There will be no Mass at Our Lady of Seven Dolors during the month of January due to all of the kneelers being refurbished! <u>Next Mass will be Sunday, February 4th.</u>

#### LATIN MASS

Missa Cantata (Traditional Sung Latin Mass) will be celebrated at 3:00 pm on the FOURTH Sunday in the month of January at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Triadelphia, WV. <u>Next Latin Mass will be Sunday, January 28th</u>.

#### **FUNERAL LUNCHEON WORKERS**

We are in need of Funeral Luncheon Workers. If you would like to help with prepare and serve our luncheons, please contact **Rea Stein** at **304-280-8948** 

#### THEMES FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

The readings for the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord tell of the revelation of Jesus Christ to all people. The first reading tells of a light in Jerusalem which all nations are drawn to. The psalm foretells kings bringing gifts. The second reading explains how God's grace is now known to all generations and the whole world. The gospel recalls how the Magi came from afar to worship the child Jesus. It also recounts Herod's jealousy and treachery.

- \* **Divine Light and Universal Attraction:** This theme emphasizes the shining of God's light upon Jerusalem, symbolizing the revelation of God to the world, attracting nations and kings, and signifying the return and unification of God's people.
- \* <u>Unity and Inclusivity in Christ</u>: This highlights the revelation of the mystery that Jews and Gentiles are co-heirs, united in one body and sharing in the promise of Jesus Christ through the gospel, emphasizing the universal nature of God's salvation.
- \* <u>Guidance, Revelation, and Obedience</u>: The journey of the Magi, guided by a star to find Jesus, represents divine guidance and revelation. The Magi's obedience in following the star and their decision to return by another route, avoiding Herod, signifies the response of faith and wisdom to God's revelation.
- \* <u>Manifestation of the Messiah to the Gentiles</u>: The arrival of the Magi, who were Gentiles, to worship Jesus signifies the manifestation of Jesus, the Jewish Messiah, to the non-Jewish world, underlining the global scope of His mission.
- \* Journey and Faithful Search: The Magi's journey to find Jesus symbolizes the spiritual journey of seeking truth and the need for persistent faith and commitment in the search for divine revelation.
- \* <u>Divine Intervention and Protection</u>: The guidance of the Magi by a star and their divine warning in a dream highlights God's active role in guiding and protecting those who seek Him.
- \* <u>Gift-Giving and Sacrifice</u>: The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh brought by the Magi to Jesus symbolize the act of giving to God our best, acknowledging His sovereignty, priesthood, and the foreshadowing of His death.
- \* Light as a Symbol of Christ: The imagery of light shining upon Jerusalem is a metaphor for Christ, the Light of the World, bringing salvation and revelation to all peoples.
- \* **<u>Revelation and Response</u>**: Epiphany emphasizes the revelation of God in Christ and the appropriate human response to this revelation, as seen in the worship and gifts of the Magi and the prophetic understanding of Isaiah and Paul.

# Parish Information

Weekly Calendar & Upcoming Events

# SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD...

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion. **The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus**, which is celebrated on January 3rd. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus." It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "Savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

Sunday, January 7th	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord,</i> Mass at 9:00 am and 11:30 am <b>PSR</b> , 10:15 am - 11:15 am		
Monday, January 8th	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> , Mass at 8:00 am <b>OCIA</b> (RCIA), 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, in the Youth Room		
<b>Tuesday, January 9th</b> <i>Adoration</i> , 10:00 am - 5:30 pm	Small Group, (LaBrosse), 2:00 - 4:00 pm, in the Youth Room Stitching Group, (McFadden), 5:00 - 7:00 pm		
Wednesday, January 10th	<b>Small Group</b> , (Mazzzocca), 6:00 - 8:00 pm <b>Small Group</b> , (McKeets), 6:00 - 8:00 pm		
Friday, January 12th	Rosary (Mazzzocca), 4:00 - 5:00 pm		
Sunday, January 14th	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		

### MARIST CENTRE RENTAL

Did you know that our Marist Centre is available to rent for Baby Showers, Wedding Showers & Receptions, Birthday Parties, Family Reunions, Community Events and more?

For information, pricing and rental agreements; please contact Susie Newmeyer in the Parish Office at **304-242-0406**.

# TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, January 12th St. Vincent de Paul Parish Marist Centre Doors open at 6:30 pm / Trivia Starts at 7:00 pm \$10.00 per person Pizza and snacks provided. Fill out a Trivia Team Form and return it to the Parish Office with payment by January 10th.

Forms are available in the vestibule!

### **SVDP PARISH FESTIVAL MEETING**

The next festival planning meeting will be <u>January 23rd, at 6:30 pm</u> in the Marist Center. Please consider helping with the Parish Festival as a Planning Committee Member or Volunteer! Festival Dates: Friday & Saturday, June 7-8, 2024

#### **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT**

**Friday, January 19th** St. Vincent de Paul Parish Marist Centre

> Doors open at 6:30 pm Tournament Starts at 7:00 pm \$10.00 per person

8 Hand limit per table / then rotate with partner



#### WEST VIRGINIA INSTITUTE FOR SPIRITUALITY

The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality is an ecumenical center for prayer and spiritual growth, located in the heart of the city of Charleston, West Virginia. Our ministry promotes spiritual life through silence, prayer, retreats, education, spiritual direction, and inter-faith dialogue. Presently, our calendar reflects the following:

#### Living in the Gap via Zoom

A 4-week program on Thursday evenings January 18th and 25th and February 1st and 8th from 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. EST Questions: email Ms. Sally Orcutt, O.P. at sally@sayyes2yourlife.org

Living in the Gap is about living and responding with intention. As we grow to understand ourselves and what is at the root of why we react in ways we often regret or don't understand, we can instead choose "the gap." In the gap, we recognize when we've been triggered, and because of our awareness, the wounds and negative stories no longer control how we live each day. During this 4-week program, we will explore the work of Fr. Richard Rohr, Fr. Thomas Keating (Programs for Happiness), Riso and Hudson (Enneagram and Transforming our Inner Critic), Ira Progoff (Journaling as a Reflective Practice), and David Richo (Understanding Triggers and Triggering Events.)

Donation: Suggested donation for this program is \$70. Partial scholarships are available by emailing the WVIS Executive Director at wviscr@aol.com

Register: Visit our website at **Programs - WVIS** or call 304.345.0926.

# Parish Outreach

Service Organizations, Community Events & Announcements

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY	MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE	
If you would like to attend a meeting, call Mary Lou Kent at (304) 242-1019. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 16th at 6:15 pm in the Youth Room. (We are attending Mass at 5:30 pm and meeting after Mass.)	If you and your spouse need a break from the busy-ness of everyday life, join us at Together in Holiness on <b>February</b> <b>10th</b> at St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Charles Town, WV, and be rejuvenated by inspiring presentations, the Sacraments, and time for intentional discussion with your	
OLSD ALTAR SOCIETY	spouse. On-site childcare is also available, so you can focus on your marriage without a worry! <u>Click here to read our FAQs</u>	
On <b>Thursday, February 1st, 2024</b> we will be having a <b>Cleaning Party</b> to prepare the church for the upcoming Fish Fry during Lent. All are welcome to help.	<b>about childcare and more.</b> Early Bird Couple <b>\$27</b>   Childcare <b>\$5</b> per child Early Bird discount available through January 8th. Full and partial scholarships available, <u>click here to apply.</u>	
MARIST THIRD ORDER OF MARY There will be no meetings in January and February.	Questions? Email Conference Coordinator Cameron Kelly at cameron@forlifeandfamily.org. Registration link: <u>https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/th24-</u> wcwv/	
ST. JOHN'S BEREAVEMENT GATHERING	2024 WODI D MADDIACE DAV	
Grief from a Faith Perspective: 6:00 pm usually on the last Monday of each month at St. John's Fellowship Hall in Benwood, WV. Call St. John's parish at 304-232-6455 Next gathering will be Monday, Janusry 29th.	2024 WORLD MARRIAGE DAY Our annual St. Vincent de Paul Parish World Marriage Day celebration will be held on Sunday, February 18th, 2024 in the Marist Centre. Details will be announced later. This year we would like to resume babysitting services during our dinner. We are asking for a Virtus trained adult volunteer to oversee youth providing this service. We are also in need of	
<ul> <li>FertilityCare<sup>TM</sup> Center of the Upper Ohio Valley, Inc.</li> <li>* Do you want a natural and effective way to plan your family?</li> <li>* Are you experiencing infertility or other women's health issues and tired of not getting a proper diagnosis or actual</li> </ul>	anyone interested in helping our group with organizing, planning and/or setup. If you are interested, please <b>contact Denny</b> or <b>Brenda Beiter</b> ( <b>304-238-4904</b> ). Thank you.	
<ul> <li>treatment of the underlying issues?</li> <li>* Are you tired of being told birth control pills are your only option?</li> <li>* If so, then the Creighton Model FertilityCare<sup>™</sup> System and NaProTechnology® can help (and we are blessed to have in the area an OB/Gyn specially trained in NaProTechnology!)</li> <li>* For more information or to register for an Introductory Session contact Kathy Hirkala at 304-723-0478.</li> </ul>	<b>EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OPPORTUNITY</b> The Franciscan Sisters TOR invite you to join them for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at their Motherhouse Chapel (369 Little Church Rd. Toronto OH 43964) at <b>7:30pm</b> on Tuesday, <b>January 30th</b> . Sisters will be providing music during Holy Hour. This is a great way to enter into this time of Eucharistic Revival in our Church. All are welcome, and bring a friend!	
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To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513.

To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880.

