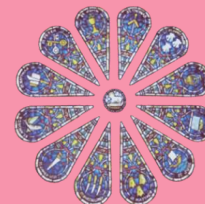


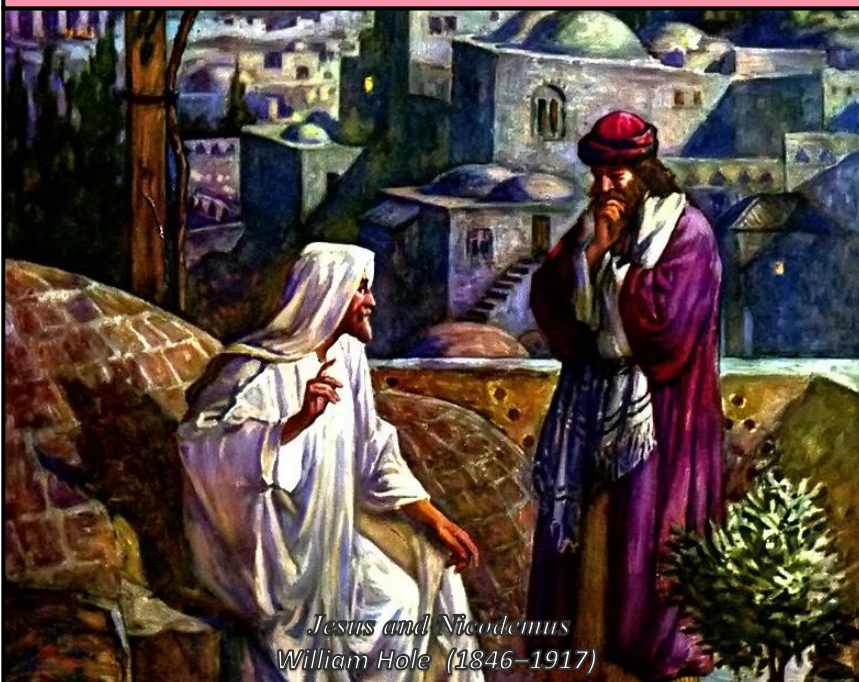


St. Vincent de Paul Parish

2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003



The Fourth Sunday of Lent, (Laetare Sunday) Year B - March 10th, 2024



Jesus and Nicodemus
William Hole (1846-1917)

First Reading - 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

The causes for the Israelites' captivity in Babylon are described.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 137:1-2,3,4-5,6

A lament from exile for the loss of Jerusalem.

Second Reading - Ephesians 2:4-10

In grace we have been saved, so that we may do the work of the Lord.

Gospel Reading - John 3:14-21

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in him will have eternal life.

Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Make a good examination of conscience and celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance.



Each Friday during Lent
at St. Vincent de Paul Parish
9:00 am (school) and at 6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm **Phone:** (304) 242-0406 **Fax:** (304) 243-0837

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SVS School Advisory Board:
Anne Ricci

Parish Bulletin:

Submit announcements / articles to James Laurine at technology@saintvincentparish.org
Submission Deadline - Tuesday 5:00 pm

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
- **Reconciliation** Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm, and on the 1st Saturday of the Month after morning Mass

NEXT MASS AT OLSD Sunday, April 7th, 10:15 am / NEXT LATIN MASS AT OLSD Sunday, March 17th, 3:00 pm



St. Vincent de Paul Parish School

Education for Your Child's Mind, Body, & Soul



127 Key Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 242-5844

Jarett T. Kuhns, M.Ed., Principal
Julie Peroni, Assistant Principal
Tracy Thomas, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant to the Principal

Office Hours: Monday through Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Email: info@stvincentschool.org
Website: www.stvincentschool.org
Facebook, Instagram & YouTube: @SVS.Wheeling

SVS - A LOOK AHEAD...

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|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Thursday, March 14th | SVS Open House School Mass 9:45am |
| Friday, March 15th | Stations of the Cross, 9:00am |
| Sunday, March 31st | Warrior Mass, 11:30am |

HELP WANTED

We could use a few extra hands to help with our Wednesday Night Bingo!

Contact the School Office to sign up!

AND... Join us and play!

March 6 20 April 3 17 May 1 22

OPEN HOUSE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH SCHOOL

March 14

Now enrolling Preschool through 8th Grade

WV HOPE Scholarship financial aid available

stvincentschool.org www.facebook.com/svs.wheeling

Come find your fit at SVS!

26th Annual **Greenbacks** Dinner & Auction

APRIL 13, 2024

Dinner reservations and Raffle Tickets available now!

Would you like to volunteer and help with Greenbacks?!

Join us! **GB Meeting March 11**

Parish Center 6pm

SARRIS CANDY

There's Still Time to Order Sarris Candy for Easter, and Support St. Vincent School! **Online Sales are Open Through March 22nd, 2024**

Go to www.SarrisCandiesFundraising.com

Use Group ID#: 17-1717

A Flat Rate Packaging Fee of \$5 will be added

Orders shipped directly to the purchaser

Ships anywhere in the U.S.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

GREENBACKS 2024

We are honored to announce that the 2024 Greenbacks Honoree is Fr. Gary Naegele. We are blessed for everything he has done for our parish and school. We look forward to celebrating him (and Mr. Brown Bag) on April 13th!

Admission - \$50 Single or \$80 Couple
(includes Dinner & Dessert, Soft Drinks, Beer & Wine)

Raffle Tickets - \$20 Each (winner need not be present)

Dinner tickets can also be purchased online at

www.svstickets.com

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Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Mass times, ministry updates, & more delivered to your phone

TO SIGN UP, TEXT **SVDP-W** TO 84576

SIGN UP ONLINE AT: stvincentdepauparish1.flocknote.com

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Parish Information

Attendance for March 2nd & March 3rd

5:00pm - 112 / 9:00am - 164 / 10:15am - 54 / 11:30am - 105

Total Attendance: - 435

for March 2nd & March 3rd

Collection: \$7,888 / WeShare: \$2789.35

Total Collection - \$10,677.35

Second Collection Update, March 3rd - Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund - \$984
Upcoming Second Collection, March 29th - Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

When writing checks for any collection, please make all checks payable to **St. Vincent's Church.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL PARISH SUPPORT!

Parish Information

Liturgy and Minister Schedule

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, (Laetare Sunday) Year B - March 10th, 2024

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

Greeters for March 9th & 10th

5:00 pm - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / **9:00 am** - Susie & Lydia Koval / **11:30 am** - Gwen Porter & Heather Mazeroski

| Date | Time | Mass Intentions | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers |
|--|---------------------|--|--|---|
| Sat. Mar. 9th <i>*Vigil</i> | 8:00 am *5:00 pm | + James & Timothy Tuttle + Paula Teacoach | Tom McFadden | Tom McFadden, Carol Harris & Vickie Joseph |
| Sun. Mar. 10th | 9:00 am 11:30 am | + Ruth A. McGraw + Betty Dietrich | Mary K Bell Lori Buchanan | Susie Koval, Maria Minor & Derek Dimmey Judy Stadler, Karen Bates & Susie Newmeyer |
| Tues. Mar. 12th | 5:30 pm | + Maryjo Dodderer | ALTAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses) Logan Buchannan, Charleigh Carr, Georgia Carr, Claire Connley, Emma Dean, Ava Dominquez, Eleanor Hortet, Lydia Koval, Landon Kazemka, Billy Looney, McKenzie Looney, Luke Minor, Angelene Ricci, Andrew Rowan, Austin Schwanker, Ava Thomas, Emma Thompson, Justin Wilson | |
| Wed. Mar. 13th | 5:30 pm | + Paul, Eleanor, and Paul Jr. Shiben | | |
| Thurs. Mar. 14th <i>*School Mass</i> | 8:00 am *9:45am | + Edward & Ruth Shiben + Charlie Mensour | | |
| Fri. Mar. 15th | 8:00 am | + Fr. Edwin Keel | | |

Greeters for March 16th & 17th

5:00 pm - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / **9:00 am** - Gwen Porter & Tammy Rosenthal / **11:30 am** - Derek & Maggie Reed

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| Sat. Mar. 16th <i>*Vigil</i> | 8:00 am *5:00 pm | + Shirley Foose + Jonette Bauer | Vickie Joseph | Nancy LaBrosse, Tom McFadden & Carol Harris |
| Sun. Mar. 17th | 9:00 am 11:30 am | + Zita Husick All the People of the Parish | Larry Bandi Heather Mazeroski | Lynn Hetzel, Denny Beiter & Jarett Kuhns Judy Stadler, Karen Bates & Susie Newmeyer |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M - MARCH 11TH - MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

2 KGS 5: 1-15B / Ps 42: 2. 3; 43: 3. 4 / LK 4: 24-30

T - MARCH 12TH - TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

DN 3: 25. 34-43 / Ps 25: 4-5AB. 6 AND 7BC. 8 AND 9 / MT 18: 21-35

W - MARCH 13TH - WEDNESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN LENT

DT 4:1. 5-9 / Ps 147: 12-13. 15-16. 19-20 / MT 5: 17-19

T - MARCH 14TH - THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

JER 7: 23-28 / Ps 95: 1-2. 6-7. 8-9 / LK 11: 14-23

F - MARCH 15TH - FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

HOS 14: 2-10 / Ps 81: 6C-8A. 8BC-9. 10-11AB. 14 AND 17 / MK 12: 28-34

S - MARCH 16TH - SATURDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

HOS 6: 1-6 / Ps 51: 3-4. 18-19. 20-21AB / LK 18: 9-14

S - MARCH 17TH - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SCRUTINY: 1 SM 16: 1B. 6-7. 10-13A / Ps 23: 1-3A. 3B-4. 5. 6 (1) / EPH 5: 8-14 / JN 9:1-41

OTHERWISE: 2 CHR 36: 14-16. 19-23 / Ps 137: 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6 (6AB) / EPH 2: 4-10 / JN 3:14-21

Seeking the Full Truth:

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." John 3:14-15

My teaching Lord, Your sacred Truth is so deep, so profound and so transforming that it remains too much for me to fully comprehend and embrace.

For that reason, I thank You for the mercy of speaking to me in veiled ways so as to continually draw me deeper in my faith and knowledge of You.

Please continue to open my mind and heart to You so that, one day, I will understand Your Truth most fully. Jesus, I trust in You.



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Congress

Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress - Indianapolis - July 17th through July 21st, 2024

with Bishop Mark Brennan and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Bishop Mark and the Catholic Sharing Appeal have purchased 250 5-day passes (a \$360 ticket) so that each parish and mission had an opportunity to be represented. Each parish and mission were allotted one-four tickets to be claimed by Dec. 15 – then that deadline extended to Jan. 15. Only 20 parishes' pastors and Parish Point Persons for the Revival took advantage of securing their church's ticket(s). So now the remaining tickets are available to the faithful (all registered parishioners) in the diocese, that register for the travel package.

For more information, click on this link <https://dwc.org/year-of-the-eucharist/>

Prayer & Worship

Prayer List, Mass & Adoration Opportunities, Religious Education



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, Barb Bennett, Russ Bennett, Patricia Bock, Marsha Boissy, Steven Bonenberger, Carl Bott, Mary Kay Britt, Bill Childers, Theresa Comer, Gerald Cook, Holly Custer, Allison Dunlap, Ethan Eckman, Barbara Fitzsimmons, Rita Gallo, Joe Holly, Frederick Jaquay, Susie Koval, Flavia Langan & Family, Ray Laudermilt, Marcia Laughlin, Jacqueline Laurine, Brandi Mackey, Rosemary Mackey, Sue Marple, Brandt Mazeroski, Wally McMasters, Kelsey Miller, Arlene Muccioli, Mike Perring, Vincent Rodak, Jenna Russell, Paul Russell, Julie Shiess, Addison Stephens, Joe Tankovits, Stephanie Temple, Marlene Trischler, Katrina Turkaly, Glen Ullom, Lynn Uraco, John Wagner, Chris Walker, Pete Walker, John Walt, Ann & Charlie Wolfe, Dick Wolfe, All Homebound, Sick and Shut-Ins

Those in Continuous Care: Good Shepherd - Ted McKeets, Joseph Moskitis, Fr. Joe Wilhelm / Peterson - Jim Sengewalt

COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION (March)

Dean Bishop, Lora & Bud Bishop, Pam Bishop, Hazel Hudock, Violet Morrison, William Ralph Morrison Jr., Pat Napple, Leonard & Yolanda Napple, Mary Sofka, Michael Sofka, Kenneth Wardle, Mildred Wardle

COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION

The Commemorative Mass Association - "CMA" is a means for parishioners and friends to honor their loved ones with a total of 18 Masses throughout the year. The Masses are said on the **First Friday of each month** as well as on **Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, the Feast of the Assumption, All Souls Day, and Christmas Day.**

The annual cost is **\$50.00** and you may add multiple deceased family members. Contact the parish office at 304-242-0406 for more information or to register your deceased loved ones.

MASS INTENTIONS

We will be taking Mass Intentions for any Mass. If you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one or for your intention, please contact the Parish Office.

The offering for any Mass on weekdays is **\$10**
For Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation **\$20**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HELPERS NEEDED!

Helpers are needed for Eucharistic Adoration, especially between the hours of **4:00-5:00 pm**.

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

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 11th: St. Vincent de Paul, Wheeling; 5:00 pm

Condolences and Prayers

to the family and friends of
Virginia Subasic

who was laid to rest on Monday, March 4th.

Condolences and Prayers

to the family and friends of
Jim Baller

who was laid to rest on Thursday, March 7th.

Condolences and Prayers

to the family and friends of
Dorothy Murphy

who was laid to rest on Thursday, March 9th.

Baptism

We would like to welcome into the family of God
Amira Kalcum

who was baptized on Friday, March 1st.

Baptism

We would like to welcome into the family of God
Isaac Duncan

who was baptized on Sunday, March 3rd.



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

Parish Outreach

Service Organizations, Announcements & Ministries

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"It is better to give than receive."

This Catholic lay organization leads women and men to join together to service those who are needy and suffering.

If you would like to attend a meeting, call **Mary Lou Kent** at **(304) 242-1019**. The next meeting is **Tuesday, March 19th at 6:15 pm** in the Youth Room. *(We are attending Mass at 5:30 pm and meeting after Mass.)*

Another "UNDIE SUNDAY"

sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society

Wheeling's homeless and underserved population is in need of donations of new underwear. They get plenty of used clothing donations, but we all deserve new undergarments.

Please bring your donations for men and women, very small to very large and everything in between, tops and bottoms and long-johns to Mass **any Sunday before March 16th** so that we can distribute them as soon as possible.

There will be a barrel in the back of church. As usual, thank you for your compassion and generosity.

OLSD ALTAR SOCIETY

We are in need of Workers / Volunteers for the Fish-Fry's at OLSD each Friday during Lent!

Please contact **Mary K Bell** to sign up.

Bakers needed for the OLSD Fish Fry's.

If you have any questions please call **Connie Baller** at **304-559-5725**. Thank you!

MARIST THIRD ORDER OF MARY

Meetings are scheduled for the second Saturday of the month at **10:00 am** in the Caveney Room.

Next meeting will be **Saturday, March 9th**.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The members of this ministry make prayer shawls, lapghans, and baby afghans.

These are available to give to anyone in need of consoling after the loss of a loved one or prayers when you are in need of physical or spiritual comfort. We also make afghans to celebrate baptisms.

Knitters and crochet'ers are always welcome to join us.

We meet on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm** in the library at the parish office.

If you or anyone you know needs a prayer shawl, contact the parish office.

We appreciate any monetary or yarn donations.

ST. JOHN'S BEREAVEMENT GATHERING

Grief from a Faith Perspective:



If you, or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving, please join us at **6:00 pm** on the last Monday of each month at St. John's Fellowship Hall in Benwood, WV.

Facilitators: Deacon Doug Breiding, Tom & Michele McFadden
Sponsored by Mount Calvary Cemetery

Next gathering will be **Monday, March 25th**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 504



BABY BOTTLES / CHANGE FOR LIFE

The annual Baby Bottle Campaign has begun! The K of C kindly ask that you pick up a Baby Bottle in the Vestibule and fill it with loose cash / coins throughout the Lenten season.

Bottles were distributed on **February 18th & 26th**
Please **return them to the Parish on Palm Sunday**.

All proceeds from this collection are donated to **The Gabriel Project** which provides all necessary support for mothers in need, including pregnant mothers.

Your support with this project is greatly appreciated.

SVDP PARKING LOT MINISTRY

Before the COVID shutdown, we had a wonderful group of Parking Lot Ministers for each Sunday Mass. We would like to bring back this important ministry for all of the Masses during Holy Week and Easter, then continue each Sunday after Easter.

With that being said; **we are in need of volunteers to be Parking Lot Ministers!**

What does a Parking Lot Minister do?

We need volunteers to share the love that God has for each of us with others by lending a hand to those needing assistance.

Whether it be with helping someone find a place to park, carrying items for those with their hands full, showing a first time guest around our facility, or simply holding the door for someone; all with a heart of gratitude and love for that person.

If interested, please contact the Parish Office at (304) 242-0406 and we will "reserve a spot" for you.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY

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**

ST. VINCENT'S YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Vincent's **Summer Camp** has been officially scheduled for **Sunday, June 23rd through Saturday, June 29th, 2024!**

About:

St. Vincent's Summer Camp started in 1985, and has always been 100% volunteer run! Attendees learn to become leaders while focusing on faith, fun, and friendship. The camp is located in Huttonsville, WV, at 225 Catholic Conference Center.

Activities:

Archery, Arts & Crafts, Boating, Campfires, Group Competitions, Horseback Riding, Lip-Sync Battle, Prayer, Rockwall, Swimming, Various Sports, Waterslide, Zipline, and more!

Registration:

Camper Rates: **\$300** *(Students who have completed 7th - 9th Grade)*
Counselor Rates: **\$200** *(Students who have completed 10th - 12th Grade)*

Forms are available at the Parish Office or at **svscamp.com**.
Financial assistance available if needed.

Lenten Season

Journey With Us



Themes for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B focus on God's faithfulness in drawing us closer to him. The first reading tells how God inspired Cyrus to allow the chosen people to worship once again in Jerusalem. And in the gospel we hear of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, where Jesus explains that he was sent to us out of the boundless love of God.

The 4th Sunday of Lent Year B presents a profound reflection on themes of longing for restoration, God's mercy and grace, the dichotomy between light and darkness, and God's unwavering love for humanity. These readings invite us to contemplate our own lives in light of God's enduring patience and willingness to forgive. They challenge us to recognize our transgressions, yet reassure us of the possibility of repentance and returning to God's grace. Through the narrative of the Babylonian exile and the words of Jesus in John 3, we are reminded of the transformative power of belief and the hope that lies in restoration.

Longing for Restoration: Despite the reality of judgment and punishment, the readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B also emphasize the possibility of repentance and restoration. In 2 Chronicles 36, the Babylonian exile is seen as a time of purging and purification, and God later allows the people to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. In John 3, Jesus speaks of the possibility of eternal life through belief in him.

God's Mercy and Grace: The readings also emphasize God's mercy and grace towards humanity, despite our sinfulness. In the first reading, God is patient and long-suffering towards the people, giving them many chances to repent and turn back to him. In the gospel, Jesus speaks of God's love for the world, and his willingness to give his only son as a sacrifice for our sins.

Light and Darkness: In John 3, Jesus speaks of the contrast between light and darkness, using light as a metaphor for truth and righteousness, and darkness as a metaphor for sin and ignorance.

God's Love for Humanity: The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B also emphasize God's love for humanity, despite our sinfulness. In 2 Chronicles 36, God is patient towards the people, even as they rebel against him. In John 3, Jesus speaks of God's love for the world, and his willingness to give his only son as a sacrifice for our sins.

So the readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent Year B offer a deep exploration of God's relationship with humanity, characterized by both justice and immense love. Despite the harsh reality of judgment, there is always a path back to God through repentance, illuminated by the light of Christ. These themes encourage us to embrace the light, acknowledge God's sacrificial love, and move towards a future where our actions are aligned with God's will. As we journey through Lent, let us hold fast to the promise of restoration and the gift of God's mercy, celebrating the profound love He has for each of us, manifested through the giving of His only Son.

LENT

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

FASTING DAYS: include Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (one full meatless meal is permitted), and meatless Fridays during Lent (fish and shellfish are permitted).

THE THREE PILLARS: of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In addition to fasting, many also choose to abstain from other comforts during Lent.

HOLY WEEK: begins with Palm Sunday, March 24th, a celebration of Christ's triumphant return to Jerusalem.

EASTER TRIDUUM: begins with Holy Thursday, March 28th, at Sunset, signaling the end of the Lenten season.

RESOURCES FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

As Catholics around the world gather for Mass and prayer services on Ash Wednesday, we are bonded by the physical and spiritual connection we share as followers of Jesus. Use the resources on this page to further your knowledge and appreciation of the sacred rituals of Lent. Click on the link to launch page.

<https://www.lovolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/len/arts-and-faith-for-lent/cycle-a/arts-and-faith-week-4-of-lent-cycle-a/>

HOMEBOUND VISITS DURING LENT

Anyone that is homebound or sick and would like to receive the sacrament(s) of **The Anointing of the Sick, Eucharist, Reconciliation** or a **visit from Fr. Jeelson** during this Lenten season, please contact the Parish Office at (304) 242-0406.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Vincent's Parish each **Friday** during Lent at **9:00 am (school)** and at **6:00 pm**.

On **Good Friday**, Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Mission at **3:00 pm**.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Lenten Penance Service will be on **Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 pm**

PRAYER

Pray the Rosary
Stations of the Cross on Fridays
Adoration on Tuesdays
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Lenten Meditations

ALMSGIVING

Takes steps outside of ordinary lives / routines
Volunteer at the Catholic Neighborhood Center
(18th Street, 304-232-7157 ext. 2004)
Donate Food, Clothing to a shelter
Visit the sick, pray for the dead, visit a cemetery

Lenten Season

Journey With Us

OLSD ALTAR SOCIETY LENTEN FISH FRY'S

Please join us for the Fish Frys at Seven Dolors Church!
Every Friday during Lent, **11:00 am through 5:30 pm**
(or until Sold Out)



February 16th / February 23rd / March 1st
March 8th / March 15th / March 22nd

50/50 Tickets will be sold at each Fish Fry
Drawing will held on the last Fish Fry (March 22nd)

Eat in, Carry Out, and Local Delivery available
Please call OLSA at **304-547-5342**

All of the funds raised go to help St. Vincent de Paul Church

SHARE YOUR GIFT OF MUSIC THIS LENTEN SEASON!

New members are welcome and needed!
Please join us and lift your voices the Lord!



Bell Choir Rehearsal:
Mondays, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm



Church Choir Rehearsal:
Thursdays, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm

*"Music must not turn the church into an audience
enjoying the music but into a congregation singing the Lord's
praises in His presence." John Calvin*

HAND-MADE RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

We are delighted to invite you to see and purchase handmade religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus). The exposition will take place on the **Tuesday, April 16th, Wednesday, April 17th, and Thursday, April 18th** after the Masses.

Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth was founded in 1996. Our missionary began in National mental hospital located not far from the Convent. Sisters take care of mentally challenged children and adults. Life of the child with diagnoses such as Down syndrome, birth traumas or congenital physical defects may be quite short and it is painful to see them suffering. Also, the adult patients need constant support owing to the fact that their illnesses make it impossible for them to adapt socially.

In the recent years a shelter and house of Labor for former drug and alcohol addicted people was organized 20 miles away from the Convent. A lot of homeless, struggling and lost people get a chance for new start in life to find the God.

In order to help these people some workshops were organized on the premises of the Convent where vulnerable people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with nuns and sisters and making icons (including hand painted), crosses, crucifixes, wood carvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, rosaries and vestments. All these goods made with love and prayer bring blessings to their owners.

We are happy and thanking God for the opportunity to introduce and offer them to you.

With Love in Christ,
Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent

WAYS TO PRAY DURING LENT

What do we do when we're facing an upcoming big event, celebration, or special occasion in our lives? We prepare for it. Holy Week and Easter are "big events" in the liturgical year of the Church and in the spiritual life of a Christian. So, as Christians, we prepare spiritually for these through the forty days of Lent. This means that, during Lent, we rededicate ourselves to prayer.

There are as many ways to pray as there are pray-ers in this world, but a few prayer methods can help us in particular to spiritually prepare ourselves during Lent:

Meditate on Holy Scripture with Lectio Divina:

Perhaps the oldest method of scriptural prayer known to Christians is lectio divina or "holy reading." This method of prayer is characterized by the slow reading and consideration of a text from Scripture, with repetition and meditation on key words or phrases. Lectio divina is rooted in the belief that the scriptural word speaks in the human heart as the word of God and can reveal the thoughts of our hearts in response to God. In this way, lectio divina leads to a deeper communion with the Divine.

LENT 2024 | Reflect. Repent. Restore.

| March 10 | March 11 | March 12 | March 13 | March 14 | March 15 | March 16 |
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| Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (John 3:16) | "Jesus is himself the Way, and therefore, both in the liturgical journey and in the journey of the Synod, the Church does nothing other than enter ever more deeply and fully into the mystery of Christ the Savior." (Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2023) | If possible, spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking that God will fill you with his grace so that you may draw ever closer to the Body of Christ. | "The genuineness of repentance depends on this contrition of heart. For conversion should affect the person from within, in order to enlighten him (her) more deeply day by day and to conform him (her) more and more to Christ." (Order of Penance, no. 6a) | Pray for peace in all the troubled parts of our world, in our communities, and in our families. | Pray the Stations of the Cross (Stations Of The Cross USCCB), either in your parish or on your own. | Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation: you make us hunger and thirst for holiness. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation: you call us to true fasting: to set free the oppressed, to share our bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless and to clothe the naked. (Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers) |

Lenten Season

Journey With Us

“CONFESSION”

One of the most misunderstood practices in the Catholic Church is confession. The proper name for this practice is the “**Sacrament of Reconciliation**.” The root of the confusion is a misunderstanding about source of all forgiveness.

Many non-Catholics mistakenly think that the priest is the one forgiving sins in the confessional. In reality, Jesus Christ is the one and only source of forgiveness. He did, however, give to the Apostles, and, therefore, their successors, the authority to forgive on His behalf. In the Gospel of John we read, “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” (John 20:23). Jesus did not give them the power to forgive; He gave them the authority to forgive.

In order to properly understand the Sacrament of Reconciliation and its necessity, we first have to understand sin and community. Since Jesus and the Apostles were Jewish, their understanding of sin was very communal. While Jews believe that an individual can sin, sin can never be merely individual. Sin always affects others, even if no one but the sinner knows about the sin. This is because we are all spiritually joined together. To use the language of Saint Paul, we are the Body of Christ, when one suffers we all suffer when one rejoices, we all rejoice (Romans 12:15).

In this way, our sins not only “offend” God, but they separate us from the community of believers. They sever our spiritual union with the Body of Christ. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest is representing both Christ and the community of believers, the Church. It is not enough for us to seek God’s forgiveness; we have to be reconciled with the Body of Christ. Let there be no mistake—as soon as we feel contrition in our hearts and we turn to the Lord in prayer for forgiveness we are forgiven. But, God offers us more than just forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Regardless of our understanding of the communal nature of sin and the need for reconciliation with the community, the benefits of Sacrament of Reconciliation speak for themselves. There are three important blessings that are associated with this Sacrament. They are similar to the blessings found in the medical profession. This is because in the Sacrament of Reconciliation the priest is called by God to be a spiritual doctor. Having heard a person’s sins, the priest tries to discern the root of the problem. Without a confessor, most people stay on the superficial level of simply asking God for forgiveness for the obvious symptoms of sins, not the root cause that needs to be healed.

For example, if a man feels remorse for telling a lie at work, he might bring that to Reconciliation. In this scenario, the priest will want to probe a little more into the situation. “Why did you tell the lie?” “Because I wanted my co-workers to like me.” With just one simple question, the reconciliation moves from “lying,” to a more obvious sin of pride, with possibly a need for healing regarding the penitent’s self-image. Like a doctor, the priest hopes to “diagnose” the situation so as to appropriately pray for healing and reconciliation. Next, like a doctor, the priest offers a “prescription,” called a penance. This is meant to help the penitent find healing.

Continuing the example given above, the priest might invite the penitent to pray through Psalm 139, listening to how wonderfully God created each of us. This will hopefully begin to let God heal the poor self image and let the penitent grow in his or her understanding of being made in the “image and likeness of God.”

Lastly, the Sacrament of Reconciliation offers people the opportunity to hear the words of forgiveness. Like doctors who give their patients reassurance through their words, the priest offers the penitents the opportunity to audibly hear Christ’s forgiveness. This, in and of itself, can bring tremendous healing. Whether Catholic or non-Catholic, everyone should ask God for forgiveness as soon as they are sorry for their sins. Having asked for forgiveness privately in prayer, Catholics then have the opportunity to grow in grace, humility and accountability, search for deeper healing, and hear concretely the words of God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Lenten Penance Service at SVDP will be on **Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 pm**



Parish Outreach

Community Events & Announcements

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FESTIVAL!



Friday, June 7th, 4:00 - 10:00 pm
Saturday, June 8th, 4:00 - 10:00 pm
Food - Music - Games - Inflatables
Bingo - 50/50 - Basket Raffle
Family Fun - and Much More!

If you would like to help as a Planning Committee Member or as a Volunteer, please attend the next Parish Festival planning meeting on **MARCH 19th, at 6:30 pm** in the Marist Center.

Future Festival Planning Meetings are scheduled for:

Tuesday, **March 19th**, 2024 - 6:30pm
 Tuesday, **April 23rd**, 2024 - 6:30pm
 Tuesday, **May 7th**, 2024 - 6:30pm
 Tuesday, **May 14th**, 2024 - 6:30pm
 Tuesday, **May 21st**, 2024 - 6:30pm

Festival Setup: June 5th & 6th, 2024

Festival Dates: June 7th & 8th, 2024

Festival Cleanup: June 9th, 2024

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will be sponsoring a Blood Drive at the St. Vincent de Paul Marist Centre on **Tuesday, March 12th**, from **10:00am to 3:00pm**. Sign up now the give the gift of blood.

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter "MARIST" in the search box or call **1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**. You can also call the Parish office at 304-242-0406

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Get a \$10 e-gift card to a pet supply merchant of choice when you come to give blood, platelets or AB Elite plasma March 1-24, 2024.* Plus, you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$3,000 gift card – you could use it as a treat for yourself or your trusted companion.^^

There will be five lucky winners!

Your donation will make a paw-sitive impact this spring.

MOUNT CALVARY CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP

We will be conducting our Spring clean-up at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Wheeling, W.Va., weather permitting, **beginning March 1st, and concluding March 15th.**

All items will be removed throughout the entire cemetery (grave, mausoleum, and columbarium). Items in vases on the graves will be removed too. Nonapproved items attached to the mausoleum crypt facing will be removed.

Please remove any items you wish to keep by February 29th. After February 29th, all items will be removed.

Please do not place any new items in the cemetery until after March 16th.

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The Human Resources Generalist will work as part of the HR team with a focus on supporting the Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese. The generalist will also serve to drive the onboarding process within the Diocese.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

- Performs all onboarding for Diocese, including schools and parishes.
- Works directly with school administration and staff to ensure accuracy and proper use of entire HRIS system.
- Supports person for Family Medical Leave and Short Term Disability.
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QUALIFICATIONS:

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- Five (5) years' experience in human resources.
- Firm knowledge and understanding of human resources best practices.
- Knowledge and experience working with payroll and HRIS applications. Labor relations and policy experience a plus.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment.

Qualified candidates should forward a cover letter and current resume to:

Debbie Turziano, Director of Human Resources at dturziano@dwc.org.

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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 March is known as the Month of St. Joseph. While May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church, March is dedicated to Mary's spouse, St. Joseph.

With the solemn feast of St. Joseph falling on March 19th in the Church's liturgical year, Catholics celebrate St. Joseph's Day even when it falls during the season of Lent as it did this year. However, another saint, St. Patrick, gets a lot more media attention in our country than St. Joseph.

During his life on earth, St. Joseph stayed in the background and served Mary and Jesus as their protector and provider. Aside from the infancy narratives in Matthew and Luke's Gospels, little is known about St. Joseph except that he was a carpenter/craftsman. Scholars say St. Joseph probably died between the years of Jesus being found in the Temple and the start of his public ministry. While devotion to Mary flourished in the early Church, devotion to St. Joseph did not really develop until the 17th and 18th centuries when religious congregations helped promote St. Joseph as a patron and intercessor.

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| Sunday, March 10th <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> | PSR, 10:15 am - 11:15 am Small Group, (Drnach), 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (Roundtable discussions with a Priest, a Rabbi and a Minister for The Chosen series) |
| Monday, March 11th | Bell Choir Rehearsal, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm OCIA (RCIA), 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, in the Youth Room |
| Tuesday, March 12th <i>Adoration, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm</i> | Small Group, (LaBrosse), 2:00 - 4:00 pm, in the Youth Room (Mary's Mantle Consecration) Stitching Group, (McFadden), 5:00 - 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday, March 13th <i>Reconciliation</i> | Small Group, (Mazzocca), 6:00 - 8:00 pm (My Father's father from the Wild Goose Series) Small Group, (McKeets), 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Video series on the Blessed Mother) Lenten Penance Service, 6:30 pm |
| Thursday, March 14th | School Mass, 9:45 am Church Choir Rehearsal, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm |
| Friday, March 15th | Stations of the Cross, 9:00 am (school) OLSD Fish Fry, 11:00 am - 5:30 pm Rosary (Mazzocca), 4:00 - 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm |
| Sunday, March 17th | Fourth Sunday of Lent |

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TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, April 19th

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Marist Centre
Doors open at **6:30 pm**
Trivia starts at **7:00 pm**
\$10 per person
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or see Jacki to sign up

EUCHRE NIGHT

Friday, May 4th

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Partner play starts at **7:00 pm**
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MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 12th

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Marist Centre
Doors open at **6:30 pm**
Partner play starts at **7:00 pm**
\$10 per person
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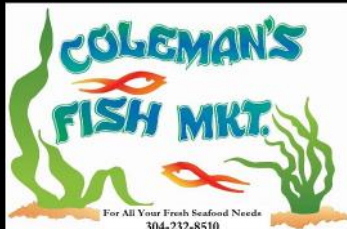
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