



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003



The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B - March 17th, 2024



Christ Carrying the Cross Icon

First Reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,14-15

A prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness.

Second Reading - Hebrews 5:7-9

Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel Reading - John 12:20-33

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

Living the Word This Week

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

Pray for those who are seeking Jesus and for those who have fallen away from the practice of their faith.

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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



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SVS - A LOOK AHEAD...

Thursday, March 21st	School Mass 9:45am
Friday, March 22nd	Grading Period Ends Living Stations of the Cross, 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm (Early Dismissal from Church Immediately after noon Stations)
March 23rd to April 1st	Easter Break - NO SCHOOL
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!
Dinner special at 4:00pm - Dinner at 4:00pm

March 6, 20 April 3, 17 May 1, 22

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 Gym

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

EASTER EGG HUNT

PSA is gearing up for an egg-citing event at SVS!

Our Easter Egg Hunt and Scavenger Hunt are scheduled for **Thursday, March 21st, 2024** and we need your support to make it a memorable day for our students. Here's how you can help:

1. **Volunteer Opportunities & Schedule:** **PS3-TK Egg Hunt:** We're looking for 1-2 volunteers to hide and supervise the egg hunt for our little ones from PS3 to TK. Time: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM. **K-4 Egg Hunt:** Volunteers are needed to hide and supervise the egg hunt for students in grades K-4. Time: 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM. **Scavenger Hunt (5-8):** No volunteers required for this activity. Time: 11:20 AM - 11:50 AM.

2. **Donate Pre-filled Easter Eggs:** For every 2 dozen pre-filled Easter eggs donated, you'll receive 30 minutes of community service credit. We need a total of 90 dozen eggs, which means we have 45 spots to fill.

Parish Information

Attendance for March 9th & March 10th

5:00pm - 118 / 9:00am - 162 / 11:30am - 105

Total Attendance: - 385

Offertory for March 9th & March 10th

Collection: \$5,774 / WeShare: \$1,812.79

Total Collection - \$7,586.79

Second Collection Update, March 3rd - Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund - \$984 / \$512
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 Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B - March 17th, 2024

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 12:26 Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

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

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
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 <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</i>	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
Tues. Mar. 19th	5:30 pm	+ Paul, Eleanor, and Paul Jr. Shiben	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. 20th	5:30 pm	+ Edward & Ruth Shiben		
Thurs. Mar. 21st <i>*School Mass</i>	8:00 am *9:45am	+ Charlie Mensour + Betty Petri		
Fri. Mar. 22nd	8:00 am	♥ Nathan and Chuckie Bliss		

Greeters for March 23rd & 24th

5:00 pm - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / 9:00 am - Tammy Rosenthal & Cynthia Dimmey / 11:30 am - Paul & Susie Newmeyer

Sat. Mar. 23rd <i>*Vigil</i>	8:00 am *5:00 pm	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory All the People of the Parish	Cecilia Palmer & Tom McFadden	Nancy LaBrosse, Tom McFadden & Carol Harris
Sun. Mar. 24th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Lee Childers + Gary West	Denny Beiter & Dorothy Dudzik Gwen Porter & Heather Mazeroski	Marilyn Delbrugge, Susie Koval & Matt Koval Barb Napple, Karen Bates & Susie Newmeyer

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M - MARCH 18TH - MONDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

DN 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 OR 13: 41C-62/ Ps 23: 1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6/ JN 8: 1-11. OPTIONAL FOR ANY WEEKDAY THIS WEEK: 2 KGS 4: 18B-21, 32-37/ Ps 17: 1, 6-7, 8B AND 15/ JN 11: 1-45

T - MARCH 19TH - SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

2 SM 7: 4-5A, 12-14A, 16/ Ps 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29/ ROM 4: 13, 16-18, 22/ MT 1: 16, 18-21, 24A OR LK 2: 41-51A

W - MARCH 20TH - WEDNESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK IN LENT

DN 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95/ DN 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ JN 8: 31-42

T - MARCH 21ST - THURSDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

GN 17: 3-9/ Ps 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ JN 8: 51-59

F - MARCH 22ND - FRIDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

JER 20: 10-13/ Ps 18: 2-3A, 3BC-4, 5-6, 7/ JN 10: 31-42

S - MARCH 23RD - SATURDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

EZ 37: 21-28/ JER 31: 10, 11-12ABCD, 13/ JN 11: 45-56

S - MARCH 24TH - PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

PROCESSION: MK 11: 1-10 OR JN 12: 12-16, MASS: IS 50: 4-7/ Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/ PHIL 2: 6-11/ MK 14: 1 -- 15: 47

Suffering Transformed by Glory:

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." John 12:27-28

Most glorious Father, Your will is perfect. You called Your Son to the suffering of the Cross. Through that act of perfect love, the suffering Your Son endured gave You perfect glory.

Lord Jesus, please give me Your courage as I face my own sufferings in life and help me to imitate Your perfect obedience to the Father's will in all things so that I, too, may give Him glory.

Jesus, I trust in You.

The 2023 Parish Financial Statement is available for review.

Copies are in the vestibule.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

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.

Abina Baker, 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, Faith Hicks, Greg Hicks, 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

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**.

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**

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

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

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Students from SVS will present **Living Stations of the Cross**, on **Friday, March 22nd** at **2:00 pm & 6:00 pm** at St. Vincent's Church.



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

Parish Outreach

Service Organizations, Announcements & Ministries

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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 Palm Sunday, March 24th** 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.

"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.*)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul - St. Mary's Conference - Elm Grove has had another busy and productive year of service in 2023! We were able to help 1,048 individuals and we made 326 home visits (a hallmark of the Society). Society members and friends, all lay volunteers, gave a reported 1,083 hours of service and an estimated 2,872 driving miles to assist the Society in its work.

We were able to give \$39,627 in assistance to those we serve - anyone in need, for whatever reason, in our local community area. Our bed ministry continues to be successful! With beds donated by hotel/motel operations, college/university sources, individual donations and beds purchased directly with donations, we provided 264 beds to families in need. We were able to accomplish this with the much appreciated help of our volunteer truck drivers and their families and friends. Recently we have been blessed to have the help of local high school students who generously help us on weekends, making it easier to deliver more beds at once. This gives the students an opportunity to do service and learn about the Society. Our local Conference currently has 14 active members and 5 associate members. We had 2 new members this year. We also have 32 non-Vincenian members, 20 of whom are new.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's outreach depends upon volunteers and donations. The Church community has always been generous in providing both. Poor box collections, Thrift Store distributions, Grants, individual donations and member contributions make up the bulk of our financial resources. Ninety-seven percent of the funds we receive goes directly to those we serve! The remainder is used to maintain our phone line and for liability insurance and other supplies. The services we provide include food vouchers to Riesbeck's Food Market, assistance with rent and utilities, personal care and cleaning supplies, gasoline, beds and linens and other services to empower those in need.

We deeply appreciate the on-going support of our community! Be assured of the gratitude and prayers of our Society members and those we serve. We ask that you continue to be a part of our Society through your prayers and financial donations. If you feel called to join the Society, you would be most welcome! If you have questions, please call Mary Lou Kent at 304-242-1019

YWCA OF WHEELING

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION

The YWCA of Wheeling will be providing an educational opportunity to learn more about what human trafficking looks like in WV, how we can better equip ourselves and protect our youth, and what agencies are out there with programming available. There will be opportunities for adults to get involved and make an impact. The presentation will be on **Tuesday, March 19th** in the Marist Centre following 5:30 pm Mass.

Guest speakers include:

Ashley Flarerhty from YSS

Jacqueline Gillespie from House of the Carpenter

Any questions please contact: **Nancy Georges at 304-312-1595**

MARIST THIRD ORDER OF MARY

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

Next meeting will be Saturday, April 13th.

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. 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.

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

Lenten Season

Journey With Us



Themes for the 5th Sunday of Lent Year B

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent for Year B focus on God's covenant with us, even though we are often unfaithful. The first reading speaks of a new covenant. The second reading speaks of the obedience of Jesus Christ brought about our salvation. And in the gospel Jesus foretells his death and explains that those who follow him will find eternal life.

The Mass readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent Year B revolve around several interconnected themes that highlight the transformative nature of faith, the fulfillment of God's promises, and the path to eternal life through sacrifice and obedience. Here are the main themes:

New Covenant and Inner Transformation: The first reading from Jeremiah speaks of a new covenant that God will establish with His people. Unlike the old covenant, which was external and often broken, this new covenant will be written on their hearts, symbolizing an intimate and unbreakable relationship with God. It emphasizes God's mercy and the transformative power of His law within us.

Obedience Through Suffering: The second reading from Hebrews presents Jesus as the model of obedience and submission to God's will, even in the face of suffering. It highlights the idea that true obedience to God can involve hardship and pain but leads to greater wisdom and fulfillment of God's plan for salvation.

Death and Resurrection: The Gospel according to John introduces the metaphor of a grain of wheat that must die to produce life, illustrating the necessary passage through death to reach the fullness of life. This theme is central to the Lenten journey, pointing towards Jesus' death and resurrection as the path to new life for all believers.

Self-Denial and Service: Jesus' teachings on self-denial and the importance of serving others are key themes in the Gospel. He emphasizes that following Him requires a willingness to let go of personal desires and ambitions in favor of a life dedicated to serving God and others.

Universal Salvation: Jesus' statement about drawing all people to Himself upon being lifted up from the earth speaks to the universal nature of His mission. His death and resurrection are not just for a select few but offer salvation to all who believe in Him, transcending cultural and religious boundaries.

Divine Assurance and Human Response: The divine voice affirming Jesus' mission and the varied responses from the crowd illustrate the theme of faith and doubt. It highlights the challenges believers face in understanding and accepting the mysteries of faith, as well as the assurance that God's plan is being fulfilled through Jesus.

These themes for the 5th Sunday of Lent Year B guide the faithful towards a deeper understanding of God's love and salvation plan, encouraging a personal and communal transformation that aligns with the heart of the Lenten season.

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Holy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Masses:

Saturday, March 23rd - Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 24th - Mass at 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Holy Thursday:

March 28th - Mass at 6:00 pm

Good Friday:

March 29th - Stations of the Cross will be at OLSD at 3:00 pm

March 29th - Mass at 6:00 pm

Holy Saturday:

March 30th - Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday:

March 31st - Mass at 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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-5-of-lent-cycle-a/>

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:

Reflect deeper on your liturgical prayer:

When you attend Mass during Lent, be conscious of and meditate on the words you pray in the liturgy. For example, the Eucharistic Prayer, the highlight of each Mass, has special significance during Lent. After receiving communion, you may want to sit and reflect more deeply on this great prayer of the Church.

LENT 2024 | Reflect. Repent. Restore.

March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 23	March 23
Fifth Sunday of Lent Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. (John 12:25)	"It is in togetherness that we follow Jesus. Together too, as a pilgrim Church in time, we experience the liturgical year and Lent within it, walking alongside those whom the Lord has placed among us as fellow travelers." (Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2023)	Solemnity of Saint Joseph As we celebrate Saint Joseph, pray for all fathers, that God may grant eternal rest to those who have died and strengthen the living with love for their families and commitment to their vocation.	"The Sacrament of Penance involves the confession of sins, which proceeds from true knowledge of self before God and from contrition for sins. This inward examination of the heart and outward accusation, however, should be made in the light of God's mercy." (Order of Penance, no. 6b)	Pray for a deeper respect for all human life, especially for the most vulnerable: the unborn, the infirm, those with disabilities, those on death row, and the terminally ill.	On this final Friday of Lent, let your sacrifices unite you with your suffering brothers and sisters and with Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the Cross.	If possible, make plans to participate next week in your parish's celebration of the moving liturgies of the Triduum (Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday).

Lenten Season

Journey With Us

Why fasting, penance and prayer are recommended during Lent?

- 1) Fasting reduces our “spiritual obesity” or the excessive accumulation of fat in our soul in the form of evil tendencies and evil habits.
- 2) It gives us additional moral and spiritual strength and encourages us to share our blessings with the needy people.
- 3) Fasting also gives us more time to be with God in prayer.
- 4) We need to do prayerful fasting and acts of penance for our sins, following the example of Jesus before his public ministry.
- 5) When we fast, we are imitating the people of Nineveh and the Syrian King, Ben Hadad who fasted pleading for God’s mercy and forgiveness, and Queen Esther who fasted for her people.

Acts of penance during Lent:

- a) remove the weakness left by sin in our souls and give us more self control,
- b) pay the temporary debt caused by sin, and
- c) make our prayers more fruitful. Besides, it is Jesus’ teaching: “If any one wishes to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”

Prayer is necessary at all times because God has commanded it, and because, without it, we do not receive the graces necessary to persevere to the end. “It is necessary for adults as a means of salvation; that is to say, that a person who does not pray, and neglects to ask of God the help requisite for overcoming temptations, and for preserving grace already received, cannot be saved.” (St. Alphonsus - CCC 2744).

In essence, prayer is talking to God and listening to Him. Jesus gives us the model of penitential prayer by his forty days in the desert in preparation for his public life.

Prayer during the Lent:

1. Unites us to God;
2. Makes us heavenly minded;
3. Strengthens us against evil;
4. Gives us zeal and energy for good;
5. Comforts us in adversity; and
6. Obtains help for us in time of need, and the grace of perseverance unto death.

Why should we participate in the Holy Week liturgy?

It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and resurrection. This is also the time we remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation.

That is why the Holy Week liturgy presents us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus.

The liturgy also enables us to experience in our lives, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, we commemorate and relive during this week our own dying and rising in Jesus, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption.

No wonder Greek Orthodox Christians greet each other with the words, "Kali Anastasi" (Good Resurrection), not on Easter Sunday but on Good Friday. They anticipate the resurrection.

Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, to heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and to transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. Thus, we shall be able to live more fully the divine life we received at Baptism.

Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. This is also the week when we should lighten the burden of Christ’s passion as daily experienced by the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the lonely and the outcast through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

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

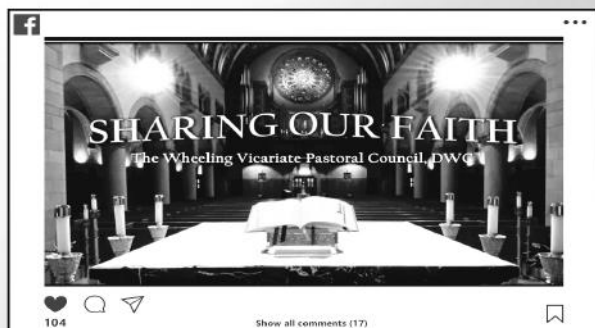
Festival Setup: June 5th & 6th, 2024

Festival Dates: June 7th & 8th, 2024

Festival Cleanup: June 9th, 2024

Wheeling Vicariate Pastoral Council, DWC

The Wheeling Vicariate Pastoral Council has launched a Facebook page. This platform will enable us to share updates on events taking place in our local parishes. Let's unite and share our faith with one another.



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wheelingvicariatepastoralcouncil>

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

The American Red Cross sponsored a Blood Drive at the St. Vincent de Paul Marist Centre on **Tuesday, March 12th**.

Twenty-nine units were collected, helping to save the lives of approximately 87 patients in need, giving hope to their families also. Thank you for all you do for helping those in need!

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



In the name of St. Patrick, the Glorious Apostle of Ireland, the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Div. 1, Wheeling, WV, wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Irish-American Heritage Month!

Men: celebrate and be proud of your Irish-Catholic heritage all year long by joining the AOH!

Info at www.aoh.com, [facebook.com/roadbowling](https://www.facebook.com/roadbowling) or contact **Tom Connelly** at 304-280-4350. Slainte!



PASSIONATELY PRO-LIFE DINNER & LIVE AUCTION

The Northern Panhandle Chapter of West Virginians for Life is having a "Passionately Pro-life Dinner & Live Auction" on **Monday, April 8th, 2024 at 6:00 pm**. Time to mingle and browse auction items will begin at 5:30 pm. It will be held at Corpus Christi Parish Center, 1508 Warwood Ave, Wheeling, WV. Auction payments by cash or check only. To purchase tickets (\$20 each), please contact **Judi Varner Meyer** at 304-639-3041

SPIRITUAL WARFARE FOR TODAY'S TIMES

Presenter: Fr. Joe Freedy

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:15 pm

Location: St. Michael's Parish, 1225 National Road, Wheeling

This evening is hosted by the St. Michael Parish Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Christian Women.

Social immediately following. All are welcome!

HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST

The **Human Resources Generalist** as a member of Diocesan Services, is committed to advancing the mission of Jesus Christ, consistent with the core purpose and Gospel values enunciated in the Diocesan Services' Mission Statement.

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.
- Ensures all ACA reporting and maintains file accuracy in the payroll system.
- Assists with open enrollment for all benefit platforms.
- Helps maintain organizational guidelines.
- Maintain employee files and records electronically.
- Monitors HR Help Desk.
- Backup for Diocesan Pension Plans.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school graduate. Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources or Business
- 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.

Sunday, March 17th <i>Fifth 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 18th	Bell Choir Rehearsal, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm OCIA (RCIA), 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, in the Youth Room
Tuesday, March 19th <i>Adoration, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm</i>	Prayer Shawl Ministry, (Kreitzer), 1:00 - 3:00 pm, in the Parish Library 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 20th	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)
Thursday, March 21st	School Mass, 9:45 am Church Choir Rehearsal, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Friday, March 22nd	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 23rd	<i>Palm Sunday</i>

MARIST CENTRE RENTAL

Did you know that our Marist Centre is available to rent for Events, 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, April 19th

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

EUCHRE NIGHT

Saturday, May 4th

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

SIP-N-LEGO

Sunday, May 17th

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Marist Centre
Doors open at **12:30 pm**
Event starts at **1:00 pm**
\$25 per person
Please call the Parish Office
or see Jacki to sign up



ST. VINCENT'S PARISH FESTIVAL

Please save the dates for the return of the St. Vincent's Parish Festival!

Friday, June 7th, 4:00 - 10:00 pm

Saturday, June 8th, 4:00 - 10:00 pm

Food - Music - Games - Inflatables - Kids Games - Bingo
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