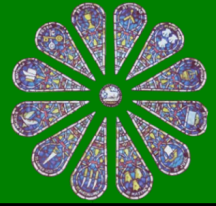




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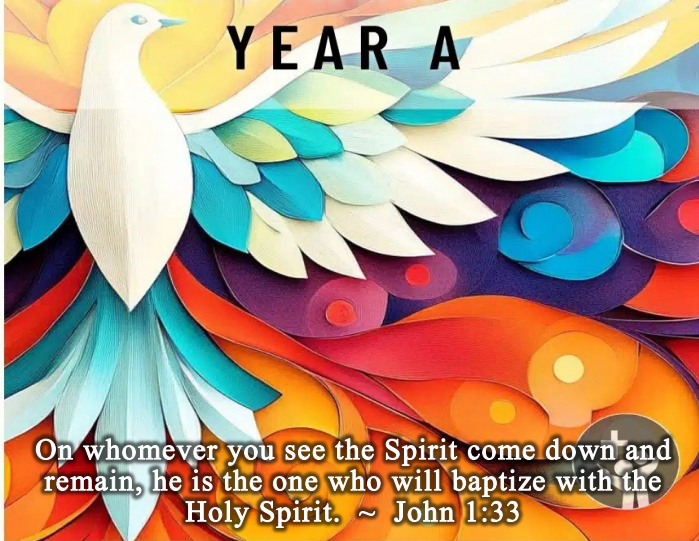
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We are the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Vincent de Paul in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, established in 1895, embracing the spiritual and corporal needs of Elm Grove and Wheeling. We strive to live as faith-filled disciples of Christ and in doing so, spread His Gospel message of Love, Hope, Mercy and Eternal Life.



The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, January 18th, 2026

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. ~ John 1:33

First Reading - Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

God calls Israel his servant, destined to bring back Jacob and be a light to all nations, spreading salvation everywhere.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

I waited for the Lord, and he listened to me. He put a song in my mouth. He opened my ears to listen. I spoke of his justice.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul and Sosthenes greet the sanctified church in Corinth, wishing them grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation - John 1:14a, 12a

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.

Gospel Reading - John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus and identified him as the Lamb of God. He explained his mission to baptize and testified that he saw the Spirit descend on Jesus, affirming him as the Son of God.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

There will be Eucharistic Minister training for new Ministers on **January 17th** after 5:00 pm Mass and on **January 18th** after 9:00 am Mass.

LECTOR TRAINING

There will be Lector training for all new Lectors on **February 21st** after 5:00 pm Mass and on **February 22nd** after 9:00 am Mass.

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm / Friday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Lori Buchanan

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

The weekly Bulletin Submission Deadline is Tuesday evening!

Please submit any announcements, articles and information to be included in the weekly bulletin by emailing them to: technology@saintvincentparish.org

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - 5:30 pm

Thursday - 9:00 am

(When School is not in session, Mass time is 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

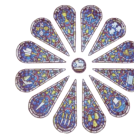
- **Adoration** Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 5:30 pm followed by Mass

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



St. Vincent de Paul Parish School

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



127 Key Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003
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Monday, January 19th	~ MLK Jr. Day – No School
Tuesday, January 20th	~ 3rd Grading Period Begins
Thursday, January 22nd	~ School Mass, 9:00 am
Sunday, January 25th	~ Warrior Mass, 11:30 am

Catholic Schools Week! / January 25th - January 31st

28TH ANNUAL GREENBACKS

dinner | raffle | silent auction

Saturday, April 11 6:30 pm

We are thrilled to announce that this year's Greenbacks honorees are **Jamie and Stacy Bordas**. Longtime supporters of St. Vincent School and Parish, the Bordas family's dedication to faith, service, and community is evident in all they do. We are grateful for their continued commitment and proud to honor them at this year's Greenbacks celebration.



MEAL BY
CHEF ROCCO BASIL



\$15,000 IN RAFFLE PRIZES



DINNER & RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Parish Information

Attendance for January 10th & January 11th

5:00 pm - 100 / 9:00 am - 130 / 11:30 am - 88

Total Attendance: - 318

Offertory for January 10th & January 11th

Collection: \$5,242 / Online Giving: \$1,754.82

Total Collection - \$6,996.82

Second Collection, January 18th - Church in the Developing World

Upcoming Second Collection, February 8th - Church Missions within the United States

Ways to donate to St. Vincent de Paul Parish - Weekly Envelopes, Loose Check or Cash, On-line Giving.

How to give on-line: Go to the Church Website, www.saintvincentparish.org. Click on **DONATE** at top right of page. / Click on the **White Give Online box**. / It will take you to the page to give. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call the Parish Office.

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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, January 18th, 2026

Living the Word This Week: *How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?*
Commit to participating in a faith formation program available through your parish or diocese.

Greeters for January 17th & January 18th

5:00 pm - John Bartsch & Jeff Klosinski / 9:00 am - Matt & Susie Koval / 11:30 am - Paul & Susie Newmeyer

Date	Time	Mass Intentions	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. January 17th	8:00 am 5:00 pm	† Frank & Norma Jean Dorsch † Irene Bickmeier	Larry Bandi	Nancy LaBrosse, Tom McFadden & Carol Harris
Sun. January 18th	9:00 am 11:30 am	† Helen J. Novak All the People of the Parish	Dorothy Dudzik Cecelia Palmer	Barb Napple, Tom McFadden & Derek Dimmey Judy Stadler, Tom McFadden & Susie Newmeyer
Tues. January 20th	5:30 pm	† Margaret & ♥ Ken Keyser	CHILDREN'S LITURGY (1.18.26): Susie Koval ALTAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses) Sam Anderson, Logan Buchanan, Emma Dean, Ava Dominquez, Lily Eikay, Eleanor Hortet, Lydia Koval, Landon Kazemka, Aria Moore, Andrew Rowan, Brody Turkaly, Justin Wilson	
Wed. January 21st	5:30 pm	† Fin Fitch		
Thur. January 22nd	9:00 am	† Bernie Coyne		
Fri. January 23rd	8:00 am	† Anthony Witt		

Greeters for January 24th & January 25th

5:00 pm - John Bartsch & Jeff Klosinski / 9:00 am - Tammy Rosenthal & Cynthia Dimmey / 11:30 am - Nancy Freeman & Gwen Gress

Sat. January 24th	8:00 am 5:00 pm	† Frank & Norma Jean Dorsch † Angelo & Nellie Mazzocca	Vickie Joseph	Wally McMasters, Vickie Joseph & Carol Harris
Sun. January 25th	9:00 am 11:30 am	† Stacie Manter † Pete Newmeyer	Nancy Georges Lori Buchanan	Lynn Hetzel, Denny Beiter & Matt Koval Lisa Armstrong, Tom McFadden & Karen Bates

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M - JANUARY 19TH - MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 SM 15: 16-23/ Ps 50: 8-9. 16BC-17. 21 AND 23/ Mk 2: 18-22

T - JANUARY 20TH - TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 SM 16: 1-13/ Ps 89: 20. 21-22. 27-28/ Mk 2: 23-28

W - JANUARY 21ST - MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

1 SM 17: 32-33. 37. 40-51/ Ps 144: 1B. 2. 9-10/ Mk 3: 1-6

T - JANUARY 22ND - DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

1 SM 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7/ Ps 56: 2-3. 9-10A. 10B-11. 12-13/ Mk 3: 7-12

F - JANUARY 23RD - FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 SM 24: 3-21/ Ps 57: 2. 3-4. 6 AND 11/ Mk 3: 13-19

S - JANUARY 24TH - MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

2 SM 1: 1-4. 11-12. 19. 23-27/ Mk 3: 20-21

S - JANUARY 25TH - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 8: 23 -- 9: 3/ Ps 27: 1. 4. 13-14 (1A)/ 1 COR 1: 10-13. 17/ Mt 4: 12-23

The New Paschal Lamb:

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" John 1:29-30

**Most holy Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sins of the world,
I choose to follow You, for You are the Messiah,
the Son of God.**

*As we enter into Ordinary Time,
please give me the grace to embrace
Your public ministry in an extraordinary way.*

*May Your working in my life begin anew,
transforming me and leading me to the freedom
won by Your Paschal Sacrifice.*

Jesus, I trust in You.

Background on the Gospel Reading:

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

Prayer & Worship

Prayer List, Mass & Adoration Opportunities, Religious Education



Prayer Requests

Michelle Allen	Richard Mackey
Abina Baker	Rosemary Mackey
Charles Ballard	Sue Marple
Brenda Beiter	Brandt Mazerowski
Barb Bennett	Wally McMasters
Russ Bennett	Kathleen Huffman Miller
Patricia Bock	Kelsey Miller
Adrian Boggs	Joseph Moskitis
Linda Boggs	Arlene Muccioli
Cheryl Boissy	Lois Naegele
JP Boissy	Bob Neidhardt
Steven Bonenberger	Curt Nethercutt
Carl Bott	Nancy Oliver
Mary Kay Britt	Michael Pichette
Bill Childers	Josie Purpura
Kayla Clayton	Jenna Russell
Debbie Clear	Paul Russell
Theresa Comer	Peggy Shalvey
Gerald Cook	Jessica Shell
Linda Curtis	Julie Shiess
Holly Custer	Addison Stephens
Judy Dietrich	Robbie Stern
Kerry Dietrich	Joe Tankovits
Buck Ebert	Dave Taylor
Ethan Eckman	Stephanie Temple
Barbara Fitzsimmons	Joann Thomas
Keven Freeman	Marlene Trischler
Rita Gallo	Glen Ullom
Mary Beth Greenwood	Lynn Uraco
Barry Helms	Kathy Wagner
Anne Hellstern	Machelle Walton
Greg Hicks	A.D. & Pam Wilson
Joe Holly	Ann & Charlie Wolfe
Ginger Kent	Dick Wolfe
Rosemary Kimmins	Logan Wolfe
Lori Konarski	Barbara Zorn
Susie Koval	All Homebound, Sick and
Al Kreitzer	Shut-Ins
Flavia Langan & Family	Good Shepherd:
Marcia Laughlin	Ted McKeets
Jacqueline Laurine	Peterson:
Gerilyn (Gigi) Latz	Jim Sengewalt
Brandi Mackey	

Due to privacy concerns, we cannot publish names of sick or hospitalized without the permission of the individual or their family. To have someone placed on the prayer chain or taken off the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at (304) 242-0406.

JANUARY DEVOTIONS



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**.

COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION (January)

Please pray for:

Carl & Joan Baller,

Living and Deceased Members of the Bandi Family,

Sharon Basham, Mary Lee Behrens,

Living and Deceased Members of the Behrens Family,

Sue Hohman, Zita Husick,

Living and Deceased Members of Kreitzer and 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,

Bernard & Helen Murphy,

Bob Schmitt, Dorothy Schmitt, Chris Thomas,

Living and Deceased Members of the West and Harris Families

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Tuesdays, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Benediction at 5:30 pm followed by Mass

BAPTISM:

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a meeting with Deacon Tom McFadden as well as the necessary preparation.

MARRIAGE:

Engaged couples should contact the parish Office at least six months in advance to make an appointment with Fr. Jeelson.

PSR:

PSR Classes meet every Sunday from 10:15 am - 11:15 am in the Parish Center.

If you would like to register your child for these classes, please pick up a form in the vestibule of the church. Completed forms can be turned into the parish office.

If you have any questions, please email Derek Dimmey at ddimmey@stvincentschool.org

OCIA:

Any non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic can contact the Parish Office for information regarding the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults or contact Cynthia Dimmey at cdimmey2015@gmail.com.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners confined to home. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Those who are seriously ill or who are preparing for surgery should request a priest for Anointing of the Sick.

HOME VISITS

Anyone knowing of a homebound or sick parishioner that might like a visit from Fr. Jeelson, please contact the Parish office at (304) 242-0406.

THEMES FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A focuses on Jesus as the Lamb of God and the mission to spread God's salvation. The readings show God's call, the role of Jesus, and how people respond to him.

Jesus as the Lamb of God: John the Baptist points to Jesus as the Lamb of God. This shows Jesus as the one who takes away sin and brings people back to God.

God's Call to Serve: God calls Israel to bring back the people and be a light to all nations. This reminds believers that God calls them to share his message with others.

Salvation for All: God's plan is not just for one group but for the whole world. Jesus brings salvation to everyone, not just to Israel.

The Role of the Holy Spirit: John the Baptist sees the Spirit come down on Jesus. This confirms Jesus as the chosen one of God.

Grace and Peace from God: Paul greets the church with a blessing of grace and peace. This reminds believers that God offers his help and peace to all who follow him.

Witnessing to Jesus: John the Baptist tells others about Jesus. This shows the importance of sharing faith and pointing others to Jesus.

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A highlights Jesus' mission and how people respond to him. The readings remind believers that they are called to follow Jesus and share his message with others.

Parish Outreach

Service Organizations, Announcements & Ministries

ANNUAL WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

Join us on Saturday, February 14th, 2026, for an evening of celebrating your love for your spouse and the blessings of your marriage together in the Sacrament of Marriage.

The celebration will begin at the 5:00 pm Mass, followed by a wine / coffee / tea and cheese & meat social, special meal, and a brief witness of one couple as to the blessings of the Sacrament of Marriage in their lives in the Marist Center.

The evening will conclude with coffee and wedding cake served to the group.

You are invited to bring your wedding photos and albums to be displayed for everyone to enjoy.

Reservation forms are in the vestibule.

For reservations or additional information, please call **Dennis or Brenda Beiter at 304-238-4904**, or **John or Dorothy Dudzik at 304-243-1104**.

Reservations accepted until Friday, February 6th.



PSR

First Reconciliation is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 3rd**
First Communion Retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, May 2nd**
First Communion is scheduled for **Sunday, May 4th**.

Confirmation at SVDP, **April 1st at 6:00 pm**

OCIA

Rite of Sending is scheduled for **Sunday, March 1st**
St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Wheeling, at **9:00 am**

Rite of Election is scheduled for **Sunday, March 1st**
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, at **3:00 pm**

Please pray for our catechumens and candidates as they continue on their journey.

COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION

A friendly reminder for those that have loved ones in our Commemorative Mass Association. If you have not yet renewed for 2026, please do so now. You can call the parish office to check on your status.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"It is better to give than to 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**.

THIRD ORDER OF MARY

The Third Order of Mary are not meeting in the months of January and February.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, March 14th, 2026 at 10:00 am** in the Caveney Room.

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,
Deacon Tom & Michele McFadden
Sponsored by Mount Calvary Cemetery

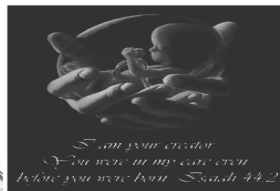
Next gathering will be on
Monday, January 26th


MARCH for LIFE
In Conjunction with the **MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington D.C.**,
St. Michael Church will be offering **ALL DAY Eucharistic Adoration** in the church
Friday, January 23th.
8:00am - 5:00pm

All are welcome to come and pray for unborn babies, their mothers, and your own special intentions. We will be praying the Pro-Life Rosary every hour and the Chaplet of Mercy at the 3:00 hour.

"The beautiful thing about the **pro-life movement** is that it's **ordinary people** doing **extra-ordinary** things for **God**."

St Teresa of Calcutta



WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS

a part of
our Flock!



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Our Lady of Peace Parish Infant of Prague Novena



January 26 - March 23 (9)
Mondays at 7:00 pm
Adoration and Guest Homilist

"The More You Honor Me, The More I will Bless You"

From the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston



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**.

Lenten Calendar

SVDP Events

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16	17	18 <u>Lent Begins</u> Ash Wednesday <i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i>	19 Study Series 6:00 pm	20 <i>Day of Abstinence</i> OLSD Fish Fry Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm	21
22 1st Sunday of Lent	23	24	25	26 Study Series 6:00 pm	27 <i>Day of Abstinence</i> OLSD Fish Fry Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm	28

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2nd Sunday of Lent <i>Rite of Election celebrated in Wheeling, 3:00 pm</i>	2	3 PSR - First Reconciliation	4	5 Study Series 6:00 pm	6 <i>Day of Abstinence</i> OLSD Fish Fry Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm	7
8 <u>Lactare Sunday</u> 3rd Sunday of Lent <i>First Scrutiny of the Elect</i>	9	10	11	12 Study Series 6:00 pm	13 <i>Day of Abstinence</i> OLSD Fish Fry Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm	14
15 4th Sunday of Lent <i>Second Scrutiny of the Elect</i>	16	17	18	19 Study Series 6:00 pm	20 <i>Day of Abstinence</i> OLSD Fish Fry Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm	21
22 5th Sunday of Lent <i>Third Scrutiny of the Elect</i>	23	24	25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	26 Study Series 6:00 pm	27 <i>Day of Abstinence</i> OLSD Fish Fry Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm	28
29 PALM SUNDAY	30	31 Chrism Mass is celebrated in Wheeling 4:00 pm	April 1 PSR - Confirmation at 6:00 pm	2 HOLY THURSDAY	3 GOOD FRIDAY <i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i>	4 HOLY SATURDAY
5 EASTER SUNDAY						

Lenten Study Series Topics

Each Thursday during the Lenten Season, St. Vincent de Parish will be hosting a study series that is open and available for anyone to attend. Each study series begins at **6:00 pm** in the **Sanctuary**.

Week 1: Thursday, February 19th.

"The Mass Explained: Why We Do What We Do"

Explore each part of the Mass, its scriptural roots, and spiritual meaning.
Presented by Justin Golna, Judicial Vicar, DWC

Week 2: Thursday, February 26th.

"The Real Presence: Understanding the Eucharist"

Presented by Fr Carlos, Pastor St Michael, Wheeling

Week 3: Thursday, March 5th

Faith Sharing and Witness Testimonials

Presented by Deacon Tom and Michelle McFadden

Week 4: Thursday, March 12th.

Conversion and Renewal: The Journey of Lent"

Repentance, confession, spiritual combat, and growth in holiness.
Presented by Fr Joseph Wiley, Pastor Corpus Christi, Warwood

Week 5: Thursday, March 19th.

"The Seven Last Words of Christ"

Forgiveness, suffering, hope, trust, surrender.
Presented by Fr John Soplonski, Vocation Director, DWC

Week 6: Thursday, March 26th.

"Walking with Jesus to Calvary: The Passion Narratives"

Study the Passion in the gospel of John
Presented by Fr Jeeson Stephen, Pastor St. Vincent de Paul, Wheeling

Catholic preparation for Lent involves intentional planning to deepen one's relationship with God through the three pillars: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Key actions include setting specific, spiritual goals (like daily Mass, Scripture study, or volunteering), arranging for confession, and deciding what to "give up" or "take up" for the 40 days.

Key Preparations for Lent

Discerning Goals: Pray to discern areas for personal growth and spiritual discipline, rather than just picking a random sacrifice.

Planning the Pillars:

Prayer: Increase daily prayer, such as attending daily Mass, reading Scripture, praying the Rosary, or spending time in Eucharistic Adoration.

Fasting: Identify specific things to give up, such as social media, sweets, or luxury items, to foster self-control and focus on God.

Almsgiving: Plan to donate money, time, or talents to the poor or the Church, including specific acts of charity.

Practical Steps:

Confession: Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before or at the start of Lent.

Reflect: Set up a quiet space or time for daily meditation.

Plan Ahead: Write down a Lenten plan to ensure consistency over the 40 days.

Understanding Requirements:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Fasting (one full meal, two smaller meals) and abstinence from meat are required for Catholics aged 18–59.

Fridays of Lent: Abstinence from meat is required for all Catholics aged 14 and older.

Suggestions for "Taking Up" (Positive Actions)

~ Praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

~ Spiritual reading for 15–20 minutes daily.

~ Making a weekly Holy Hour.

~ Practicing gratitude, such as writing down things for which you are thankful each day.

Parish Information

Weekly Calendar & Upcoming Events

SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD...

<i>Prayer of the Week</i>	<i>Lord, you sent Jesus as the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world. Fill our hearts with your Spirit so we may follow him. Help us to listen to your call and trust in your plan. May we bring your light to others each day. Amen.</i>
Sunday, January 18th	~ The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Church Choir Rehearsal , between Masses, in the Chapel ~ Small Group , (Drnach), 10:10 am - 11:20 am (Ignatian Spirituality)
Monday, January 19th	~ Bell Choir Rehearsal , 4:00 pm, in the Chapel
Tuesday, January 20th	~ Adoration , 10:00 am - 5:30 pm ~ Small Group , (LaBrosse), 2:00 - 3:15 pm, in the Youth Room
Wednesday, January 21st	~ WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO! ~ Doors open at 4:30 pm / BINGO starts at 6:00 pm
Thursday, January 22nd	~ Small Group , (McKeets), 2:00 - 4:00 pm (The Chosen - Season 4) ~ Small Group (Mazzocca), 3:00 - 4:00 pm (now meeting at the Mazzocca's House. If you want to join their small group contact Barb Mazzocca.)
Friday, January 23rd	~ Rosary (Mazzoca), 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Saturday, January 24th	~ Church Choir Rehearsal , 4:30 pm
Sunday, January 25th	~ The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Small Group , (Drnach), 10:10 am - 11:20 am (Ignatian Spirituality)

UPCOMING SVDP SOCIAL EVENTS...

 <p>TRIVIA NIGHT - Friday, February 6th Doors open at 6:30 pm Trivia starts at 7:00 pm \$10 per person</p>	<p>SVDP BINGO DATES FOR JANUARY Wednesday, January 7th / CANCELLED Wednesday, January 14th Wednesday, January 21st Wednesday, January 28th</p>
 <p>MARDI-GRAS PANCAKE DINNER When: Tuesday, February 17th Where: Marist Centre Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p>	
 <p>EUCHRE NIGHT - Friday, March 6th Doors open at 6:30 pm Trivia starts at 7:00 pm \$10 per person</p>	<p>THANK YOU! to each and every one of our BINGO VOLUNTEERS (week of 1-14-2026) for helping to make our Wednesday Night Bingo successful!</p> <p><i>Thank You Volunteers</i></p> <p>John Bartsch, Mary K Bell, Gwen Gress, Jeff Klosinski, Mary Gibson, Jim & Jacki Laurine, Bruce & Anita Littleton, Mary Ann Miller, Rea Stein</p>
 <p>SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, July 12th SVDP Golf Scramble Oglebay's Crispin Golf Course \$400 per team (4 golfers)</p>	



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