

**December 30 & 31,  
2023**  
Sunday Mass is livestreamed

Office Hours:  
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

**Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph**



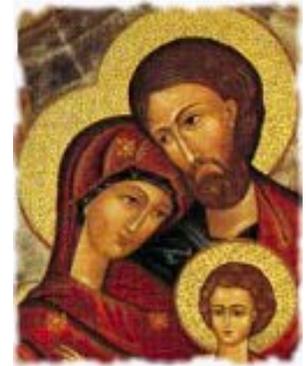
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Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm and by  
appointment  
Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm

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## Feast of the Holy Family—Day Seven

Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. As Rev. Edward Sutfin states:

"The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the house work, and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit." (*True Christmas Spirit*, ©1955, St. Meinrad Archabbey, Inc.)



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## Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Dec 30, 4pm -

✠ **Charley Manley**  
by Virginia Manley

Sunday, Dec 31, 11am -

✠ **Bob Walthall**  
by Dr's Trinidad

Monday, Jan 1, Noon -

**People of the Parish**

Tuesday, Jan 2, 6pm -

**People of the Parish**

Thursday, Jan 4, Noon

✠ **Rachael Denton**  
by Paula Yurkovich

Saturday, Jan 6, 4pm -

**Available**

Sunday, Jan 7, 11am -

✠ **Jean Schumacher**  
by Gina & Timm Boggess

## Upcoming Events:

Mon, Jan 1, Noon, Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God Holy Mass.

Fri Jan 5, Noon, First Friday Mass,  
Devotion to Sacred Heart

Tue, Jan 9, 6:45 pm Parish Council  
Wed, Jan 10, 3:00 pm Altar Society  
meeting

Fri, Jan 12, 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Tue, Jan 16, 6:30 pm Finance Council

Jan 20 & 21, Second collection: Develop-  
ing world collections

Feb 19-20, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral  
council



December 31

**Eucharistic Reflection:** Why do we call the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist a Mystery?" The Eucharist is a mystery because it participates in the mystery of Jesus Christ and God's plan to save humanity through Christ. We should not be surprised if there are aspects of the Eucharist that are not easy to understand, for God's plan for the world has repeatedly surpassed human expectations and human understanding. Furthermore, any time that we are speaking of God we need to keep in mind that our human concepts never entirely grasp God. We must not try to limit God to our understanding, but allow our understanding to be stretched beyond its normal limitations by God's revelation.



## TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™ CONFERENCE SERIES

The St. John Paul II Foundation and the  
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

invite all married and engaged couples to the second annual  
**Together in Holiness marriage conference**  
on **February 11, 2023 from 10:30 am – 5:30 pm**  
at **St. Michael Church in Wheeling, WV.**

Dynamic Presentations | Mass | Childcare  
Eucharistic Adoration | Reconciliation

Featuring: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

Registration: \$27/couple and \$18/individual  
Early Bird discount available through January 9.  
Scholarships available upon request.

On-site childcare (2-12yrs); pre-registration required.

For more information, please visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) or  
email [TH@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:TH@forlifeandfamily.org).

**Sacred Heart Bluefield Cookbooks** - The Sacred Heart Cookbooks celebrating the Church Building's 100th anniversary have arrived! If you would like to purchase a book please contact Cynthia Stacy at 304-952-3534 or the church office. The cook books are selling for \$15.



**Two five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) -**

**Ecclesiology: Pilgrim Church (Begins Week of January 15th)** This is the second in a series of courses on the theology of the Church and builds on the course The Beginnings of the Church. We will continue our exploration of the Church and how, as a living organism, it both maintains its continuity with Jesus and reshapes its own self-understanding. We will examine questions of authority, community and governance and look at social and political changes in the Church through the 15th century. This will then aid our conversation as we look at Vatican II and its understanding of the episcopal and papal offices and the models of Church presented by the Council. This is a five-week hybrid course offered through the Diocese and the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation of the University of Dayton. You will be able to work online taking quizzes and accessing material, as well as meet once a week via Zoom for class lecture and discussion with the course facilitator, Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. The Zoom sessions will be held on Monday evenings at 7pm for five weeks. Our first meeting will be on January 15th.

**Introduction to Scripture (Begins Week of January 15th)** If you are new to studying the Bible, have questions about reading the Bible, want to learn more about the Bible but don't know where to start; or, if you are working towards your certification for catechesis, this course is for you!! Learn what the Bible is and where it comes from, understand how Roman Catholics read the Bible and what the differences are between a Catholic Bible and a Protestant Bible, start to build your Bible vocabulary by learning about the synoptic Gospels, what is inspiration, and much more. This is a five-week hybrid course offered through the Diocese and the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation of the University of Dayton. You will be able to work online taking quizzes and accessing material, as well as meet once a week via Zoom for class lecture and discussion with the course facilitator, Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. The Zoom sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm for five weeks. Our first meeting will be on January 17th. This course is part of the course sequence for level one catechist certification.

## Religious Ed Schedule of Events

- Dec 31 - **Faith Formation** | No Class
- Dec 31 - **OCIA** | No Class
- Jan 4 - **Women's Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room
- Jan 6 - **YM** | Epiphany Progressive Dinner
- Jan 7 - **WWP** @5:30 pm | Downstairs classroom
- Jan 11 - **Women's Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room  
**Men's group** @ 10:15 am | Narthex
- Jan 14 - **WWP** @5:30 pm | Downstairs classroom
- Jan 18 - **Women's Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room
- Jan 21 - **YM** | Youth Ministry Night
- Jan 14 - **WWP** @5:30 pm | Downstairs classroom
- Jan 21 - **WWP** @5:30 pm | Downstairs classroom
- Jan 11 - **Women's Prayer group** @ 10:15 am | Conf. room  
**Men's group** @ 10:15 am | Narthex

- Youth Ministry** - Contact Lorin Albin
- Faith Formation** - Contact Laura Wyatt
- OCIA** - Contact Laura Wyatt
- Women's Prayer Group** - Contact Susie Pace
- Men's Group** - Contact Jime Cosgrove or Bill Picknally
- Walking with Purpose (WWP)** - Contact Laura Wyatt or KD Coleman
- Adult Education** - Contact Laura Wyatt



**Walking with Purpose (WWP)** - Join us for "Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point." on January 7 at 5:30 pm. We are continuing our exciting journey closer to the heart of God, help you form a personal relationship with Christ, and help you find answers to life's biggest questions through the context of the Catholic faith. If you missed the you can still attend. We welcome all ladies to attend. .

## Religious Education

## This Week on Formed

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

**December 31: No Class**

**Happy New Year!**

**The Holy Family** We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season! .



Embark on a magical journey with Zack and his lovable lamb, Yalla, in this charming series from Formed. One day, they suddenly find themselves witnessing the extraordinary announcement of the Angel to Mary. Through playful escapades and valuable life lessons,



this heart-warming series seamlessly blends entertainment and education.

### Faith Formation

In what ways does my family practice obedience to God's will, similar to the dedication shown by Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in the Gospel of Luke?

### Youth Ministry

**Epiphany Progressive Dinner** is our next YM event.

Sat, Jan 6th. Meet at Sacred Heart at 3:30

We hope you will join us. We journey from house to house for each course of our dinner.

If your family would like to host one course please message Lorin Albin at 540-529-6495.

### The Woman's Prayer Group

**The Woman's Prayer Group** will resume January 4 at 10:15 am.

**"In this season of transition, from one year to the next, may God watch over you and bless you abundantly."**

**In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:**

- **The Parish Office**  
(304) 425-3664
- **Bluefield Parish Office**  
(304) 327-5623
- **Kim Hickman**  
(304) 920-2440

**In case of illness:** Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

**Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized** are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

**In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying:** The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

**Please include the following in your Daily Prayers**

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| Catherine Belcher       | B.J. Asbury        |
| Ruth Boyd               | Linda Berghof      |
| Deloris Caccamo         | Lou Berentes       |
| Ron Ciccolini           | John Bowers        |
| Romulo DelaRosa         | John Caccamo       |
| Dr. David Garcia        | Rita Calhoun       |
| Dale & Mary Lu Geiger   | Christopher Castle |
| Angie Grbac             | Regina Church      |
| Cynthia & Gordon Harmon | Judy Clayton       |
| Cyndi Jones             | Linda Cunningham   |
| Nancy Larkin            | Nancy Dickerson    |
| Valarie Laxton          | Russell Edmunds    |
| Christina Laxton        | Kimiko Fettro      |
| Robert Laxton           | Kyle Geiger        |
| Kaitlyn Laxton          | Mike Goff          |
| Keith Laxton            | Patricia Gupton    |
| Jim Lintz               | Myles Harris       |
| Jim & Diane Luciano     | Velma Hartwell     |
| Tanya Marx              | Wylie Rae Henson   |
| Jaelynn Mendoza         | Brenda Ivelise     |
| Annette Morgan          | Ruby Jones         |
| Dr. Jun Neri            | Langan Family      |
| Patricia Nester         | Lucas Llado        |
| Alan Rieger             | Richard Lockhart   |
| Vivian Romano           | Sandy Morefield    |
| Deborah Saffell         | Tina Mullins       |
| John Shay               | Wayne Mullins      |
| Gareth Settle           | Carolyn Munther    |
| Felomina Yongque        | Susan Nelson       |
| Carrie Yurkovich        | Rex Neely          |
|                         | Agnes Sedi         |
|                         | Sherry Sisk        |
|                         | Bryan Staten       |
|                         | Agnes Tokarski     |
|                         | Jamie Willoughby   |
|                         | Richard Wentz      |
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**Collections**

	Dec 23-25	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,358.00	166,698.41	170,000.00
Loose Offertory	650.00	11,501.28	5,000.00
Christmas Memorial Flowers	50.00	2,231.00	2,500.00
Holy days: Christmas	3,680.00	9,860.00	3,000.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 7,738.00</b>	<b>\$190,290.69</b>	<b>\$180,500.00</b>
Benefits (Fund Raisers)	295.81	2,292.56	1,000.00
Tender Mercies	575.00	3,075.00	3,000.00
Dioc: Catholic Charities WV	2,529.00	2,639.00	2,000.00
Dioc: Religious Retirement	50.00	1,320.00	1,000.00
Attendance: 4th Sunday of Advent	4pm: 76	11am: 67	
Christmas	4pm: 178	Midn: 78	11am: 51



**Thank You for Your Donations**

Raised \$42,535  
41 Gifts  
218 % of Goal

**December Ministry Schedule**

DATE	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Video	Altar Server	Counter
Dec. 30 4 pm	M. Tinio	C. Pace T. Settle V. Manley	C. Prox	n/a	T. Byron	S. Pace
Dec.31 11 am	C. Cofer	H. Cofer G. Cosgrove M. Flanigan	S. Neri	W. Picknally	A. Albin	
Jan. 6 4 pm	C. Jones	T. Marx M. Marx V. Manley	J. Gaspersich	n/a		S. Pace
Jan. 7 11 am	D. LaMothe	M. Albin B. Barrett R. Modena	Blankenship	W. Picknally		