

January 27 & 28, 2024

Sunday Mass is livestreamed

Office Hours:
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

**4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm

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Speaking from Real Life

Jesus' way of teaching starkly contrasts with that of the scribes, as seen in the Gospel reading. The scribes, though knowledgeable, lacked the ability to connect deeply with the common people. Their teachings often hovered in the realm of theory, detached from the lived realities of those they were meant to guide. Jesus, on the other hand, spoke from real life. His authority was rooted not just in knowledge but in experience and empathy. He spoke of the Kingdom of God using parables and examples that resonated with the everyday experiences of His listeners.

This approach made His teachings accessible and transformative. It wasn't about complicated theological arguments but about truth presented in a way that reached hearts and minds. In our own lives, when we share our faith with others, are we speaking from real life? Do we connect our understanding of God's word with the practical realities people face every day? Speaking from real life means making faith relevant and accessible, just as Jesus did.

<https://young-catholics.com/3127/4th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b/>

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Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Jan 27, 4pm -

✠ **Jean Schumacher**

By Gina & Timm Boggess

Sunday, Jan 28, 11am -

Mount 2000 Retreat participants and their chaperones

By Faith Formation

Tuesday, Jan 30, 6pm -

People of the Parish

Thursday, Feb 1, Noon

Available

Saturday, Feb 3, 4pm -

Felomina Yongque (Birthday)

By Linda Dumapit

Sunday, Feb 4, 11am -

First Communion youth

By Faith Formation

Upcoming Events:

Fri, Jan 26, 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Fri, Feb 2, First Friday Mass, Devotion to the Sacred Heart, Benediction - Noon

Feb 3-4, Communal Blessing of throats after Communion

Feb 2-4, Mount 2000 Retreat

Feb 10, First Communion Reconciliation Retreat

Feb 14, Ash Wednesday – Mass with distribution of ashes – Noon and 6 pm

Feb 19-20, Fr. Sebastian at Presbyteral council

Sun, Feb 25, 6:00 pm Parentheses

Fri, Mar 1, 7:00 pm Silhouette Stations of the Cross



January 28

Eucharistic Reflection: In similar fashion, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us of this ongoing presence when he repeated to us the words of Christ: I am with you always, to the end of the age (Mt 28:20). He proclaimed: "This promise of Christ never ceases to resound in the Church as the fertile secret of her life and the wellspring of her hope. As the day of Resurrection, Sunday is not only the remembrance of a past event: it is a celebration of the living presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of his own people."3

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.

Women's Discernment Retreat

June 21-23, 2024 St. Joseph Retreat Center, Wheeling, WV



The Office of Consecrated Life presents a discernment retreat for single Catholic women ages 18 and over. In a world that lacks moments of silence and reflection it can be easy for us to ignore our callings. Join us and take this time to get to know yourself, your heart, and how Christ is working in your life.

- ✦ Retreat is free.
- ✦ Be with other discerning women.
- ✦ Register now - space is limited!



To Register/More Info:

 Sister Martha Gomez, RGS,
mgomez@dwc.org

 Office of Consecrated Life
(304)233-0880 ext. 264



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Women's Retreat - Hold On To Hope! Co-sponsored with the



DWC Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Presented by Sr. Sallie Latkovich, CSJ March 8-10, 2024. St. John XXIII Pastoral Center Charleston WV.

The focus of this retreat will be on HOPE! We will reflect together on the experience of hope in each of our lives, remembering that the single source of our hope is in God, and relying on the Scriptures

that provide us hope. We will be renewed in the call to be bearers of hope in our families, our Church, our world. May we indeed hold on to hope.

West Virginia Institute for Spirituality -

Transitions: Danger or Opportunity via Zoom

Saturday (March 9) - 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Questions: email Sister Carole Riley, C.D.P., Ph.D. at wviscr@aol.com

During life transitions, we often find ourselves in what is known as "liminal space." The word liminality comes from the Latin word "limen" which means threshold. New thresholds or being in some form of transition (geographical, emotional, physical, or situational) describe the life experience for all of us. Understanding how to experience the transition process healthily can make a difference in whether we see the transition as an opportunity or a threat/crisis. During this Zoom conference, we will explore the work of several noted theorists whose work on healthy transition can serve as a guide.

Donation: Suggested donation for this program is \$50. Partial scholarships are available by emailing the WVIS Executive Director at wviscr@aol.com

Register: Visit our website at [Programs - WVIS](http://Programs-WVIS) or call 304.345.0926.

Religious Ed Schedule of Events

- Jan 28 - **Faith Formation** | Class
- Jan 28 - **OCIA** | Class
- Jan 31 - **Forgiven** | 6:00 pm Conf. room
- Feb 1 - **Women's Prayer group** | 10:15 am Conf. room
WWP | 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Feb 2-4 - **YM** | Mount 2000 Retreat
- Feb 8 - **Women's Prayer group** | 10:15 am Conf. room
Men's group | 10:15 am Narthex
- Feb 10 - **Faith Formation** | 9:00 am Reconciliation Retreat (First Communion)
- Feb 15 - **Women's Prayer group** | 10:15 am Conf. room
- Feb 18 - **OCIA** | 3:00 pm Rite of Election
- Jan 15 - **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

This Week on Formed - The Catholic Parent



Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone. This six-episode series features real Catholic families like yours sharing their daily struggles and victories. Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, The Catholic Parent

aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith.

<https://watch.formed.org/the-catholic-parent>

Religious Education

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

January 28 - Evangelization

Our topic in this session is on *Evangelization*. The word we use to refer to this process of passing on the faith to others, and it can only be done from one person to another. The institutional church can't do it for us.

Next weeks lesson:

February 4 - The 10 Commandments

Walking with Purpose (WWP)

Lesson 8 - "What is Grace and What Difference Does it Make?"

Grace is favour, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life".

**** Please note will meet via Zoom.****

Forgiven

Join us for a 3-week, video-based study on formed.org. **Forgiven** is a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of Confession. No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, January 31

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Conference room

Faith Formation

We need **volunteers** to help with the First Communion Reconciliation retreat on Feb 10. If you would like to help out please reach out to Laura Wyatt for more details if you would like to help. Thank you for your support.

Our **Soup-er Bowl** challenge will begin on Feb 4. We ask you to bring canned goods to support Tender Mercies.

Youth Ministry

Join the YM in praying for our students and chaperones preparing to attend Mount2000.

Students, chaperones, and their families will be praying the **Divine Mercy Novena** and **Chaplet** together for 9 days leading up to Mount2000 retreat.

You are invited to:

Pray along with us
Starting January 24th

The Woman's Prayer Group

The Woman's Prayer Group will meet Thursday at 10:15 am.

From Mother Teresa:

**"Only one secret:
The closer we come
To Jesus,
the better we
will know his thirst."**

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

- **The Princeton 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

George	Bowling	Vivian	Romano
Margaret	Bryan	Agnes	Tokarski
Dale	Geiger	Richard	Wentz
MaryLu	Greiger		
Kyle	Geiger		
Kimiko	Houser		
Angie	Grbac		
Patricia	Gupton		
Wylie Rae	Henson		
Nancy	Larkin		
Jim	Lintz		
Richard	Lockhart		

Weekly Collections

	Jan 20-21	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	2,301.00	18,409.00	13,600.00
Loose Offertory	107.00	672.25	800.00
Maintenance	6,000.00	6,020.00	0.00
Total Contributions	\$ 8,408.00	\$ 25,101.25	\$ 14,400.00
Mommy Ministry	600.00	600.00	0.00
Dioc: Latin American	227.00	277.00	500.00
Dioc: Church in Central & Eastern Europe	197.00	247.00	250.00
Dioc: Church in Africa	168.00	168.00	0.00
Attendance:	4pm: 30	11am: 88	

Promise to Protect - 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 notify civil authorities first and then please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

February Ministry Schedule

Date/Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter	Livestream	Altar Server	Counter
3 4pm	A. Dumapit	<u>V. Manley</u> T. Marx M. Marx	J. Gaspersich	N/A	C. Pace	S. Pace
4	J. Cox	<u>M. Cox</u> M. Albin B. Barrett	Blankenship	W. Picknally	TBA	
10 4pm	M. Bacho	<u>K. Bailey</u> C. Pace <u>V. Manley</u>	F. Bacho	n/a	T. Byron	J. Cosgrove
11	D. LaMothe	TBA TBA TBA	Hillyer's	W. Picknally	TBA	
14 Ash Wed Noon	D. LaMothe	<u>R. Modena</u> T. Marx M. Marx	TBA	W. Picknally	TBA	N/A
14 Ash Wed 6 pm	M. Bacho	<u>G. Boggess</u> M. Albin TBA	F. Bacho	TBA	TBA	