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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

This Week

December 10 - 17, 2023

SUN 10 Second Sunday of Advent

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Anna Mae Myers
8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for Nepomuceno Dario
3:00 pm Afternoon of Advent & Christmas Concert
6:00 pm Sung Evening Prayer

MON 11 Optional Memorial of St. Damasus

12:05 pm Mass for Mary Bartolovich

TUE 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:05 pm Mass for Evelyn Ghaphery
6:30 pm Women's Group (*Chancery*)

WED 13 Memorial of St. Lucy

12:05 pm Mass for Rita DiCarlo

THU 14 Memorial of St. John of the Cross

12:05 pm Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie
6:00 pm Confessions
7:00 pm Evening of Eucharistic Encounter

FRI 15 Advent Weekday

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Mary Lou Guckert

SAT 16 Advent Weekday

9:00 am Mass for Roseanna Thoman
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Madeline Belby

SUN 17 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Mass for Helen Pasden
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners
Noon Christmas Decorating
6:00 pm Sung Evening Prayer



From Father Sateesh

"Prepare the way for the Lord!"



We are used to announcements that inform us that something is going to happen, or someone expected is arriving. At airports, we hear announcements of the arrival of a plane that we are awaiting. If there is someone whom we love arriving, that announcement fills us with joy, and we get all excited because we will soon see the one we are waiting for. The good news given to us is that God is coming soon! Do we look forward to his arrival? Are we prepared to welcome Him?

In the first reading the prophet Isaiah assures the people that the period of harsh discipline is over, and God will come with forgiveness for his people. He will lead them back to their homeland and the difficulties along the way will disappear as God himself will journey back with his people.

In today's Gospel, Mark highlights the example of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the coming of the Lord. His role was to be the messenger announcing the coming of the Messiah. He would be the voice crying out in the wilderness, "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." His message was one of repentance, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. He invited everyone to change and repent and experience a conversion of heart.

As we prepare the way for the Lord, let us be aware of the emotional hills and valleys that are giant speed breakers on the way for the Lord - vengeance, arrogance, hatred, malice, and addictions are some emotional hills that we need to level down. Insecurity, love of positive image, and unnecessary fears are a few emotional valleys which we need to level up, thus make the path straight and level. May we prepare well for the coming of the Lord.



Blessing of Bambinelli NEXT WEEKEND!

The blessing of the Bambinelli has been a tradition in Rome for many years. The children of Rome bring the Christ Child from their family manger to St. Peter's Square for the Holy Father to bless at the time of his Sunday Angelus on a Sunday during Advent. **Continuing this tradition, at each Mass during the weekend of December 16 and 17, everyone is invited to bring the baby Jesus figures from their home nativity set to receive a special blessing at the end of Mass.**



*An Afternoon of Advent
& Christmas Music*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023 AT 3PM

**CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH
1300 EOFF STREET, WHEELING, WV**



featuring

St. Michael Parish School Schola • St. Michael Parish Handbell Choir
Katie Shaffer, flute • Erin Marion, oboe
Chad Carter, handbells • Sarah Gorder, cello
Deborah Podolski Breiding, piano • Carrie Oliver-Shultz, vocalist
Christie Greenwood, vocalist • Braden Mills, vocalist

Free Admission
Donations will be accepted for the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center

The Season of Advent

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH

VESPERS (SUNG EVENING PRAYER)
Sundays of Advent at 6:00 p.m.
Music by the Cathedral Schola

AFTERNOON OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MUSIC
Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m.

ADVENT EVENING OF EUCHARISTIC ENCOUNTER
Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Presented by Sr. Agnes Thérèse Davis, T.O.R.

BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI
December 16/17 Weekend Masses

CHRISTMAS IN INDIA WITH FR. SATEESH
Monday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING
Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m.

*"Advent is the time we are given
to welcome the Lord
who comes to encounter us,
and also to verify our longing for God,
to look forward and prepare ourselves
for Christ's return."*

- Pope Francis



**Second Collection for Religious
THIS WEEKEND - DECEMBER 9/10**

Please consider giving to the second collection this weekend which supports the Retirement Fund for Religious. The elderly brothers and sisters who benefit from this collection have contributed much to the good of the Church. Their religious orders, taking their vow of poverty seriously, did not generally save money for retirement. Now is our turn to be generous in support of them. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Angel Tree

Catholic Charities is asking for \$10.00 gift cards from Walmart or Target. They are collecting them, and then distributing them equally among the children signed up. If you would like to give more, please keep them in \$10.00 increments. In order to avoid going to the store, you may order the gift card online and print it. If you don't have a printer, you can put \$10.00 in an envelope and Catholic Charities can purchase a gift card for you. You can put them in the gift box in the sanctuary, or in the collection, or mail them to the Cathedral. **Please return them by Sunday, December 17.** Thank you!


**ATTENTION: Greeters, Readers,
Ushers, and Gift Bearers**

Christmas is fast approaching! Please consider signing up as soon as possible to serve in one of these important ministries at the Christmas Masses. The sign-up sheets are located in the narthex of the church. Thank you!

Kids Winter Wear Drive

Because of your generosity, 137 coats, 55 hats, 53 pairs of gloves, 15 pairs of socks and 7 scarves were donated to Youth Services System (YSS) through the Knights of Columbus - Council 504's Kids Winter Wear Drive. The Knights thank you for your generous support!

Don't have cash or check? Consider making a contribution using our online services www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving or scan the QR code from your phone!



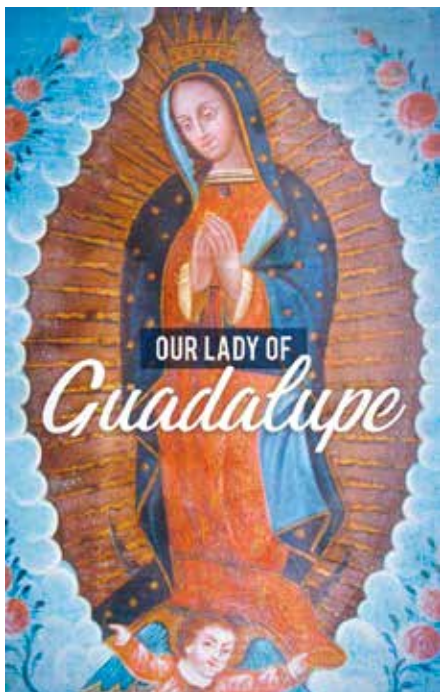
SCAN ME

Collection
December 3, 2023

Envelopes: \$1750
Loose: \$574
Online: \$768
Total: \$3092

Thank you for your support!

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on social media for updates and more info!
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on Facebook & Instagram



The Church throughout America (North, Central, and South) celebrates on December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. It is a feast in the United States of America, but in many Hispanic countries, such as Mexico, it is raised to a solemnity.

The story of the origins of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is well known. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin was a quiet, humble man, a poor peasant. When the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to tell the local bishop to build a church in her honor, Juan Diego became a very reluctant messenger. The bishop would not believe him. So Mary filled Juan Diego's tilma, or cloak, with roses in December, and when he emptied out these beautiful flowers at the bishop's feet, there, imprinted on his tilma, was a wonderful image of the Virgin, dressed like a young Aztec woman.

The Virgin Mary proclaims that her service is to God, and that his will should be done. We too are called to serve God's Kingdom in the teaching of Jesus Christ, Son of Mary and Son of God.

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He said to them, "Come and see." - Jn 1:39

An Evening of Eucharistic Encounter

with Sr. Agnes Thérèse Davis, T.O.R.

Join us for an evening of Adoration, reflection, and music to deepen our understanding of, love for, and living out of the Holy Eucharist

Thursday, December 14, 2023
7:00 pm

Confessions at 6pm
Light Social to follow

Cathedral of St. Joseph
1300 Eoff Street
Wheeling, WV 26003



Sr. Agnes Thérèse Davis is a member of the Franciscan Sisters, TOR, of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother. She currently assists her community in downtown Steubenville, serving those in material poverty.

Christmas in India

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
CHANCERY CANTINA
6:00 P.M.

Join Father Sateesh as he shares with us the Advent & Christmas religious customs in India as well as some delicious food!

*There is limited space available, so please register by **Thursday, December 14** by using the sign up sheet in the back of the church.*



PARISH GROUPS

Women's Group

Tuesday, December 12

6:30 - 7:30 pm in Chancery Cantina

The Cathedral Women's group has the second scheduled meeting on December 12th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Cantina, located inside the Diocesan Office building. During the meeting, the group will be using Endow's "Letter to Women" workbook, which can be found on the Endow website. The workbook is meant to be read aloud with pauses for group discussion, and purchasing the text is not mandatory to participate in but you may wish to.

Tiffany will be sending an update on December 4th. If you would like to receive her updates via email, please write to her at tboury@franciscan.edu. Please reach out to her and make sure you are on her mailing list. Additionally, if you bring a laptop or phone, a link will be shared to follow along that evening.

Join us for an evening of holiday blessings and enriching conversations!

Book Club

Sunday, December 3

9:15 - 10:15 am in Rectory

Our faith sharing book club meets monthly to explore topics of the spiritual life, literature, and culture in a communally enriching way.



Christmas Caroling

Tuesday, December 19 at 6pm

Continuous Care Center, Wheeling

If you are 55 years and over and searching for a group that shares conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, this group is just for you!

Help spread the joy and hope of the Christmas season by joining parishioners and friends for an evening of Christmas Caroling at the Continuous Care Center on December 19 at 6pm!



The month of December is traditionally dedicated to the Divine Infancy of Jesus Christ. This month, let the paradox of Christ's birth and childhood strike us anew. Let us pray with Mary in the words of an ancient hymn by Saint Ephrem the Syrian: "I am your Mother but I will give honor to you. I have engendered you, but you are older than I am. I have carried you in my womb, but you sustain me on my feet. You have been born of me like a little one, but you are as strong as a giant. The height of the heavens are filled with your majesty, and yet my womb has not been too small for you."

Ways to Honor the Divine Infancy

- ❖ Pray and support children and their families who are victims of abuse; homelessness; hunger; discrimination; and poverty
- ❖ Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
- ❖ Make an effort to take the Season of Advent seriously

Christmas at the CATHEDRAL

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
Sunday, December 31
 Masses: 6PM (Sat), 8AM, 10:30AM
 Blessing of Families at all Masses

CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday, December 24
 Choral Prelude at 5:30PM
Christmas Vigil Mass at 6PM
 Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan
Celebrant & Homilist

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday, December 25
Christmas Day Mass at 10:30AM
 Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan
Celebrant & Homilist

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Monday, January 1
 Vigil Mass at 6PM (Sunday, Dec 31)
 Mass at 9AM

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Sunday, January 7
 Masses: 6PM (Sat), 8AM, 10:30AM

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Monday, January 8
 Mass: 12:05PM

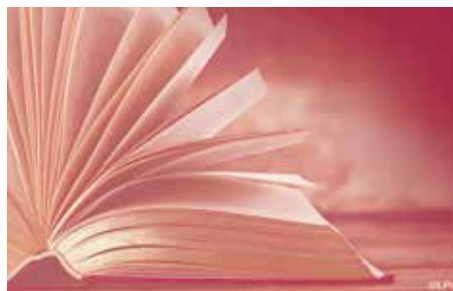
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Pro-Life Corner

At all stages of life, we believe life is sacred. Whether it's at a child's conception to a senior on their last breath, life is a blessing that should be preserved as God intended.

A new report shows that the average CEO of the many affiliates of the abortion corporation across the country average \$317,000 in salary a year.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of December 10

THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
2 Peter 2:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

MONDAY

Isaiah 35:1-10
Ps 85:9-14
Luke 5:17-26

TUESDAY

Zechariah 2:14-17
or Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10
(Ps) Judith 13:18, 19
Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 40:25-31
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10
Matthew 11:28-30

THURSDAY

Isaiah 41:13-20
Ps 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13
Matthew 11:11-15

FRIDAY

Isaiah 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Matthew 11:16-19

SATURDAY

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Ps 80:2, 3, 15-16, 18-19
Matthew 17:9, 10-13

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
(Ps) Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

December 11 - St. Damasus I, pope (305-384)

Pope Damasus presided over the Council of Rome, which codified the canon of Scripture and commissioned the Vulgate translation of the Bible from St. Jerome. His vision and patronage helped preserve and transmit the Word of God to later generations.

December 13 - St. Lucy, virgin and martyr (c.283-304)

St. Lucy dedicated herself to Christ at a young age, but was denounced as a Christian and martyred after she resisted a would-be rapist. One version of the story said that Lucy, whose name means "light," blinded herself to deter her attacker, entrusting herself to the Light of Christ. *Patronage:* blind

December 14 - St. John of the Cross (1542-1591)

St. John of the Cross was a Carmelite priest, spiritual director, writer, mystic, and reformed who lived during the early years of the Counter-Reformation. His efforts at reform met with opposition, misunderstanding, and even imprisonment. *Patronage:* contemplatives

JOIN US ON JANUARY 19TH & 20TH FOR ST. JOSEPH'S

RESTORED PARISH MISSION



JOHN EDWARDS
FOUNDER OF PEW
MINISTRIES AND HOST OF
"JUST A GUY IN THE PEW"
PODCAST

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

7:00 PM From Addict to Evangelist: John's Powerful Conversion Story
8:15 PM Reception

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

9:00 AM Mass
9:45 AM Restoring Your Identity: Who You Are, Whose You Are, and Why You're Here
11:00 AM The Most Important Thing: A Personal Relationship with Jesus
12:15 PM Men's Lunch
12:45 PM Men's Ministry Training

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Advent Confessions

Prepare your hearts for Christ!

Wednesday, December 20

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 23

9:30 am to Noon

Advent is a most advantageous time to go to confession! The Sacrament of Reconciliation figuratively wipes the slate clean in any liturgical season, but Advent provides a poignant time to experience the joy of reconciling with God and the Church, being one with Christ in the here and now, while celebrating His First Coming in His birth in Bethlehem and preparing for His Second Coming and all eternity. **As you prepare for Christmas, take time to truly prepare your hearts and minds by taking advantage of our additional times for Confession during this holy Season.**



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Adelaide Rayman	Christina Helfer	Kaitlyn Hanasky	Rachel Wade
Andrew Helfer	Chuck Fair	Kermit Klosterman	R. J. Stocke
Angela Niehart	David A. Kress, Jr.	Kristin Smith	Richard Simon
Archer Hatch	Dianna Albright	Langan Family	Rick Burgy
Arthur Danehart	Doug Jones	Liam Barns	Ron Hickman
Austin Cook	Eric South	Liam Manning	Rosalie Davis
Barb Mazzocca	Eva Wood	Lukie Brown	Rose Otey
Becky Schlosser	Fr. Joseph Wilhelm	Margaret Stocke	Sarah Hanasky
Beth Jochum	Frank Davis	Marge Mucheck	Sarah Sargent
Betty Teater	Frederick C. Schweizer	Marie Farnsworth	Shirley DeCaria
Bill Wilson	Gail Koch	Marie & Conner	Stanley Kyrk
Bob Armstrong	George Kirchner	Workman	Susan Graff
Billy Hanasky	Geri Adams Nagy	Mark Davis	Susan Mize
Brian Hanasky	Hines Rotriga	Marshall South	Susan Schulte
Brogan Gallentine	Jean Schultz	Martha Yocum	Susanna Kress
Caleb Hlebiczi	Jim Antill	Mary K. Schlosser	Tammy
Carol Young	Jim and Dee	Mary Walicki	Teresa Helfer
Carolyn Lash	Jimmy Hocking	Michael DeBlasis	Thelma Pearson
Carolyn Wiethe	Joe Bechtel	Milissa Rose	Tony Helfer
Catherine Lanham	John Petrella	Nadine Greenwood	Trystan Timmons
Charles Heizer	Jon-Michael Lasher	Nicholas Barns	Victoria Jeskey
Charles DeBeni	Judy Pack	Pete Cuffaro	Zoey Knight
Children of the	Julia Sheets	Pete Mack	
Youth Services System	Kathy Cooley	Philippa Shores	

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

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. In addition to civil authorities, 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. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Can Catholics Gamble?

Question:

The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

Answer:

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong with these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAYS 6:00 pm (Saturday)
8:00 am
10:30 am

WEEKDAYS 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)
9:00 am (Saturday)

HOLY DAYS Please consult the bulletin

CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY 11:15 - 11:45 am

SATURDAY 5:00 - 5:45 pm
or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, a visit can be scheduled upon request.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.

Please notify the parish of address changes through contacting the parish office or by visiting the website.

Bulletin Articles due by 9am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

