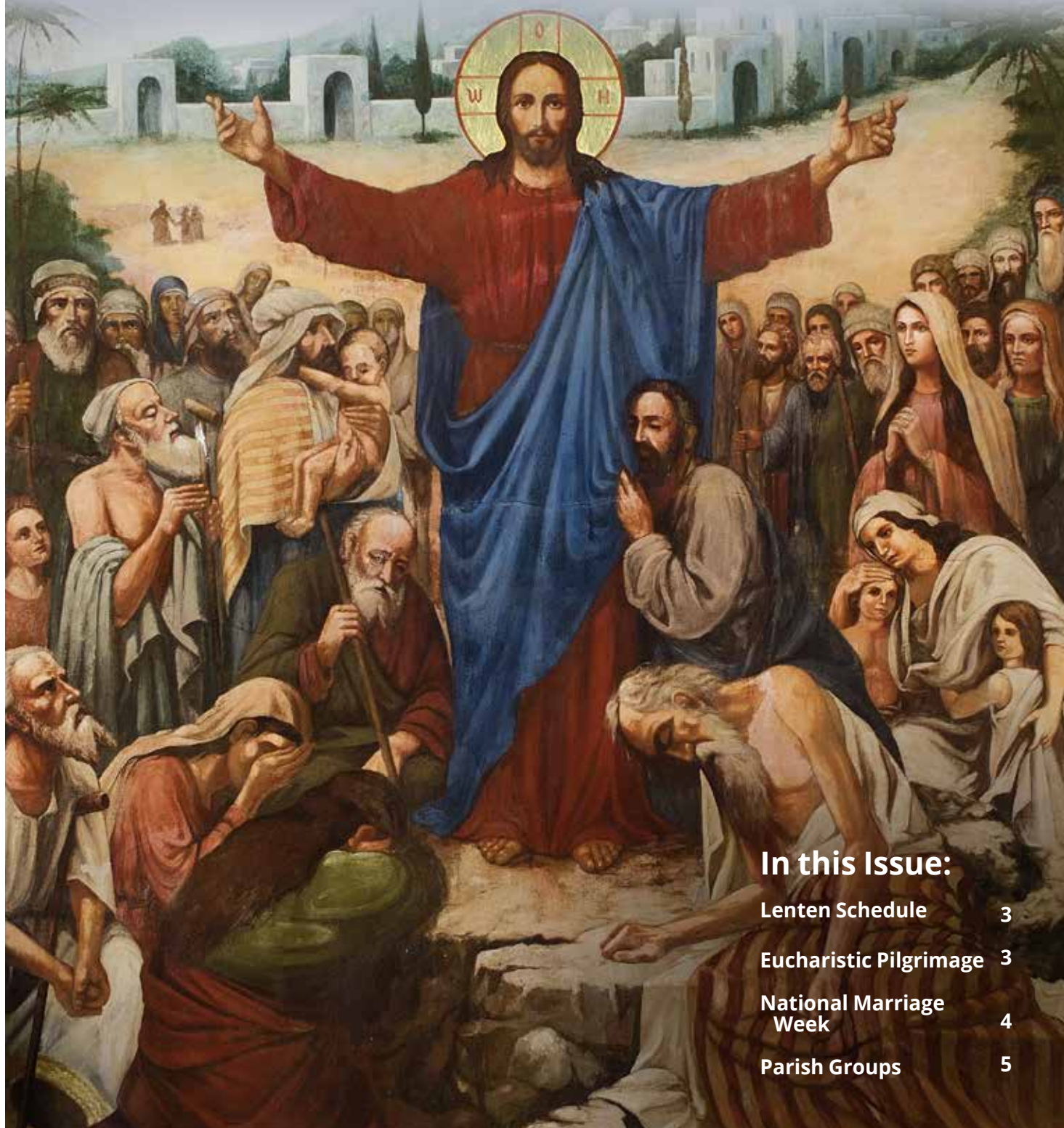


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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

This Week

February 4 - 11, 2024

SUN 4 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Madeline & Jack Belby, Sr.
8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
9:15 am Book Club (*Rectoria*)
10:30 am Mass for Nepomuceno Dario

MON 5 Memorial of St. Agatha

12:05 pm Mass for Dee DeMatte

TUE 6 Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions

12:05 pm Mass for Becky Schlosser

WED 7 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Janet Rodriguez
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph Men's Group
(*Chancery Cantina*)

THU 8 Optional Memorials of St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

12:05 pm Mass for Bishop Mark Brennan

FRI 9 Weekday in Ordinary Time

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Janet Castilow

SAT 10 Memorial of St. Scholastica

9:00 am Mass for Theresa Ann Brya
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Virginia Harris

SUN 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for Ross Felton
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners



From Father Sateesh

"On what is my life founded? My strength or God's strength?"



It may be that some of us are reaching a point of no return. Our health is deteriorating, and the doctor's forecast is bleak; our relationships are strained and in danger of snapping at any moment; our job could be gone at a moment's notice; the money and assets that we have stashed up are no longer secure; the law-and-order authorities cannot be depended upon; the political leaders who promised a stable government to have gone back on their promises. Our world is crumbling around us! What do we do? Give in to depression? Wallow in self-pity? Blame everyone?

We are familiar with the story of Job, part of which is contained in the first reading of today. Job's story was a pitiable one: He was deprived of family and worldly possessions, was racked by physical pain and suffered mental anguish. Job questions: "Why should God allow these misfortunes to come upon me?" "Is life worth living?" He compares his life to a slave, whose life is one long drudgery; he feels helpless and hopeless like a workman who has to work for no wages; His life is one long bore; he waits for the end which will not come. Job though steadfast was impatient. His human friends failed to explain life and he felt that his divine friend would not come either. Is there any hope? Our Christian perspective adds a new dimension. Truly, if death is the end of it all, life does not make sense!

The Gospel story begins with Jesus going with his disciples James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. He has barely entered when they confide in him their worries and concerns, petty though they may seem. Simon's mother-in-law has gone to bed with a fever. Jesus did not hesitate, he went straight away to her bed, took her by the hand and the fever left her and she began to wait on them. Jesus' healing involves only a gesture – he grasped her hand and helped her up. That healing action of Jesus was enough to set the town on fire, and by evening everyone who was sick or afflicted in any way was at Simon's doorstep.

Whenever people hear of a healer there are hordes of people who seek the magical touch. What's wrong in seeking a miracle? If we can get instant relief from our misery, why not try the charm? By morning there were crowds milling around waiting for Jesus, but he was nowhere to be found, he disappeared. When the disciples found him, he was alone by himself praying. By refusing to be what the people wanted him to be: a magical Savior, Jesus was making a point, that good health does not necessarily enhance the quality of life, and ill-health does not necessarily detract from it. We can imagine it was hard for Jesus to leave the people yet that was the Father's will revealed to him in prayer, and that is what he did. He had come not to do what the people wanted him to do but to do the Father's will. Suffering, a deep part of human existence, and essential part of estrangement from God, was also a means of purification and return to God. Jesus did not ignore pain but did not seek to avoid it either. May we let his presence within transform us and the world around!



LENT +

Now is the time. Return to the Lord.
Gather the people together.

ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 14

Masses 12:05 PM & 6:00 PM

VESPERS (SUNG EVENING PRAYER)

Sundays 6:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 12:45 PM to 5:45 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays 6:00 PM

SIMPLE LENTEN MEAL

Fridays 6:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays (During Lent) 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Fridays 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM

Saturdays 5:00 PM to 5:45 PM

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Catholics ages 18 to 59 are bound to fast on these two days. They may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

All Catholics ages 14 and over are bound to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

2023 Contribution Statements

Due to a computer error, some of the 2023 contribution statements that were mailed contain mistakes. If you need a corrected version, please contact Debbie Fahey at dfahey@dwc.org or by calling 304-233-4121.

Homebound Ministry

We would like to reach out to those individuals who, due to physical limitations, are unable to attend Mass regularly. If you or someone you know is sick or homebound and would like a visit from Father Sateesh, please contact the Cathedral parish offices at 304-233-4121.



February 3/4 - Blessing of Throats

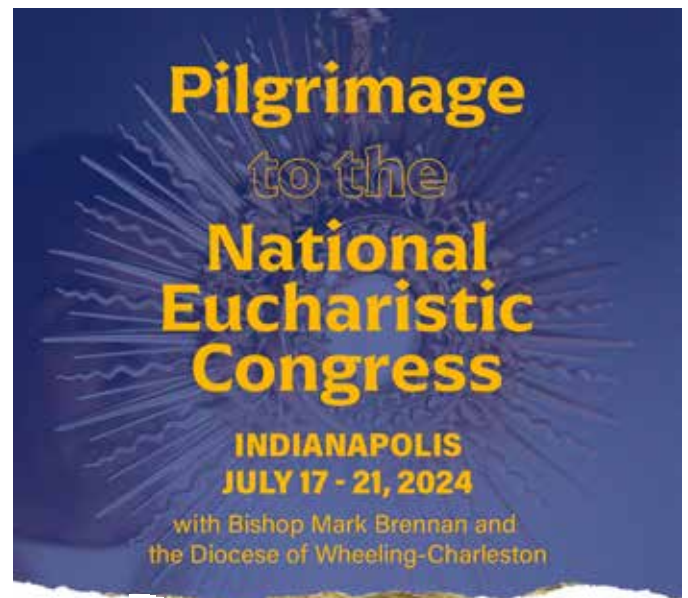
February 4 - Book Club, 9:15am

February 7 - Sons of St. Joseph, 7pm

February 13 - Women's Group, 6:30pm

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

February 20 - PrimeTimers Gathering, 6pm



On July 17 to 21, 2024 the Church in the United States will gather as one family for a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN. The Diocese was able to purchase 250 tickets at a discounted rate and Bishop Mark Brennan would like to make them available to members of the Catholic faithful at no cost. To help offset the cost of transportation and lodging for participants, the Diocese is partnering with a travel company to make a comprehensive pilgrimage package available to participants at a discounted rate. **Please see the flyers in the back of the church for more information as well as pricing. If you are interested in participating in this pilgrimage, please submit your name to the parish offices as soon as possible.**

Collection

January 28, 2024

Envelopes: \$2338

Loose: \$624

Online: \$476

Total: \$3438

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Couples' Novena

DAY 1 - February 5

For **engaged and civilly married couples** preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony; that God may grant them the gift of joy and wisdom during this time of discernment.

Sts. Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

DAY 2 - February 6

For **empty nesters and retired couples**; that this new phase of their lives may bring renewal in their relationship. May they be inspired to share their time and gifts with those in need, especially young and struggling couples.

Sts. Joachim and Anne, pray for us!

DAY 3 - February 7

For **couples experiencing the pain of infertility and child loss**; that our Blessed Lord may grant healing, acceptance, and meaning, and inspire in them ways to use their gift of love to give life to others.

Sts. Zechariah and Elizabeth, pray for us!

DAY 4 - February 8

For **couples strained by a difficult relationship with their child(ren) or family members**; that they may seek opportunities to show empathy and forgiveness in the hope of reconciliation.

Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin, pray for us!

DAY 5 - February 9

For **couples experiencing physical or mental illness**; that through the virtues of patience and endurance, they may remain faithful to their vow to be true to one another "in sickness and in health," and that they may be surrounded by the support of family and friends.

St. Gianna Beretta Molla, pray for us!

DAY 6 - February 10

For **couples struggling with addiction of any kind**—alcohol, drugs, pornography, social media, work, shopping, gambling—that the Lord may reveal and heal the wound or unmet need that is at the source of the addiction.

St. Rita of Cascia, pray for us!

DAY 7 - February 11

For **separated couples and those recovering for infidelity**, that where separation is absolutely necessary, both parties may find safety and healing, while remaining true to their vows and open to reconciliation. We pray that through the power of Jesus' Resurrection, honesty, trust, and tenderness may be restored.

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

DAY 8 - February 12

For **couples that do not share the same faith**; that through the practice of virtue, they may be joined in their pursuit of the true, the good, and the beautiful.

St. Monica, pray for us!

DAY 9 - February 13

For **all couples faithfully living out their vocation to be light in the world**; may they know that their efforts, however small, are making God's love known to those around them!

Sts. Aquila and Priscilla, pray for us!

Celebrating National Marriage Week

The observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 11) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The theme for 2024 is "Love Beyond Words."

The institution of marriage has been part of human traditions for many years and has been influenced by all cultures and religions across the planet.

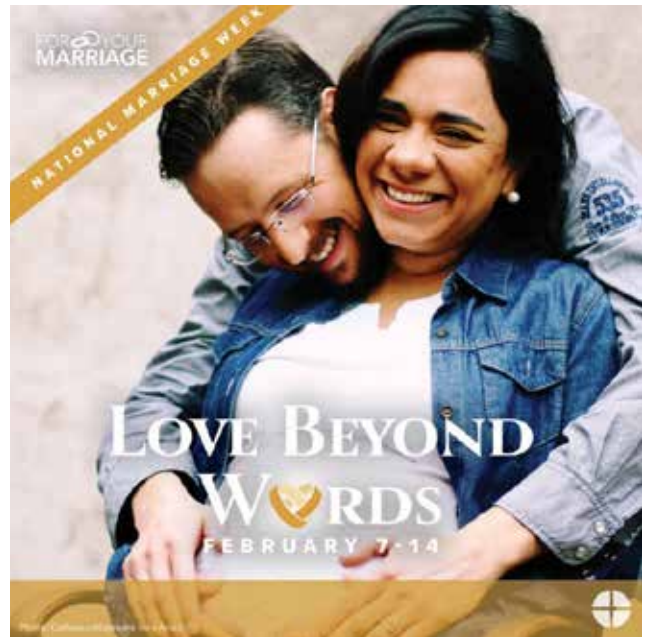
Here are some profound truths of what we believe as Catholics about marriage, which are found in the *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*:

"The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish a lifelong partnership between themselves, derives its force and strength from creation, but for the Christian faithful it is also raised up to a higher dignity since it is numbered among the Sacraments of the new covenant.

"A Marriage is established by the conjugal covenant, that is, the irrevocable consent of both parties by which they freely give themselves to each other and accept each other. Moreover, the singular union of a man and a woman requires, and the good of children demands, the complete fidelity of the spouses and the indissoluble unity of the bond..."

As we celebrate National Marriage Week, we pray for all those who are preparing for or already joined in this Holy Sacrament, that they may both grow in holiness and always seek the good of the other!

For more information on National Marriage Week as well as tips for a healthy and holy marriage, visit: www.foryourmarriage.org



A Prayer for Married Couples

O God,
You created marriage
to be the crown of creation,
the holy place
where your love dwells,
and where new life is nourished.
Confirm couples
in their sacred duty
to be light and salt to the world
through the gift of love
You have given them.
Through Jesus' Sacred Heart,
increase in all couples empathy,
joy, tenderness, and mercy.
Through the power
of the Holy Spirit,
protect couples from apathy,
resentment, infidelity,
and contempt.

God our Father,
Who made all things good,
help couples to never lose sight
of their dignity, even in the
midst of conflict, temptation,
and despair.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*St. Valentine
and all holy married couples,*

PARISH GROUPS

Women's Group

Tuesday, February 13

6:30 - 7:30 pm in Chancery Cantina

Join us for good conversation and fellowship! This group is malleable, and we are providing an opportunity for any woman in the parish to take the lead to help Dr. Tiffany Boury in planning other activities for the group. Please feel free to e-mail Tiffany at TBoury@franciscan.edu.

Book Club

Sunday, February 4

9:15 - 10:15 am in Rectory

Our book club meets monthly to explore topics of the spiritual life, literature, and culture. This month, we will be discussing "Beautiful Eucharist".



The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

Ways to Honor the Holy Family

- Consecrate your family to the Holy Family
- Pray the Rosary together
- Strengthen your family's devotion to the Holy Eucharist as the nourishment of family life

Pope's Monthly Intention

February: For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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.



SONS of
SAINT JOSEPH

Our men's group is open to all men who are looking for a place where they can find authentic friendships and grow in their faith alongside other men.

Wednesday, February 7 at 7pm

Chancery Cantina

Formation Night

The Search: What Do You Seek?



We are very grateful to the Sons of St. Joseph for exercising the corporal works of mercy at their gathering last week by making over 100 food bags as well as donating clothes to those staying at the local Winter Freeze Shelter!



If you are 55 years and over and enjoy sharing conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, please join us!

Tuesday, February 20 at 6pm

"Finding Our Roots"

Bring a dish from your family and discuss our backgrounds/culture
Location TBA

Rest In
Peace

Please remember in your prayers:

Richard Oswald (d. January 29, 2024)

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of February 4

THIS SUNDAY

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

MONDAY

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13
Ps 132:6-7, 8-10
Mark 6:53-56

TUESDAY

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30
Ps 84:3, 4, 5, 10, 11
Mark 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY

1 Kings 10:1-10
Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40
Mark 7:14-23

THURSDAY

1 Kings 11:4-13
Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37, 40
Mark 7:24-30

FRIDAY

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19
Ps 81:10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Mark 7:31-37

SATURDAY

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34
Ps 106:6-7, 19-20, 21-22
Mark 8:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11
1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1
Mark 1:40-45

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.

February 5 - St. Agatha, virgin and martyr (231-251)

One of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of Christian antiquity, St. Agatha was put to death for her steadfast profession of faith in Catania, Sicily.

February 6 - St. Paul Miki (1562-1597) and Companions, martyrs

Along with the other twenty-six martyrs of Japan, St. Paul Miki endured the six-hundred-mile march to his crucifixion in Nagasaki by singing *Te Deum*. Although this martyrdom was intended as a deterrent to Christian community in Japan, the martyrs' bravery so inspired the persecuted Japanese Christian Church that returning missionaries found communities of secret Christians that had endured in insolation for three centuries.

February 8 - Saint Jerome Emiliani (1481-1537)

St. Jerome Emiliani was born into a wealthy family, and before being led to study for the priesthood he was a soldier in Venice. As a priest, Jerome responded to famine and plague by founding hospitals, orphanages, and hostels. *Patronage:* orphans; abandoned children

Saint Josephine Bakhita, virgin (1868-1947)

Also on February 8, we celebrate St. Josephine Bakhita, who was born in Sudan and at the age of nine was taken into slavery. Bought by an Italian diplomat, she was taken to Italy where she converted to Christianity at the age of 25. Three years later, after having been freed from slavery, she joined the Institute of the Canosian Daughters of Charity. She spent fifty years in that congregation and was a well known and sought-after speaker regarding the Catholic faith.

February 10 - Saint Scholastica, virgin (480-543)

Saint Scholastica was the twin sister of St. Benedict, the father of Western monasticism. From a young age she expressed a deep desire to dedicate her life to God through the monastic vows: obedience, conversion of life (poverty and chastity), and stability. She founded and supervised a monastery of nuns near her brother's monastery at Monte Cassino. She was eventually interred in the same grave with her brother.



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World Marriage Day Celebration

Sunday, February 18; 11:30 am Mass followed by Reception

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Marist Center, 2244 Marshall Ave, Wheeling, WV

Join us for an afternoon 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 11:30 a.m. Mass, followed by a special social and meal. Free baby-sitting services will be provided for couples with young children. 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 will be accepted until February 9.

St. Joe's Parish Lenten Mission

With Dr. Dan Schneider

(personal assistant to world renowned exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger & author of the Liber Christo Method!)

Feb. 19-21, 2024

7:00 – 8:00 PM: TALK

8:00 PM – TBD: CONFESSION, MEET & GREET, BOOK SALES, ETC.



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Learn from one of the very best experts serving on the front lines of today's spiritual combat!
All Are Welcome

Refreshments available

- Attendees will receive **gratuitous** spiritual warfare supplies last!
- Confession is available one hour prior to the talk!
- For more info, please call the Parish Office at 364-723-2954.
- The event address is 229 California Ave., Weirton, WV 26062.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Gossip

Question:

Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

While we may always want to do what is to really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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.

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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.

