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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

July 30 - August 6, 2023

SUN 30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners
8:00 am Mass for Ginny Felton
10:30 am Mass for Daniel Schlosser

MON 31 Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola

12:05 pm Mass for Archbishop Francis B. Schulte
(Anniversary of Installation - 1985)

TUE 1 Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori

12:05 pm Mass for Lee Hendershot

WED 2 Optional Memorials of St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard

12:05 pm Mass for Albert Mazur

THU 3 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Joseph Truini

FRI 4 Weekday in Ordinary Time First Friday

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for CCHS Class of 1948
12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration begins
5:00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

SAT 5 Optional Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major First Saturday

9:00 am Mass for Thomas & Eugenia Tobin
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Charles Schultz

SUN 6 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for Nepomuceno Dario



From Father Sateesh

"Seek first to understand God's Kingdom and promises!"



Today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom reports God's apparition to King Solomon in a dream at night while the newly appointed King had come to the sanctuary in Gibeon to offer sacrifices. The Lord starts a dialogue with a wide-open proposal to the king: "Ask what I should give you." What a unique opportunity to get whatever he wants! Solomon does not miss his chance. But his prayer and request are surprising. Solomon starts by praising God for his great love for his father David; he then confesses his unworthiness and inadequacy in governing his people and finally asks for the gift of an understanding heart to discern what is right and wrong. God heard his prayer and granted him his request.

In the Sunday Gospel Jesus gives us a wonderful example of God's generosity. Human beings are always in search of some or the other treasure in life. For some it is wealth, for others it is a good name, and for still others it is a life-giving relationship. All this is done with a view of experiencing a deep sense of fulfillment and satisfaction. Today's reading proposes three things which one should yearn and long for in life. Matthew compares God's kingdom to which we are all invited, to a treasure hidden in a field. Someone finds this treasure and sells his possessions in order to acquire that treasure. God's kingdom is also like a merchant who comes across a pearl of great value and sells everything in order to buy the pearl.

Jesus gives a third example: God's kingdom is like a net cast into the sea, catching fish of every kind. Some are good, others are not. Only at end-time will they be separated. Perhaps we could ask, have we found anything that we treasure in our life? Is there something that we value in our faith? Is my faith valuable? Would losing my faith make a difference? We all have experienced days when we are upset and distraught because we have lost something. We cannot function because something is missing in our lives. A wise and discerning person will make wise choices in life so that later on we have no regrets. Like Solomon we need to ask God for the gift of wisdom to help us make life's choices.

If we were given by God a once-in-a-lifetime-opportunity to ask for anything that we want or desire, what would we ask for? Good health? Wealth? Success? Power? Unlimited possessions? Or a combination of all these? It sure is a difficult choice to make! Our choices would reveal what we value and cherish most in life. Perhaps we don't even know what is good for us and we would hesitate to make a choice. Have a wise discerning weekend! May we seek above all the gift of wisdom and understanding in all things!

THY KINGDOM COME!

An Evening of Eucharistic Encounter

with Deacon Paul Lim

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, August 17
7:00 pm**

Reconciliation will be available
Light Social to follow



The Cathedral of St. Joseph



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**This Friday
12:45pm - 5:00pm**

During this National Eucharistic Revival, we encourage you to spend some time with Our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament!



If you are 55 years and over and searching for a group that shares conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, we are excited to share a new ministry at the Cathedral just for you! Our goal is to provide for the spiritual, social, and educational needs of our parishioners and to give service to the broader community with activities, events, communal prayer, trips, and fellowship. For more information and to sign up for this exciting new ministry, please contact Cathy LaFlam at 614-565-4384 or e-mail cclafam@sbcglobal.net or use the sign up sheet in the back of the church.

NEXT EVENT:

LUNCH AT PERKINS

680 National Road, Wheeling

Wednesday, August 16 at 1:00 p.m.

MASS for the CONVERSION of LOST SOULS

Join us as we entrust our loved ones and friends who have left the practice of the Faith to the intercession of

SAINT MONICA
Patron of Wayward Children

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25
6:00 P.M.**



SAVE THE DATE



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Offertory Collection

The collection data was not available at the time of publication. It will be published in a later issue.



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LITURGICAL LIFE

A foretaste of the fullness of joy

From *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, nos. 18-20, by Pope John Paul II



Living for the Greater Glory of God

Etched on the cornerstone of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph is "AMDG" - *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*. The origin of the phrase, *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, "for the greater glory of God" is attributed to the founder of the Jesuits, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, whose memorial we celebrate next Sunday on July 31. Ignatius intended this phrase to serve as a cornerstone sentiment of the Jesuits' religious philosophy.

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To live *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* is to lay claim to a legacy of "otherness" that sets us apart and puts us at ease with any culture or people, a completely integrated other-ness that seeks to make all things whole.

Called together at one table, unity in diversity, one family, working together to realize heaven on earth. Answering the call to serve and to glorify, in all ways, the Love that always finds a way.

The acclamation of the assembly following the consecration appropriately ends by expressing the eschatological thrust which marks the celebration of the Eucharist (cf. 1 Cor 11:26): "until you come in glory". The Eucharist is a straining towards the goal, a foretaste of the fullness of joy promised by Christ (cf. Jn 15:11); it is in some way the anticipation of heaven, the "pledge of future glory". In the Eucharist, everything speaks of confident waiting "in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ".



Those who feed on Christ in the Eucharist need not wait until the hereafter to receive eternal life: they already possess it on earth, as the first-fruits of a future fullness which will embrace man in his totality. For in the Eucharist we also receive the pledge of our bodily resurrection at the end of the world: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (Jn 6:54). This pledge of the future resurrection comes from the fact that the flesh of the Son of Man, given as food, is his body in its glorious state after the resurrection. With the Eucharist we digest, as it were, the "secret" of the resurrection. For this reason Saint Ignatius of Antioch rightly defined the Eucharistic Bread as "a medicine of immortality, an antidote to death".

The eschatological tension kindled by the Eucharist expresses and reinforces our communion with the Church in heaven. It is not by chance that the Eastern Anaphoras and the Latin Eucharistic Prayers honour Mary, the ever-Virgin Mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God, the angels, the holy apostles, the glorious martyrs and all the saints. This is an aspect of the Eucharist which merits greater

attention: in celebrating the sacrifice of the Lamb, we are united to the heavenly "liturgy" and become part of that great multitude which cries out: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev 7:10). The Eucharist is truly a glimpse of heaven appearing on earth. It is a glorious ray of the heavenly Jerusalem which pierces the clouds of our history and lights up our journey.

A significant consequence of the eschatological tension inherent in the Eucharist is also the fact that it spurs us on our journey through history and plants a seed of living hope in our daily commitment to the work before us. Certainly the Christian vision leads to the expectation of "new heavens" and "a new earth" (Rev 21:1), but this increases, rather than lessens, our sense of responsibility for the world today. I wish to reaffirm this forcefully at the beginning of the new millennium, so that Christians will feel more obliged than ever not to neglect their duties as citizens in this world. Theirs is the task of contributing with the light of the Gospel to the building of a more human world, a world fully in harmony with God's plan.

FIRE UP YOUR FAITH

FAITH TIP: Build (or rebuild) a prayer routine

It's easy to fall into the trap of viewing our faith like an extracurricular activity that we need to check the boxes for. However, no matter how many Sunday's you sit in a pew, or how many times you force yourself to go into the confessional, you won't truly come to know the person of Jesus until you make the effort, however big or small, to spend time with him every day.

What does time with Jesus look like? Every person's prayer lives are unique and there's essentially no right or wrong way to pray. It just looks like you sharing your heart with Him, and in turn receiving His. If you need a little help guiding your prayer, pick one of the books of the Gospel and find a verse that speaks to you. Stay there and share with Jesus what's on your heart. Journaling helps us to get in the habit of being completely open and honest with Jesus, no fancy language needed. Whether it's ten minutes or sixty, your heart was made to be with Him.



Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary takes place on the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, usually in June, but in this month when we celebrate Mary's Assumption (August 15) and her Coronation or Queenship (August 22), we also give honor to her Immaculate Heart. There are many prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Here is one short enough to memorize and pray every day during this month: "O Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart."

Ways to Honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary

- ❖ Wear the Miraculous Medal
- ❖ Consecrate yourself to the Immaculate Heart
- ❖ Pray the Rosary



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Evangelization is the primary task of the Church and we, the members of the Church, are called to evangelize. Let us go forth and seek out those who want to be Catholic and bring them to experience an encounter with Jesus. Therefore,

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Is interested in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Has been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what to do to become Catholic?

Registration for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is open. If you want to join or knows someone who wants to be Catholic, please contact the Parish Office or Jacob Manning at 304-280-9684 or jamanning710@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Live & Give in Gratitude

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, Jesus employs three parables to describe this kingdom. In the first of today's parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is "like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it." Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of July 30

THIS SUNDAY

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

MONDAY

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34
Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23
Matthew 13:31-35

TUESDAY

Exodus 33:7-11; 34:4-9, 28
Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Matthew 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY

Exodus 34:29-35
Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9
Matthew 13:44-46

THURSDAY

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38
Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 8, 11
Matthew 13:47-53

FRIDAY

Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37
Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11
Matthew 13:54-58

SATURDAY

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8
Matthew 14:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9

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.

July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest (1491-1556)

St. Ignatius of Loyola changed the world as the founder of the Jesuits, and his Spiritual Exercises have come a model of Christian discernment and discipline. When his military career was cut abruptly short by injury, St. Ignatius found new purpose in following the example of Christ and the saints with the same vigor that would become characteristic of the order he founded - the Society of Jesus, commonly known as the Jesuits.
Patronage: Jesuits; retreatants; soldiers

August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor of the Church (1696-1787)

St. Alphonsus Liguori, a child prodigy, became a lawyer. A legal error became the door God used to invite change into his life. Alphonsus became a preacher to the poor, the less educated, and those in need. He viewed the Eucharist as a means to holiness.
Patronage: confessors; moral theologians; against arthritis

August 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop (283-371)

St. Eusebius, the first bishop of Vercelli, spent much of his life trying to settle conflicts between Catholics and Arians. (Arians denied the divinity of Christ.) Because St. Eusebius actively supported the views of the Catholic Church, as expressed in the Nicene Creed, he was severely persecuted by Arian proponents, by means of starvation and exile.

St. Peter Julian Eymard, priest (1811-1868)

St. Peter Julian Eymard changed immensely after he had an overwhelming experience of God's love while carrying the Blessed Sacrament during the Corpus Christi procession. He decided to leave the Marist order to found the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, a community dedicated to perpetual adoration of the Eucharist. Later, he established a foundation of sisters, known as the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, and a confraternity of laypeople. He believed adoration of the Eucharist was not an end in itself, but a means to evangelization and service.

August 4 - St. John Vianney, priest (1786-1859)

Although Saint John Mary Vianney was not academically astute and had to receive his training privately, he was ordained a priest due to his virtue. He was stationed in a small village, Ars-en-Dombes, in France, where he became a noted catechist, confessor, and spiritual director. Soon, he gained a reputation for working miracles, such as multiplying loaves and physical healings. Consequently, the small village became a place of pilgrimage, attracting over 300 visitors a day, from 1830 to 1845, so see the "Curé d'Ars."
Patronage: priests



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?


During Eucharistic Adoration, the faithful pray to Jesus Christ, who is present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist, also referred to as the Blessed Sacrament, is typically kept in a tabernacle at your parish church. While it is true that you can pray to God anywhere and that He is always within you, it is especially powerful to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. In the presence of the Eucharist, we pray to the power and sacrifice that it represents — the body of Jesus, who gave His life so that we may live.

It is His body, blood, soul and divinity that is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist. We adore and receive the Eucharist in communion at Mass, which is the most beautiful act of worship that we have as Catholics. We have Jesus truly present in all of the tabernacles around the world. We can continue to adore Him in the Eucharist after Mass in a quiet time of prayer and contemplation on Who we have just received. Being in the presence of the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ gives spiritual strength and nourishment in a uniquely powerful way.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A CATHOLIC PRIEST?

Contact the Vocations Office
at (304) 233-0880 ext. 442
or bcrenwelge@dwc.org



One Million ROSARIES

FOR VOCATIONS WITHIN THE
DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

Will you be a part of the movement in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to pray ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR VOCATIONS between the Feast of the Assumption on August 15th to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Oct. 7th?

For more information, go to: www.dwc.org/onemillionrosaries

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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:

Kissing the Altar at Mass

Question:

Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

Answer:

Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the "General Instruction of the Roman Missal" — we read: "The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist" (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the "Book of the Gospels" after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the "living stone" (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith.

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1382-1383).

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph



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

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- 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.

