



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.



October 15 - 22, 2023

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Raphael & Cecilia George Mass for Frank & Helen Pasden 8:00 am 10:30 am

Mass for the Parishioners

MON 16

Optional Memorial of St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

12:05 pm Mass for Frederick Mehler 7:00 pm Infant of Prague Novena

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch

12:05 pm Mass for Frederick Mehler 6:00 pm Catholic Belief Series (Cantina)

WED 18

Feast of St. Luke

12:05 pm Mass for Dr. Edwin Angulo

THU 19

Memorial of Sts. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions

Mass for Christopher Collinvitti 12:05 pm

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Optional Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross

11:15 am Confessions

12:05 pm Mass for Kenneth Lee Snyder

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Mass for Chris Miller

9:30 am Rosary

5:00 pm Confessions

Mass for the Parishioners 6:00 pm

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for Barbara Nolte 10:30 am Mass for Raymond W. Holmes





"You are invited, so you are worthy! Come, let's celebrate!"

Whenever we don't do the things we are supposed to do, we always have our excuses to justify our actions, and resist change. While these excuses may get us out of tight situations they can also hinder us from growing and



becoming the people we are called to be. While we know that God is infinitely patient, we cannot make excuses for our conversion; we have to respond to His call or be left behind.

In the first reading, Isaiah proclaims the goodness of God, who is preparing a banquet for all his people on the holy mountain. The banquet symbolizes God's closeness to us and the celebration of the final victory over sin, suffering and death. This feast is not exclusively for the Israelites but for all people. God desires to invite all to his kingdom with no one excluded. The Lord comes to bring consolation to those who are sorrowing and to give new sight to those blinded by the disasters that afflict them. The call of the Christian is the call to hope in the Lord, who is concerned about everything that affects us, and will lead us to new joy that comes from being with the Lord.

The Gospel parable tells us that a king desires to celebrate the marriage feast for his son and so he sends out his messengers to summon all guests. Those invited refuse to come, thus insulting the king. The king is still patient with the guests and sends a second reminder but again those invited scorn the invitation and maltreat and kill the servants, which incenses the king who destroys them.

Since the banquet is all set, the king now sends his messengers to invite anyone whom they can find. And the servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the banquet hall was filled with guests. What is the point the Evangelist is trying to make through this parable? Firstly salvation is centered in Christ; it is always God who takes the initiative for salvation. We cannot do anything to start the process, faith is always a gift and it is through our faith that we are invited, as it were, to a royal banquet. If a VIP invited us to a very special occasion would we reject the invitation? Would we not think we were privileged ones to be invited? Yet, when it is Jesus who invites us, we are indifferent to His call, and busy ourselves with other matters which we believe are more important.

Secondly, the parable reminds us of the patience of God, who does not give up on us. The servants in the parable stand not only for the prophets but also for the apostles and special messengers whom God sends into our lives to remind us of his call. God can call us through His word, through prayer, he can call us through the preaching, teaching and witnessing. He can call us through the least expected of people. What is important is to heed his call when it comes and not to make excuses. He sent his only son and even when he was rejected and killed God did not abandon His people.

God's response to man's infidelity and ingratitude is unconditional love! May we respond with a resounding 'Yes' to God's invitation to us always!

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Wheeling Area

40 Hours DEVOTION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:00 PM | OPENING MASS Followed by Exposition / Adoration 9:00 PM | NIGHT PRAYER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00 AM | MORNING PRAYER
11:15 AM | CONFESSIONS
12:05 PM | MASS
12:45 PM | CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

6:00 PM | SUNG EVENING PRAYER

Deacon Paul Lim, Celebrant and Homilist

9:00 PM | NIGHT PRAYER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:00 AM | MORNING PRAYER
9:00 AM | MASS
9:30 AM | ROSARY
5:00 PM | CONFESSIONS
6:00 PM | CLOSING MASS
Bishop Mark Brennan, Celebrant and Homilist

At least two people are needed for every hour that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

PLEASE REGISTER BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

> OR BY CALLING 304-233-4121





October 24 - Finance Council

October 25 - Pastoral Council

October 26, 27, 28 - Forty Hours Devotion

November 1 - All Saints Day **November 2** - All Souls Day

November 3 - Eucharistic Adoration from 12:45-5pm

November 7 - "The Art of Dying Well" Series POSTPONED

November 14 - Women's Group Begins

November 15 - Evening Prayer for the Faithful Departed



New to the Parish?

Are you new to the Parish? Has your address or phone number changed? Are you a Catholic wishing to return to the Church? We would love to hear from you! Contact or stop by the Parish Offices to find out more information on how to become a member of the Cathedral Parish.

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Europe and the Americas, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. For more information or to give online, visit: OneFamilyInMission.org.

Collection

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Envelopes: \$2879 Loose: \$824 Online: \$771 **Total: \$4474**

Thank you for your support!





respect life month

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

Rosary Procession

What a truly moving, prayerful, and awe-inspiring evening for our Rosary Procession on Friday, October 6, as we gathered with our Bishop, priests, religious, and faithful from around the area to worship Our Lord and to honor Mary our Mother! So grateful to all those who attended as well as to those who helped make this event possible. May Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, intercede for us and bring us ever closer to her Divine Son!



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PARISH GROUPS

Youth & Young Adults

Launch Date To Be Announced

We are getting ready to start up a Youth & Young Adult Ministry! This will be a ministry and outreach to those in their late teens, twenties, and thirties, with teh goal of connecting yong adults with Jesus Christ, the Church, the mission of the Church in the world, and a peer community in which their faith is nurtured and strengthened. If you are interested, please use the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Book Club

First Sunday of the Month 9:15 - 10:15 am

St. Alphonsus Liguori once said: "Without good books and spiritual reading it will be morally impossible to save our souls." Many other saints have spoken of the importance of reading good books. We are listening to the saints and are starting a book club to help us fill our minds with holy things. Come answer the saints' invitation to read good Catholic books!

PrimeTimers

Next Event To Be Announced

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!

Women's Group

Begins November 14 Second Tuesday of the Month 6:30 - 7:30 pm

A women's discussion, prayer, and faith-sharing community open to all adult women at any stage of life. Our Cathedral Women's Group is intended to provide spiritual and social activities with monthly meetings that will facilitate Scripture study, prayer, fellowship, and fun.

Men's Group

Launch Date To Be Announced

A group of men committed to living out the Faith through prayer, friendship, and discussion, emulating the virtues of St. Joseph, and striving to become better husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Live & Give in Gratitude

prophet Isaiah teaches us that God will provide abundantly for those who trust in Him. In the parable of the wedding feast in St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus describes God's invitation to all to join Him in holiness. Sadly, because Jesus invites but never forces, many reject His call. In his Letter to the Philippians, St. Paul is grateful for that community's generous financial support, granted not out of St. Paul's needs, but from their own desire to give. God invites us, as Christian stewards, to live our lives for Him in gratitude for His abundant blessings. Read the United States Bishops' pastoral letter, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, for an understanding of Christian stewardship as a way of living as Christ's disciple.



On October 7, we celebrate a wellloved memorial in honour of the Rosary, and according to a long standing tradition, the entire month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. In the Rosary, with its sequence of prayers and mysteries, we contemplate the Gospel in company with the Blessed Virgin Mary. As St. John Paul II wrote in 2002, "the Rosary....is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness....With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer" (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 1).

Ways to Honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in October

- Pray the Rosary each day
- Devote Saturdays to Our Lady
- Place flowers in front of a statue of the Blessed Mother



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of October 15

THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 25:6-10 Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

MONDAY

Romans 1:1-7 Ps 98:1, 2-3,3-4 Luke 11:29-32

TUESDAY

Romans 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Luke 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY

2 Timothy 4:10-17 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Luke 10:1-9

THURSDAY

Romans 3:21-30 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Luke 11:47-54

FRIDAY

Romans 4:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 Luke 12:1-7

SATURDAY

Romans 4:13, 16-18 Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 Luke 12:8-12

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21

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.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

October 16 - St. Hedwig, religious (1174-1243)

born in Andechs, Bavaria, Germany. At the age of twelve, Hedwig was married to Duke Henry of Silesia, the head of the Polish Royal family. She bore him seven children, and they had a happy marriage. Henry founded a Cistercain convent at Trebnitz, as well as hospitals and monasteries. Henry died in 1238 and Hedwig became a Cistercian at Trebnitz. She was the aunt of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. *Patronage:* against jealousy

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin (1657-1690)

Also on October 16, we celebrate Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French visitation nun and mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In a series of visions, the form of this devotion was revealed: Holy Communion on the First Friday of each month, and the institution of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Margaret Mary was criticized by the other nuns but had the support of the community's confessor, St. Claude de la Colombière. *Patronage*: devotees of the Sacred Heart

October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch (c.50-107)

St. Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, was among those martyred during the Roman persectuions of the second century. On the long journey to Rome, Ignatius wrote several letters of instruction and encourgament to the Christians in Asia Minor.

October 18 - St. Luke, evangelist (1st century)

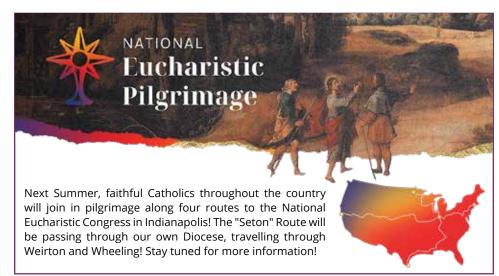
Saint Luke the Evangelist is traditionally known as the author of the Gospel that bears his name as well as of the Acts of the Apostles. He is also identified with the "beloved physician" referred to by St. Paul (Colossians 4:14). Luke was a Gentile from Antioch in Syria, and his roots show both in his writing style and in his sympathetic treatment of Gentiles in the Gospel that bears his name. According to the Acts of the Apostles, he accompanied St. Paul on some of his evangelizing journeys, and he stayed with Paul when he was imprisoned in Rome. *Patronage*: medical profession; painters; artists; sculptors; butchers

October 19 - The North American Martyrs (mid-17th century)

St. John de Brébeuf (1593-1649) and St. Isaac Jogues (1607-1646) were Jesuit missionaries who were martryed in North America with their fellow missionaries. For love of Christ, both Isaac Jogues and John de Brébeufreturned ot he Huron missionaries voluntarily, despite knowing that hardship and likely martyrdom awaited from there. *Patronage:* Canada

October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross, priest (1694-1775)

St. Paul of the Cross founded the Passionists to spread devotion to the passion and cross of Jesus. Single-minded in his dedication, St. Paul found the topic of hte passion to be an inexhaustible source of meditations and preaching.



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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer Angela Niehart Archer Hatch Arthur Danehart Austin Cook Barb Mazzocca Becky Schlosser Beth Jochum **Betty Teater** Bill Wilson **Bob Armstrong** Billy Hanasky Brian Hanasky **Brogan Gallentine** Caleb Hlebiczki Carol Young Carolyn Lash Carolyn Wiethe Catherine Lanham Charles Heizer Charles DeBeni Children of the Youth Services System Christina Helfer

Chuck Fair David A. Kress, Jr. Dianna Albright **Doug Jones** Eric South Eva Wood Fr. Joseph Wilhelm Frank Davis Frederick C. Schweizer Gail Koch George Kirchner Geri Adams Nagy Hines Rotriga Janet Castilow Janet Rodriguez Jean Schultz lim Antill Jim and Dee Jimmy Hocking Joe Bechtel John Petrella Ion-Michael Lasher Judy Pack

Kathy Cooley Kaitlyn Hanasky Kermit Klosterman Kristin Smith Langan Family Liam Barns Liam Manning Lukie Brown Margaret Stocke Marge Mucheck Marie Farnsworth Marie & Conner Workman Mark Davis Marshall South Martha Yocum Mary K. Schlosser Mary Walicki Michael DeBlasis Milissa Rose Nadine Greenwood Nicholas Barns Pete Cuffaro Pete Mack

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From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

Julia Sheets

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:

Communion in Non-Catholic Churches

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to receive Communion in non-Catholic churches?

Answer:

No, they are not. Receiving Communion in a non-Catholic church would proclaim that a person is in "communion" with that denomination and its teachings, and therefore not in "communion" with the Catholic Church.

Moreover, Communion for Protestant Christians is not what it is for Catholics. We believe that the most Holy Eucharist is truly the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, and this is true because bishops who enjoy an unbroken continuity with the original apostles ordained by Christ have validly ordained our priests. Protestants, on the other hand, do not have this "Real Presence," as we say, in their Communion; nor do most of them even believe in such a Real Presence in Communion.

The only time that a Catholic may licitly receive the Eucharist in a non-Catholic Church is spelled out clearly in Canon 844.2: "Whenever necessity requires or a genuine spiritual advantage commends it, and provided the danger of error or indifferentism is avoided, Christ's faithful for whom it is physically or morally impossible to approach a Catholic minister, may lawfully receive the sacraments of penance, the Eucharist and anointing of the sick from non-Catholic ministers in whose Churches these sacraments are valid" (emphasis added).

It is commonly understood that the churches in which these sacraments are valid are the Eastern Orthodox churches (Greek Orthodox, Byzantine Orthodox, etc.), the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church. But the Catholic Church does not consider Communion in the Protestant denominations to be valid (that is, the true Body and Blood of Christ), however meaningful the ceremony may be to those who take part in it.

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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.

