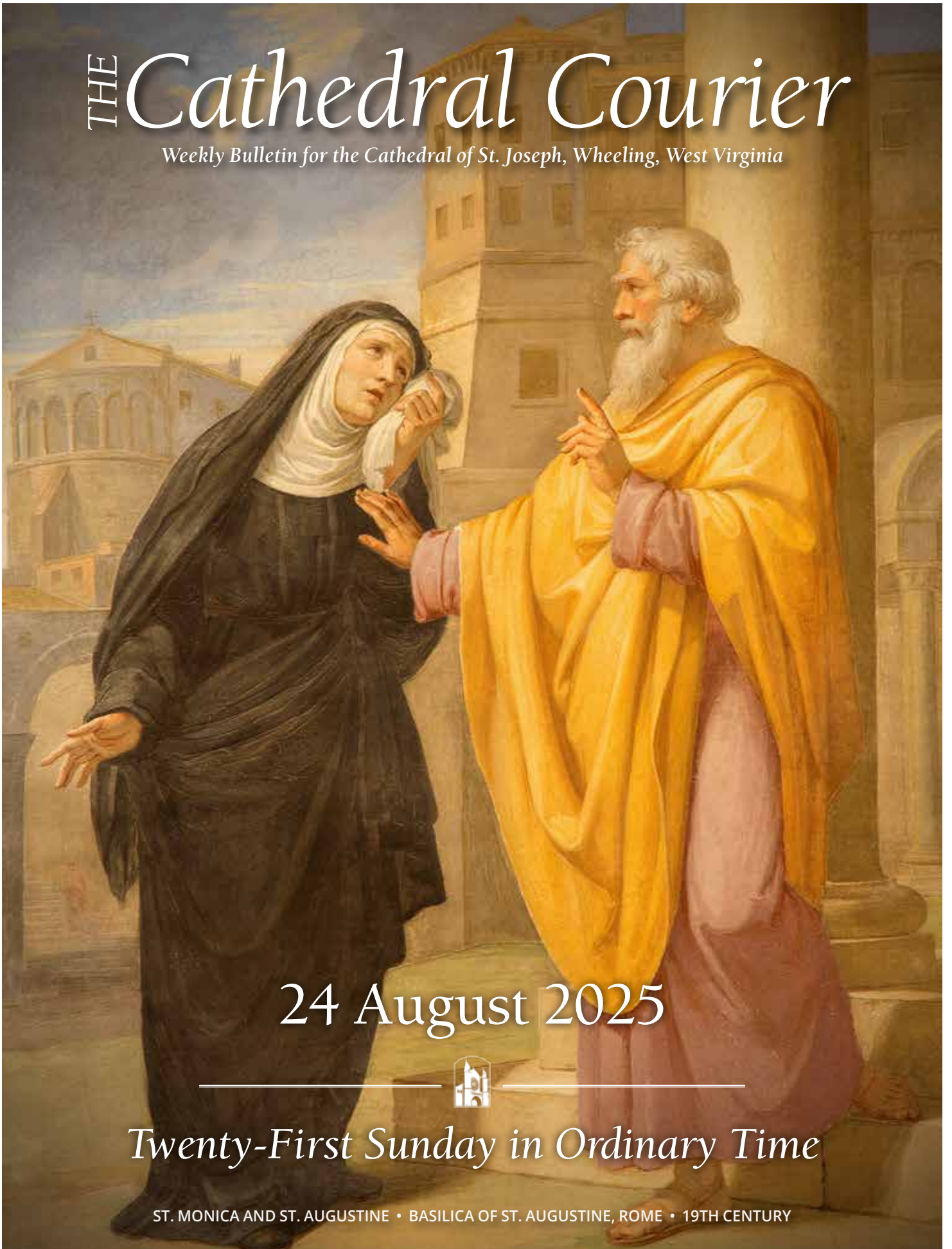


# THE Cathedral Courier

Weekly Bulletin for the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, West Virginia



24 August 2025



*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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# HOLY MASS

## SUNDAY

7:30 AM  
10:30 AM

## SATURDAY

9:00 AM  
6:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

## WEEKDAYS (Monday-Friday)

12:05 PM

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*Bulletin articles are due by 12 Noon on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.*

### REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained at [www.saintjosephcathedral.com](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com) or through the parish office.

Please notify the parish of address changes.

#### From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

To report an incident 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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

*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.*

# SACRAMENTS

## **Confession**

Friday: 11:00 am to 11:45 am  
Saturday: 11:00 am to 12 Noon

## **Baptism**

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a meeting with the priest as well as the necessary preparation.

## **Marriage**

Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to make an appointment with the priest.

## **Holy Orders**

If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a priest, deacon, or religious brother or sister, please contact Fr. John Soplinski, the Diocesan Director of Vocations at [jsoplinski@dwc.org](mailto:jsoplinski@dwc.org) or (304) 233-4121.

## **Pastoral Care of the Sick**

Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners confined to home. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Those who are seriously ill or who are preparing for surgery should request a priest for Anointing of the Sick.



Visit the Sacraments page at [www.saintjosephcathedral.com](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com) for more information.

## LIVE STREAMED MASSES

Our Sunday Masses are live-streamed and archived for later viewing at [www.dwc.org/mass](http://www.dwc.org/mass).  
*While this is a valuable resource for those unable to attend in person due to health or other serious reasons, please remember that live-streamed Masses are not a substitute for the in-person celebration.*



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# Masses & Schedule

August 24 - 31, 2025

## SUN 24 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for + Jack Belby, Sr.  
7:30 am Mass for + Patricia Felton  
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

## MON 25 Optional Memorials of St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

12:05 pm Mass for + Deacon John Moses

## TUE 26 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for + Jack Jochum, Jr.  
5:30 pm Knights of Columbus 125th Anniversary

## WED 27 Memorial of St. Monica

12:05 pm Mass for + Lawrence J. Manning  
6:00 pm St. Monica Mass

## THU 28 Memorial of St. Augustine

12:05 pm Mass for + Ronnie Kreitzer  
6:00 pm Eucharistic Missionaries Series (*Cantina*)

## FRI 29 Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

11:00 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for Mary Bartolovich

## SAT 30 Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Mass for the Living & Deceased Members of the CCHS Class of 1961  
11:00 am Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for + Albert Mazur

## SUN 31 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Mass for the Parishioners  
10:30 am Mass for + Violet Gossett

***The Rosary is prayed Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. Please join us as we pray especially for an increase in vocations in our diocese.***

# RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that following Him is not always easy. He calls us to strive to enter through the narrow gate, living lives of faith, humility, and trust. Salvation is God's free gift, but it requires a willing heart, perseverance, and a daily commitment to walk closely with Christ. As disciples, we are invited to live with courage and conviction, especially in a world that often leads us toward comfort rather than holiness.

This Wednesday, August 27, we will celebrate the Memorial of St. Monica with a special Mass at 6:00 p.m. St. Monica's patient and persevering prayers led to the conversion of her son, St. Augustine, one of the greatest saints and doctors of the Church. On this feast, we pray especially for all those who have no faith or who have fallen away from the practice of the Faith. Please consider joining us for this beautiful evening Mass as we place our loved ones in God's hands through Monica's powerful intercession.

Finally, this is the last weekend for our Pastoral Council elections. We encourage all parishioners to prayerfully participate as we select three new members to serve our parish family in this important role of leadership and collaboration. Your voice matters, and we are grateful for your participation in helping to guide the mission and ministry of our Cathedral community.

Let us continue to pray for one another, for our parish family, and for the renewal of faith in every heart. May we always seek the Lord with perseverance and trust, knowing that He walks with us on this journey toward the Kingdom.

In Christ,  
*Father Pen*

## Pastoral Council Elections

### This Weekend

Elections for the Pastoral Council will take place this weekend. Ballots are available at the back of the church and may be submitted in the designated ballot box.

**Please note that only active, registered parishioners of the Cathedral may vote, and each person may vote only once.**

To ensure the integrity of the process, each ballot must include a signed honesty statement to be counted.

Candidates should possess the following qualities: a desire for spiritual growth, enthusiasm for the parish's future, readiness to guide decisions, willingness to build consensus, strong listening and communication skills, integrity, the ability to inspire and delegate, and openness to people and ideas.

Thank you for your honest and prayerful participation!

# ANNUAL NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

SEPTEMBER 8 – NOVEMBER 3, 2025  
NINE CONSECUTIVE MONDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

*Hope Does Not Disappoint*



Cathedral of Saint Joseph  
Wheeling, West Virginia

*"The more you honor me, the more I will bless you."*

**We invite you to join us for the annual Infant Jesus of Prague Novena, beginning Monday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m.** The Novena will continue for nine consecutive Monday evenings, concluding on November 3.

Each week includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a reflection by a guest homilist, music, and prayers to the Infant of Prague. This year's theme, "Hope Does Not Disappoint," will guide our reflections as we continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope.

All are warmly invited to take part in this beautiful devotion and experience the powerful intercession of the Divine Child Jesus.



**Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we have raised \$51,864—well beyond our goal of \$16,400!** Every gift continues to support the vital ministries at the Cathedral. Your support is making a real difference, and we are deeply grateful for your continued partnership. If you haven't had the chance to contribute yet, there's still time to give! Simply scan the QR code below or return your pledge card today. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us continue our mission.



**To make a secure online donation in support of the Catholic Sharing Appeal, please scan this QR code using the camera on your smartphone or device.**

## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

- August 27** - St. Monica Mass, 6pm
- August 29** - Healing Mass at St. Alphonsus, 6pm
- September 6/7** - Celebration of Carlo Acutis Canonization
- September 8** - Infant of Prague Novena begins, 7pm
- September 15** - Blessing of Catechists & Students
- September 21** - Stewardship Sunday

## Knights of Columbus

Please join Council 504 Knights of Columbus in celebrating their 125th year anniversary with a Mass on Tuesday, August 26 at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Bishop Mark Brennan will be the celebrant.

## Memorial Offerings

Parishioners and friends are welcome to honor or remember a loved one through the following weekly memorial offerings. Intentions will be published in the Cathedral bulletin. To schedule a memorial, please contact the parish office.

### Bread and Wine Offering – \$25

Loved ones can be remembered weekly with the bread and wine consecrated at Mass.

### Altar Candles – \$20

The burning candles at the altar symbolize Christ, the Light of the World, and remind us of our call to continual prayer.

### Mass Intention – \$10

Have a Mass offered for a specific intention or in memory of a loved one.

## Supporting Our Parish

### Your Gift Makes a Difference

We are very grateful to those who are able to support the Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish. Your support allows us to continue our mission and provide vital ministries. Here are some simple ways to give:



**Online:** OSV Online Giving is a fast, secure, simple way to make your contributions. Visit [www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving)



**By Mail:** Mail to Cathedral of St. Joseph  
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**In Person:** At Mass during the collection or dropped off at the parish offices.

## COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE

**August 24, 2025**

Envelopes: \$1624 • Loose: \$1144 • Online: \$748 • Total: \$3516  
Maintenance Fund: \$260 • Assumption: \$858  
Seminarian Education Fund: 1056  
Attendance: 274

**Thank you for your generous support!**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of August 24

### THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 77:18-21  
Ps 117:1, 2  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Luke 13:22-30

### MONDAY

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10  
Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9  
Matthew 23:13-22

### TUESDAY

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Ps 139:1-3, 4-5  
Mark 6:17-29

### WEDNESDAY

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12  
Matthew 23:27-32

### THURSDAY

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13  
Ps 90:3-5, 12-13, 14, 17  
Matthew 24:42-51

### FRIDAY

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8  
Ps 97:1, 2, 5-6, 10, 11-12  
Matthew 25:1-13

### SATURDAY

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11  
Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9  
Matthew 25:14-30

### NEXT SUNDAY

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29  
Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11  
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

*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.*

## The Way Retreat for Survivors of Abuse

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is offering retreats for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a women's retreat on Sept. 19-21, 2025 and April 25 - 26, 2026. In partnership with the Archdiocese of Atlanta, a men's retreat will be held June 12-14, 2026.

This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>. To register, email [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org).

To protect the privacy of survivors, the archdiocese will not publicize the location of the retreat.

### Frequently Asked Questions

Will I have to talk about my abuse in a group? Answer: No. You may talk with others if you wish, but sharing details is never required. The retreat focuses on prayer, Scripture, God's plan for you, Reconciliation, and Mass.

I'm not a victim of clergy abuse. Can I come? Answer: Yes! This retreat is for anyone who has experienced any kind of abuse. You are welcome here.

Is there a fee? Answer: No, it's free to attend.

## Leave a Legacy Gift

Do you hold the Cathedral of St. Joseph close to your heart? Including the Cathedral in your will or estate plan is a thoughtful way to support its mission for years to come—without impacting your finances today.

A legacy gift helps ensure that the faith, worship, and ministry carried out here will continue to flourish for future generations.

### Ways to include the Cathedral in your estate plans:

**1. List the Cathedral as a beneficiary (POD or TOD)** on a bank or investment account.

**2. Include a direct gift in your Will or Trust**, such as a specific dollar amount.

**3. Designate a percentage of your estate or trust** to benefit the Cathedral after your passing.

### Wording for bequests:

"Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church of Wheeling-Charleston, for the use and benefit of the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, WV, for the Cathedral."

Thank you for considering this lasting and faith-filled way to support your parish!

## 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 at 304-233-4121 or [tgreenwood@dwc.org](mailto:tgreenwood@dwc.org)**

# GROUPS & MINISTRIES



We invite all men in the community to join us in building authentic friendships with Christ and each other so that we can walk together in becoming the men He has called us to be.

**We will be participating in the upcoming five week course on becoming Eucharistic Missionaries and encourage you to do the same!**

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## Sisters in Grace Women's Group

The Sisters in Grace are a joyful group of Catholic women who grow in faith through prayer, fellowship, and service. Open to women of all ages, they foster sisterhood, deepen their relationship with God, and support the Church and community. For more information, please contact Stephanie at [thebugajs@gmail.com](mailto:thebugajs@gmail.com)

## St. Monica Prayer Group

**Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. | St. Alphonsus**

Join the St. Monica Prayer Group as we unite in prayer for loved ones who have wandered from the Faith.

## Faith Sharing Book Club

**Sunday, September 7 at 9:00 a.m. | Rectory**

Our book club provides a unique opportunity for parishioners to come together and explore the richness of Catholic literature and spiritual writings.



## Adult Faith Formation

**Our Adult Faith Formation will resume on Thursday, August 21 with a five-week course on becoming Eucharistic Missionaries!** Please see page 4 for more details and sign up today!

## Stewardship Reflection

On this Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus speaks of the narrow gate and the importance of striving to enter the Kingdom of God. His words are a call to intentional living—not passive belief, but daily discipleship. Stewardship is one way we walk that path, choosing each day to use our time, gifts, and resources in service of the Gospel. As summer draws to a close, it is a good time to reflect: Am I striving for the Kingdom with my life? Am I putting my faith into action? The gate is narrow, but grace makes the journey possible.

## St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

St. Gianna ministry invites you to **"Calling All Young People" Pro-Life Conference**  
Hosted by West Virginians for Life  
Northern Panhandle Chapter

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

Who: Geared toward ages 13 through college. ALL ages are welcome.

Where: Lava Avenue Baptist Church, 5 Lava Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
with Grab n Go or Eat In Dinner at 5:00 pm.  
Pre-registration requested.  
Walk-ins welcome if seats are available.

Cost: \$10 each or \$25 per family of 3 or more

For questions or more information, call or text Faith Meyer at 304-650-2866.

## Seniors Group

**DATE CHANGE:**

**Wednesday, August 27  
Lunch at 1:00 p.m.**

**Oglebay Garden Bistro**

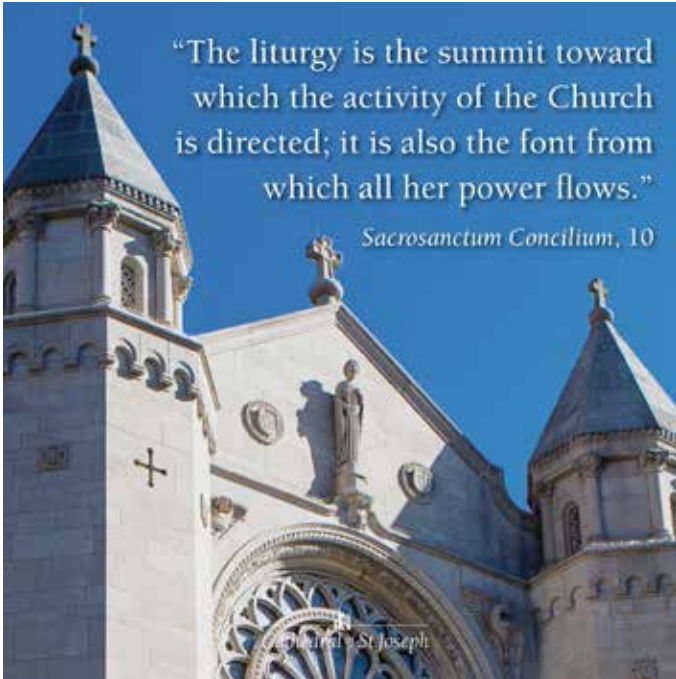
If you are 55 years and over and searching for a group that shares conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, this group is just for you!



## August 30/31 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
<b>Saturday 6:00 pm</b>	Lee. B. Deirdre B.	Liam G. Martin I.	Charla F. Deb Y.	Patti D. Judy M.
<b>Sunday 7:30 am</b>	Paul R. Debbie R.	Sarah M. Julia S.	Elizabeth M. Adrienne M.	Tamora M. Julia S.
<b>Sunday 10:30 am</b>	Linda F. Cheryl J.	The Brown Family Martin I.	Christina B. Isabella B.	John T. Nick T.
<b>Collection Counters for this Week</b>		Helen P., Julia S., Carolyn W.		

# LIVING OUR FAITH



The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. While its memorial is usually celebrated in June, the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, this month we also honor Mary's Immaculate Heart as we celebrate her Assumption (August 15) and her Coronation or Queenship (August 22). Many prayers are dedicated to her Immaculate Heart. Here is one short enough to memorize and pray daily 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

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St. Jeanne Jugan (1792-1879)

*Feast Day: August 30*

Saint Jeanne Jugan, also known as Sister Mary of the Cross, was the foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor, a congregation dedicated to serving the elderly poor with dignity and love. Born in France during the turbulent years of the French Revolution, she grew up in a devout but impoverished family and developed a deep compassion for the most vulnerable.



In 1839, Jeanne welcomed a blind, paralyzed elderly woman into her home and cared for her as if she were her own family. Soon, other women joined her, and together they began caring for more elderly poor, founding what became the Little Sisters of the Poor. Despite being removed from leadership later in life, Jeanne accepted it humbly and spent her final years in prayer and quiet service.

Canonized in 2009, Saint Jeanne Jugan is a shining example of humility, charity, and trust in God's providence.

Saint Jeanne Jugan, pray for us!

### Please remember in your prayers:

Blanche Kirkland	Laine Castello	Pete Cuffaro
Cheryl Garrison	Maria Workman	Susan Ackerman
Eleanor DiProsperis	Marsha Bartlett	Our Homebound
Joe Bechtel	Millie Kirkpatrick	Parishioners
Joyce Hehr	Pat Edmon	

## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION

### August: For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

## When was the last time you invited someone to Mass?

**Each of us has a responsibility to evangelize, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.** How can we reach out to our friends, family members, and coworkers who are not practicing their faith? **Consider inviting them to join you for Mass.** Pray that the Lord may open their hearts and minds to His grace and draw them closer to Him.

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

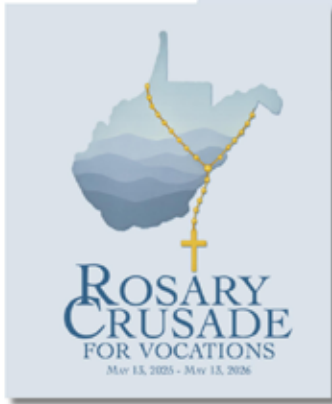
Let us welcome the newest members of our Cathedral Parish Family:

**Tiffany Braunlich**  
**David & Candice Keane**

*May you find a joyful and faith-filled home here at the Cathedral of St. Joseph!*

# ROSARY CRUSADE FOR VOCATIONS IN WV

SCAN ME!



From May 13, 2025, to May 13, 2026,  
faithful around the world can join our  
Rosary Crusade for Vocations in WV.  
PRAYER WORKS!  
Step up for Jesus and His Church!  
**Pledge. Share. Pray.**



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: *Basilicas vs. Cathedrals*

### Question:

What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

### Answer:

Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or "cathedra" in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority.

While a church can be both a basilica and a cathedral, the titles are not interchangeable. A basilica is designated by the Pope as a mark of special honor, often because of its historical, architectural, or spiritual significance. A cathedral, however, is defined by function rather than honor: it is the church where the bishop presides, teaches, and governs the local diocese. For example, some cathedrals are also basilicas, but many basilicas are not cathedrals at all.



## CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND

Our beautiful Cathedral, rich in history and faith, needs essential repairs to preserve it for future generations. Three critical projects have been identified:

**Roof Repairs:** A major leak threatens interior damage — estimated at \$145,000

**Wall Repairs:** Cracked limestone near a transept window needs urgent repair — \$9,680

**HVAC Replacement:** Our aging system and obsolete refrigerant require full replacement — \$250,000

Your generous contributions will help us safeguard our Cathedral's future. Please consider making a donation towards these essential repairs. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

**So far we have received \$38,502 in donations. Thank you for your support!**

*If you have a question you'd like answered, please email [tgreenwood@dwc.org](mailto:tgreenwood@dwc.org).*

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## MOUNTAIN STATE CATHOLIC MEN

Friday, September 12  
St. Joseph Cathedral Parish  
Wheeling, WV

5:30 P.M. EXPOSITION OF  
BLESSED SACRAMENT & VESPERS

6:30 P.M. INFORMAL DINNER  
FOLLOWED BY ROUNDTABLE  
DISCUSSION

Saturday, September 13  
Pittsburgh, PA

Gathering of Catholic Men's Conference  
Noon to 4:30 p.m. (Mass at 4:30 p.m.)

For more information and to register for  
Pittsburgh conference, go to:

[www.cmfwpa.org](http://www.cmfwpa.org)

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*“To always be close to Jesus—that’s my life plan.”*

# A CELEBRATION OF THE CANONIZATION OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

Join us as we give thanks to God for the canonization of *Saint Carlo Acutis*, the first millennial saint—an ordinary teenager with extraordinary faith.

◆ **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 | 7:00 P.M.**

*Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality* Movie

Pizza, popcorn & drinks provided

◆ **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 | 10:30 A.M.**

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

*The highlight of our weekend celebration!*

A reception will follow the Mass, featuring  
**Carlo’s Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition**

Share your photos with **#CarloCanonized**

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