

THE Cathedral Courier

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

16 November 2025



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained at 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 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 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 for more information.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES

Our Sunday Masses are live-streamed and archived for later viewing at 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

November 16 - 23, 2025

SUN 16 **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners
7:30 am Mass for + Ginny Felton
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)
10:30 am Mass for + Mary O'Neil

MON 17 **Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

12:05 pm Mass for + Mary Lou Guckert

TUE 18 **Optional Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne**

12:05 pm Mass for + Joseph Paytash, Jr.

WED 19 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

12:05 pm Mass for + Jack & Evelyn Jochum
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph (*Chancery Cantina*)

THU 20 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

12:05 pm Mass for + Margaret Scheibelhood
7:30 pm Catholics in Recovery (*St. Alphonsus*)

FRI 21 **Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

11:00 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for + Marion & Gladys Rine
6:00 pm Evening Prayer for the Faithful Departed

SAT 22 **Memorial of St. Cecilia**

9:00 am Mass for + Nadine Greenwood
11:00 am Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for + Fred (Muzz) Respole

SUN 23 **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

7:30 am Mass for the Parishioners
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)
10:30 am Mass for + Most Reverend John J. Swint
(Anniversary of Death - 1962)

The Rosary is prayed Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. and on Saturday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Please join us as we pray especially for an increase in vocations in our diocese.

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to His disciples about difficult times ahead — wars, persecution, and trials (Luke 21:5–19). Yet He tells them, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." These words remind us that even when the world around us seems uncertain, our faith in Christ gives us strength and peace. The Lord never abandons His people. He calls us to stay faithful, to keep trusting Him, and to live with hope in His promises.

As we near the end of the liturgical year, the Church turns our attention to the final things — the return of Christ, the judgment of the world, and the fullness of His Kingdom. These are not meant to frighten us, but to awaken our hearts to live each day faithfully and to keep our eyes fixed on heaven. Every Mass we celebrate is a reminder that Christ is with us now, preparing us for eternal life with Him.

I also wish to express my continued gratitude for the support shown toward our *Centennial Campaign: Let Us Go Rejoicing to the House of the Lord!* Your prayers and generosity are helping us care for our beautiful Cathedral as we prepare to celebrate its 100th anniversary next year. If you have not yet made a pledge, I encourage you to prayerfully consider doing so. Together, we are building up the Church, both spiritually and physically, for generations to come.

Let us persevere in faith and hope, trusting in the Lord who remains with us always.

In Christ,
Father Pen



Angel Tree

Christmas Giving Program

Angel Tree in the narthex starting November 22/23

PLEASE RETURN GIFTS BY DEC. 9

To Cathedral Sacristy or Parish Offices

Help us spread Christmas joy by choosing a tag from our Angel Tree.

Please return the tags with wrapped gifts or gift cards.





New Ministry!

We invite the men of our parish to consider serving in a new volunteer "greeter support" ministry before Masses.

To ensure that those arriving at church are welcomed into an atmosphere of peace and safety, the volunteer would assist the greeters in the event of any confusion or discord. On the rare occasion that the greeters need assistance, the volunteer would be expected, with support from the parish staff, to respond to the situation at hand.

Along with the greeters, the volunteer would need to be visible in the narthex of the church approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Once Mass begins, the volunteer would go to your seat as usual.

One volunteer is required for the Saturday 6pm Mass and one for the 10:30 am Mass, in addition to special Masses (e.g. Holy Days of Obligation, Easter Vigil, etc.). A rotation of volunteers would be assigned to the Mass that each volunteer attends on a regular basis.

If you feel called to this ministry and would like more information, please contact Tyler Greenwood at tgreenwood@dwc.org or by calling the parish office at 304-233-4121.

Attention all Cursillistas!!

There will be an Ultreya on Sunday, November 16th at 4:30 at St. Vincents in Wheeling. If you are not able to attend in person, please consider joining us virtually. For more information or to receive the zoom invitation, simply e-mail cursillo@dwc.org attention Joe Pangilinan. All cursillistas are welcome. De Colores!

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

- November 21** - Evening Prayer, 6:00pm
- November 22/23** - Angel Tree Launch
- November 24** - Mass of Gratitude, 12:05pm
- November 27** - Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9:00am
- November 28** - Evening Prayer, 6:00pm
- November 30** - First Sunday of Advent
- November 30** - Thanksgiving Potluck, following 10:30am Mass
- Sundays of Advent** - Sung Vespers, 6:00pm
- December 5** - First Friday Adoration, 12:45pm-5:00pm
- December 6/7** - Angel Tree Gift Return
- December 8** - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- December 12** - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, 6:00pm
- December 19** - Advent Penance Service, 6:00pm
- December 21** - Decorating the Church for Christmas
- December 24** - Confessions, 1:00pm-3:00pm
- December 24** - Christmas Eve Mass, 6:00pm
- December 25** - Christmas Midnight Mass
- December 25** - Christmas Day Mass, 10:30am
- December 28** - Closing Mass for Jubilee Year, 10:30am
- December 31** - Confessions, 2:00pm-3:30pm
- December 31** - Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God, 6:00pm
- January 1** - Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, 10:30am
- January 4** - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
- January 4** - Epiphany Party, 3:00pm, St. Alphonsus Hall
- January 12** - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



Cathedral Centennial Campaign

For 100 years, the Cathedral of St. Joseph has been the heart of our Diocese - a place of prayer, worship, and encounter with God. As we celebrate this milestone, we're working to preserve our Mother Church for generations to come. **To learn more and make a donation, scan the QR code above or visit www.saintjosephcathedral.com/100th**

COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE

November 9, 2025

Envelopes: \$1508 • Loose: \$1497 • Online: \$1172 • **Total: \$4177**
 Maintenance Fund \$675 • Archdiocese for Military: \$505

Attendance: 290

Thank you for your generous support!



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of November 16

THIS SUNDAY

Malachi 3:19-20
Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

MONDAY

1 Micah 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158
Luke 18:35-43

TUESDAY

2 Micah 6:1-31
Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Luke 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY

2 Micah 7:1, 20-31
Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15
Luke 19:11-28

THURSDAY

1 Micah 2:15-29
Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15
Luke 19:41-44

FRIDAY

1 Micah 2:15-29
Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15
Luke 19:41-44

SATURDAY

1 Micah 6:1-13
Ps 9:2-3, 4, 6, 16, 19
Luke 20:27-40

NEXT SUNDAY

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

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.

Pittsburgh Auxiliary Bishop Closes Novena

By: Colleen Rowan, The Catholic Spirit

On the final night of the Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling on Nov. 3, Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid of Pittsburgh said the Infant is a sign of hope. This was the third year the bishop was a guest homilist at the novena, and he shared that it was a joy to be with the congregation once again for the devotion. In this Holy Year, both Pope Francis and Pope Leo have given the faithful the message of hope

to ponder, Bishop Waltersheid said in his homily. "And it's a timely message for us to have because, if truth be told, there are those days when we find it hard to really exercise the virtue of hope," Bishop Waltersheid said. "But it's a theological virtue that has already been given to us when the waters of baptism were poured over us."



"We look to the one who came into the world taking on human flesh as a tiny child," he said, "and just as he is depicted in this beautiful image of the Infant of Prague—that one tiny hand holds the world, and in the other tiny hand is bestowed the blessing upon the world and upon each one of us."

Referring to the Most Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar, the bishop said, "... we see hope for the world, salvation for souls, destruction of sin, and healing for every one of us in precisely the way he knows we need to be healed. Present in what appears to be a mere piece of bread, but in it is heaven itself. For he, who is Lord of heaven and earth, fulfills his promise to be with us always until the end of the age by giving to his Church this tremendous sacrament of his body and blood. "Who then are we to doubt? Who then are we to say I cannot, O Lord, when we know he who commands says you can because I am with you. Whatever is happening in our life, in our families, whatever trials afflict our families or marriages, whatever difficulty comes because of work, no matter what seems to be falling apart in our nation, no matter what happens throughout the world as war rages in Ukraine these last years, when Christians are persecuted in Nigeria and China and throughout the world, we may say what can I do about any of it? The little king says to us, come to me and I will show you."

Following his homily, Bishop Waltersheid carried the Most Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance throughout the cathedral, stopping roughly 30 times to bestow blessings upon the faithful.



The news of all that is happening in the country, throughout the world, and even in the Church can rob us of hope, he said, but then we recognize how hope came to find us in the form of a tiny child. "An infant conceived in the womb of our blessed Lady in that little house in Nazareth and then born for us in a stable in Bethlehem," he said. "So, when those days come along ... when it seems that hope has flown away, we remember him. Those days when we feel hopeless and helpless, those times we think nothing I do will matter or what I set about to do always seems to fail—and then our ancient enemy comes creeping along and says, give up—we know that hope already dwells in our midst."

GROUPS & MINISTRIES



SONS of SAINT JOSEPH

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.

Mass for Deceased Sons & Family Members
Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.
Bishops' Chapel, Mount Calvary Cemetery

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Sisters in Grace

Gratitude and Giving Potluck

Friday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

We are a fellowship of women who grow together in faith through prayer and friendship.



Faith Sharing Book Club

Sunday, December 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.



St. Monica Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 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.

Stewardship Reflection

On this Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus speaks of trials and tribulations, but also of endurance and trust in God's promises. As the liturgical year nears its end, we're reminded that our time on earth is passing—and what we do with it matters. Christian stewardship calls us to live with purpose, offering our time, gifts, and lives in service of something eternal. In a world filled with uncertainty, may we remain faithful, generous, and hopeful, keeping our eyes fixed on the Kingdom that will never pass away.

St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

Help us create a culture of life in Wheeling!



Donate to our new mobile baby pantry:

St. Gianna's Goods on the Go!

We'll be making regular deliveries of baby, toddler, and maternity supplies to parents at public housing and service organizations.

How you can help

Monthly sponsorships of specific items, to ensure our inventories are stocked;

Pray for this work! In addition to meeting material needs, we'll be praying with these parents and inviting them to church!

Contact: Amy Carlson Miesel (304) 312-9051
 Jennie Adams (304) 281-1349
 or Tyler at the Cathedral Office: (304) 233-4121

Catholics in Recovery

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. | St. Alphonsus Hall

This program offers support for those facing addictions and unhealthy attachments - including alcohol, drugs, pornography, relationships, food, gambling, and anxiety. Come for yourself or someone you love who is struggling. *For more information, please e-mail Fr. John Soplinski at jsoplinski@dwc.org or call the parish office at 304-233-4121.*

Rosary Altar Society

Saturday, December 6 after 9am Mass & Rosary

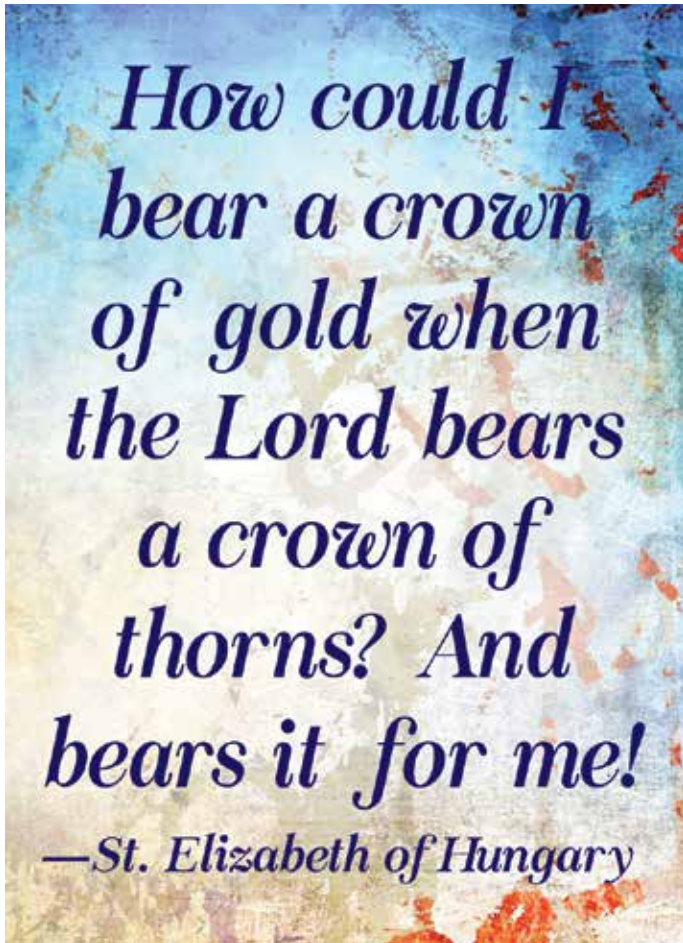
We foster devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayer, care for the altar and sanctuary, and service to the Cathedral family.



November 22/23 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

| | Greeter | Altar Server | Reader | EMHC |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Saturday 6:00 pm | Yvonne K. Judy Mil. | Martin I. | Roberta P. Br. John B. | Patti D. Judy M. |
| Sunday 7:30 am | Paul B. Kathleen B. | Sarah M. Julia S. | Jim E. Susanna K. | Tamora M. Julia S. |
| Sunday 10:30 am | Catherine L. Cheryl J. | Martin I. The Brown Family | Christina B. Isabella B. | Cathy L. Catherine L. |
| Collection Counters for this Week | | Helen P., Julia S., Carolyn W. | | |

LIVING OUR FAITH



Month of the Holy Souls

"It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins," we read in 2 Maccabees (12:45–46; cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 958). Praying for the deceased is a cherished tenet of our faith, rooted in our belief in the resurrection of the body and the communion of saints. "Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayer and intercession" (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 6). Trusting in God's mercy, we continue to pray for them, knowing this spiritual bond is never broken. In November, as we celebrate All Souls, we remember in a special way all who have died — those known to us, and those known only to God.

Ways to Honor the Holy Souls

- Visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased
- Pray for the souls in purgatory with St. Gertrude's Prayer
- Perform acts of charity and sacrifices for the holy souls

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION

November: For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.

- St. Gertrude the Great

Please remember in your prayers:

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| Bill Hehr | Laine Castello | Pete Cuffaro |
| Blanche Kirkland | Maria Workman | Susan Ackerman |
| Cheryl Garrison | Marsha Bartlett | Our Homebound |
| Crystal Vines | Millie Kirkpatrick | Parishioners |
| Joe Bechtel | Pat Edmon | |

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207–1231)

Feast Day: November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary was a princess who became a model of Christian charity and humility. Born into royalty, she married young and lived a life of deep faith and generosity, dedicating herself to serving the poor even while living in a royal court.



After the death of her husband, Louis IV, she embraced a life of simplicity and service, giving away her wealth and devoting herself completely to God. She built hospitals, cared for the sick with her own hands, and found joy in seeing Christ in the poor.

Elizabeth's short life was marked by love, sacrifice, and compassion. Canonized only four years after her death, she remains a powerful witness that holiness is found in selfless love.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:
Calling Priests Father

Question:
 Why do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer:
 Some evangelical Christians object to Catholics calling priests “Father,” pointing to Jesus’ words in Matthew: “Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven” (23:19). Taken alone, this seems clear, but in context Jesus is condemning religious leaders who had forgotten their proper role and acted with hypocrisy and pride.

In other parts of the Gospels, Jesus himself uses the title father, including in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Viewed within the whole of his teaching, Jesus is not banning words like “father,” “rabbi,” or “master,” but warning us not to misuse them or forget their true meaning.

Calling a priest “Father” reflects more than respect; it goes back to how St. Paul understood his ministry. He wrote, “I admonish you as my beloved children... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching... This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

God alone is our heavenly Father, yet we also have spiritual fathers who nurture our faith. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have used paternal titles—abbot and abbess (from abba), and “pope” (from *papa*)—for their leaders. The title “Father” reminds priests of their responsibility to care for, teach, protect, and nourish the people entrusted to them, after the example of our Father in heaven who always gives us what we truly need.

If you have a question you'd like answered, please email tgreenwood@dwc.org.



Our beautiful Cathedral, rich in history and faith, needs essential repairs to preserve it for generations to come. Please consider making a donation. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

So far we have received \$45,301 in donations. Thank you for your support!

Leave a Legacy Gift

Do you hold the Cathedral close to your heart? Including it in your will or estate plan is a meaningful way to ensure our faith and ministry continue for generations.

- You can:**
- Name the Cathedral as a beneficiary on an account
 - Leave a specific gift in your Will or Trust
 - Designate a percentage of your estate

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 gift of faith!

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has designated four pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year 2025, including our own Cathedral of St. Joseph! The other sites are the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (Charleston), St. Patrick Church (Weston), and St. Joseph Parish (Martinsburg).

From now until December 28, 2025, the faithful are invited to visit these locations to obtain a Jubilee Indulgence, as called for by Pope Francis. To receive this special grace, pilgrims must:

Make a brief pilgrimage to one of the designated sites as a sign of conversion and hope.

Pray—by participating in Holy Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, the Stations of the Cross, or the Rosary.

Confess—receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days before or after the pilgrimage.

Receive Holy Communion, reflecting on the hope God gives.

Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions, with the Our Father and Hail Mary recommended.

A Plenary Indulgence may be applied to oneself or a soul in purgatory and can be obtained once per day.

For a full list of Jubilee pilgrimage sites in the U.S., visit www.usccb.org/jubilee2025/pilgrimage-sites-us

Let us embrace this sacred time as Pilgrims of Hope!

We're hiring!

The Parishes of the Cathedral of St. Joseph and St. Alphonsus in Wheeling are looking to hire a custodian.

This full-time position will be split between caring for both parishes. Responsibilities will include sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, dusting, and trash removal; cleaning restrooms, windows, doors, carpets/rugs; and the occasional painting and minor building, electrical and plumbing repairs. Candidate must be available for snow removal as needed for weekend Masses. Standard benefits package.

Candidate should be a Catholic in good standing. Apply by calling or emailing one of the parish offices.

Cathedral: (304) 233-4121
cathedraloffice@dwc.org

St. Alphonsus: (304) 232-4353
office@stalswheeling.org

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the Cathedral parish office at 304-233-4121 or email jmanning@dwc.org. Our OCIA classes have just begun, but we are still welcoming new candidates.

Do you know or are you a student at West Liberty or Bethany? Consider visiting the Hilltop Catholic Campus Ministry

During the School Year:

- Mass (Sunday at 8:00 pm)
- Adoration (Sunday at 7:30 pm)
- Bible Study (Thursday at 6:00 pm)
- Service Opportunities and more



Contact Dcn. Jacob Manning with questions:
jmanning@dwc.org
www.hilltopcampusministry.org

ADVENT VESPERS

Join us for Sung Solemn Vespers at the Cathedral this Advent Season on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.



NOV 30



DEC 7



DEC 14



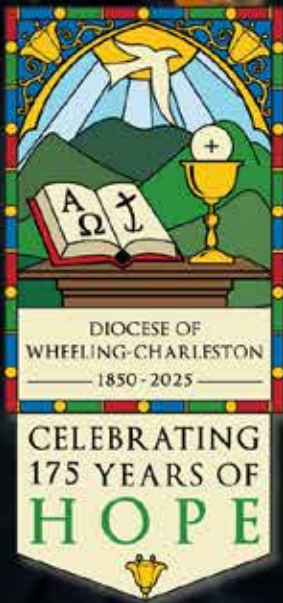
DEC 21

Music by The Cathedral Schola

Vespers is the official evening prayer of the Church.

Based on scripture, it consists of psalms, hymns, and prayers of intercession.

A brief reflection will be given each week reflecting on the spiritual themes of Advent.



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