



*Depart from me
LORD, for I am a
sinful man*

Luke 5:8

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm

PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 304-723-2054
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 11am, 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 7:00am
Saturday 7:30am
School Mass: (see bulletin)

JOINING THE PARISH

New parishioners are welcome.
Contact the parish office to register.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 12-1 pm at Sacred Heart
Sundays: 4-4:45 pm
Thursdays: 7:30 am

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Mark Tirona, Director, Religious Education
joetheworkerdre@gmail.com
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sjtwym316@gmail.com

PARISH MUSIC

Celia Mergen, Music Director

ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL

Recheal Fuscardo, Principal
weirtonstjoseph.net 304-723-1970

MADONNA HIGH SCHOOL

Jason Heckathorn, Principal
weirtonmadonna.org 304-723-0545

ST. JOSEPH DAY SCHOOL

Tiffany Frey, Director
weirtonstjoseph.net 681-328-3217

MINISTRIES OF OUR PARISH

- +Grounds Crew
- +Knights of Columbus
- +N.F.P. Nurse
- +Finance Council
- +Pastoral Council
- +Christian Mothers
- +Prayer Shawl
- +Holy Name
- +Rosary Group
- +Bible Study
- +Fellowship Small Groups
- +Prayer Line
- +Gabriel Project
- +Sacristan
- +Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- +Home Bound Visits
- +Readers
- +Altar Servers
- +Children's Liturgy of the Word
- +Ushers
- +ProLife
- +Adoration Guardian

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Holy Orders

Any men exploring the possibility of becoming a Priest or Deacon or anyone contemplating Religious Life should contact Fr. Dennis.

Baptism

Parents should contact Mark Tirona to make arrangements.

Reconciliation and Penance

Celebrated on Saturdays from 12:00-1:00 pm at Sacred Heart of Mary and on Thursday from 8:00-8:30 am and Sunday from 4-4:45 pm St. Joseph's

Holy Eucharist

First Communion is celebrated every year in the spring for children in the second grade

Matrimony

Engaged couples should contact Father Dennis at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Confirmation

Scheduled every two years

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact Father Dennis. Catholics are encouraged to receive this sacrament before surgery.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Any non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic Christian can contact Mark Tirona for information regarding The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

CCD/PSR

Sundays 9:30-10:45 during school year.

Charter for Protection of Children & Young People

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston maintains an Office of Safe Environment in accordance with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children: The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing www.reportbishopabuse.org to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit www.reportbishopabuse.org. To Report to Civil Authorities: Contact your local law enforcement; numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To Report to Diocesan Authorities: In addition to civil authorities, the diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504.

Are you a veteran (or know of one) behind on rent or facing an eviction? If so, please contact **HELPING HEROES, INC....a center for veteran resources**. For more information, call 304-810-4291 or email helpingheroesorgbox@gmail.com.

| SUNDAY DONATIONS | | Amount |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Total Year To Date | 2025 | \$ 40,651.93 |
| Sunday Collection | 2/2 | \$ 9,943.00 |
| Monthly Debt Collection | 2/2 | \$ 155.00 |
| E-Giving | 2/1—2/2 | \$ 855.18 |
| Aid to Church in Europe | 2/2 | \$ 1.55 |
| Black/Native American Mission | 2/2 | \$ 25.00 |
| Home Missions | 2/2 | \$ 80.00 |

| COLLECTION | Feb. 3/4, 2024 | Feb. 1/2, 2025 |
|------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Envelopes | \$ 8,771.00 | Envelopes \$ 8,400.00 |
| Loose | \$ 1,066.00 | Loose \$ 1,543.00 |
| Debt | \$ 375.00 | Debt \$ 155.00 |
| Total | \$ 10,212.00 | Total \$ 10,098.00 |

| COLLECTION | YEAR TO DATE - 2024 (1/1/24—2/4/24) | YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—2/2/25) |
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| Envelopes | \$ 44,220.97 | Envelopes \$ 31,871.00 |
| Loose | \$ 7,718.24 | Loose \$ 7,283.93 |
| Debt | \$ 1,935.00 | Debt \$ 1,497.00 |
| Total | \$ 53,874.21 | Total \$ 40,651.93 |

COUNSELING AVAILABLE at St. Joseph the Worker Church!

Dr. Ann Stipe, PhD, has over 50 years of mental health nursing and counseling experience. She was a psychiatric nurse, RN, for 25 years before she returned to school and received her PhD in social work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. She also has a certification in addictions counseling, CAC. She is licensed in West Virginia. Dr. Ann has retired and is doing pro bono work for the Church. If you would like to schedule an appointment with her, please contact the parish office.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is a time for children to pray and learn about God's Word through child-friendly language and activities. All children from Preschool (3-5 years) through 4th grade are welcome to Children's Liturgy on Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass. This is a great opportunity for community service hours for middle school and high school students. Finally, if you're interested in becoming an adult volunteer, please contact the church office at 723-2054. Thank you!

If you would like a 2024 financial statement of your donations to the church for tax purposes, please call the church office during regular business hours.

| MASS DATE | TIME | MASS INTENTIONS | READINGS |
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| Monday, February 10 <i>St. Scholastica</i> | 7:00 am Fr. Dennis | ✠ Marlene Nardelli By: Andrew Perhacs | Gen 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56 |
| Tuesday, February 11 <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> | 7:00 am Fr. Tony | ✠ Raoul LeMat By: Jennifer LeMat | Gen 1-20 – 2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13 |
| Wednesday, February 12 | 7:00 am Fr. Dennis 10:40 am Fr. Bill | Intentions of Mary Frances LeMat By: Jennifer LeMat with MHS | Gen 2:4b-9; 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23 |
| Thursday, February 13 | 7:00 am Fr. Dennis | Intentions of Rose Barnhart By: Eli & Mary Ekvovich | Gen 2:18-25; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4, 5; Mk 7:24-30 |
| Friday, February 14 <i>Ss. Cyril & Methodius</i> | 7:00 am Fr. Dennis 9:15 am Fr. Dennis | Intentions of Bernie Finley on her Birthday By: The Bonner Family with GS | Gen 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37 |
| Saturday, February 15 | 7:30 am Fr. Gerald 4:00 pm Fr. Dennis | ✠ Loretta Fisher By: The Fisher Family ✠ Patrick Klee By: Ed Klee & Family | Gen 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10 |
| Sunday, February 16 <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis 5:00 pm Fr. Dennis | ✠ Fijewski & DeCollo Families By: Judy & Max Fijewski ✠ Emanuel Starvaggi By: The Emanuel Starvaggi Family All Parishioners | Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26 |



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, “Send me!” (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11].

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

For those families with small children, remember we have the QUIET ROOM with TV access in the back of church

Deacon Vince continues his visits to homebound parishioners during the week. If you know of anyone that would like to receive Holy Communion that is unable to attend Mass or anyone that would need a ride to Mass, contact the church office.



NEW YEAR! NEW DEVOTION!

The Rosary is not a new devotion, but joining us is! Feel free to join the Rosary Group that meets every Tuesday from 6:00—7:00 pm in the church for group prayer. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed as well as reading prayers from a booklet designed by Fr. Jose Manuel Escalante. For information, call the church office.



Is the Lord calling you?

Call Rev. Brian Crenwelge at the Vocations Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at 304-233-0880, ext. 298

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click **DONATE**

Facing an unexpected pregnancy, dealing with the pain of abortion, questioning your sexual health?

THE AIM WOMEN'S CENTER

248 N. 5th Street, Steubenville, Ohio 740-283-3636
aimhelpcenter@sbcglobal.net www.aimwomenscenter.com
24-HOUR helpline 740-283-3636 or 1-800-395-HELP

West Virginia Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-352-6513

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Victim Assistance Coordinator ~ 304-242-6988

Hurting from an ABORTION?

Please call: Rachel's Vineyard 877-HOPE4ME
(877-467-3463) www.RachelsVineyard.org

If you or someone you know is pregnant and needs help, there are several services available that are listed on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the church. You can contact the church office for a copy of these services as well.

Please pray for the needs of our parishioners who are in the hospital, homebound or ill. Call the church office if you want your name on our prayer line list or in the bulletin and/or you want a visit from a Priest, Deacon, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion while in the hospital or homebound. If you have a sacramental emergency, don't hesitate to contact Father Dennis or Father Tony.

Adoration is... a Taste of Heaven



The themes of Adoration as rest, as sacrifice, and as worship together make up foretaste of what heaven will be. The Book of Revelation describes the multitude of the redeemed in the following manner:

“They are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence... For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.” (Rev 7:15, 17). When we come to Eucharistic Adoration, the throne of God we see is not the heavenly throne yet, but the monstrance which is a real throne. That's why it is typically covered in gold, or at least very ornate. In the center of that throne is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, how blest are we who come before this throne! Scott Hahn has put it this way, “you don't have to die to go to heaven, you just have to go to Mass.” I would hazard to say that if Eucharistic Adoration deepens and prolongs all that takes place within the Mass, the same can be said of Eucharistic Adoration.

Please consider becoming a Guardian. For your convenience, scan the QR code and it will take you directly to the website where you can see the hours that need Guardians and Register.



The following is the policy for scheduling Mass intentions: Our church receives requests to have Masses scheduled almost daily and we try our best to get them scheduled as soon as possible. We are able to schedule 4 months ahead. This practice has been in place for more than 4 years. The next intention we can schedule will be in the month of **February for June 2025**. Having intentions for a Mass is a sacrifice of \$10.00 during the week and \$20.00 on the weekend. Call the church office during regular hours if you have any questions.

Eucharistic Adoration

Only 3 more Guardians are needed to open Saturday afternoon Adoration!

If you can help please call 304-374-6170.



| Guardians Enrollment Status | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Time | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 8:00 AM | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| 9:00 AM | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| 10:00 AM | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| 11:00 AM | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| 12:00 PM | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| 1:00 PM | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| 2:00 PM | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| 3:00 PM | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |
| 4:00 PM | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Red |
| 5:00 PM | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Red |
| 6:00 PM | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Red |
| 7:00 PM | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green | Red |

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| Red | Need 2 Guardians |
| Yellow | Need 1 Guardian |
| Green | Need 0 Guardians |

1/10/2025

Eucharistic Adoration is open to all every Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M.– 8:00 P.M. and Saturday mornings 8:00 A.M. – 12 Noon
In the Communion of Saints Adoration Chapel

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 | 6:00 AM 8:30 AM-12 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 4:00 PM | TMIY VALENTINES BREAKFAST IN GS CAFETERIA MASS IN SPANISH PSR CONFESSION |
| MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 | 8 AM—8 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM | ADORATION TMIY K OF C 4TH DEGREE |
| TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 | 8 AM—2 PM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM | ADORATION BIBLE GROUP IN H.R. ROSARY CHOSEN IN GS CAFETERIA |
| WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 | 8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM | ADORATION CATECHISM |
| THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 7:30 AM 8 AM-8 PM | CONFESSION ADORATION |
| FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 VALENTINE'S DAY | 8 AM—8 PM | ADORATION |
| SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 | 8 AM-12 PM 12:00 PM | ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM |
| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | 6:00 AM 4:00 PM | TMIY CONFESSION |

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Some give by going...Some go by giving...Clay County and Gassaway, West Virginia. We serve people who live in their cars, or if they have houses, have no running water, gas or electric. Resources are unable to be accessed due to lack of education and the belief that there is no viable help for them. Father Thien S.V.D. is the pastor of Saint Thomas Catholic Church in Gassaway, West Virginia and the Risen Lord Mission in Clay County. Father is known for his kindness and for his work to help the poor in rural communities he serves. If you wish to **give by going**, the dates are as follows: Gassaway, West Virginia the 2nd Thursday of each month. Clay county, West Virginia the 4th Wednesday and Thursday of each month. If you want to **go by giving**, the needs are as follows: Hats, gloves, scarves, socks, diapers, wipes, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Monetary donations can be made to the Risen Lord Food Pantry. For further information, contact the church office at 304-723-2054.



TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION
week of 2/9/25 for the soul of the

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BY

THE MASCIO FAMILY

Please, **STOP** and **PRAY** during the month of **FEBRUARY** at 3 p.m. each day, the Hour of Mercy, for **ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES.**

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY RENT, MORTGAGE OR UTILITIES?

Catholic Charities can help!! If you are a Brooke or Hancock County resident, please contact the Northern Region Case Manager at 304-830-2410 for an appointment.

THE ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME FOR THE TABLE OF HOPE: CAPRI SUN & CANNED FRUIT.

The Table of Hope is opened on Mondays only. Bring in your donations to the church office during regular weekday hours.

The Community Bread Basket donation for **FEBRUARY** is **JIFFY**. Please place your items in the **RED** baskets at all the church entrances.



TMII Thy Kingdom Come

The That Man Is You men's group would like to invite all the men of the parish to join us for this new year of TMII, called Thy Kingdom Come. This year's impressive array of Catholic speakers will empower us to become the men God needs to rebuild His Kingdom. If you have never attended at all, or simply came to a couple of meetings, you can jump into this new content without any issue. In joining us this spring you will be one of over 25,000 men going through the TMII program this year. You will be joining a band of brothers that will support you on your journey. It is a powerful thing when you gather with a group of men striving to do right by God and their families.

I know life is busy, but we just ask that you give the program a try. The program is getting started again on **February 2 and 3, 2025 and is held every Sunday at 6:00 am to 7:15 am and every Monday at 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm in the St. Joseph School Cafeteria.** The content and the fellowship can be truly transformational! If any questions please text or call: **Deacon John Basil at 304-374-2347 or Hayden Greenlief at 304-670-5707.**

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert after being baptized by John. He also spent 40 days between his resurrection and ascension into heaven. We will have Adoration 40 hours consecutively beginning Ash Wednesday 8:00 AM through Thursday at midnight. Our normal Guardians will be filling their assigned hours, but will need your help to fill the remaining hours. Signup sheets will be available on the table outside the Chapel and in the main Vestibule. Do you have one hour to spend with Jesus?

The next class on Reacquainting Ourselves with Catechism will meet on Wednesday, **February 12th at 6:00 pm** in the St. Joseph the Worker Grade School Cafeteria. All are welcome! We ask that you bring the book, **The Great Divorce** by C. S. Lewis and have read the first four chapters.



Please pray for the soul of Joseph DiBartolomeo. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.



The Knights of Columbus of Weirton will be holding a free throw competition for girls and boys ages 9-14 at St. Joseph the Worker Grade School Gym on Saturday, 2/22 at 10:00 am. Registration forms can be filled out at the event and must be signed by a parent or guardian. Call Gregg at 304-374-3318 or Larry at 304-670-4513 for more details.



Join our Telephone Ministry team! Would you like to make a difference in our parish community by reaching out to fellow parishioners by phone and sharing your warmth and support with them? Call the church office at 304-723-2054 if you're interested in giving a few hours a month to serve on this fruitful ministry.



We began to view **The Chosen Season 2** on Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 pm in the Grade School Cafeteria. Two episodes every Tuesday evening will be viewed. COME AND SEE what all the hype is about!! Hope to see you there!

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL PRESENTS
Saint PATRICK'S DAY
SATURDAY MARCH 1 REVERSE RAFFLE
DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM

Please join us for dinner, drinks, music and a chance to win some serious cash!

featuring
DINNER BY VITO'S II AND
MUSIC BY DJ MIKE

Tickets may be purchased at St. Joe's School Main Office or by Venmo
*Additional chances may be purchased for \$50 at the door

Event at 351 Michael Way, Weirton

One LUCKY Winner could draw the \$5,000 GRAND Prize!

\$100 Per Ticket/Person
Ticket includes:
ONE Dinner by Vito's II, ONE complimentary drink, ONE Chinese Auction Ticket, and a sweet treat!

ATTENTION ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS!!!

Thank you for your continued support of our parishes and schools. In our diligence toward a safe environment for our youth, the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston requires awareness training to be completed annually by volunteers (regardless of one's role) and employees. This includes anyone who has not completed Version 4.0 of the training or completed it more than a year ago. If the training section in your Virtus portal shows "no training module assigned," it means you're still compliant until you're notified by Virtus via email that you need to complete the new module. This notification will usually hit your inbox a year from when you last completed the 4.0 training. The parish office may also notify you ahead of this annual notice.

Please visit www.virtus.org or scan the QR Code below to log in to your VIRTUS account to complete your annual awareness training. If you can't log in for any reason or if you have questions, please don't hesitate to call the Rectory at 304-723-2054 and ask for Mark or email him at joetheworkerdre@gmail.com. If you're interested in volunteering at our or any parish within the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, please visit the link above or scan the QR code to create your Virtus account and complete the necessary requirements. Thank you.



Pictured below Father Dennis is celebrating the Rite of Acceptance for some of the individuals in our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. He is anointing Dan Bowman, and Leonard & Megan Redfern. This Rite marks the official beginning of their journey of faith and full communion with the Catholic Church.



In Loving Memory

We would like to start a new "In Loving Memory" space on the back of the bulletin. If you would like to add the name of a loved one please fill out the form below. The rate is \$60 per name and their name will remain on the bulletin for a year. If interested, please clip and fill out the slip below and put it in the collection basket, drop off or mail to the Parish Office. ***This is a great way to remember the Faithful Departed.***

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***Loved One's Name** _____

***Your Name** _____

***Billing Address** _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

(enclose check payable to the Parish - In the Memo write ILM & their name) * Required