

Our Catholic Life

January 28, 2023



Holy Rosary Mission
519 Main Street
Sistersville, WV 26175



Mater Dolorosa Parish
302 East Main Street
Paden City, WV 26159



Saint Joseph Mission
64 Frohnafel Lane
Proctor, WV 26055



Saint Vincent de Paul Parish
21 Rosary Road
New Martinsville, WV 26155



Serving the Catholic Communities of Marshall, Wetzel and Tyler Counties
Cluster Office: (304) 455-4615

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sacramental & Pastoral Schedule for the 4th Week of Ordinary Time
28 January—3 February 2024

The Month of the Holy Name

The Holy Father's Intention for January: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — 28 January 2024

Septuagesima Sunday

(Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor)

Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28 (1119)

Mater Dolorosa—Vigil Mass

4:00p Confessions

5:00p Mass for +Steve Ross requested by Mike & Lisa Toman

Saint Joseph

8:00a Mass for Family Members of Dave & Linda Franklin requested by Dave & Linda Franklin, Ted & Lucille Hubbard, and Homer & Buena Franklin

Saint Vincent de Paul

10:30a Mass for +Rosellen "Fritzi" Hill requested by Linda Parish Hill

Holy Rosary

12:30p Mass for People of the Parochial Cluster

Monday of the 4th Week of Ordinary Time— 29 January 2024

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

8:30a Mass @ Mater Dolorosa for Nancy Stender requested by Terry & Judy Yeager

Food Pantry Open @ SVdeP

Tuesday of the 4th Week of Ordinary Time— 30 January 2024

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43

8:30a Mass @ Holy Rosary for +Alma Barnard requested by Young & Kasun Families

Food Pantry Open @ SVdeP

5:00p Adoration and Confessions @ St. Joseph

6:00p Mass @ St. Joseph for +Harold Miller requested by Patty Shutler

Wednesday of the 4th Week of Ordinary Time— 31 January 2024

Memorial of St. John Bosco, priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

8:30a Mass @ St. Vincent de Paul for +Calixto & Felipa Suyao requested by Family

3:30 Parish School of Religion @ Cluster Office

5:00p Adoration & Confessions @ Mater Dolorosa

6:00p Mass @ Mater Dolorosa for +Terry Lee Smith requested by Holy Name Society

The Month of the Holy Family

The Holy Father's Intention for February: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Thursday of the 4th Week of Ordinary Time—1 February 2024

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

8:30a Mass @ Mater Dolorosa for +Carol Gorby requested by Jack & Ruth Estep

5:00p Adoration & Confessions @ St. Vincent de Paul

6:00p Mass @ SVdeP for +Evelyn Ghaphery

Friday of the 4th Week of Ordinary Time—2 February 2024

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

First Friday

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

8:30a Mass @ SVdeP for +George Martin Lilkendey

Followed by First Friday Devotions

Saturday of the 4th Week of Ordinary Time—3 February 2024

Memorial of Saint Blaise, bishop & martyr; Saint Ansgar, bishop

First Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

9:00a Mass @ Holy Rosary for +Bill Taylor requested by Warren & Judy Grace

With the Blessing of Throats

9:30a Confessions @ Holy Rosary

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — 4 February 2024

Sexagesima Sunday

*** Blessing of Throats @ All Masses ***

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39 (1121)

Mater Dolorosa—Vigil Mass

4:00p Confessions

5:00p Mass for +Margaret Flood requested by Bertha Schrader
Followed by Meal in the Parish Hall

Saint Joseph

8:00a Mass for +Carol Jean Villers requested by Joe Villers

Saint Vincent de Paul

10:30a Mass for People of the Parochial Cluster

Holy Rosary

12:30p Mass for Living and Deceased Members of the Nicholas and Nimnoon Families and David & Faye Ghaphery Families

Followed by Meal in the Parish Rectory

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.

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DIocese of WHEELING-CHARLESTON

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops, and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. Where a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

If you have any other kind of complaint about a bishop—such as parish assignments, church closings, or homily contents—please address those directly to your diocesan or eparchial bishop instead. Sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or a staff member or volunteer of the Church should be reported to the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. So, to be sure you get the help you need, phone numbers and addresses may be found at www.dwc.org under the accountability tab.

If you are the victim of sexual abuse (or any other crime), please contact local law enforcement.

ReportBishopAbuse.org
or (800) 276-1562

The Eucharist: Source & Summit
History, Old Testament Types:
Abraham & the Sacrifice of Isaac
(*Pars Tertia*, 28 January 2024)

BEFORE passing on to the sacrifice as a holocaust and the direct connection with the Crucifixion in the passage, I want to circle back here, in relation to the poignant demand that God makes of Abraham, to consider the way in which this event is a testing of Abraham, and specifically a testing of his obedience as to the will of God. I do so, gentle reader, because having considered Isaac as a type of Christ, there is an argument to be made for Abraham also being a type of Christ at the same time as Isaac is and in the same narrative, but in a very different manner.



Unlike the Abraham's passive role in the offering of Melchizedek, which we have already considered – a role in which Abraham stands in for us, in a certain way – here Abraham is the actor, the one called upon to make the sacrifice and to immolate his son, Isaac. He is both the one presenting a treasured thing for sacrifice and the one who is actually carrying out the sacrifice. In the former role, Abraham is a type of God the Father, who presents His only-begotten Son for sacrifice on our behalf and for the salvation of the whole world. In the latter role, especially as he makes both the remote and proximate preparations for the sacrifice, and as he raises his knife to cut his son's throat before setting the fire to immolate the offering, Abraham shows himself to be the priest.

It is important for us to see both Isaac and Abraham as types of Christ, dear friends, as this helps us to better see Christ as both the victim to be offered and the priest, as the lamb of sacrifice and as the one offering the blood of the lamb in holocaust to the Father, beseeching the killing angel to pass us by. The Letter to the Hebrews provides a deep theology of Christ as priest – this, indeed, can be argued to be the central point of the letter – and points to His offering of His own body and blood upon the cross as the victim:

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God (Heb 9:11-14).

And lest we miss the point of this, the intervening angel who stays Abraham's hand points to a ram caught in the thicket so that he may offer the blood of an animal rather than the blood of his son. St. Paul draws our attention to the fact that Christ enters the sanctuary *with his own blood, not with the blood of goats or calves* (9:12), making indelible the image of Christ as Priest and Victim.

St. Thomas Aquinas, when he takes up the question of Christ's priesthood (*ST III*, 22), bases his own arguments on the theology of Hebrews 7-9, demonstrating that Christ is both the Victim and the Priest (c.f. *ST III*, 22, 2). Even the Church's law of prayer points to the mystery that Isaac and Abraham demonstrate for us of Christ as Victim and Priest. The Preface for Easter V teaches:

By the oblation of his Body,
he brought the sacrifices of old to fulfillment
in the reality of the Cross,
and, by commending himself to you for our salvation,
showed himself the Priest, the Altar, and the Lamb of sacrifice.

And so, we are not seeing things not present or drawing conclusions unsupported by the teaching and prayer of the Church. Christ is both the Victim and the Priest of the New Covenant, while these roles were decisively split in the Old Covenant, as the Patriarchs Abraham and Isaac show us.

There is a further reality in that both priests, Abraham and Christ, are motivated by obedience to the Father's request. For neither is the request easy; if it were, their obedience to it would be of little value. For both the request runs contrary to human nature – that a father should sacrifice his son or that a person should intentionally destroy himself strikes us, rightly so, as inhuman. That the act is requested by the authority of God transforms the act from unnatural and vicious to sanctified, while being nonetheless horrible. Indeed, the Sacrifice of Isaac does present us with a test of Abraham: whether he will be obedient to God even *in extremis* and when the request itself would seem to undermine the promise. That God stays Abraham's hand in the last moment only serves to underline that God the Father does not, in response to the Son's prayer in Gethsemane, allow the cup to pass Him by. Rather, *Son though he was, [Christ] learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, declared by God high priest according to the order of Melchizedek* (Heb 5:8-10)

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In his chastisement of Saul, the prophet Samuel asks
*Does the LORD so delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices
as in obedience to the command of the LORD?
Obedience is better than sacrifice,
and submission than the fat of rams* (1Sam 15:22)

Little wonder it is, in light of Samuel's words that Saul's successor, the one he tried to slaughter many times in order to hold onto the throne that God had already taken from him, would sing

*Sacrifice and offering you do not want;
you opened my ears.
Holocaust and sin-offering you do not request;
so I said, "See; I come
with an inscribed scroll written upon me.
I delight to do your will, my God;
your law is in my inner being!"* (40:7-9)

It is Saint Paul, once again, who directly links this Psalm of David, and through it obedience to God's will, to the sacrifice of Christ Jesus and our salvation, teaching us

[I]t is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats take away sins. For this reason, when he came into the world, he said:

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight in.
Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll,
Behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all (Heb 10:4-10).

Paul sums up his reflection here by saying *by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated* (Heb 10:14). For our purpose here, Abraham's obedience to the Father's request secures for him the promises God has already made. Unlike our first parents who could not keep a very simple request and thus proved themselves unworthy of Eden, Abraham demonstrates that he is obedient even in very difficult things and thus shows himself worthy of the Promised Land and the promised generations and nation. Christ shows Himself completely obedient.

[T]hough he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross (Phil 2:6-9)

And His obedience won new life, grace in place of grace, and the Kingdom of Heaven for all fallen humanity. Thus Abraham, as the obedient priest in this narrative, points us to Christ the great High Priest and Sacrificial Victim, *who submitted and did not open his mouth; like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth* (Is 53:7).

First Friday of the Month

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of
Jesus and Benediction
after Friday Morning Mass,
2 February @ SV.



Congratulations to

**Bob and Kathy Baxter, joined in the
holy bond of marriage 13 January.**

*Wishing a beautiful couple a
wonderful journey as you build
your new life together.*



Lenten Lunch with Books 2024

A Lenten Opportunity to Feed Soul and Body

Wednesday, Noon – 1p

February 21 & 28; March 13, 20, & 27

Klug Hall, St. Vincent de Paul

This Year's Book

***Introduction to the Devout Life* by St. Francis de Sales**

copies available for free in the Cluster Offices, stop by and get yours!

Meal provided by volunteers

If you want to help provide a meal, please call the Office

COLLECTIONS

St. Vincent de Paul

January 21, 2024

Envelopes...\$2,059.00

Loose...\$1,270.00

Maintenance...\$50.00

Developing World...\$382.00

Solemnity of Mary...\$10.00

Mater Dolorosa

January 21, 2024

Envelopes...\$605.00

Loose...\$15.00

Developing World...\$90.00

Holy Rosary

January 21, 2024

Envelopes... \$315.00

Loose...\$13.00

Developing World...\$60.00

St. Joseph

January 21, 2024

Envelopes...\$1,045.00

Loose...\$120.00

Developing World...\$150.00

Happy Birthday

January

Suzanne Villers — 29th

Cathy Cavezza — 31st

John Piekarski — 31st

Terry Yeager — 31st

February

Bob Greathouse — 1st

Kristy Farrell — 3rd

Joe Villers — 3rd

Abel Frohnapfel — 6th

Molly Rine — 6th

Nathaniel Frohnapfel — 8th

Joan Klug — 9th

Jim Estep — 10th

Gretchen Kacor — 12th

Anita Pantone — 11th

Jeri Miller — 12th

Charlene Galluzzo — 13th

Dewayne Zombotti — 13th

Patrick Frohnapfel — 13th

Pat Lilkendey — 14th

Michael Wayman — 15th

Larry Sweeney — 15th

Lisa Frohnapfel — 16th

Brody Kasun — 17th

Kristen Frohnapfel — 17th

Devann Christine Fox — 18th

Colt Kastigar — 19th

Mary Ann Kirkland — 21st

Rosie Long — 22nd

Amelia Balcerek — 24th

Sydney Balcerek — 26th

Nick Frohnapfel — 28th

Xavier Piekarski — 29th

We Believe In The Power Of Prayer

Bill Abraham, Irona Adams, Brittany Alden, Jackson Anderson, Jim Archer, Jimmy Archer, Mark Baker, Hailey Barnes, Fred Baxter, Donald Keith Beckett, Kim Bennett, Mark Blair, Nanci Bowen, Cora Bowers, Donna Britton, Wesley Brookover, Thomas Burson, Drew Butler, Jim Briggs, Patty Campbell, Dominic "Doc" Cecil, Emily Chambers, Charlotte Chute, Aiden Clark, Connie Clark, Joe Clark, London Cochran, Michelle Cunningham, Toni Cunningham, Reagan Cupp, Wyatt Dallison, Debbie Bungard Darnold, Ryan Danley, Jeanette Shutler-Davis, Marilyn Dunham, Fr. Kent Durig, Dee (David) Estep, Jodi Estep, Lois Estep, Patrick Estep, Gail Fagert, Rod Fagert, Tricia Feldmeier, Ray Ferrera, Joey Feronti, Cecile Fiest, Matthew Fiore, Mark Flood, Chloe Fisher, Beri Fox, Barbara Frum, Keith Frum, Wilda Frunner, The Giraldo Family, Gerry Gloekler, Greg Glover, Stacy Gray, David Grandstaff, Bob Greathouse, Sandra Greathouse, Jo Jo Greene, Norma Gunter, Mary Habig, Judi Hall, Myles Harris, Martin Havrilla, George Heinzman, Ruth Helman, Laura Henley, Larry Hennessy, Renee Henry, Clara Lou Herrick, Ella Herrick, Jim Herrick, Karrie Herrick, Mike (LC) Herrick, Devin Hill, Kathy Hines, Mike Hissam, Bonnie Hizer, Diane Hohman, Brandon Howell, John Johnston, Gretchen, Ted & Tommy Kacor, Molly Kelly, Barb Klug, David King, Kay Klug, Cathy Ruth Klug, David L. Klug, Judy Koerber, Baby Koon, Brian and Joan Leary, Jill Lemasters, Heather Lilley, Nathan Link, John Marc Long, Danny Longworth, Linda McGlumphy, Brayden Marling, Tricia Marling, Patricia Myers, Susie Prunty Love, Jean Marshall, Jared Marker, Stan Maslowski, Molly McEvoy, Della Melott, Jim Melott, John & Tulane Mensore, Alisa Miller, Glenda Miller, Lorna Miller, Linda Moore, Patty Meyers, Baby Nash, Sandy Nelson, Chaden Negley, Gloria Nice, Debbie Pryor Osborne, Sara Willis Pantone, Debra Park, Adam Pavlison, Mike & Kay Pierpoint, Seth Poling, Jason Powell, Jayden Pratt, Kennedy Mae Price, Karen Richmond, Scott Richter, Jim Richthammer, Dave Roberts, Charles Rogers, Paula Rogers, Berdina (Bernie) Rose, Gus Rucker, Jay Salva, Judy Folden-Savage, Kim Seckman, Bertha Schrader, Margie Simera, Kierstyn Sendling, Kelly Shepherd, Sally Shreve, Stanley Shreve, Clem Shutler, Shirley and Chuck Smith, Yvonne Smith, Carl Sonnelberger, Anne Spencer, Nancy Stender, Crystal Stollings, Ireland Streets, Becky Sutton, Elsie Taylor, Laura Rogers Thame, Gary Thompson, Angie Vancamp, Ron Virden, Steve Wayman, David Weekley, Margie Whiteman, Frances Whitmore, Bobby Wilhelm, Ike Willey, Tom and Mary Ann Worst, Gail Yeater, Lora Yeater, Ron Young, Evelyn Rae Wasko All Shut-Ins

To add or remove names to the prayer list please contact the Cluster Office 304-455-4615 or email office@svdpm.org. Thank You

Happy Anniversary

Paul & Mary Feldmeier — 5th



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Parish & Finance Meetings 2024
(Sundays after Mass in the Rectory)
February 18 May 19
October 20

Parish & Finance Meetings 2024
(Tuesdays after Mass in the Rectory)
February 20 May 21
October 22

Lector: 1/28/24 Eric Peters
Lector: 2/4/24 Charlene Galluzzo

St. Joseph Cemetery Board Meetings 2024
(Tuesdays after Mass in the Rectory)
February 27
November 2

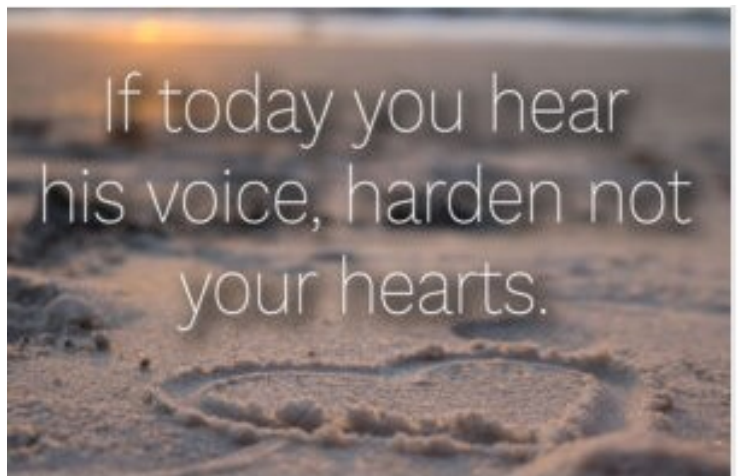


Join the fun as we collect **100 cans of soup** for the Sistersville Food Bank! After 11 Feb Mass, stop by the Rectory for a Celebration "grab and go" lunch. Let's all join together to do this.

The Rosary Guild Christmas Project collected 220 pairs of sock and underwear for the SES children. Thank you !

A sign-up sheet for hosting future Sunday Socials is on the Bulletin Board.

It has been said that one of the great crises of our time is the problem of authority in homes, civil society, and the Church. If we turn to the Gospels for help in facing this problem, we will discover that Jesus was a man of authority not because he ruled people but because he was able to read the signs of the times and though he lived as a servant, his teaching had the authority of love and truth behind it.



11 February 2024



Please prayerfully consider serving as a Lector and/or an Extraordinary Minister at Mass. Contact the Parochial Cluster Office—304-455-4615.



St. Joseph Women's Club
21 February @ 11a

Parish Council: Jim Cavezza, Butch Fiore, Charlene Galluzzo, Jerry Richardson, Patty Skeen
Finance Council: Cathy Cavezza, Mike Galluzzo, Becky Meckley, Eric Peters, Patty Skeen

Parish Council: Alana Fox, Abel Frohnafel, Ken Janiszewski, Nancy McCardle
Finance Council: Clem Frohnafel, Lee Ann Kirkland, Mark Miller

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(Monday's @ 6p in the de Paul Room)
February 19 May 20
October 21

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(Monday's after Mass in Parish Hall)
February 19 May 20
October 21

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed
February 5, 6, 13, 19

Pantry Needs: Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce,
Boxed Potatoes, Cornbread Mix, Hamburger Helper,
Green Beans, Corn, Peas, Carrots, Tomatoes,
Mixed Vegetables, Peaches, Pears, Mixed Fruit,
Apple Sauce, Soups

Third Thursday Soup Lunch
Thursday, 15 February 2024.
Volunteers Welcome!

We will continue to distribute winter weather items.

All are welcome Downstairs for Dinner
after Mass .

OUR LADY OF SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY
Saturdays @ 4:30p

Financial Statements for 2023 are being
prepared and will be mailed soon.

Rosary Leaders for January 27 @ 4:30
Dick Stender, Kay Pierpoint, Judy Yeager
Rosary Leaders for February 3 @ 4:30
Barb Racer, Charlie Racer, Nanci Bowen

First Fish Fry is Friday, 2 February!

Please come and enjoy a great fish dinner and good
conversation with friends and neighbors. And, as an added
bonus, you will be supporting the St. Vincent de Paul
Relay for Life Team.

Volunteers are welcome for this special event.

Please contact Joe Herrick or Kenny Potts
if you are willing to volunteer.

11a — 6p



Ministers for January 27 @ 5pm

Lector: Kay Pierpoint

Gifts: Angi McDonald

Eucharistic Ministers: Dick Stender and Barb Racer

Ministers for February 3 @ 5pm

Lector: Kay Pierpoint

Gifts: Angi McDonald

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Pierpoint and Sharon Kastigar

Parish Council: (HN) Joe Herrick, John Piekarski, Patty Potts, Therese Schoolcraft, Don Tuttle, (LF) Marianne Balcerek, Pat Lilkendey

Finance Council: Tom Daly, Matt Herrick, Judy Grace

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