

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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DECEMBER 2024

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor.....Very Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L., J.V.
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Dir. of Religious Education.....Monica Biery
Parish Council.....John Alvarez
Finance Council.....Bill Garvey

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: For Infants: Parents make arrangements with the pastor/office. For Adults: Baptism will be given on Easter Vigil after completing the RCIA program. For details, please contact Parish Office.

MARRIAGE: Please make arrangements with the pastor. Six months minimum notice is required for the celebration of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish office for arrangements.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Mon, Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday and Friday: 5:30 p.m.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 - 8:25 a.m.
Wednesday and Friday: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

ADORATION

Wednesday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of St. John the Evangelist Parish commit ourselves to the call of Baptism: To Listen, To Learn, To Live and To Share the Word of God through our lives.

Pastor's Perusings— Creed Continued

As we continue our journey through the Creed, we encounter the second paragraph of the Creed which begins with: "I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages".

The concept of lordship is difficult for us to grasp in 21st century America. At the time of Jesus Christ, lordship signified absolute, undisputed ownership and the person called a lord was an absolute, undisputed master or ruler. It was a title used for very powerful people like kings and other rulers. Throughout the Gospels, we can see how the people who interacted with our Lord, but did not yet believe, addressed Him with titles of honor such as Rabbi or Teacher. The titles Lord and Master were used by His disciples and Apostles since they were the ones who truly believed that He was the Son of God. To highlight this distinction, the Greek text of Mark 14:45 is clear that when Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss, Judas calls Him "Rabbi" and not "Lord" to show the lack of faith that Judas has in Jesus despite all of the miracles that Judas saw with his own eyes. By calling Jesus our Lord, we are saying that He is the undisputed and absolute master and ruler over our lives and He is the one who is worthy of worship.

The name of Jesus means "God saves" and it is significant that our Lord was given a human name at His birth because it shows us that He is fully God and fully man and, in His name, we understand the mission He was sent to accomplish. Christ, however, is not the surname of our Lord, but a title. Christ means "anointed one" and priests, prophets, and kings were anointed with oil as a sign that they were chosen by God for some purpose.

Next is the phrase "the Only Begotten Son of God". C.S. Lewis makes clear the distinction of begotten as opposed to made when he wrote: "We don't use the words begetting or begotten much in modern English, but everyone still knows what they mean. To beget is to become the father of: to create is to make. And the difference is this. When you beget, you beget

something of the same kind as yourself. A man begets human babies, a beaver begets little beavers, and a bird begets eggs which turn into little birds. But when you make, you make something of a different kind from yourself. A bird makes a nest, a beaver builds a dam, a man makes a wireless set... Now that is the first thing to get clear. What God begets is God; just as what man begets is man. What God creates is not God, just as what man creates is not man."

When we profess that Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of God, we are saying that He is the only and eternal Son of God, without beginning or end just like the Father and the Holy Spirit are eternal. It means that the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, existed before He took upon Himself our human nature. You and I and all the angels were created at some point, but the Son of God is eternal.

The phrase "born of the Father before all ages" is in the same vein of the use of the word "begotten". The Son being born of the Father reveals the Son is divine and eternal. Jesus is fully God. He is not a creation of God (the heresy of Arianism) nor a mode of action of God (the heresy of Sabellianism). When we think of eternity, we often think of the future of eternity like how we hope to spend eternity with God in heaven, but eternity also projects backwards! Jesus, the Son of God, has existed from before the beginning. The begetting of the Son or that He was born of the Father before all ages was not an event in time, but an eternal relationship.

Last for this column is "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father". The inclusion of this part of the Creed was in response to the Arian heresy which said that the Son of God was a creation and thus not coeternal with God the Father. We will explore this phrase more in next week's column.

I hope to see all of you at the Christmas Masses this week! I hope you all have a wonderful end to Advent and a Merry Christmas!

-Fr. Golna



Sat 4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun 8:00 am Willian & Lucille Bayless +

Sun 10:30 am Mario, Greg, & Helen Lamone +

Mon 8:30 am Dan Zimsen +

Tue 4:00 pm Ron Ujcich +

Tue 9:00 pm Jeff Ferda +

Wed 10:30 am People of the Parish

Thur 8:30 am Don Huff Sr & Don Huff Jr +

Fri 5:30 pm Robert Stuckey Jr. +

Sat 4:00 pm Robert Stuckey Jr. +

Sun 8:00 am Benny & Richard Buoy +

Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

Readings

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14, Zep 3:14-18a, Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21, Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a, Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19., Heb 10:5-10, Lk 1:38, Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14, Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29, Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Is 62:1-5, Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29., Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17, Ps 118:26a, 27a, Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4, Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2, Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8, Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5., Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Lk 2:41-52



DECEMBER 28, 4:00 PM
Gre: Pam and Jeanette
Ser: Avery and Liam
Lec: Wendi Mitchell

DECEMBER 29, 8:00 AM
Gre: Anna and JeJe
Ser: Theresa Kowcheck
Lec: Maryanne Capp

DECEMBER 29, 10:30 AM
Gre: Susie Mullenbach
Ser: Will and Stothard
Lec: Gavin Scott

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at **869**

The **FOOD PANTRY** will be open on Wednesdays from Noon to 3:00pm to assist Brooke County residents. A valid ID & proof of address required. If you would like to donate any non perishable items please leave them in the red bin located in the vestibule.

It is that time of year again when the **FOOD PANTRY** could use our help with their holiday assistance. Gift cards in \$10 increments are always appreciated. You can turn them into the office or send them in the collection basket.

December 15th, 2024

<u>Collection</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Weekly Envelopes	152	\$2946.00
Elevator		\$25.00
Candles		\$17.00
Building and Maintenance		\$779.00
Retirement for the Religious		\$40.00
Christmas Flowers		\$70.00
Christmas		\$45.00
Centennial		\$142.00
Immaculate Conception		\$174.00
Mary Mother of God		\$20.00
Catholic Charites		\$20.00
Registered Parishioners/ Budget	249	\$2,900



Sat:

Sun:

Mon: James Sperlazza & Susan Reed

Tues: Judith Aracich

Wed: Victoria Staffileno

Thur: James Lazear

Fri:

Sat:

Sun: Brittany Staffileno



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of
Jeff Ferda
(Cindy Ferda)
From December 20, 2024 to
January 02, 2025.

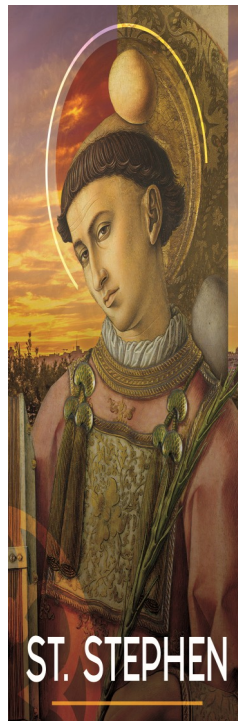
Prayer List

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS:
DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, PAULA HENDERSON, DOMINIC CIPRIANI, MARY ROSE AND FAMILY, DIANE BAYLESS, HILDA TARQUINIO, JOE BIBBO, BEVERLY SCHWERTFEGER, CHERYL BLAND, LISA CHIODO, DONNA SULLIVAN, SANDY, ELEANOR ROCKEY, COLLEEN RUSHING, ELEANOR SACRIPANTI, JIM AND SHARON PAVLIC, JOSIE NEWTON, DEBBIE, RICK MERCER, AND PATTY WATERS.

Please keep the parish office updated of anyone you have added to the PRAYER LIST every 30 days.

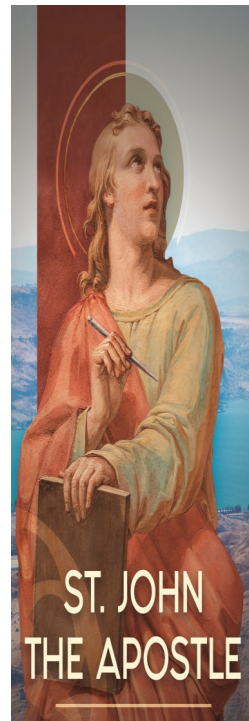


The Nativity of the Lord



ST. STEPHEN

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 26



**ST. JOHN
THE APOSTLE**

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 27



**FEAST
of the
HOLY INNOCENTS**

DECEMBER 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3 9 A.M. Coffee & Catechesis	4 6:30 P.M. Altar & Rosary Meeting	5 6:30 P.M. Pastoral Council Meeting	6	7
8	9 Solemnity of Immaculate Conception 12 P.M. / 6 P.M. Mass	10 9 A.M. Coffee & Catechesis	11 11 A.M. Altar & Rosary Soup and Sandwich	12	13	14 4 P.M. 100th Year Anniversary Mass and Gathering
15	16	17 9 A.M. Coffee & Catechesis 6 p.m. Advent Penance Service	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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 one of the Bishop's designees at 304-233-0880 or 888-434-6237: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Father Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504. Visit www.dwc.org

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 (Christmas Eve): 4:00 PM
9:00 PM
December 25 (Christmas Day): 10:30 AM

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE By Bud Ozar

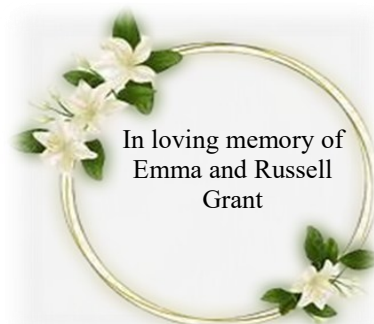
Question: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

Answer: **HOLY!** Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with GOD"

As many of you know we are going to be printing our bulletin in-house completely as of February 2025. This will have some added paper and ink costs, so we are looking to offset costs of our bulletin with Advertisers. We have several different size options and time frames to suit your advertising needs. If you own a business, please consider supporting your parish directly by advertising in our bulletin and let anyone you know who owns a business that we are accepting new advertisers to help support our beloved parish!

We are also going to offer Memorials in the bulletin as well. The memorials will be \$20 and will look similar to the photo below. These will run the entire month of your choosing and can say whatever you would like them to.

If you or anyone you may know would be interested in advertising or our new Memorials but please call the office anytime!



A Concert for Christmas & Epiphany

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 AT 3PM

**CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH
1300 EOFF STREET, WHEELING, WV**



featuring

**Cathedral Schola • St. Michael Parish Handbell Choir
Katie Shaffer, flute • Erin Marion, oboe
Chad Carter, handbells • Robert Troeger, organ
Deborah Podolski Breiding, piano • Amanda Sable, vocalist
Christie Greenwood, vocalist • Braden Mills, vocalist**

Free Admission

Donations will be accepted for the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center



THE Cathedral of St. Joseph



Our 2024 CSA total raised so far is \$8,995 of our \$15,970 goal. We would like to thank everyone who has already donated. We would like to give a little information on all the services and projects the CSA contributes to. In 2024 two hundred and fifty faithful from our Diocese were able to attend the National Eucharistic Revival this summer, funds are provided to children who cannot afford to pay for Camp Carlo, and parish leaders have the opportunity to continue their education at the PACE Conference. Other programs consist of the Walking with Moms program, tuition assistance, faculty & staff professional development and much more. For a complete list of ministries, programs and grants supported through the CSA, please visit the website, dwc.org/csa. I invite you all to join me as you have done in the past by supporting the annual *CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL* today.



It has been brought to our attention that the Sarris Candy Bars are a little hard to sell at \$3 each so we are going to make them 2 for \$5. From what we were told this was the first time that Sarris has raised their prices in several years, they also worked with us to help us get the maximum donation amount. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding with the situation.

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We would like to offer our deepest condolences to the family of Russ Schwertfeger who passed away on **December 18, 2024**

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