

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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JUNE 15, 2025 — THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor.....Very Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L., J.V.
Seminarian.....Joe Derico
Dir. Of Music/ Organist.....Zac Gordon
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 OCIA 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— Corpus Christi

In the sacred drama of the Mass, everything builds toward a single moment: the reception of Holy Communion. After the *Agnus Dei* and the *Ecce Agnus Dei*, the faithful approach the altar to receive the living Christ: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, under the humble appearances of bread and wine. This is the most intimate act of worship we can offer this side of heaven, for here the faithful become one with Christ Himself.

Yet how easily this moment can become routine, even rushed. The Church, through her rich liturgical tradition, surrounds this moment with reverence, silence, and prayer, that we might recognize the immensity of what we do. To receive Communion is to be drawn into the very mystery of divine love, which passes through the Cross and Resurrection to reach us here, now.

Before distributing Communion to the faithful, the priest himself receives the Sacred Host and Precious Blood. In doing so, he completes the sacrifice he has offered *in persona Christi*. The priest's Communion is not private, but sacramental, for as the priest partakes of the Body and Blood of Christ, the sacrifice becomes fruitful for the Church.

The rubrics are careful: the priest bows in humility and says quietly:

"May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life."

"May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life."

This prayer is the Church's ancient wisdom distilled into a simple plea: not just for protection in this life, but for eternal life, life with God. The Eucharist is viaticum, food for the journey to heaven.

The faithful witness this Communion of the priest not as spectators, but in profound spiritual union. In a certain sense, they too are united to the sacrifice through the priest's reception. The priest receives first, because he offers in the name of the whole Church.

Thus, the Communion procession begins. But what is this procession? It is not a mere movement of bodies, but a journey of the heart. As St. Josemaría Escrivá said, "When you approach the Tabernacle, remember that He has been waiting for you for twenty centuries."

The Communion procession is a small pilgrimage, an image of our life's pilgrimage toward union with God. With each step, we approach the altar of God to receive the Bread of Angels.

Fulton Sheen once remarked that the lines at Communion reflect eternity, where we shall all stand side by side, not as strangers, but as members of one Body in Christ. Each communicant is called forward by name in the heart of God. The external order of the line should mirror an interior readiness: a heart purified by confession, inflamed with desire for the Lord.

The Church permits Communion to be received either on the tongue or in the hand and either standing or kneeling. But no matter the manner of reception, the attitude of the heart is paramount: reverence, adoration, humility.

The priest or minister says: "*The Body of Christ.*" The communicant responds: "*Amen.*" This is not a casual response. It is a profound act of faith, a personal profession that this is truly Christ. In that single *Amen*, we say: I believe this is the Body of Christ. I desire to receive Him. I open my heart to the transformation His presence brings.

In the ancient Church, as the Fathers testify, this *Amen* was spoken with deep awareness, even trembling. For the One who created the universe now places Himself in our hands, or on our tongue.

What happens when we receive the Eucharist? The saints teach us that in Holy Communion, a twofold union is accomplished: We are united personally to Christ. His life is poured into us as into living temples. The Eucharist strengthens sanctifying grace and conforms us more closely to Jesus. We are united to one another. The Eucharist is the sacrament of ecclesial unity. "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body," St. Paul writes (1 Cor. 10:17). Thus, Communion is not a private devotion, but a communal act.

Holy Communion bears immense fruit when received worthily. The Church teaches that the principal effects are:

1. Deepening Union with Christ. The Eucharist is called communion because it is the most intimate union we can have with Christ this side of heaven. In receiving His Body and Blood, we are drawn into His divine

life. St. Cyril of Jerusalem compares this union to the mingling of water and wine, saying that after reception, the communicant becomes more and more one with Christ. We become partakers of His divine nature (cf. 2 Peter 1:4), temples of the Holy Spirit.

2. Preservation and Increase of Grace. Each sacrament, when received with the proper disposition, increases sanctifying grace in the soul. The Eucharist is unique among the sacraments in that it both preserves the grace already present in us and causes it to grow.

Think of a living vine and its branches. The vine's life is constantly renewed and nourished through what it receives. So too with us: Communion strengthens and deepens our share in God's life. The more we receive worthily, the more our spiritual capacity expands.

3. Forgiveness of Venial Sins. Though mortal sins must be absolved in the sacrament of Reconciliation before approaching the Eucharist, Holy Communion has the effect of remitting venial sins. As the Council of Trent teaches, the Eucharist "wipes away venial sins and preserves us from grave sins" by enkindling charity and drawing us closer to the source of all holiness. This is why St. Josemaría Escrivá would urge frequent reception of Communion, saying that "the frequent presence of the Divine Guest in your soul will help you to fight daily temptations and will gradually make your defects disappear."

4. Strengthening Charity and Unity. The Eucharist is the sacrament of love. By receiving the Lord's Body and Blood, we are nourished with divine charity, which empowers us to love God and neighbor more perfectly. Fulton Sheen once wrote that in Communion, "the love of Christ enters our heart, not to be hoarded but to be radiated." True Eucharistic devotion must overflow into acts of charity in our daily lives.

Moreover, since we partake of the one Bread, we are strengthened in unity with the whole Body of Christ. St. Paul reminds us: "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body" (1 Cor. 10:17). The Eucharist binds us ever more deeply to our brothers and sisters in the Church.

5. Strength for the Battle. Life in this world is a spiritual battle. Temptations, discouragements, and the allure of sin are constant. Holy Communion provides supernatural strength to resist evil. St. Thomas Aquinas says that just as material food sustains bodily life, so the Eucharist sustains us spiritually in the journey toward eternal life. When we receive Communion with awareness of our need, it becomes a true viaticum: food for the way, fortifying us against whatever trials may come.

6. Foretaste of Eternal Life. Finally, the Eucharist is an anticipation of the heavenly banquet. Each time we approach the altar, we receive a pledge of future glory. The Church prays in the Prayer after Communion that what we have received on earth may prepare us to share in the life of heaven.

The saints who lived most ardently united to Christ in the Eucharist testify to this. For them, every Communion was a deepening of their longing for the beatific vision. Benedict XVI called the Eucharist "the medicine of immortality," echoing St. Ignatius of Antioch.

As the Catechism beautifully puts it: "In the Eucharist, we proclaim the death of the Lord. If we proclaim His death, we proclaim the forgiveness of sins. If, as often as His blood is poured out, it is poured out for the forgiveness of sins, I should always receive it, so that it may always forgive my sins" (CCC 1393).

Such abundant graces are offered, yet they can bear fruit only in proportion to the preparation and disposition of the one who receives. To approach Communion casually, without prayer or awareness, is to miss the gift.

Therefore, the Church urges us to: Approach the sacrament in the state of grace, having confessed mortal sins. Prepare with prayer before Mass. Cultivate silence and recollection before receiving the Lord. Spend time in thanksgiving afterward, allowing the mystery to permeate our hearts.

As St. John Chrysostom reminds us, "Let us draw near with fervor and devotion. Let us become like lions breathing forth fire, having become terrifying to the devil by reason of Christ's presence within us."



Sat 4:00 pm Vincenza Castiglione
 Sun 8:00 am People of the Parish
 Sun 10:30 am Alfred and Virginia Staffileno and their deceased descendants +
 Mon 8:30 am Frank Busacca +
 Tue 8:30 am Anthony Morris +
 Wed 5:30 pm Angie Camden +
 Thur 8:30 am Harold DeGarmo +
 Fri 5:30 pm Dorothy Sacripanti +
 Sat 4:00 pm Anna Ellen & Frank Traubert +
 Sun 10:30 am People of the Parish

Readings

Saturday (June 14): *Saturday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time* 2 Corinthians 5:14-21, Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12, Matthew 5:33-37
Sunday (June 15): *Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity* Proverbs 8:22-31, Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15
Monday (June 16): *Monday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time* 2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Psalm 98:1, 2b-3ab, 3cd-4, Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday (June 17): *Tuesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time* 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, Psalm 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135, Matthew 5:13-16
Wednesday (June 18): *Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time* 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Psalm 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday (June 19): *Thursday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time* 2 Corinthians 11:1-11, Psalm 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8, Matthew 6:7-15
Friday (June 20): *Friday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time* 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30, Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday (June 21): *Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious* 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, Psalm 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13, Matthew 6:24-34
Sunday (June 22): *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)* Genesis 14:18-20, Psalm 110:1-4, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Luke 9:11b-17



June 21, 4:00 PM
Gre: Pam and Jeanette
Ser: Avery and Liam
Lec: Marcie Morris

June 22, 8:00 AM
Gre: Toot and Joanie
Ser: Theresa Kowcheck
Lec: Judith Aracich

June 22, 10:30 AM
Gre: Mary Beth Harvey
Ser: Will and Stothard
Lec: Mary Beth Harvey

USHERS PLEASE COUNT

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament occurs ever Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

No Coffee and Catechesis this week due to Thomas Lemal's funeral at 11 a.m.

THE READINGS for this weekend are in the Hymnal at page 924.

For the convenience of our new and nursing moms, during Mass please feel free to use the confessional for your feeding needs.

Mass Intentions for the remainder of the 2025 year are now open. Please call the parish office to schedule any Masses you may like.

June 8, 2025 Collection	Attendance	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	155	\$3482.00
Candles		\$0.00
Building and Maintenance		\$50.00
Father's Day		\$638.00
Elevator		\$15.00
Peter's Pence		\$396.00
Registered Parishioners/Budget	260	\$5000



BIRTHDAY Blessings

Sat: Macie Morris

Sun: Joseph Pettini and Linda Pfabe

Mon:

Tues:

Wed: William Black III and Cole

Sperlazza

Thur:

Fri: Lisa Ferguson and Alicia Kusic

Sat: Cathy Opaskey Main



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

is burning in memory of
Bill Harvey
 (Mary Beth Harvey)
 From June 6, 2025 to
 June 19, 2025.

Prayer List

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND THEIR INTENTIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS: DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD AND FAMILY, GARY ANTIGO, MARY FLUHARTY, BARB MASON, JOE BIBBO AND THE SUMMERS FAMILY, MARY ROSE, CHRISTINE ROSE, MATTHEW DILLARD, LLOYD VANHORN, JAMES BAKER.

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

ADORATION SCHEDULE

9 A.M.

10 A.M.

11 A.M.

12 P.M.

1 P.M.

2 P.M.

3 P.M.

4 P.M.

We are looking to fill the 2 and 3 p.m. Adorer spot for our **WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** on Wednesdays, if anyone is available please call the office, sign up or call the office.

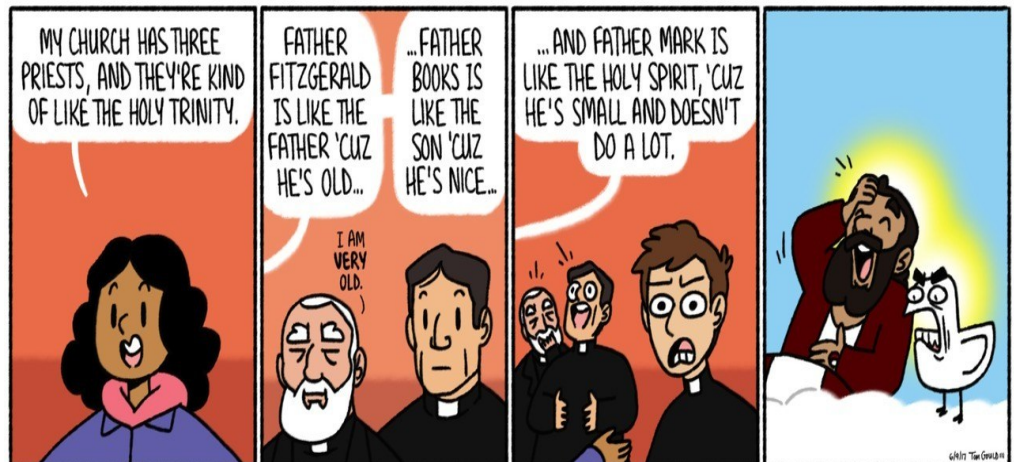
We are currently looking for **LECTORS** at all Masses and also for **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** for our sick and homebound parishioners. If you would be interested in helping please call the office.

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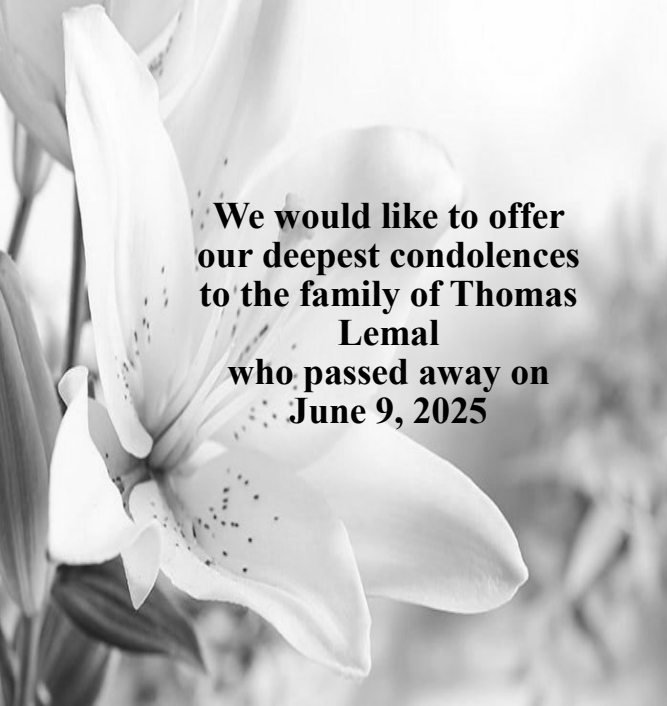
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June 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 Rosary before Mass Father Golna away	3 Father Golna away—All Priest Retreat	4 Father Golna away—All Priest Retreat	5 Father Golna away—All Priest Retreat	6 Father Golna away—All Priest Retreat	7 Seminarian Joe Derico Arrives
8	9 Rosary before Mass	10 Coffee and Catechesis 9 am	11 EMHC Training—6:30 PM	12	13	14
15	16 Rosary before Mass	17 Thomas Lemal Funeral—11 a.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23 Rosary before Mass	24 Coffee and Catechesis 9 am	25 Men's Group—7 p.m.	26	27 Father Golna's Ordination Anniversary—5 Years	28
29 Parish Picnic after @ Noon	30 Rosary before Mass					



We would like to offer our deepest condolences to the family of Thomas Lemal who passed away on June 9, 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER:

This Week: Seminarian Joe is still here

Wednesdays: Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Parish Picnic—June 29 @ Noon

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
By Bud Ozar**

TODAY'S GOSPEL TELLS US GOD ACTUALLY WANTS TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN YOUR FAMILY, "WE WILL COME AND MAKE OUR HOME WITH YOU." EVERY FAMILY IS CALLED TO BE A TABERNACLE WHERE GOD DWELLS. IS JESUS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY OR A TEMPORARY GUEST? TODAY THE PROMISE IS GIVEN. THE CHOICE IS OURS.

Catechism Corner

The Four Pillars of Catholic Teaching

“This catechism aims to present an organic synthesis of the essential and fundamental contents of Catholic doctrine.” (CCC 11)

The Catechism is structured not randomly but beautifully—around the full rhythm of the Christian life. It rests on **four pillars**:

1. **The Creed**: what we believe.
2. **The Sacraments and Liturgy**: how we worship.
3. **The Moral Life in Christ**: how we live.
4. **Prayer**: how we speak with God.

These four dimensions are not independent. They form a unity: we profess faith, celebrate it, live it, and express it in prayer. The Catechism aims to show the harmony and depth of the Church’s teaching, not just in parts but as a whole.

As paragraph 13 states, **Jesus Christ is always at the center**. All catechesis must be Christocentric—anchored in the person and work of the Lord.

This week, look at your own life through this lens: **How am I growing in faith, worship, virtue, and prayer?**

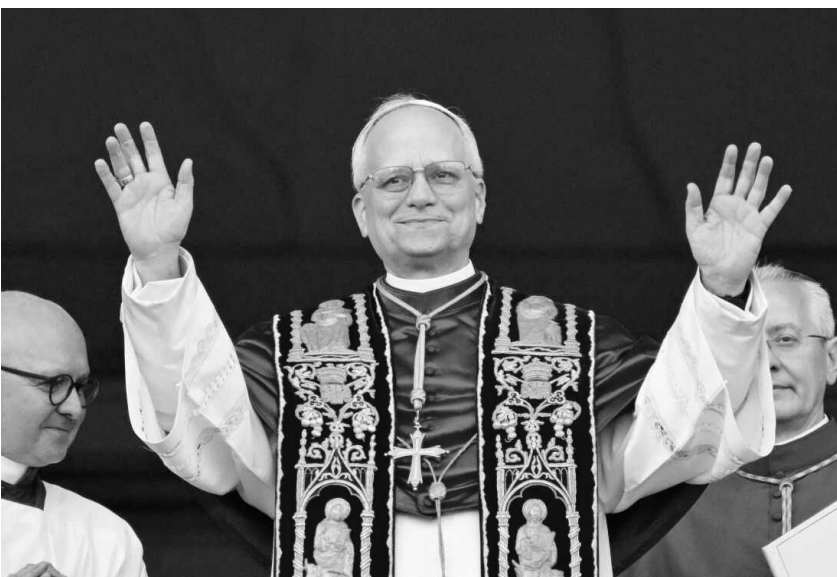
Who Is the Catechism For?

“All the faithful are called to hand on the faith from generation to generation.” (CCC 14)

The Catechism is addressed to the whole Church. Bishops use it as a foundational tool. Priests and catechists use it to teach. But it is also for every layperson who seeks to understand and live the faith more deeply. It helps us respond to St. Peter’s call: *“Always be ready to give an explanation for the hope that is in you”* (1 Pet 3:15).

Paragraphs 16–17 remind us that the Catechism draws from a wide array of sources: the Bible, the Church Fathers, the saints, the liturgy, and the teachings of the Magisterium. It’s not the latest opinion—it’s a faithful summary of what the Church has always believed.

This week, consider reading the Catechism alongside your Bible. It is a companion, not a substitute. Together, they open the heart of the Church. This week, open your heart to that voice. Choose a paragraph from the Catechism and ask, **“Lord, what are You teaching me through Your Church?”**



Habemus Papam!

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

V/ Let us pray for the Pope.

R/ May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

V/ May your hand be upon your holy servant.

R/ And upon your son, whom you have anointed.

Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ...

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am so excited to be with all of you this summer. Being in seminary has been the joy of my life, but I have absolutely loved the time that I have gotten to spend in a parish. I am truly ready to pour myself out for you, both in prayer and physically, throughout the coming summer. Please know that I will be praying for each of you every day, and in your charity, please pray for me.

It has been such a joy to meet so many of you over the past week. I can already tell that it will be a tremendous joy to be here with you all, and to serve you as best I can.

A couple notes about me—I come from Jane Lew, WV, where I grew up with my parents, Tim and Kim, and my younger brother, Tom. I can be a bit of a nerd, and I particularly love studying the virtues, marriage and family issues, and the sacred liturgy. In what little free time I have, I enjoy hunting, fishing, cooking, baking and reading. I entered seminary right after high school. This past May, I graduated from St. John Paul II Seminary and the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. I will be heading to Rome in August to begin formation at the Pontifical North American College, and studies at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. I speak English and Spanish fluently and am in the process of learning Italian now.

In closing, please know of my prayers for each of you throughout this summer. My desire is only to get to know all of you and to serve you better. I am so excited to get to meet you, walk in the faith with you, and to share a good laugh with you. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything at all that I can do for you, or that you would like to speak to me about. I pray that you will find me a helpful resource throughout the summer. I would love to get a cup of coffee or a meal with you and hear more about your own story, and your own experience of the life of faith. As we celebrate this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, may we come to experience that communion for which we long so earnestly by imitating the Blessed Trinity in charity for one another.

In Christ,
Joe Derico



Is the Lord calling you? Call Rev. John Soplinski at the Vocations Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at 304-233-0880, ext. 298

WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING?

Have you ever considered remembering St. John the Evangelist in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. John the Evangelist. Bequests should be made out to: “The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office,” with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used (i.e. “for the use of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Wellsburg).



Our 2025 CSA total raised so far is \$6,650 of our \$18,200 goal (37%). 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,

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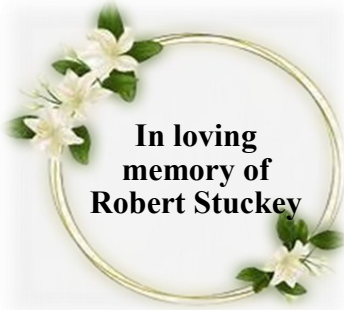
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The time has come for us to make our Bulletin completely in house. We will incur some added printing costs, but every advertising dollar will now stay with the parish and we hope that you can help. If you or anyone you may know is interested in advertising with us, please have them call the office for more information.

We have also started to run a monthly memo-



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