

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
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- Baptism:** Please call the parish office
- Reconciliation:** Sunday & Friday 7:30-8:15 AM or by appointment
- Marriage:** Arrangements made at least 6 months in advance. Call the parish Office for information.
- Parish Registration:** Contact the parish office. Registration is important for pastoral and other church needs and services. There are registration forms in the gathering space.
- Sick & Homebound:** Let us know if you wish for a visit.
- In the Hospital:** If you are in the hospital, have someone call the parish office to inform us.
- Prayer Line:** Dorothy Swearingen 304-564-5177.

<u>Mass Dates & Times</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
February 12, Sunday, 8:30 AM	+Lynn Sutton by Christy Wilson
February 17, Friday, 8:30 AM	+Loretta Watson by Jack & Martha Everly
February 18, Saturday, 8:30 AM	+The Getsinger Family by Friends
February 19, Sunday, 8:30 AM	+Mary Agnes Bowen by Cousins, Bob Price & Cathy Cich

<u>Ministry Schedule</u>			
<u>Mass Dates & Times</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>
February 12, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Susan Coxen	Milan Coxen	Vanessa Dicks & Caleb Dicks
February 19, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Jo Ellen Kessel	Susan Coxen	Jennifer DiLullo & Taylor Woodbury
<u>Mass Dates & Times</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>	
February 12, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Christy Wilson	Andrea Everly & Maryann Bainbridge	
February 19, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Dan Robinson	Richard & Lori Kaczmarek	

February 5, 2023 *Sharing Our Time, Talents, and Treasures. Thank you for your Generosity!*

Envelopes	\$2,098.00
Loose	\$143.00
Candles	\$23.00
Maintenance	\$242.00
Food Closet	\$50.00
Africa Solidarity	\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$2,586.00

Attendance: 83

Please pray for the sick and shut ins
 Kendall Dunbar, Anthony Everly, Daniel Frederick, Anita Guire, Eliza Mazezka, Flo Merritt, Irene Mesler
We are starting over with our sick and shut-in list, if you have a name to be added to or removed from this list, please call the parish office.
Please inform us about the progress of those we pray for.

New Cumberland Food Closet Needs
 Soap / Shampoo
 Thank you for your generosity!

From the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
 To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may contact WV Child Protective Services at Confidentially 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by Personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880.

FLOWERS on the Altar are in memory of Paul, Carole & Jerry Obloy given by Gary & Christy Wilson.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS for those who are celebrating their special day this week: *Jo Ellen Kessel, Norma Moore, Pam Riggi, Bill Webster*. May God bless you abundantly this year! Please contact the parish office, 304-564-5068 or icp2236nc@dwc.org, if we have omitted anyone or have incorrect dates.

2022 OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS If you want your contribution statement for your 2022 taxes, please contact Janice, 304-564-5068, 304-387-0198, or shp2226ches@dwc.org or icp2236nc@dwc.org.

MARDI GRAS BREAKFAST There will be a Mardi Gras Breakfast after Mass on Sunday, February 19. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space to let us know how many plan to attend. Hope to see you there.

SARRIS EASTER CANDY SALE The Women's Club will be selling Sarris Easter Candy. There are order forms in the bulletins and will also be available in the gathering space. Order forms and payment are due by Sunday, February 26. Please place them in the collection basket. Candy will be available for pick up on March 26, after Mass.

RCIA (ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION) next session is Wednesday, February 14, 9:15 AM, parish center library. *Topic: The Last Things (Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, Judgment)*. All are invited to attend.

COVERED DISH DINNER / TRIVIA GAME Sacred Heart Ladies Guild will host a Covered Dish Dinner on Sunday, February 19, in the parish center at 12:15 noon. Trivia games will be played after dinner; five rounds. Rules: teams no larger than four members, no electronic devices. First place team gets gift certificates. There will also be games for the kids and for those adults who don't wish to do the trivia. Everyone is invited, so please call the parish office at 304-387-0198 to RSVP, bring your favorite dish and come and join the fun. Hope to see you there!

LENT 2023

1. Fasting and abstinence rules:

Fasting is required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, although we encourage it on other Lenten days. Those ages 18-59 are required to fast, presuming you are in good physical health. We encourage those younger than 18 and older than 59 to fast if your health allows it. Fasting means eating a regular size meal; the other two meals cannot equal the one full meal.

Abstinence from meat products is required on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent. Our former Bishop Bernard Schmitt also encouraged abstaining from meat on Wednesday as another sign of sacrifice for sin. Those ages 14 and older are required to abstain from meat; however, we encourage those younger than 14 to abstain from meat as well.

2. **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22.** Our Mass schedule is **8:30 AM SH, 12:00 PM SH, and 6:00 PM IC**. Although Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, the Masses are normally well-attended. If this schedule does not work for you, please contact the parishes in East Liverpool and Weirton for their schedule.

3. **Stations of the Cross** will be led by the faithful on Fridays, 6:00 PM, at both parishes. Mass at IC will remain at 8:30 AM on Fridays. SH will have Mass immediately after Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent.

4. **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** in addition to our regularly scheduled confessions, we will have Lenten confessions at SH, Sunday, March 19, 3:00 PM (two additional priests) and IC, Sunday, March 26, 3:00 PM (one additional priest).

SAINT OF THE WEEK *Saint Valentine, Martyr*

There is a lot of confusion about the background of this saint. We think he was a priest in the Roman Empire during the reign of Emperor Claudius II. Because Valentine helped persecuted Christians, he was thrown in jail and later beheaded. According to some sources, Valentine also got himself in trouble by secretly marrying couples when marriage was forbidden. Since there was uncertainty of Valentine's life deeds, Pope Paul VI removed him from the saint calendar in 1969. His feast day was February 14.

PERMANENT DIACONATE: The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is accepting applications for the new Permanent Diaconate class. Permanent deacons receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders, even if they are married. They participate in the following ministries: baptizing infants, assisting at Mass, preaching, and witnessing marriages outside of Mass. Several participate in Tribunal work, prison ministry, parish administration, marriage preparation, and other ministries. With the decreasing numbers of priests, many deacons will take on parish administration responsibilities. If any men in our parish want to know more about the ministry and the formation process, please contact Tina High in the Office for Clergy at the diocese, thigh@dwc.org.

TRUE LOVE

For God so loVed the world,

That he gAve

His onLy

BegottEn

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That whosoever

Believes In Him

Should Not perish,

But have Eternal life. *John 3:16*

UPCOMING SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES IN WEIRTON

Saturday, March 4, 9:00AM-5:00PM Catholic Men's Retreat

Saint Joseph the Worker Grade School Cafeteria

Monday-Wednesday, March 13-15, 7:00-9:00 PM Parish Mission

Saint Joseph the Worker Parish

Presenter: Dr. John Bergsma, Professor at Franciscan University

7:00 PM Presentation, 8:00 PM Confessions

Contact SJW parish office, 304-723-2054, for more information.

