

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 5, Sunday, 8:30 AM	+Charlotte McCoy by Nora White & Family
February 9, Thursday, 8:30 AM	+Marian McDonald by Tim & Lisa Turley
February 10, Friday, 8:30 AM	The People of the Parish
February 12, Sunday, 8:30 AM	+Lynn Sutton by Christy Wilson

<u>Ministry Schedule</u>			
<u>Mass Dates & Times</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>
February 5, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Jo Ellen Kessel	Matt Burskey	Jennifer DiLullo & Taylor Woodbury
February 12, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Susan Coxen	Milan Coxen	Vanessa Dicks & Caleb Dicks
<u>Mass Dates & Times</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>	
February 5, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Matt Burskey	Kenneth & Cheryl Ashley	
February 12, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Christy Wilson	Andrea Everly & Maryann Bainbridge	

January 29, 2023 *Sharing Our Time, Talents, and Treasures. Thank you for your Generosity!*

Envelopes	\$1,016.00
Loose	\$35.00
Candles	\$21.00
Maintenance	\$10.00
Latin America	\$10.00
Central/Eastern Europe	\$20.00
Africa Solidarity	\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Total	\$1,132.00

Attendance: 76

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-Charlestown

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.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS for those who are celebrating their special day this week: *Tanya Dillon, Christy Wilson*. 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.

CONDOLENCES Immaculate Conception Parish extends condolences to Peg Milby and her family on the death of her son-in-law, Keith Anderson. We assure them of our prayers. May the soul of Keith rest in the peace of Christ!

We also extend our condolences to the family of Betty Casagrande who passed away. We assure them of our prayers. May the soul of Betty rest in the peace of Christ!

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.

RCIA (ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION) next session is Wednesday, February 8, 9:15 AM, parish center library. **Topic: Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders.** All are invited to attend.

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE GROUP meetings are now the second and fourth Monday of the month in the parish library at Sacred Heart after the 6:00 PM Mass. Next meeting: *February 13*.

WOMEN'S CLUB The next Women's Club meeting will be Sunday, February 26, following Mass.

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 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 Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

As with many of the virgin-martyrs of the Early Church, almost nothing is historically certain about Saint Agatha. We do know that she was martyred in Sicily during the persecution of Emperor Decius in 251. Agatha was arrested for being a Christian, tortured, and sent to a house of prostitution to be mistreated. She was preserved from being violated and was later put to death. The year after her death, the stilling of an eruption of Mount Etna was attributed to her intercession. As a result, people continued to ask her prayers for protection against fire. Agatha is also the patron saint for nurses and for those who suffer from breast cancer. Her feast day is February 5.

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.

