

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>
March 19, Sunday, 8:30 AM	+Keith & Dolores Matheny
March 23, Thursday, 8:30 AM	+Jim & Rita Wegmann
March 24, Friday, 8:30 AM	The People of the Parish
March 25, Saturday, 8:30 AM	+Tony Wegmann
March 26, Sunday, 8:30 AM	+Ray Robinson by Pat & Camay Popish

<u>Ministry Schedule</u>			
<u>Mass Dates & Times</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Altar Server</u>
March 19, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Carol Lorenzoni	Jo Ellen Kessel	Jennifer DiLullo & Taylor Woodbury
March 26, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Susan Coxen	Milan Coxen	Vanessa Dicks & Caleb Dicks
<u>Mass Dates & Times</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>	
March 19, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Dan Robinson	Pam Riggi & Dan Robinson	
March 26, Sunday, 8:30 AM	Pam Riggi	Michael & Nancy Rettinger	

March 12, 2023 *Sharing Our Time, Talents, and Treasures. Thank you for your Generosity!*

Envelopes	\$1,255.00
Loose	\$46.00
Candles	\$26.00
Maintenance Fund	\$171.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$10.00
Priest Retirement Fund	\$516.00
Easter Flowers	\$5.00
Total	\$2,029.00

Attendance 56

Please pray for the sick and shut ins
 Kendall Dunbar, Anthony Everly, Daniel Frederick, Anita Guire, Susan Hric, Eliza Mazezka, Mickey McHaffie, Flo Merritt, Irene Mesler, Ed Rettinger, Cindy Roeger, Linda & Ray Terpack, Nora White, Kurt White & Will White.
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.

New Cumberland Food Closet Needs
 Boxed Potatoes
 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.

UPCOMING SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES IN WEIRTON
Lenten Parish Mission at St. Paul's Church 3500 Main St. Weirton, March 27 – 29. 6:00 PM Mass & 6:30 PM Mission Talk given by the Sisters of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina, Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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.

SARRIS EASTER CANDY SALE Candy orders will be available for pick up on March 26, after Mass.

MEN'S CLUB will have their next meeting Sunday, March 19, after Mass.

IC WOMEN'S CLUB meets after Mass Sunday, March 26.

RCIA (ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION) next session is Wednesday, March 22, at 9:15 AM, at the Sacred Heart parish center library.

Topic: Catholic Identity.

LENT 2023

1. **The Three Pillars of Lent:** *Prayer – Fasting – Almsgiving*
2. Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat products, ages 14 and older. Those younger than 14 are encouraged to abstain from meat. Our former bishop, the late Bernard Schmitt, also encouraged us to abstain from meat on Wednesdays as another form of sacrifice.
3. **Weekday Mass schedule during Lent:**
 - a. Sacred Heart: Monday 6:00 PM, Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 AM, Friday 6:30 PM
 - b. Immaculate Conception: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 8:30 AM
4. **Stations of the Cross** will be each Friday at 6:00 PM at both parishes.
5. **Confessions** are Mondays 5:00-5:45 PM and Saturdays 4:00-4:45 PM(SH); Fridays and Sundays 7:30-8:15 AM (IC).

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

March 19, 3:00 – 4:00 PM, Sacred Heart. Three priests will be available for confessions.

March 26, 3:00 – 4:00 PM, Immaculate Conception. Two priests will be available for confessions.

ADDITIONAL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION are needed since we will resume distributing the Precious Blood on Holy Thursday. Contact Fr. Bill if you want to participate in this blessed ministry. Here are the requirements:

1. Must have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)
2. Be at least 18 years old (diocesan policy)
3. Practicing Catholic (registered in the parish and attending weekend Mass regularly)
4. If married, be in a validly sacramental marriage
5. Through God's grace, obeying the Commandments and Precepts of the Church)

We will train new ministers before beginning your service.

THE BURNING OF PALM BRANCHES We need someone to burn the old palm branches to make ashes for Ash Wednesday 2024. Please contact Fr. Bill.

RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES LUNCHEON The Women's Club will host the luncheon for the Hancock County Retired School Employees on Tuesday, March 21. This is a fundraiser, so please consider donating a salad for the luncheon. The back door will be open for you to drop off your salads on Monday, March 20, from 4-8 PM or they can be dropped off on Tuesday, March 21 before 11:00 AM.

SPRING SPORTS Please email Fr. Bill, wmatheny@dwc.org, if your son and/or daughter are playing spring sports (baseball, lacrosse, softball, tennis, or track and field) for their middle or senior high school team. Provide the name, grade level, school, and sport. We will list the names in the April 2 bulletin.

SAINT OF THE WEEK *Saint Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus*

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. When the Bible speaks of God "justifying" someone, it means that God, the all-holy or "righteous" one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God's own holiness. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage. He is the patron saint of fathers, carpenters, and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. His feast day is March 19. However, this year we celebrate his feast on March 20 because his feast falls on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE—WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP will present its final "Opening Your Heart" video "*Outside Activities—Set the World on Fire*," Wednesday, March 22, either 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM, Saint John Paul II Library, Sacred Heart of Mary Parish. All women are invited to share this video and participate in great conversation. Refreshments will be served.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have an open house on April 26, 6:30-9 PM at St. Joseph Dube Dome Gym 151 Michael Way Weirton for you to learn more about life insurance and retirement plans with the Knights of Columbus. There will have refreshments. RSVP april26weirton.abbatekofc.com. You do not to be a member to attend.

