



# BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



Pilgrimage Site for: Diocesan Shrine of Santo Niño  
“Annunciation” and “Tree of Life” Meditation Gardens

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time –February 15, 2026

Pastor: Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan  
Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 8:15 am, Vigil 5:30 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM  
Monday & Friday 8:15 AM  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 12:00 PM

Mass from the Basilica is live streamed on our Facebook & YouTube page, Sundays at 10:30 AM

Mass from the Diocese is being live-streamed at 6 p.m. on Saturday, where it remains online.

The link is <https://dwc.org/home/mass/>

Listen to EWTN on WLUX 1450 AM  
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<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule>

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday's 4:00-5:00 PM or by appointment.  
304-342-8175

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday's 4:00-5:00 PM.



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“We, at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, are a diverse community of the poor, the disadvantaged and hungry, the well-to-do, the youth, elderly, visitors and those seeking refuge.

As a community of many cultures and races, we stand for unity in our diversity by expressing our love of God the Father through prayer and worship, through service to one another, through the ministry of welcoming, through evangelization and ecumenism. With the Bishop, we shall pursue this mission faithfully through the example of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.” All are welcome today, especially visitors, guests and those who might be new to the community.

## Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

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### ADMINISTRATION

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Niki Kurten, Principal  
**Charleston Catholic High School:** 6-12 342-8415  
Colleen M. Hoyer, Principal

### SACRAMENTS

**Anointing of the Sick, Confession, Infant Baptism, Weddings**  
For information/to schedule any of the above 304-342-8175

### MUSIC

**Music Director:** Rosemary Severn rsevern@shccwv.us  
**Principal Organist:** Gregory Gray 380-4786

### OTHER PARISH GROUPS OR MINISTRIES

**Catholic Charities Office-Family Life Center** 380-0162  
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Dick Fauss, Grand Knight 965-6872  
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### Sharing Our Treasure - 2/8/2026

Regular Collection: \$8,723 Candles: \$61  
SMILE (Sisters): \$171 Social Concerns: \$70  
Partners In Hope: \$401 Heating: \$1090 (\$1423)  
Initial Offering: \$25 (\$296) Needy Student: \$61  
U.S. Missions Black & Native Amer. \$475 (\$550)

**Thank you for your faithful generosity.**

## The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time-February 15, 2026

02/14 Sat. 5:30 pm + Msgr. Ed Sadie & Family  
02/15 Sun. 8:00 am + People of the Parish  
10:30 am + Mike & Helen Mychesky  
5:00 pm + Adele Bobinger

02/16 Mon. 8:15 am + Rev. Mr. Harry Higgs

02/17 Tues. 12:00 pm + Fr. Richard Klug

### Ash Wednesday

02/18 Wed. 8:15 am + People of the Parish  
12:00 pm + Msgr. Ed Sadie  
5:30 pm + Margaret Krupa

02/19 Thur. 12:00 pm + Randy Michael

02/20 Fri. 8:15 am + Maddox Potter  
12:00 pm + Rev. Eugene a. Schmitt  
5:00 pm Pray the Rosary  
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

02/21 Sat. 8:15 pm + Eugene M. Sadd

02/21 Sat. 5:30 pm + People of the Parish

02/22 Sun. 8:00 am + John D. Sadd  
10:30 am + John Ruddick  
5:00 pm + Kathleen Fitzmaurice

### Ministry Schedule February 21/22, 2026

#### Lector Schedule

5:30 PM-Linda Higgs  
8:00 AM-Jim Weimer  
10:30 AM-Colleen Hoyer  
5:00 PM-Lara Bissett

#### Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Sr. Ida Chikara, Patricia Noronha 4 volunteers  
8:00 AM-Greg Bolles, Jack Burke, Theresa Miller, 3 volunteers  
10:30 AM-Greg Hoyer, Maria Rendinell & Mike Tupta, 3 volunteers  
5:00 PM-Dick Fauss, Kerri Linton, Agnes Smith, 3 volunteers

### Our Parish Seminarians Addresses

**Send them a card of  
encouragement and the  
promise of prayers.**

**Timothy Kawash**  
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## A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Greetings on this Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time!

Our Lenten Season begins this Wednesday with the celebration of our Ash Wednesday Masses. Please join us at one of the following: 8:15am with our Grade School, 12pm, and 5:30pm.

This Sunday we will begin a Lenten Reflection from Formed titled, "Wilderness Within". Please check this bulletin for details and schedule.

During the Fridays of Lent at the Basilica, we will be praying the Rosary at 5pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. Also, during the Fridays of Lent, Our Knights of Columbus will host a Fish Fry from 6pm until 7:30pm in our Grade School Cafeteria.

Have a blessed week and a grace-filled Lent. I remain,

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Don

### Lenten Reflections

This Lent, please join us for presentations and reflections based on the FORMED program "Wilderness Within." In this program, Sr. Josephine Garrett invites us to explore the interior wilderness of our hearts to expand our love as we prepare for Easter. Sessions will begin on Sunday February 15, and continue through Wednesday, April 1.

### We will have 3 sessions each week on the same material

Sundays at Noon in the Gathering Space,  
Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in the Cordis Center, and  
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Space.

Please attend any sessions whenever you are available. Make this Lent your best ever as we prepare for Easter!



### K of C Fish Fry

**When:** Friday, February 20 through March 27, 2026.

**Location:** Sacred Heart Grade School Cafeteria.

**Time:** 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

**Cost:** \$15 per person

**Tickets on sale at the door.**

The Knights will also be raffling a donated quilt. Tickets will be \$1 each or \$5.00 for 6. The winner of the quilt will be announced at the last fish fry on March 27th.



**In the spirit of community we are asking for those who are able, to contribute a dessert for our fish fry each week. We are estimating we will need around 8 donations per week. We will do the sign-up via a Flocknote email each week. Thank you all in advance!**



### Lent at the Basilica

**February 18th** Mass at 8:15 AM, 12:00 Noon & 5:30 PM

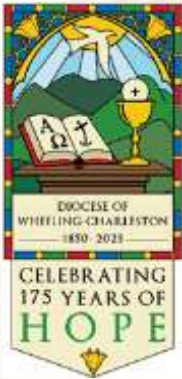
- Regular Sunday and Weekday Schedule
- Friday's during Lent: Starting February 20th Members of the Christian Service Committee will Pray the Rosary at 5:00 pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm.

### LENTEN GUIDELINES FOR ALL CATHOLICS

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by everyone 18 years and older, who has not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, enough to maintain strength, may be taken, according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but consuming liquids, including milk and juices, is allowed. Abstinence is observed by everyone 14 years of age or older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or the ability to work is affected, the law does not apply. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays during Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged.

**JUNE 12, 2026**  
**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF**  
**JESUS**  
**HOLY MASS ▪ PARISH DINNER**

**JUNE 13, 2026**  
**SACRED HEART PARISH FESTIVAL**



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**SACRED HEART PARISH**  
**AND SCHOOLS**

“O, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
 Font of Every Blessing”



**Prayer for Justice and Peace**  
 By Bishop Mark Brennan

“How long, O Lord, how long?” We see violence and hatred on every side, cruel language and crueler actions. Many of your children are treated harshly by those who should protect them and others, lacking food, are given stones when they ask for bread and a scorpion when they ask for a fish.

“How long, O Lord, how long?” We see friends and neighbors suffering because of who they are or where they come from. We have forgotten that you are the Father of us all and that we are brothers and sisters.

Turn our hearts to you and to those who share our land. Make us peacemakers committed to work for that justice, which alone can ensure a lasting peace among your children, so that we may be in truth a single family united in fraternal love. Bind us together, Father, as your beloved children.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, the King of Justice and the Prince of Peace. Amen.

**LAETARÉ**

Charleston-Area Young Adults Group

Our Charleston-Area Young Adult Group consists of members from all across the Charleston area. Please consider joining if you are interested in forming quality friendships with other Catholic Young Adults in the area!

**Why Join???**

- Active Community
- Bible Studies
- Cookouts
- Game Nights
- Volunteer Opportunities

**JOIN NOW!**



Use your camera to scan the QR code if you want to keep up to date through our GroupMe chat!

Join us at Camp Carlo 2026 to  
**ENCOUNTER**  
 God in the mountains.

**REGISTRATION**  
**NOW OPEN!**



**Camp Carlo 2026**  
 Our Catholic Youth Adventure Camp

**High School Week:**  
 June 28th – July 4th

Week 1: July 5th – 11th

Week 2: July 12th – 18th

Week 3: July 19th – 25th

Go to: [campcarlowv.org](http://campcarlowv.org)

## Flocknote On-line Giving:

Our new Flocknote on-line giving is ready for 2026. You have several choices to access the giving option:

In your web browser, enter or copy and paste <https://basilicaofthecocathedral.flocknote.com/give>. OR

Go to the church website

[www.sacredheartcocathedral.com](http://www.sacredheartcocathedral.com), page to the bottom and click on "Make a Gift". OR

You can download the Flocknote App on your mobile device and complete the giving steps.

OR, Use the QR code



### To make a donation:

- Click on "Make a Gift" to choose from our monthly or yearly collections **or** choose one of the endowment funds held by the parish and school.

- Select a contribution option to begin the process

- Enter a contribution amount

- Check or Uncheck "Make recurring" – If recurring, select Weekly, Monthly, quarterly or annually.

Click on calendar and select the date of your giving.

- Choose bank account or credit/debit card and enter the information.

- Click on "donate securely" after entering payment information.



For parishioners who are currently donating through Parishsoft On-line Giving, this option will cease on February 7. If you need assistance canceling your current on-line donation prior to that date, please contact the parish office on 304-342-8175 and ask for Sheila Kerekes.

We are grateful for your support and generosity. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the parish office on 304-342-8175.

## Family Life Food Pantry Scores Huge Donation!

Sacred Heart Grade School's 5th Grade Class "Souper Bowl" Game under the coaching of Theresa O'Leary, donated over 500 cans of soup and tons of cereal to our pantry!

We are SO grateful! This is the second year that our pantry has been blessed by this generosity of students and their parents. THANK YOU!!!

Since May 2024, our pantry has served 1,591 clients. We are open Wednesday's from 2-4 and are located off Dunbar street behind the Catholic Charities office. Our pantry is supported by volunteers and donations from Blessed Sacrament, St. Anthony's and Sacred Heart Basilica.



## New Ministry Opportunity at Sacred Heart Basilica

I wish to establish an Environment and Arts Ministry for our parish. We are very blessed to have a beautiful Basilica with wonderful grounds. This new ministry will be responsible for the design and implementation of art and the decorations during the Liturgical Year. This ministry will also include the grounds which include our fountain and meditation gardens. If you would like to be part of this ministry and express your creativity or would like more information, please contact me by email [dhiggs@dwc.org](mailto:dhiggs@dwc.org) or by phone 304-685-2367.

Hello Sacred Heart Family! I have been accepted to go on a FOCUS mission trip to Costa Rica this July! On this mission we will be working with the local people and their community leaders, building their relationships with God while also serving them and their needs through Catechesis and service work (aka manual labor!) I am required to fundraise at least \$2,850.00, any contribution helps toward this goal and your prayers are requested, as well. Scanning the QR code below with your phone allows a direct donation. If you want to donate a different way, please email me at: [IsaacSCollins22@gmail.com](mailto:IsaacSCollins22@gmail.com).

Thank you and God Bless, Isaac Collins



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Sacred Heart Early Learning Center  
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At the Early Learning Center, care teachers provide a  
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Services at 800.352.6513. To  
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gathering space.  
*"Lord Jesus Christ, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believed in you and so made  
the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies" – Rite of Committal*



**A LEGACY TO SECURE OUR FUTURE**  
Leaving a bequest in your will to the Church or School allows you to leave your legacy to an institution that has meant so much to you. The West  
Virginia Catholic Foundations (WVCF) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 charity of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Sacred Heart Parish and Grade  
School has partnered with the WVCF to establish endowment funds to provide a perpetual and reliable source of income to support the general  
operations and expansion of the parish and school.  
When preparing your Will or planning your Estate, we suggest the following language:  
I give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of  
Wheeling-Charleston and his successors in office, for the benefit of the General Endowment for:  
The Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston, West Virginia.  
**Or** Sacred Heart Grade School, Charleston, West Virginia  
**Or** Sacred Heart fund for Catechesis and Evangelization  
For more information please contact the parish office, 304-342-8175.