

# BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



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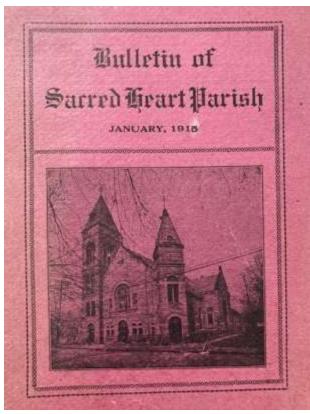
# 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time-August 20, 2023

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 <u>https://dwc.org/home/mass/</u>

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

EUCHARISTIC 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 **TELEPHONE 304-342-8175** FAX 304-344-3907

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

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#### **EDUCATION**

Director of RCIA: Mike Kawash	549-6453
Email: mak@ramlaw.com	
Coordinator of Religious Education: Sr. Ida Chikara	1-304-709-0026
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Sacred Heart Early Learning Center: 6 weeks-2 years	
Andrea Stover, Director	414-5757
Sacred Heart Child Development Center: After School	l Care
Crystal Ashcraft, Coordinator	344-1125
Sacred Heart Grade School: K-5/Pre-School (ages 3-4)	
Niki Kurten, Principal	346-5491
Charleston Catholic High School: 6-12	
Colleen M. Hoyer, Principal	342-8415

#### **SACRAMENTS**

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

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Music Director: Mark Haas	342-8175
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Principal Organist: Gregory Gray	380-4786

#### **OTHER PARISH GROUPS OR MINISTRIES**

Boy Scouts: Sam Wilkes	546-0614
<b>Catholic Charities Office-Family Life Center</b>	380-0162
For information on Catholic Charities	
Contact: Karen or Sam Gross	346-2608
Cub Scouts: Adam Rohrig 27	6-274-8110
Girl Scouts: Deborah Harless 30	4-553-7021
Knights of Columbus -St. Michael the Archangel #12630	
Dick Fauss, Grand Knight	965-6872
Sam Gross-Faithful Navigator-Fr. Boniface Assembly #1188	346-2608
Ministry to Sick/Elderly	
Sr. Ida Chikara, SJI 1-30	4-709-0026
Mount Olivet Cemetery/Mausoleum	342-8135
Wayne Johnson or Sacred Heart Parish	
Prayer Shawl Ministry: Wanda Dettinger	344-1181
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SH Christian Service Committee: Ron Rushworth	382-7768
SH Finance Council: Cindy McGhee-Chair	342-8175
SH Gift Shop: Antonetta Stevens 415-8132 or Kathy Lamb	344-2011
SH Pastoral Council: Jack Walsh-Chair	533-2298

#### Sharing Our Treasure - 8/13/2023

Regular Collection: \$9547 Smile (Sisters): \$575 Partners in Hope: \$25 Ed. of Sem.: \$95 (\$495)

Candles: \$97 Needy Student: \$110 Assumption: \$105 (\$355) Social Concerns: \$15

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time-August 20, 2023

	5:30 pm + Robert "Bob" Miller 8:00 am + People of the Parish 10:30 am + Alyce Smolder 5:00 pm + Walter Edwards
08/21 Mon.	8:15 am + Ed Hacala
08/22 Tues.	12:00 pm + David W. Robinson
08/23 Wed.	12:00 pm + Agnes Kawash
08/24 Thu.	12:00 pm + Tim Godby
08/25 Fri.	8:15 am + Sam Zifilippo 12:00 pm + Debbie Johnson
08/26 Sat.	8:15 am + Catherine Conner
	5:30 pm + People of the Parish 8:00 am + Mary Sholes 10:30 am + John Ruddick 5:00 pm + Tom Whelan

#### Ministry Schedule-Week of August 26/27

Lector Schedule 5:30 PM-Maricel Bernardo 8:00 AM-Sam Gross 10:30 AM-Maria Rendinell 5:00 PM-Jack Burke

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule 5:30 PM– Sr. Ida Chikara, Debra Murphy, Patricia Noronha, 3 volunteers 8:00 AM- Nancy Bricker, Greg Bolles, Steve Joseph, 3 Volunteers 10:30 AM-Andrew & Heather Workman, Debbie Barr,

Chloe Flores, 2 Volunteers

5:00 PM-Debra Basham, Angelita Zamora, 4 Volunteers

#### **The Pope's Monthly Intention August-For World Youth Day**

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

#### Liturgical Ministers are needed.

We need volunteers for all Masses. Please consider becoming a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Usher or Altar Server. To volunteer email: ahodges@shccwv.us or call the parish office at 304-342-8175.

# A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord!

Greetings on the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

It has been a great week for our Catholic Schools as we started a new school year this past Wednesday. It was wonderful to see our students return along with new students. May our students grow in the knowledge, wisdom, and love of the Lord. Please keep our principles, teachers, students, and parents in your prayers.

Our parish seminarians have begun their studies, our three will join eight others studying for the priesthood for our Diocese. It is with joy that I let you know that Catherine Stodola will begin discerning a call to religious life. While a member of Our Lady of the Hills Parish, Catherine often attends our weekday Mass. I asked her to write a note for our bulletin.

It is wonderful to have four young adults connected to our parish spending time discerning a call from the Lord. I encourage you to send them notes offering your prayers and encouragement.

May you have a blessed week. I remain,

Yours in Christ, Fr. Don



# Knights of Columbus

Join us for a Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social Sunday August 27th in the Gathering Space and the Outside Garden starting after the 10:30 Mass. We will serve the Hot Dogs and Ice Cream in the gathering space. The menu is Grilled All Beef Hot Dogs, with toppings of Chili, Mustard, Onions, Slaw, Ketchup, Relish. Drinks: Water or Peach Tea. Ice Cream: Vanilla or Chocolate in Cones or Cups. Toppings: Chocolate or Butterscotch. In addition, there will be donuts and coffee provided by the parish.

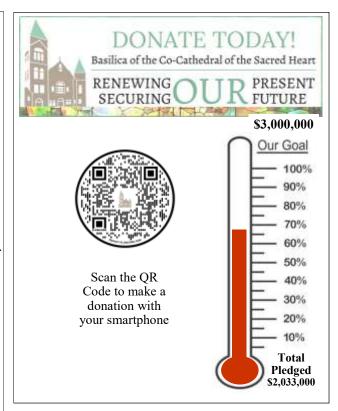
Please attend and enjoy the fellowship of your friends and parishioners.

# A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Want to gain greater appreciation for the Holy Mass? Starting September 10th and continuing the 17th and 24th, October 8th and 15th at 12 noon in the Gathering Space, we are having a 5-session Bible Study to explore the biblical significance of the words and gestures we experience at Holy Mass. This tour of the Holy Mass will increase our understanding and love for the Holy Eucharist. We will generally use Dr. Edward Sri's videobased study A Biblical Walk Through the Mass and add additional insight through scripture reading and discussion.

Please sign up by using the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space, by calling the Parish Office, or by responding by email to Sam Willson at samwillson2@gmail.com or john Willson at johnhwillson@me.com

Each session will last approximately 1 hour. We will skip October 1st because of the Parish Picnic that day. All are welcome!



## Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic?



**RCIA Inquiry Meeting**, August 30, 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Cordis Center. Adult Classes begin September 6.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. The Rite speaks of conversion as a "spiritual journey." Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time (late August to Easter) suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful. The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church's way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church.

Are you or do you know someone who would like to take this journey? If so, please contact Father Don (dhiggs@dwc.com) or RCIA Director Michael Kawash (mak@ramlaw.com or 304-549-6453).



The last few years I have been discerning monastic life with a religious order in England. I discerned to return to West Virginia earlier this year. It was a fruitful time and a place where I was able to grow, primarily in discovering who I am as a child of God. And my desire to serve the people of Wheeling-Charleston grew. Recently I have been accepted to return to Mount St. Mary's Seminary to continue formation for our

diocese. I am excited to be starting first theology this fall. I am looking forward to being among the people of our diocese and the other seminarians again. Please continue to pray for me, and be assured of my prayers as well. *Michael Aiello* 



I had a very active summer at St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Charles Town. I worked several camps for the youth at the parish. This included helping promote vocations during Quo Vadis, kayaking, serving as a cooking judge, and most importantly, praying with the children of the parish. This summer, I also went on a mission trip to Webster County, as we worked on home improvements and spreading the Gospel. I also had the opportunity to accompany Fr. Grassi on Communion calls to sick parishioners. "I am returning to The Pontifical College Josephinum for second philosophy. Please continue to pray for me and my fellow diocesan brothers. Thank you and God Bless" *Timothy Kawash* 



#### Hello, Sacred Heart parishioners!

I wanted to briefly update you all on the end of completing my first year of seminary formation. I completed my first of two years of philosophical studies at Mount St. Mary's in May and then spent two months this summer in my pastoral assignment at the parishes in Princeton and Bluefield. While I am just in my first year, I really was able to involve myself in the lives of so many at both parishes and learn a lot from their pastor, Fr. Sebastian Devasya. Now after a brief amount of time off, I will head back to the seminary and continue formation. I additionally will be taking Greek classes this year, which I am looking forward to in order to learn scripture more adequately. As always, when I am home at the Co-Cathedral, I would love to speak with you all! The people of West Virginia are the reason I want to be a priest here! Praised be Jesus Christ! *To Jesus through Mary, Michael J Tupta* 

If you would like to send Timothy Kawash a note his address is: Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High St, Columbus, OH 43235. Michael Aiello & Michael Tupta's address is Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.



Hi everyone! For anyone who doesn't know me, I'm Catherine Stodola. I'm usually a parishioner at Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church in Pinch, but I often come to Mass during the week at Sacred Heart and am happy to call it home as well. I graduated in May from the University of Alabama, where I had the great blessing of encountering God's love for me in a deeper way and beginning to pursue a personal relationship with Him. I began to find the most joy and fulfillment through loving and serving Him and others. Through recognizing the many blessings God has given me, I desire to give myself fully back to Him. After much discernment and this desire growing in my heart, I will be entering candidacy with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles on August 19th. As a candidate, I will join the Sisters' rhythm of prayer, work in their retreat apostolate in housekeeping, take formation classes, and continue to discern the path the Lord

has in store for me. I am so grateful for all the ways He has been working in my life to bring me to this point, and I am so excited to take this next step! Please keep me in your prayers and know of my prayers for you! God bless you all!

My mailing address is: Catherine Stodola, Heart of Mary - Candidacy, 819 Buena Vista Street, Duarte, CA 91010

#### FAMILY FULLY ALIVE: August - Hospitality

Scripture speaks frequently about the importance of a family's hospitality because of its life-giving love that nourishes weary souls and heals broken hearts.

**Breaking Open The Theme:** Hospitality is necessary for a Christian family as a domestic church. Christ teaches us through the parable of the Good Samaritan that one dimension of hospitality is "to make a neighbor of a stranger."

**Meditation:** Led by the Spirit, the family circle is not only open to life by generating within itself, but also by going forth and spreading life by caring for others and seeking their happiness.

1. What are some specific ways in which our family practices hospitality within our home? In what ways is hospitality challenging for our family, and in what ways does it help our family grow in grace and happiness?

2. Have we ever thought of hospitality in terms of welcoming the others as Christ? How might this calling of Christian hospitality change our practices of hospitality?

3. What are some ways as a family to grow in hospitality? How might we open our home to the poor, lonely, brokenhearted and neglected? Is there someone who has a rough family life that could use some time around our family for the support and encouragement that love offers?

Scripture Reading: Psalm 84:9-13 A praise of God's house

Family Project: Invite acquaintances from your parish or neighborhood over for a meal and spend some time socializing afterward. Invite them to join you for family prayer, too.

## From our music director...

## "A Joyful Psalm" #100: Psalm 67

This week we began t-ball practice with our 4-year-old. As we sit to watch the practice, our other children find ways to entertain themselves. I had to run and stop our 1-year-old who was intrigued by a patch of dirt and just had to crawl into it. Such is life with young children.

The above scenario popped into my mind as I was reviewing the readings for this weekend. The lectionary calls for us to be humble before God. The word "humble" comes from the Latin word, "humilis", which means "of the earth (or dirt)." Psalm 67 reminds us three times to be "of the earth": [1] "May your ways be known upon earth." (Ps.67:2); [2] "May you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth." (Ps.67:4); [3] "May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the *earth* will fear him." (Ps.67:7) In the Gospel Reading, Jesus heals the daughter of a Canaanite woman only after she falls to the earth and "kneels before him saying, 'Lord, help me!'" (Mt.15:25)

Perhaps the readings for this weekend can remind us to demonstrate our own humility before the Lord. And if we get our knees a little dirty, our Daddy will always pick us up.

Mark Haas, Director of Music

# Sweet Blessings!



Fr. Don blesses Theresa Ortiz and her Donut Connection Shop located in Kanawha City. This is where we get our donuts for Sunday's and RE.



Please keep in your prayers David R. Eisenhauer, who died August 8th. Our prayers and condolences for his family and friends. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.



# **Religious Education News...**

Religious Education classes will start September 17th. We invite all parents to register their children, Kindergarten/8th grade. You can get a registration form from our website: sacredheartcocathedral.com or in the vestibule of the Church. Return instructions are on the bottom of the form. RE needs Catechists and substitutes. To volunteer or for more information

contact Sr. Ida: idachikara@gmail.com or 304-709-0026.

### Sunday

Our entire society sees something special about Sunday. Business hours change. Breakfast menus expand. Work hours shrink. Sporting events surface. The newspaper inflates. Movie schedules increase. We expect leisure on Sunday. Part of the weekend, it begins the week and ends the week. It is a sacred day, a time outside normal time when life takes a break. Sunday symbolizes paradise, a place, and pace of leisure and pleasure.

How did all this happen? We Christians owned Sunday first. It is our most important day. On a Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead (Matthew 28:1). On Sundays, his followers met to break bread (Acts 20:7). The Resurrection is our most central belief. We choose Sunday for our primary gathering because the day itself proclaims our faith. Mass on Wednesday or Monday just would not be the same. Sunday is Easter. You can change the day you shop for groceries or go to the bank without much loss. But church is different. It demands a particular day, like a holiday or an anniversary. If we did not gather for Eucharist on Sunday, we have not proclaimed the Resurrection. Our definition of "Sunday" includes Saturday night. This does not compromise to convenience. Jesus rose from the dead during the night. So our Eucharist still honors the Resurrection when it takes place at the beginning of that night-namely, on Saturday evening.

If a serious reason keeps you from attending church on Sunday, your pastor may dispense you. Your conversation with him honors your commitment to your community. On a Sunday when you cannot participate in the Eucharist, you may wish to pray the Scriptures of that day and share a prayer at meal with other believers.

Unity, leisure, and prayer characterize a Sunday. Our attendance at church unites us with the believers of our own community and with

all Christians throughout the world. Our abstinence from work frees our mind for prayer. Football, food, and freedom are all supplementary to Sunday's main purpose, celebrating Eucharist.

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# Fr. Sadie's "Cogitationes" 304-546-4330

# Benedict XVI and the path to recovery (from the "Catholic Herald.")

In 1969, while he was a professor of theology at the University of Regensburg, Fr. Joseph Ratzinger gave a radio address in Germany, asking "What will the Church look like in 2000?" The then-future pope's foresight and analysis are both prophetic and alarming.

Ratzinger's observations from 54 years ago resonate with the worrisome current state of the Church. Fewer than 40 per cent of American Catholics attend at least weekly Mass. Across Europe, attendance at weekly Mass is even more alarming: 28 per cent in the UK; 20 per cent in Spain; 25 per cent in Italy; 6 per cent in France; under 10 per cent in Ratzinger's native Germany. But while this may tempt us to wring our hands, the point of the 1969 speech was to give a sober and forceful assessment of the path to recovery.

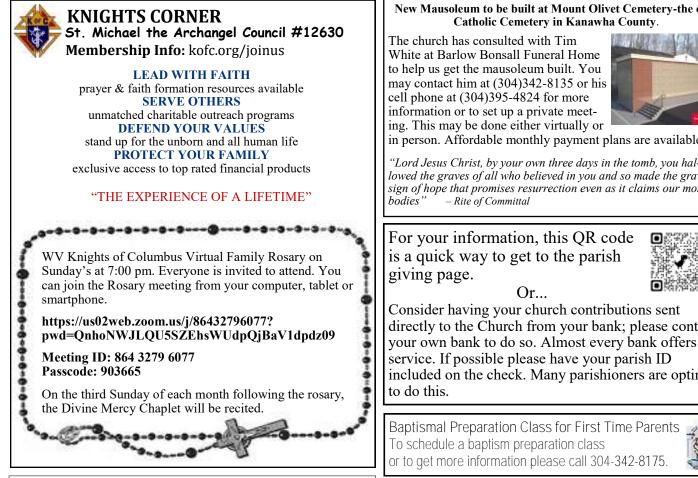
Ratzinger's purpose was not to bemoan the state of the Church, but rather to encourage believers to have hope for her future.

A resurgent Church "will issue from those whose roots are deep and who live in the pure fullness of their faith."

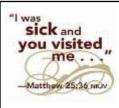
The Church "will be reshaped by saints", by people "whose minds are deeper than the slogans of the day." And it will be served not by priests who give "official advice" but rather by those who place themselves at the disposal of people "in their sorrows, their joys, in their hope and in their fear."

The process "will be long and wearisome", Ratzinger explained. But through it the Church can "find her essence afresh with full conviction in that which was always at her center: faith in the triune God".





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Pastoral Care is offered to all parishioners. If you would like a visit ou visited, or the Eucharist brought to your home, the hospital or assisted care facility, you can contact Sr. Ida at 1-304-709-0026.

**Now Hiring-**Our Parish has full-time and part-time teacher positions for the Early Learning Center and After-school care programs. Diocesan benefits and salaries commensurate with experience and education. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma and clear a background check. WVIT and ACDS helpful but not required. Please contact Sheila Kerekes at 304-414-5757 or mail your resume to 1114 Virginia St. E., Charleston, WV 25301.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

# New Mausoleum to be built at Mount Olivet Cemetery-the only



in person. Affordable monthly payment plans are available.

"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



directly to the Church from your bank: please contact your own bank to do so. Almost every bank offers this included on the check. Many parishioners are opting



### Sacred Heart Early Learning Center

Ages 6 Weeks to 2 Years open to children of all faiths, located at 204 Leon Sullivan Way. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 7:00 am to 5:30 pm, year round.

At the Early Learning Center, care teachers provide a safe, clean, predictable and nurturing environment in which children can explore, build relationships and develop a positive self concept. If you are interested in our program, call Andrea Stover at 414-5757 for an appointment, or for information.

# SACRED HEART GRADE SCHOOL

A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE Applications may be downloaded from our website www.shgs.us. For information, or to schedule a tour, call 304-346-5491.

- Tiny Hearts-2 Year Old-Half or Full Day Program
- ECE-3 Year Old-Full Day Program
- PRE-K-4 Year Old-Full Day Program
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For more information, or to schedule a tour, call 342-8415 or email admissions@charlestoncatholic-crw.org

