

ST. MARY

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
STAR CITY

3346 University Ave. Morgantown, WV 26505 • 304-599-3747

November 21, 2021 • Solemnity of Christ the King

**Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sunday, 8:30am, 11:00am, en español a la 1:00pm**  
**Daily Mass\*: Mon.-Fri. 9:00am, Mon. 6:30pm, Wed. 12:00pm** \*please see schedule inside for any changes  
or cancellations. **Radio broadcast at 8:30am** on 1300AM WCLG & 92.1FM, and TuneIn channel Morgan 92.1



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.  
For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.  
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

- Jn 18:37



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## St. Mary Parish

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## Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case

of marriage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at [stmarystarcity.com](http://stmarystarcity.com). For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

## Sacraments

**Baptism:** (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please contact the parish office for information.

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

**Order of Christian Initiation:** Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA, please contact Cynthia Friesen at 304-225-1163 or [stmarystarcityfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystarcityfaithformation@gmail.com)

**Marriage:** Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

**Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound:** When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request and communally as scheduled

### Bulletin Deadline:

**Tuesday@Noon**, email or written copy please, no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

**Email:** [stmaryschurch@comcast.net](mailto:stmaryschurch@comcast.net)

**Subject line:** attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

## Spirituality of the Readings – What Kind of King?



Once there was a king named Arthur. You remember him, the one who thought up the Round Table and had Lancelot as his knight and Guinevere as his wife.\*

Long before he became king, in fact when he was just an infant in the cradle, a strange thing happened. The nurse stepped out for a moment and, quick as a wink, Merlin the magician stepped in and then stepped out again ...

... taking the boy with him.

This was not a kidnapping. Merlin was a kindly old magician and his commission was to let the boy grow up as a normal—not a spoiled, pampered or “royal”—person. He was not to be miles above the animals and the people and the tiny, precious specks of beauty in the most surprising places in our lives.

He was to live with us.

So Merlin transported Arthur to a bedraggled castle ruled by a third-rate Lord named Sir Ector. The people were nice enough, and ordinary, and the crannies and nooks of the castle were perfect for a little kid to hide in and the halls for him to run around in.

All the servants and even the lords and ladies were his friends.

How could they not be? He was an ordinary lad, though he would be king one day. They called him Wart (which in those days rhymed with Art, which was short for Arthur).

Merlin, funny old character, decided to educate Wart in a special way. Magically, he changed the boy into various and sundry animals, each for a time. He turned him into a hawk, for instance—to witness first-hand the world as it appeared in a hawk's eyes. Or a fish. In fact, especially a fish because Wart could then attend a formal “school of fishes” and learn from their teacher.

It seems that Jesus had a few things in common with the Wart. Jesus was not called “King” or “your highness” as a boy, any more than Wart was referred to as “your majesty.” This one was called “Jesus,”\*\* a common name in those days. He played outside, helped his dad, rolled in the mud, cut his finger, even helped birds to fly. And his mom was his very most favorite person.

He had a teacher who was even better at teaching than Merlin: the Spirit of God. It helped him through the creeks and cubbyholes of the earth and made him friends with the funny, sweet people who lived all around.

Both Wart and Jesus did grow up to be the kind of king they were meant to be. But they brought new images of a king. Their love was not just for the noble and the mighty but love for everyone. They were lowly. Jesus was “king” because he understood every minutest texture of everyone's life and world.

Pilate would ask Jesus if he were a king. He was, specifically, but not in any way Pilate could have imagined. Smallness was his power. Persuasion was his scepter, along with an amazing ability to teach.

He was Christ the King.

Oh, I almost forgot. I typed a wrong key when I began writing, and hit a “d” instead of a “g” at the end of the word King. It came out “Christ the Kind.”

This is who we will find waiting for us on Sunday.

John Foley, SJ

\* This story of Arthur is based on the first book (The Sword in the Stone) of the wonderful series of novels by T. H. White called The Once and Future King (New York: Penguin/Putnam Inc., 1965).

\*\* It is said that the real name of the one we call Jesus was actually Yeshua, and that people would have called him by that name. This is probably correct, except that “Jesus” is the translation of Yeshua into our language, not a substitution of one name for another.

## Giving Summary

**Last Sunday's Offering was not available at the time of publication due to holiday printing deadlines.**

At this time of year, through Epiphany, our bulletin publisher requires that we submit our bulletin to them in advance of the normal weekly schedule to accommodate holiday closures and shipping delays. Giving Summaries will be printed in the first available publication after the collection, but may appear delayed when compared to the date of the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.

## Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

**11/21 Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes, including special collections, Mass intentions, memorials, and donations to different funds e.g. Trust Fund for the Poor, Debt Reduction, etc. Thank you for your help!

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**GIVE ONLINE!**  
by clicking on the  
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[www.stmarystarcity.com](http://www.stmarystarcity.com).

## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### November 21, Solemnity of Christ the King

Saturday, 6:00pm	Justin Harris
Sunday, 8:30am	Abraham Lucci
Sunday, 11:00am	For the People
Domingo, 1pm	Eloise Herrick

<u>Monday 11/22</u>	<u>St. Cecilia</u>
9:00am	Thomas Di Bacco
6:30pm	Special Intention by Celebrant
<u>Tuesday 11/23</u>	<u>St. Clement I</u>
9:00am	Margaret Grace & John A. Boyle
<u>Wed. 11/24 St. Andrew</u>	<u>Trần Dũng-Lac and Companions</u>
<b>No 9:00am Mass</b>	
12:00pm	The Boyle Family
<u>Thursday 11/25</u>	<u>Thanksgiving Day</u>
9:00am	For the People
<u>Friday 11/26</u>	<u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u>
<b>No Daily Mass</b>	

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

**\*In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled\***

### November 28, 1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 6:00pm	Dorothy & Michael Tupta
Sunday, 8:30am	For the People
Sunday, 11:00am	Jim & Margaret White
Domingo, 1pm	Eloise Herrick



**The Bread and Tabernacle Candle** the week of November 21 are in memory of **Louis & Mary Feola** from Fred & Phil Barata.

## Energizing our Plaza

We have now exceeded our goal at **123%** of our \$4,000 goal!

**Thank you to everyone who donated!**

\$4,945

123%!!! ⚡

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass  
Saturdays from 5-5:40pm as scheduled  
(Mon-Fri: 8:30am, Mon: 6:00pm, Wed: 11:30am)  
\*times may change based on any changes to the weekly Mass schedule



We have Hearing Assistance Devices available for use during Mass. If you would like one, please ask an Usher.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

### Sunday, November 21

9:30am	Religious Ed.
9:45am	RCIA
1:00pm	NA Meeting
1:00-3:00pm	Girl Scouts—L/L
6-8:00pm	HS Youth—Youth Room

### Monday, November 22

7:00pm	RCIA - L/L topic: Mission of Jesus/ Passion of Jesus/Liturgical Year
7-9:00pm	Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, November 23

10:00am	Angels in the Bible, Class 6—L/L
6:30pm	Angels in the Bible, Class 6—L/L
6:30pm	NA Meeting

### Thursday, November 25—Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed	
12:00pm	Al-Anon—L/L

### Friday, November 26

**No Daily Mass**  
Office Closed

### Saturday, November 27

5:00-5:40pm	Reconciliation
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### Sunday, November 28—First Sunday of Advent

**No Religious Ed.**

9:45am	RCIA
1:00pm	NA Meeting
1:00-3:00pm	Girl Scouts—L/L
6-8:00pm	MS Youth—Youth Room



**We welcome Jose Jiminez Perez,** who was baptized this weekend.



The Parish Office will be closed November 25 & 26 for Thanksgiving.



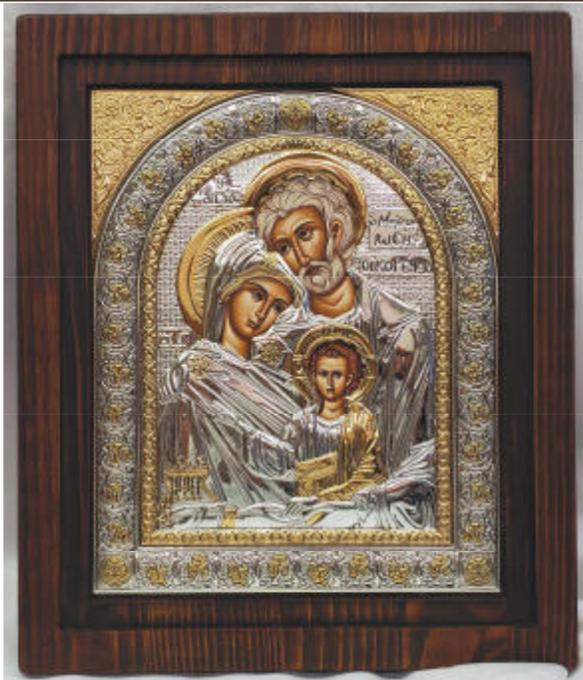
Until further notice, Bishop Brennan asks that all those in attendance at Mass **and any other meetings, social events, or other parish gatherings (including events with food)** wear a mask, other than young children under the age of 2.

Thank you for your cooperation in this act of Christian Charity.



**flocknote** Text the word "starcity" to 84576 or connect with us online at: **StMaryStarCity.flocknote.com**

Please check out pgs. 8-10 for the St. Mary Parish Mission Statement and Five Year Plan created by our five-year planning committee. Thank you to all the committee members for your time and efforts creating a vision and roadmap for our parish to follow in the years to come.



### **Holy Family Icon Raffle**

St. Mary Church will be raffling off a beautiful icon of the Holy Family. This lovely depiction of the Holy Family is set in a hand-carved wooden frame, and features an ornate gilded silver icon cover made with techniques passed down through generations. Proceeds of this raffle will go toward our outdoor lights for the narthex plaza decoration. (Icon measures 8 x 10.25 inches not including frame)

Chances are \$5 per ticket, and tickets can be purchased after Masses on weekends, or at the Parish Office.

The drawing for the winner will take place at our Lessons and Carols event, on Sunday, December 19th, 2021.

**Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets.** We are looking for at least one set of volunteers for after each Mass time. Please contact the Parish office if you can help, then see Fr. John before Mass for instructions.

**If you, or any parishioner you know, are sick or homebound and would like a visit from Fr. John, please contact the Parish Office 304-599-3747**

**Faith  
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**Faith  
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Updates**

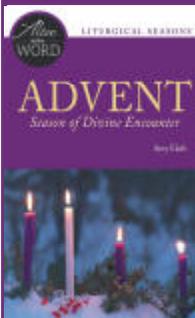
**NO Faith Formation Classes, Sunday morning, 28 November.** Sunday morning classes will resume on Sunday, 5 December at 9:45 am.

**Sacramental Preparation:** Parents, the Reconciliation Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, 4 December from 9:00am-12:00pm. Please Save the Date and join your child in special activities in preparation for the sacrament.

**Celebration of the sacrament of First Reconciliation** will take place on Saturday, 11 December at 11:00 am in the Church.

**Middle School Youth Classes** will take place on Sunday, 28 November, 5 December and 12 December at 6:00 pm.

**High School Youth Classes** will be on Sunday, 21 November, 12 December and 19 December at 6:00 pm. Please keep these days in mind.



### **Adult Faith Formation**

Perhaps you have thought about the upcoming Liturgical Year starting on November 28th, 1st Sunday of Advent, and want to prepare in a special way. We have a suggestion.

This is a quick three session opportunity to prepare for

#### **"Advent: Season of Divine Encounter."**

We will meet in the Library Lounge on **Monday, December 6th 6:30-7:30pm.**

---Discuss "Encountering God in the Incarnate Word"

**Tuesday, December 14 6:30 - 7:30pm**  
---Discuss "Recognizing Our Daily Divine Encounters"

**Tuesday, December 21 6:30 - 7:30pm**  
---Discuss "Anticipating the Fullness of Encounter with Christ"

Participants will read the lesson and reflect on the questions before we gather to discuss. Cost of the book is \$4.00.

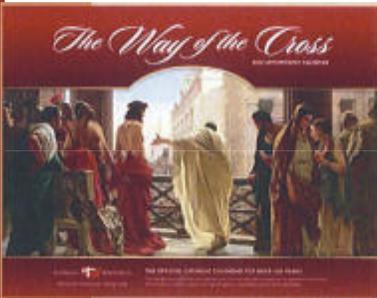
## Pastoral COUNCIL

The new members of our **Parish Pastoral Council**, who were selected last weekend, and will begin serving in January, are:

**Dana Cowell  
Paul Becilla  
Emma Mason**

Thank you for volunteering your faithful service to St. Mary Church!

## 2022 Calendars 'The Way of the Cross'



from Hastings Funeral Home are available in the church, narthex, and the CFC entry.

**Thank you to Hastings for their kind donation of the calendars!**



### St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:

- \*Toilet Paper
- \*Liquid Laundry Detergent (please no pods or powder)

### Baby & Toddler Program needs:

- \*Baby Wash & Shampoo

St. Ursula needs volunteers Wednesday mornings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month for a few jobs:

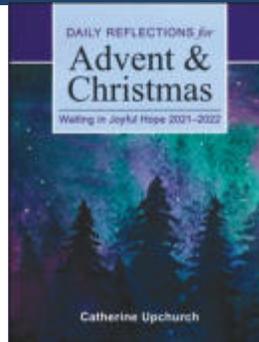
- ◆ 1 person to pick up food at the old Ramada
- ◆ 2 people to help unload the food deliveries and to set up for pantry
- ◆ A few volunteers to help with pantry 1 pm - 4 pm

If you can do one or both Wednesdays, please call Sister Rachel at 304-599-3822



**Donations for St. Ursula** Food Pantry and Outreach may be placed in the labeled bins in the church and narthex, or dropped off in the baskets in the CFC entry.

**NA Meetings** St. Mary Church, Star City  
Tuesdays-6:30pm, Sundays-1pm  
**To find other meetings near you,** visit  
<https://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>



## Daily Reflection Books for Advent & Christmas

Reflection books in English & Spanish can be found in the narthex, and on the table in the Christian Formation Center entry. The suggested donation is \$1. A limited number of Large

Print copies are available, please contact the office if you would like one.



## Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).



## Daily Mass intentions are still being accepted for 2021.

**We have a few daily Masses left for the year.** The suggested donation is \$10 for a daily Mass.

**Mass intentions are now being accepted for 2022.** The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend, \$10 for a weekday. Please call the Parish Office if interested, 304-599-3747.

Please note that any Masses cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a global pandemic, inclement weather, or a funeral, will be moved to the next available 'like' date and time e.g., Daily Mass on Tuesday moved to another Tuesday, 8:30 Sunday Mass moved to another 8:30, as available.



**Memorial Donations for Bread and the Tabernacle candle are now being accepted for the year 2022.** (We have a few dates left for 2021 also.) The requested donation is \$40. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested. 304-599-3747.

**Al-Anon** (for those affected by someone else's drinking) meets every Thursday at noon at St. Mary Church. Information: call 1-888-425-2666 or [WSO@al-anon.org](mailto:WSO@al-anon.org)

## Holiday Bulletin Announcement Deadlines

If you have an announcement for the bulletin over Advent/Christmas, please be aware of these deadlines due to our holiday publishing schedule with LPI.

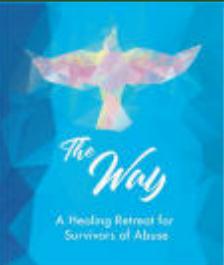
Bulletin Date	Announcement Deadline
December 12	Friday, Dec. 7
December 19	Monday, Dec. 13
December 26	Wednesday, Dec. 15
January 2	Friday, Dec. 17



### CATHOLICS UNITED FOR THE FAITH

Catholics United for the Faith is an international lay apostolate founded in 1968 whose purpose is

"to unite the faithful from all walks of life in order to support, defend, and advance the efforts of the Teaching Church in accord with the teachings of the Second Vatican Council." In the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston the St John Henry Newman Chapter promotes doctrinal and spiritual formation in the Catholic faith, personal renewal, and engagement in evangelization and catechesis. Now more than ever we need to be able to articulate and defend our faith so that we can grow in holiness. For more information or to get involved, email us at [cuf.dwc@gmail.com](mailto:cuf.dwc@gmail.com) or visit [www.wvlaity.org](http://www.wvlaity.org).



Survivors of all forms of abuse across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are invited to attend a special retreat entitled, "The Way." The Way is 3-day guided meditation and prayer program for men and women crafted around the Stations of the Cross. It is an opportunity for

healing and prayer and for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives through prayer and sacraments. There will be opportunities for individual counseling and spiritual direction. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the retreat is free of charge and will be held November 19-20, 2021, for men and February 18-20, 2022, for women. The location of the retreat is not being publicized to protect the privacy of survivors. For more information on the retreat, visit <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat>. To learn more and to register, please contact Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466 or [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org).



## The Giving Tree

This year our Giving Tree will benefit children from Monongalia County: a mix of clients of St. Ursula Food Pantry and WVU Children's pediatric infusion patients.

The tree will be up from November 6 through November 28.

### There are several ways to participate:

- \*You may pick up a tag while attending Mass or during the week.
- \*We can choose a tag for you and either text you a photo or drop it in the mail.
- \*You provide a donation; we do the shopping.
- \*If you are unable to adopt a tag, any donations are helpful and appreciated.
- \*You can donate to the Poor Box the weekends of November 6/7 and 13/14

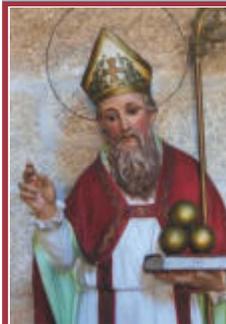
We are also seeking donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, scissors, etc.. These items can be dropped off in the CFC entry

**Please return all gifts (unwrapped) and wrapping item donations by Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> to the Formation Center.**

### Questions / Request a Tag

Kathy Kerzak @ 304-692-8881

Vickie Lacy @ 304-685-1636



The Confraternity of Saint Nicholas is a public association of the faithful who, through prayer, fasting, and good works, are dedicated to the protection of all children from scandalization, abuse, and trafficking. Obligations are to attend daily Mass on

December 6 and May 9, to say the Litany of St. Nicholas weekly, a brief daily prayer, and skip one meal every Wednesday. See the link to the statutes and required prayers of the Confraternity as well as the link to register online. Thank you.

Statutes and Prayers:

<https://dwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Statutes-of-the-Confraternity-of-Saint-Nicholas.pdf>

Online Registration:

<https://dwc.org/evangelization-and-catechesis/confraternity-of-st-nicholas/>

# St. Mary Parish

## Star City, WV

### Mission Statement & 5 Year Plan

#### Mission Statement

**We, the diverse community of St. Mary Roman Catholic Church in Star City, WV accept as our mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through Word, Sacrament and Service.**

5 Year Plan January 1, 2022-December 31, 2027

#### Critical Issue #1: Evangelization

Goal 1: Bring back inactive Catholics to 80-90% pre-Covid levels

Strategy 1: The Evangelization Committee will identify in-active Catholics by June 2022 and will then do the following:

- A. Survey reasons for not returning
- B. Offer non-commitment catechetical studies, possibly online
- C. Ask their ideas on what it would take to get them back in the pews
- D. Continue to welcome, greet, and encourage attendance and participation
- E. Encourage those who have returned to bring others with them via the Pastor/ Bulletin/ online/ Friday notes

Goal 2: Re-engage current members in lifelong catechesis

Strategy 1: The pastor and Faith Formation Staff will develop an ongoing series of small catechesis called "Did you know" by Jan. 2022

Strategy 2: The Evangelization Committee will develop postcards and phone calls to invite current members back by summer 2022

Goal 3: Outreach to Young Adults by social media and other sources

Strategy 1: Get young adults (18-30 yrs. old) involved to spearhead effort to survey other young adults to better understand what young people might be looking for in the parish

Strategy 2: Within the next year create a committee to reach out to young adults to discern the best means available to inform them of parish events and opportunities

#### Critical Issue #2: Parishioner involvement and engagement

Goal 1: Increase participation in parish ministries

Strategy 1: By mid-February 2022 we will have a Ministry Sign-up Fair

- A. Held on one weekend
- B. Announced for six weeks beforehand at mass/bulletin/online
- C. Have tables for the different ministries to answer questions

Strategy 2: Committee chair or chairs will train at a convenient time for all new trainees

Goal 2: Increase participation in parish activities other than mass

Strategy 1: Parish office will send time/talent/ability survey to those who did not attend the Ministry Sign-up Fair a month after the Fair

Strategy 2: The parish staff and Social Activities Committee will survey parishioners for trade or profession abilities such as electrician, plumber etc.... at the beginning of 2022

Strategy 3: The Social Activities Committee will organize recreation events such as day and/or weekend trips such as hiking, tubing, theater etc....

Strategy 4: The Social Activities Committee will organize social events around the parish targeting specific groups such as young adults or seniors or families as well as special events to mark significant liturgical feasts or seasons

Goal 3: Determine what activities the parishioners would attend to develop parish fellowship

Strategy 1: Activities should be planned by target audiences

Strategy 2: The Office will survey parishioners by liturgical/calendar season

### Critical Issue #3: Faith Formation

Goal 1: Increase Parish's understanding of the Catholic Faith

Strategy 1: The Pastor and Spiritual Life Committee will schedule and promote weekly devotions offered such as Adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet, Stations of the Cross by January 2022 and offer seasonal retreats/days of reflection/parish mission by Spring of 2022

Strategy 2: Having Faith in Action activities such as Food Pantry assistance or Christian Help or Pro-Life group activities or helping refugees. Involve Faith Formation Students & Young Adults.

A. Office staff will better advertise the needs as stated by Sr. Rachel for St. Ursula Food Pantry

Strategy 3: Youth under 18 activities to engage them to develop a relationship with Christ such as Bible Study or Praise and Worship services

Strategy 4: Offer New parent programming designed to help first time parents learn how to rear children in a Catholic home and how to develop a family centered prayer life. Programs in English and Spanish

A. Will recruit 2-3 parish families as guides  
B. Will start by January 2022

Goal 2: Revive Christ Renews His Parish as well as encourage participation in other retreat programs (TEC)

Strategy 1: The Retreat & Spiritual Life Committee will develop and recruit the veteran participants of CHiRP to help put on a new wave of retreats by Fall of 2022

Goal 3: Be aware of the variety of ecclesiologies within the parish and strive to offer programs and worship opportunities to meet those preferences

Strategy 1: Increase lay leadership involvement in faith formation when it is appropriate and provide training classes if necessary

Strategy 2: Retreat and Spiritual Life Committee as well Social Activities Committee in cooperation with the Faith Formation Director and Pastor will provide activities targeted for optimum participation.

Goal 4: Provide additional opportunities for family faith formation

Strategy 1: Within the next year the Faith Formation Director will create family experiences based on the liturgical calendar

Strategy 2: The FFD will provide take-home resources for families to continue faith formation at home

#### Critical Issue #4: Follow through

Goal 1: Ensure the Parish Pastoral Council reviews the 5 Year Plan

Strategy 1: At least twice a calendar year review the plan at the Parish Pastoral Council meetings. (January and August meetings i.e.)

Strategy 2: Make sure each committee, ministry and staff know their roles and responsibilities in the plan



# Read the Gospel and Color



## Sharing the Gospel

When the soldiers hurt Jesus, they were only doing their job. They did not understand that they were killing God's Son. Jesus saw into the hearts of those soldiers, and he forgave them. A man next to Jesus on the cross had done terrible things. He knew he deserved to die on a cross, and he was truly sorry. This criminal believed that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus saw into that criminal's heart, and Jesus forgave him, too.

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to forgive my sins, too.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus on the cross.

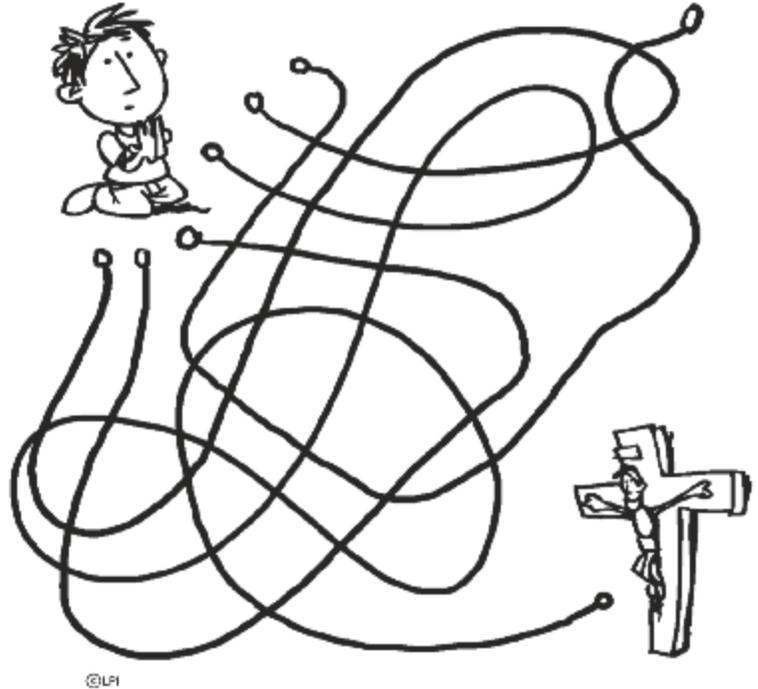
### Mission for the Week

Jesus forgave the people who killed him. He expects you to forgive people who hurt you, too. Think of one person with whom you have been angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person, because Jesus forgives you.

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## Puzzle

Find the path that leads to Jesus.



### Safe Environment Reporting

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. In addition to civil authorities, 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. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

### Will or Estate Planning

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to:

"The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

November 21, 2021

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service ReportBishopAbuse.org (800) 276-1562

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops, and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. Where a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential. If you have any other kind of complaint about a bishop—such as parish assignments, church closings, or homily contents—please address those directly to your diocesan or eparchial bishop instead. Sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or a staff member or volunteer of the Church should be reported to the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. So, to be sure you get the help you need, phone numbers and addresses may be found at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under the accountability tab. If you are the victim of sexual abuse (or any other crime), please contact local law enforcement.

**Sunday, Nov 21, 2021**

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**A game of 20 questions**

Actually, only 11 questions are exchanged in the fateful interview between Pilate and Jesus. Pilate asks 10, the most famous being, "What is truth?" Equally significant, however, is Pilate's other inquiry, "Are you the King of the Jews?" To which Jesus replies with his own bold interrogation: "Are you saying this on your own or have others told you about me?" It remains a significant inquiry. On this day when the church honors Jesus as King of the Universe, we might ponder the question ourselves: Does Jesus rule our hearts? Or is his authority just something we hear tell about?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37 (161). *"Pilate said to Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'"*

**Monday, Nov 22, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF CECILIA, MARTYR

**Sing out your life**

Saint Cecilia is the patron of music and musicians—because as she was wed against her wishes to a nobleman of no particular faith, she sang in her heart to God. (Her husband ended up becoming Christian and both were martyred by the Romans.) Her patronage of music has created an immense legacy as musical institutions all over the world are named after her, and concerts and festivals are held today on her feast day—all because of a sweet, simple, silent song of fidelity to the Lord. You may not be blessed with musical talent, but God loves to hear your heart-song nonetheless.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4 (503). *"I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest."*

**Tuesday, Nov 23, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF COLUMBAN, ABBOT

**Take the gospel everywhere**

After years of studying scripture in an Irish monastery, Saint Columban sought permission at age 40 to depart for Europe with a boatload of companions. Their mission: to preach the gospel everywhere they went, proclaiming Christ after barbarian invasions collapsed the Western Roman Empire. Pray some of Columban's eloquent words to begin your day: "Lord, may everything we do this day begin with your blessing and continue with your help. May everything we say this day begin with your love and continue with your grace. May everything we plan this day begin with your inspiration and continue with your peace."

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11 (504). *"The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed."*

**Wednesday, Nov 24, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

**Make me an instrument of your peace**

The Catholic church has a long and complex history in Vietnam, going back to the first European missionaries in the 15th century. Over the centuries, church-state intrigue and foreign colonial interests competed with genuine pastoral work, and Catholic missionaries often were caught in the crossfire. The martyrs remembered today suffered during a particularly difficult period when Catholic families were broken apart and some were branded on the forehead with the Vietnamese words for "false religion." Church-state relations have gradually improved in recent decades

as wounds from the past heal. May we all learn the lessons history offers, so that our witness may be a reconciling one.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19 (505). *"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."*

**Thursday, Nov 25, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, MARTYR; THANKSGIVING DAY

**Attitude of gratitude**

Truth will out. As we give thanks this day for blessings in our lives, let's treasure the gift of faith, of truth. Little is known of the life of Catherine of Alexandria, whose memorial is today—perhaps not surprising given she was born quite early in Christian history, around 287. Nonetheless, the legends surrounding this early saint demonstrate her persistence in sharing the truth of her faith in Christ. Roman authorities expended great energy in killing those she converted and finally in killing her, but her truth, the Christian gospel, still shines brightly. Let's give thanks for it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28 (506). *"When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."*

**Friday, Nov 26, 2021**

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

**The source of our "inspo"**

The Bible has been and continues to be a treasure of inspiration (or "inspo" to the younger set), guiding us through the difficult, ordinary, and joyful moments of everyday life. Instead of tweets, there are verses; instead of hashtags, there are the great biblical themes of creation, love, mercy, and faithfulness. #awesome Even better than tweets and hashtags, however, is the fact that inspo for Christians is not just a feel-good motivation; it is also a real-time experience of God. God *inspires*—"in-spirits"—us. God breathes God's very spirit with us. What does or could this inspo mean for you today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33 (507). *"Know that the Kingdom of God is near."*

**Saturday, Nov 27, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Every day a new challenge**

Seems lately that every day is D-Day: division, disease, disaster. The news can be overwhelming, and the temptation, which Jesus warned against, is to pull the covers over our heads and sleepwalk through life. Call on the courageous example of Mary, who faced challenges few of us can imagine as she carried out her mission and trusted the Word living within her. We share in that mission to bring God into the world. Trust and stay strong in the storm!

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36 (508). *"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy . . . Be vigilant at all times.'"*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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## The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Lectionary: 161

### Reading I

Dn 7:13-14

As the visions during the night continued, I saw

one like a Son of man coming,  
on the clouds of heaven;  
when he reached the Ancient

One

and was presented before

him,

the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship;

all peoples, nations, and languages serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion

that shall not be taken away,  
his kingship shall not be destroyed.

### Reading II

Rv 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he is coming amid the clouds,

and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him.

All the peoples of the earth will lament him.

Yes. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,  
"the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

### Gospel

Jn 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus,

"Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own

or have others told you about me?"

Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I?"

Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me.

What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world.

If my kingdom did belong to this world,

my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.

But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"

Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.

For this I was born and for this I came into the world,

to testify to the truth.

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."



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