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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH!

New Members

Catholic over the age of 18 (unless they are in school), we invite you to become registered members of our parish! This is a great way to practice the Catholic Faith. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards in the back of the church. Please fill out this form and return it either by mail or the collection basket. Soon after, you will get a letter confirming your membership in the mail. Please make sure you introduce yourself to the Priest celebrating the Mass you attend!

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 29

5:30 pm †Jim Ice req. by Eddie & Kathy Daniel

Sunday, Jan. 30

8:30am † Ott Meale req. by David & Donna Wells

11:00am Our Parish Family

Monday - Tuesday Jan. 31 - Feb. 1 - NO Mass

Wednesday, Feb. 2

8:00am - Word and Communion

Thursday Feb. 3 - No Mass

Friday, Feb. 4 - First Friday

7:00 pm †Anita Walls req by Lisa Mugnano

Saturday, Feb. 5

5:30 pm Good Health of Sharon Summers

Sunday, Feb. 6

8:30am Our Parish Family

11:00am †Marie Hartley Wayne Hartley

PLEASE NOTE: *In the event of a Funeral Mass or school is delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather, the daily morning Mass will be cancelled and the Mass intention will be rescheduled.*

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Holy Mass intentions are available for the year of 2022. Please call the office or drop intentions in the collection box to schedule. Holy Masses are offered for the living and deceased.



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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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods. Immaculate Conception Church has made Rosemary Fantasia the coordinator for our church's Safe Environment team.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH & THE FAMILY

To mark the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. In our diocese the date is extended to March 19, 2022.

Pope Francis has also called for the Year of the Family from 19th March 2021 - 26th June 2022 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laeti*, on the pastoral care of families.

Dedication of Our Families to Saint Joseph and the Holy Family

To celebrate the Year of St. Joseph and the Family, we continue to pray each day for one of our Parish Families. The day chosen for your family will be notified through a letter (How? Surprise!) and a reminder call. We will also list the names of the families in the bulletin each week. I request our parish families to join me to pray during your family prayer time.

On the chosen day we dedicate your family to St. Joseph and the Holy Family by lighting a candle and placing your name in front of the Holy Family statue. Also, we will pray for you during the prayers of the faithful at Holy Mass. You may also wish to attend one of the Masses that week or weekend to pray for your special intentions.



Prayer Schedule for Feb 8 - 13

- Feb. 8 - Paul and Monica Zanussi
- Feb. 9 - Tom and Patti Zapach
- Feb. 10 - Frank and Marlena Zukowsky
- Feb. 11 - Larry Zaccagnini
- Feb. 12 - Nicholas & Barbara Donini
- Feb. 13 - Kevin & Heather King

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION
No Second Collection
NEXT WEEK SECOND COLLECTION
Building Fund



IN MEMORIAL

A Building Fund Donation was made in Loving Memory of Joe Merendino by Carole & Ronald Croteau, Donna and Jay Gidick.

A Memorial Building Fund Donation was made in honor of Jerry Walter by Paulette Raschella and Bob Plutro.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

	Feb 5 5:30 PM	Feb 6 8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Ushers	Al Murray, Margaret Blake, Edna Wilson, Cindy Serge	Johnna & Seth Barker, Larry Willett, Darrell Capral	Gabby & Chuck Jordan, Joseph Holowko, Alice Sherer
Altar Servers	Aidan & Mia Gump, Marissa Summers	Zoe & Xaden Willett, Millie Barker	Aden McFarland, Parker & Luke Bombard
Extraordinary Ministers	Patty Cinalli	Rosemary Fantasia	Kelly Smith
Lectors	Mary Murray	Nancy Ripoli	Carol Hoffman
Security	Al Murray, Margaret Blake,	Larry Willett, Darrell Capral	Gabby & Chuck Jordan
Sacristan	Jerry Boyers	Rosemary Fantasia	Steve Perrotti

Prayer Shawls Available

Prayer shawls made by members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry group and blessed by our priest in the church are available. Shawls can be given to those undergoing medical procedures, comfort after loss, during illness, and many other life events. Call Sister Stella at 304-367-0485 to get one.

Tax Return Reports

Our thanks for all the generosity of our parishioners to help us maintain our Immaculate Conception Parish facilities and programs! May the Lord grant you every blessing.

PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION REPORTS will be available at your request from the **first week of February onwards.** Envelope donation reports and all other donations given to the church will be shown for tax return purposes. To arrange it, just call the Parish Office at **(304)-363-5796 ext. 11 between the hours of 9:30AM and 1:30PM.**

STEWARDSHIP

	Jan. 23
Attendance	238
Weekly Collection (Regular & Online)	\$2,508
Building Fund (Regular & Online)	\$275
FC School Support (Regular & Online)	\$192
Solemnity of Mary	\$101
Church in Developing World	\$6

ST. BLAISE | FEBRUARY 3



You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Contact Parish office to schedule the baptism and make arrangements for the required parent preparation session.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Eucharist is celebrated in April/May for children who are enrolled in second grade at either Fairmont Catholic School or the Faith Formation Program.

PENANCE: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available from 4:30PM on Saturday, and before and after all the Holy Masses.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation is celebrated for students in 9th grade who have been prepared during their 9th grade year. Catholic adults who have not been confirmed should contact the Parish Office for preparation in order to be included in the celebration.

MATRIMONY: Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Arrangements can be made by contacting Fr. Jojan (304)-281-0086, Sr. Stella (304)-367-0485, or the Parish Office (304)-363-5796.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Contact Sr. Stella (304)-367-0485 for more details.

1ST FRIDAY HOLY MASS & ADORATION: Holy Mass will begin at 7:00PM and followed by Adoration until 8:00PM.

Online giving is a convenient way to support your church. Check the website for Online Giving Instructions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fairmont Catholic Winner Circle Winning Numbers are #52 , #149, #43 and #9
- The Catholic Daughters will meet Tues Feb 1th at 6:00 in Marian Hall at Immaculate Conception Church. All members are urged to attend. If you've been thinking about joining, plan to attend and see what we're all about. Light refreshments served after each meeting for fellowship. Barb Kolar (Regant)
- Ladies Society Meeting - March 8 at 6:00 pm in Marian Hall.
- Previously scheduled Syndol Listening Sessions had were canceled because of the weather will be rescheduled. As soon as the dates have been finalized, we will let you know. Watch the bulletin, Facebook and the website for more information.

Gifts from of Holy Land



We have a display of beautiful handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land. The Christians of the Holy Land have been suffering and continue to live in difficult economical situations. Olive wood carvings are part of the tradition handed down from one generation to another; Christian families have worked over 2000 years to protect the Holy sites in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and to spread the word of Jesus. For about the past 1000 years they used carvings to keep the Bible alive in dimensions. Our mission is to support our fellow Christians in the holy land by selling some of their olive wood carvings which are one major source for their income. Proceeds from sale will benefits Christian families in Bethlehem/Holy Land. Last century, the Christians were about 37% but today they are only 5%.

By your support through the purchasing of these carving, 200 families will be helped to remain in the Holy land. Supporting these families is important also for the peace in the Middle East. Please stop by our tables and get you gifts directly from the little town of Bethlehem. Thank you all and God Bless.



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Prayer to Saint Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

(To be prayed before every Mass)

POPE'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

For true human fraternity



We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Prayer Shawls Available

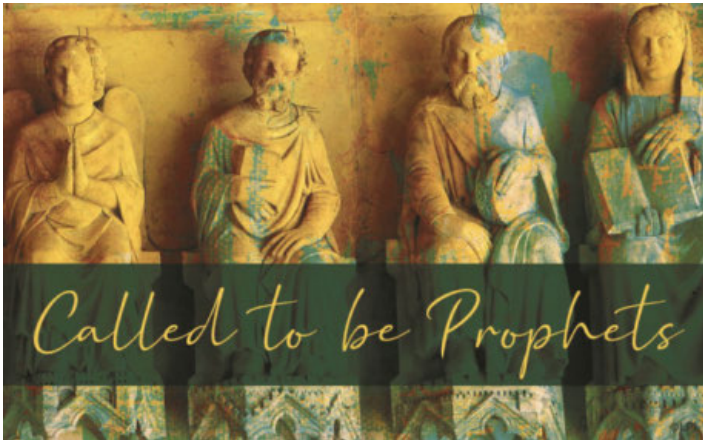
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FAIRMONT CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT

2022 Goal:..... \$24,000.00
2022 Total \$ 778.00

Thanks for your continued support for our children.

SUNDAY REFLECTION



St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered

the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?
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We give our prayerful support and condolences to the family members and friends of **Felix Lunghi, Jr.** who passed away on January 16, 2022. May he experience perfect peace and joy in the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us also express our condolences to his sons, Mark and Patrick Lunghi, his sisters, Florence Sansalone and Mary Jo Cline.

Eternal Rest Grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him! May his soul and the souls of all of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

Faith Formation Attendance Jan. 23		
Class	#Registered	#Present
Pre-K	2	2
K	4	2
1st	3	2
2nd	12	7
3rd	6	3
4th	2	1
5th	4	1
6th	6	3
7th	7	2
Total	46	23

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Me: God, can I ask You a question?

God: Sure

Me: Promise You won't get mad

God: I promise

Me: Why did You let so much stuff happen to me today?

God: What do u mean?

Me: Well, I woke up late

God: Yes

Me: My car took forever to start

God: Okay

Me: at lunch they made my sandwich wrong & I had to wait

God: Huummm

Me: On the way home, my phone went DEAD, just as I picked up a call

God: All right

Me: And on top of it all off, when I got home ~I just want to soak my feet in my new foot massager & relax. BUT it wouldn't work!!! Nothing went right today! Why did You do that?

God: Let me see, the death angel was at your bed this morning & I had to send one of My Angels to battle him for your life. I let you sleep through that

Me (humbled): OH

GOD: I didn't let your car start because there was a drunk driver on your route that would have hit you if you were on the road.

Me: (ashamed)

God: The first person who made your sandwich

today was sick & I didn't want you to catch what they have, I knew you couldn't afford to miss work.

Me (embarrassed): Okay

God: Your phone went dead because the person that was calling was going to give false witness about what you said on that call, I didn't even let you talk to them so you would be covered.

Me (softly): I see God

God: Oh and that foot massager, it had a shortage that was going to throw out all of the power in your house tonight. I didn't think you wanted to be in the dark.

Me: I'm Sorry God

God: Don't be sorry, just learn to Trust Me.... in All things , the Good & the bad.

Me: I will trust You.

God: And don't doubt that My plan for your day is Always Better than your plan.

Me: I won't God. And let me just tell you God, Thank You for Everything today.

God: You're welcome child. It was just another day being your God and I Love looking after My Children...

Be grateful at all times ... He knows what He is doing ♥

~author unknown

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WOMEN'S RETREAT – EMBRACED WITH COMPASSION...EMBRACING THE WORLD. Please join us for our annual Women's Retreat, co-Sponsored with the DWC Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, February 25-27, 2022, at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston. Presented by Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler. The weekend will consist of presentations, quiet reflection, small group break-out sessions, media resources, and communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or gerwright1@aol.com. You can register online at www.dwc.org/2022-Womens-retreat. \$150/pp single occupancy, \$125/per person double occupancy.

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