



Sacred Heart CATHOLIC CHURCH



2015 ADAMS AVENUE,
HUNTINGTON, WV 25704

JAN 12 2025 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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The Holy Spirit
descended upon him.
- Lk 3:21-22a

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PARISH STAFF

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WORSHIP

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday Evening: 4:00pm

Sunday Morning: 9:00am

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: NO Mass

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: NO MASS

Friday: 8:30AM MASS

First Friday: 9AM-10AM

Benediction/Adoration after Mass

PARISH CENTER

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00am-2:00pm

*(Bulletin Deadline: Monday by
10:00am)*

Phone: (304) 429-4318

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Parish Facebook: fb.com/shcchww

Parish Website: shcchww.com



A Parish of
Wheeling Charleston



CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

- CCD/Youth Leader**
Jim Schray: (304) 697-6932
- Finance Council Chairperson**
Pat Reger: (304) 522-2031
- Burke Foundation**
Wayne Budrus: (304) 523-3501
- Parish Council Chairperson/Men's Club**
Ron Gazdik: (304) 417-1213
- St. Ann Circle President**
Katie Ergenekon: (540) 539-4881
- Parish Pastoral Council**
3rd Wednesday of every month 6:00pm
- St. Ann Circle**
2nd Tuesday of month 1:00pm
- Men's Club**
3rd Monday of the month 6:00pm (Sept -June)
- OCIA/RCIA**
September-May Wednesdays 5:30pm

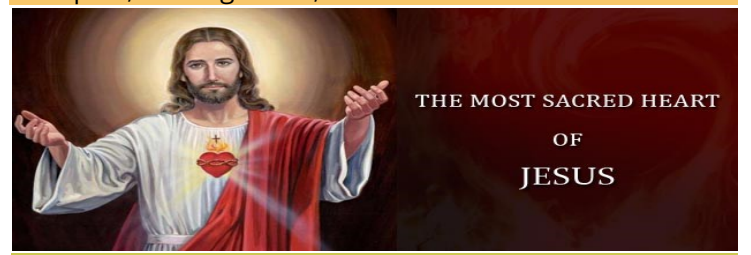
BENEDICTION/ ADORATION
 Tuesdays: Adoration 4:00PM, Mass 5:00PM
 First Friday: 8:30AM Mass; Benediction/Adoration 9-10AM

RECONCILIATION
 Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm. Anytime by appt.

BAPTISM
 By appointment. Parents should be registered in parish at least 6 months. Instructions required.

MARRIAGE
 Arrangements made AT LEAST 6 months in advance. Instructions required, and parishioners registered in the parish at least 1 year.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 Please notify Fr. Paul prior to surgery or in times of illness. Also, please notify us when a parishioner is in the hospital, nursing home, or is homebound.



WELCOME TO SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our warmest welcome to all who are visiting us for today's Liturgy. If you are not officially registered in the parish and would like to become a member, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket.

Please use this form to also note any address and/or family information changes.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Number of members in household: _____

Email Address: _____

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Sacred Heart Church is a small family-oriented parish serving West Huntington and Northern Wayne County community through Word and Ministry. Our primary goal is to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone in our area. In our Social Ministry we reach out to help the many poor and needy in our midst, with special concern for the elderly and the homeless.

THE DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON ; TO REPORT SUSPECTED CASES OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO CHILDREN

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.

December 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words **'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased'** (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought. But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with *me*? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son. Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself – or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love – until those words find a home in your heart. – *Father John Muir*



"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

PRAYER

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Unity. What does "unity" mean? For those of us who claim Christ as our model of living and savior of humanity, it means we are one. This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has as its theme the Scripture citation 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. The first line contains our mission statement... "For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore all have died." If that is not a mandate for unity, then there is none. We are one in the death of Christ and therefore live in unity with all other Christians. God, who are unity in three holy persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-- you have called us to live in peace with all people. You have also called us to work toward unity in purpose to spread the Gospel to all nations. Graciously give us the courage and strength to work toward unity, and act toward each other as brothers and sisters.

We ask this in the unity of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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SAVE THE DATES

- Jan 14th: at 1PM: St Ann Circle
- Jan 15th: Food Pantry Pickup
- Jan 20th at 6PM: Men's Meeting

4 STEWARDSHIP AND PRAYER

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OUR STEWARDSHIP

DEC 28 & DEC 29, 2024

Loose and Envelopes	\$997.00
Christmas collection (loose & envelopes)	\$1,539.00
Catholic Sharing Appeal returned for the Diocese	\$1,530.00
Catholic Charities	\$398.00
Candles	\$3.00
Collection Total	\$4,467.00
Mass Attendance	Sat 5:00 pm: 44
Christmas Eve: 118	Sun 9:00 am: 48
Christmas Day: 28	Total: 92
Total: 146	

PRAYER LIST

We believe in the power of prayer. If you have someone you would like to add to the prayer list call: (304-)429-4318 or email shcchwv@gmail.com

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

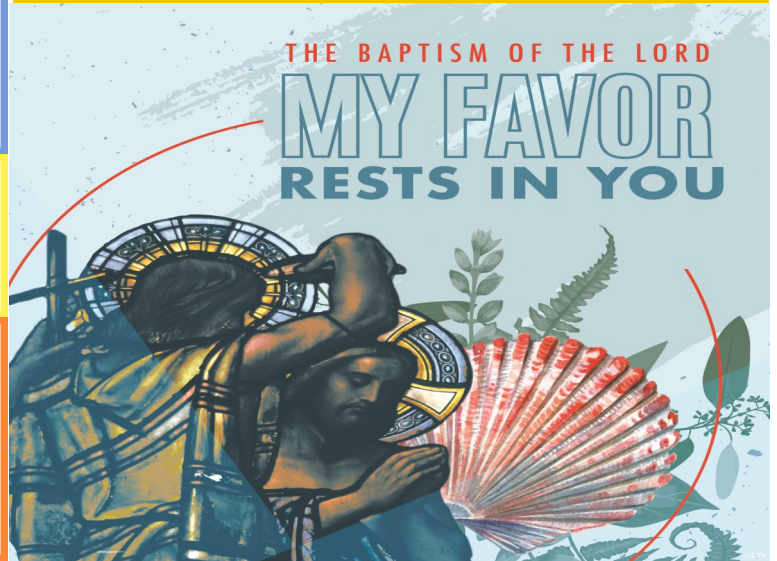
Please notify Fr. Paul in times of illness, prior to surgery, and when in the hospital, nursing home, or you are homebound. Call (304) 397-0694

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

We have met **93% of our goal as of 30 Dec with \$9,750 contributed and a goal of \$10,485. Thank you to all who have contributed.** The first 50% of our Parish goal goes to various ministries & outreach efforts. Everything over the 50% of the Parish goal comes back to the Parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ruth Angle	Mandy Martinez
Connie Beford	Shannon Mayes
Beverly Beldon	Fr. Chuck McGinnis
Rose Blankenship	Mario Mendez
Jennifer Blatt	The Vincent Mendez family
Linda Blatt	Francisco Mendoza
Bill Bolt	Catalina Mendoza
Margaret Brooks	Tom Michaels
Marietta Brumbaugh	Maria Morabito
Nancy Burrell	Viola Parsley
Anna Burke	Felicia Perry
Sarah Cash	Joan Radcliffe
Scott Chaffin	Dave Rice
Markai Chandler	Ricky Sebastiani
Mike Clark	Sister Elizabeth
Trey Clayborne	Pat Stach
Kay Cox	Josh Straud
Jennifer Eastham-Chapman	Carolyn & Barry Smith
Capri Elswick	Judi Smith
Elizabeth George	Trish Smith
Bob Gleason	Craig Spaulding
Linda Gutierrez	Sam & Lydia Spurlock
Brooke Howerton	Louise Tamlyn
Amanda Hunter	Dreama Taylor
Robert Hutton	Denise Taylor
Susan Johnson	Michael Taylor
Conner Karr	Earl Wall
Delores Law	Loretta Whitfield
Joe Leonoro	Jean Williams
Hannah Long	Jim Wright
Pat Manis	Christy York
Kristi Fisher Marcus	Judy Callahan
Andrea Markham	



SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

The Diocese requires all volunteers to have a criminal background check and take "Safe Environment" training annually. Both are available on the VIRTUS website. The background check needs renewed every three years. Results from the background check are not revealed to the Parish Staff; but, if there is something that may keep you from working with children, the Diocesan Safe Environment Office will contact Father Paul directly. Additionally, printed VIRTUS material and a verification form can be provided to you. If this is your first time to complete Virtus, please go to www.virtusonline.org to fill out the form and view the video. Click on "First Time Applicant" and the program will direct you from there. **VIRTUS 4.0 MODULE MUST BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 6, 2025.**

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of January 12 2025

- Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



Las lecturas de la semana del 12 de Enero de 2025

- Domingo:** Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30 (1)/Tit 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7/Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22
- Lunes:** Heb 1, 1-6/Sal 96, 1 y 2. 6 y 7. 9/Mc 1, 14-20
- Martes:** Heb 2, 5-12/Sal 8, 2 y 5. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 1, 21-28
- Miércoles:** Heb 2, 14-18/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 1, 29-39
- Jueves:** Heb 3, 7-14/Sal 94, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11/Mc 1, 40-45
- Viernes:** Heb 4, 1-5. 11/Sal 77, 3 y 4. 6-7. 8/Mc 2, 1-12
- Sábado:** Heb 4, 12-16/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/Mc 2, 13-17
- Domingo siguiente:** Is 62, 1-5/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 9-10 (3)/1 Co 12, 4-11/Jn 2, 1-11

PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
4:00PM +The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
9:00AM +The Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, JANUARY 13
No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
No Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
No Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
No Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
4:00PM +Gerard Beford
By: Mark & Connie Beford

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
9:00AM The People of the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS: SUGGESTED LEVEL OF GIVING IS \$20 FOR WEEKEND OR \$10 FOR A DAILY MASS. ANY OFFERING IS WELCOMED. IF YOU DON'T HAVE FUNDS TO OFFER, YOU ARE STILL ENCOURAGED TO REQUEST YOUR INTENTION

Devotions, Explained!

St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat

Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourth-century Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat. Perhaps it's an example of divine providence that the feast of St. Blaise falls on Feb. 3 – right in the middle of cold and flu season! This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat. On his feast day, Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat. This blessing is administered by a priest, deacon or a lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a layperson. During the blessing, the minister takes two candles that were blessed on the feast of the Presentation and makes a cross in front of the throat, saying "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness." A priest or deacon will then make the sign of the cross.

6 COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Birthdays

Larry Keith	1 January	Sue Stanley	18 January
Bernie Kerns	3 January	Raymond Guarnieri	19 January
Gary Bias	4 January	Joyce Keith	20 January
Ruth Reger	5 January	Raegan Criss	20 January
Ruth Angle	12 January	Mike Scheibelhood	21 January
Rita Howerton	13 January	Mary Ann Lipps	26 January
Jeanie Budrus	13 January	Kristen Earl	31 January
Isaac Quintero	17 January		



SACRED HEART ASSIGNMENTS - JANUARY 2025				
Date	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Servers	Money Counters
4-Jan	Eileen Rupel	Sally Scheibelhood & Sue Stanley	Katy S	
5-Jan	Kristen Earl	Vince Macri & Rita Howerton	Chase R, Bentley R, & Zachary E	Joe Bickar & Eileen Farren
11-Jan	Sandee Lloyd	Jenny Bias & Sally Scheibelhood	Katy S	
12-Jan	Mary Ruth Pruitt	Vince Macri & Rita Howerton	Chase R, Bentley R, & Zachary E	Ron Gazdik & Joe Bickar
18-Jan	Kristy Blankenship	Serafina Nester & Sue Stanley	Katy S	
19-Jan	Kristen Earl	Vince Macri & Rita Howerton	Chase R, Bentley R, & Zachary E	Ron Gazdik & Eileen Farren
25-Jan	Eileen Rupel	Jenny Bias & Kristy Blankenship	Katy S	
26-Jan	Kateryna Schray	Jim Schray & Rita Howerton	Chase R, Bentley R, & Zachary E	Joe Bickar & Eileen Farren

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Mass 9AM	30 No Mass	31 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass 5pm	1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation Mass 5 PM	2 No Mass	3 First Friday Benediction after 8:30AM Mass	4 Mass 4PM
5 CCD Mass 9AM	6 Stitchers Club 6-8PM No Mass	7 No Mass	8 Knitting Club 1PM No Mass	9 No Mass	10 Mass 8:30AM	11 Mass 4PM
12 CCD Mass 9AM	13 No Mass	14 St. Ann Circle 1PM No Mass	15 Knitting Club 1PM Store House Food Pantry Pickup No Mass	16 No Mass	17 Prof. Engineers 3-10PM No Mass	18 Mass 4PM (Fr. Antony Benedict)
19 CCD Mass 9AM (Fr. Paul Yuenger)	20 Mens Club 6PM No Mass	21 No Mass	22 Knitting Club 1PM No Mass	23 No Mass	24 No Mass	25 Mass 4PM (Fr. Paul Yuenger)
26 CCD Mass 9AM (Fr. Dean or Fr. Chris)	27 No Mass	28 No Mass	29 Knitting Club 1PM No Mass	30 No Mass	31 No Mass	1 Mass 4PM (Fr. Antony Benedict)
2 CCD Mass 9AM (Fr. Dean or Fr. Chris)	3 No Mass					

