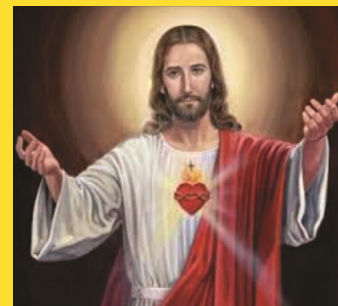




Sacred Heart CATHOLIC CHURCH



2015 ADAMS AVENUE,
HUNTINGTON, WV 25704

DEC 15, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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saying, "I am baptizing
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mightier than I is coming."
- Lk 3:16a

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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: Adoration: 3PM
Mass: 4PM
Wednesday: 8:30AM
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)*

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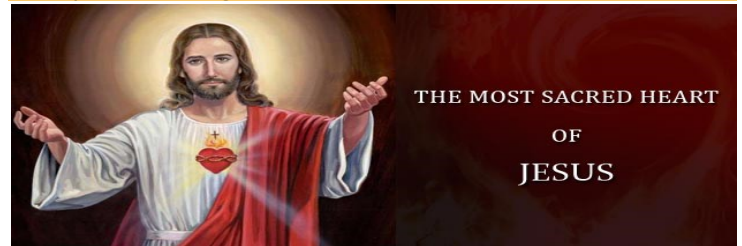


CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

- 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 3:00PM, Mass 4:00PM
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 15, 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end – whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming – invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment. This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future. Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

– Father John Muir



John answered them all, saying, "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 3:16

Prayer for the third week of Advent

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community. Amen.

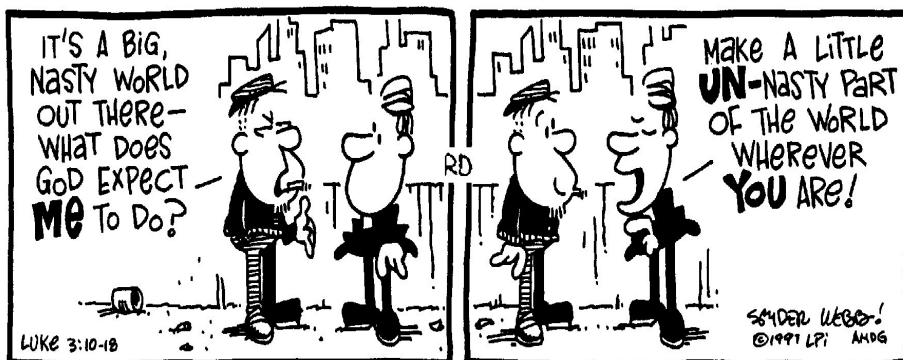
Oración por la Tercera Semana de Adviento

Por intercesión de San Juan Bautista, ayúdanos a recordar a los menos afortunados, y cómo el cuidado de ellos comparte en el cuidado del amado niño Jesús. Trae tu generosidad a nuestra comunidad. Amén.

CELEBRATE ADVENT IDEA 1:

If you need to wait in a line, don't immediately pull out your phone. Experience the feeling of waiting and offer up a prayer for someone you know in need!

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SAVE THE DATES

- Dec 24th Christmas Eve Vigil Mass—4PM
- Dec 25th Christmas Day Mass—9AM
- Dec 31st Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God—4PM Vigil Mass
- Jan 1st Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God—4PM Mass

4 STEWARDSHIP AND PRAYER

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OUR STEWARDSHIP

NOV 30 & DEC 1, 2024

Loose and Envelopes	\$2,367.00
Christmas Flower Collection	\$155.00
Candles	\$13.00
Collection Total	\$2,535.00
Mass Attendance	Sat 5:00 pm: 64 Sun 9:00 am: 45 Total: 109

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

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 2 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.



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.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of December 15th, 2024

Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18	4:4
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 8-9/Mt 21:23-27	7bc,
Tuesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/1:1-17	Mt
Wednesday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18	-25
Thursday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16/Lk 1:5-25	-17/
Friday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-	38
Saturday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-20-21/Lk 1:39-45	12,
Next Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45	



Las lecturas de la semana del 15 de diciembre de 2024

Domingo:	Sof 3, 14-18/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 (6)/Flp 4, 4-7/Lc 3, 10-18
Lunes:	Nm 24, 2-7. 15-17/Sal 24, 4-5. 6 y 7. 8-9/Mt 21, 23-27
Martes:	Gn 49, 2. 8-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 17/Mt 1, 1-17
Miércoles:	Jr 23, 5-8/Sal 71, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/Mt 1, 18-25
Jueves:	Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 70, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17/Lc 1, 5-25
Viernes:	Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 1, 26-38
Sábado:	Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 32, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/Lc 1, 39-45
Domingo siguiente:	Miq 5, 1-4/Sal 79, 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 (4)/Heb 10, 5-10/Lc 1, 39-45

PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 4:00PM	Homebound Parishioners
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 9:00AM	+The People of the Parish
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 No Mass	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 4:00PM	The intentions of the Stapleton family
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 8:30AM	For the safety of pregnant women, safe delivery of newborns, and an end to abortion
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 No Mass	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 8:30AM	+Domenico Chianesi, II By: Domenico Chianesi, Sr.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 4:00PM	+Curtis & +Muriel Thompson By: Connie & Mark Bedford
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 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

Christmas

Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord. We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

6 COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA



SACRED HEART ASSIGNMENTS - December 2024

Date	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Servers	Money Counters
7	Sandee Lloyd	Jenny Bias & Kristy Blankenship	Katy S	
8	Mary Ruth Pruitt	Vince Macri & Rita Howerton	Chase R, Bentley R, & Zachary E	Eileen Farren & Jim Schray
9	Kristy Blankenship	Vince Macri		
14	Kristy Blankenship	Sue Stanley & Serafina Nester	Katy S	
15	Kateryna Schray	Vince Macri & Jim Schray	Chase R, Bentley R, & Zachary E	Eileen Farren & Joe Bickar
21	Kristy Blankenship	Jenny Bias & Sally Scheibelhood	Katy S	
22	Kristen Earl	Vince Macri & Rita Howerton	Chase R, Bentley R, & Zachary E	Ron Gazdik & Joe Bickar
24	Kristy Blankenship	NEED TWO	NEED TWO	
25	Kristy Blankenship	Vince Macri & NEED ONE	NEED TWO	
28	Kristy Blankenship	Sue Stanley & Serafina Nester	Katy S	
29	Mary Ruth Pruitt	Vince Macri & Rita Howerton	Chase R, Bentley R, & Zachary E	Ron Gazdik & Eileen Farren

December 2024



EVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 15, 2024 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Advent CCD Canceled Mass 9AM	2 Stitchers Club 6-8PM No Mass	3 Adoration 3PM Mass 4PM	4 Knitting Club 1PM OCIA/RCIA 5:30PM Mass 8:30AM	5 No Mass	6 First Friday Novena to Sacred Heart & Benediction after Mass 8:30AM	7 Penance Service 2:30 - 3:45PM Mass 4PM
8 Advent CCD after Mass Mass 9AM	9 Immaculate Conception Holyday Penance Service 2:30 - 3:45PM Mass 4PM	10 St. Ann Circle Christmas lunch 1:30P@Olive Garden Adoration 3PM Mass 4PM	11 Knitting Club 1PM OCIA/RCIA 5:30PM Mass 8:30AM	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe No Mass	13 Mass 8:30AM Penance Service 4 - 6PM	14 Church Christmas Dinner after Mass & Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 4:00 PM
15 Advent CCD after Mass Mass 9AM	16 No Mass	17 Adoration 3PM Mass 4PM	18 Knitting Club 1PM OCIA/RCIA 5:30PM Storehouse Food Pantry Pickup Mass 8:30AM	19 No Mass	20 Engineers 3-10PM Mass 8:30AM	21 Mass 4PM
22 Advent CCD after Mass Mass 9AM	23 No Mass	24 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	25 Christmas Day Mass Mass 9:00AM	26 No Mass	27 Mass 8:30AM	28 Mass 4PM
29 Mass 9AM	30 No Mass	31 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass 4PM	1 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation Mass 4PM	2 No Mass	3 Mass 8:30AM	4 Mass 4PM
5	6 St. Peter Claver: Christmas Eve Vigil 8PM					



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