



Sacred Heart CATHOLIC CHURCH



2015 ADAMS AVENUE,
HUNTINGTON, WV 25704

JAN 5, 2025 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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They were overjoyed
at seeing the star.
- Mt 2:10

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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)*

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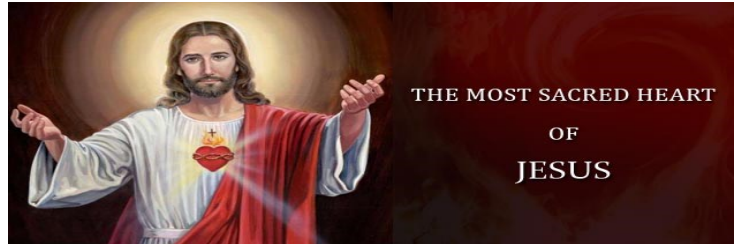


CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

- 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 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 if 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 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

Have you ever wondered *why* the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction. Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us – which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

– Father John Muir



PRAYER OF REJOICING

Fill our hearts, Lord, with rejoicing as we seek and discover You. Your ways are full of wonder, glory, surprise, and joy.
Amen.

ORACION DE REGOCIJO

Llena nuestros corazones, Señor, de regocijo mientras te buscamos y descubrimos. Tus caminos están llenos de asombro, gloria, sorpresa y gozo.
Amén.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What is Christ often depicted pointing to when portrayed in Christian artwork?

Answer: The Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SAVE THE DATES

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

EPIPHANY

IF JESUS IS GOING TO BE KING OF THE WORLD, AND I'M SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE JESUS, THEN I'M GOING TO BE KING OF THE WORLD!



LET'S NOT CONFUSE BEING LIKE JESUS WITH BEING JESUS.



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4 STEWARDSHIP AND PRAYER

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OUR STEWARDSHIP

DEC 21 & DEC 22, 2024

Loose and Envelopes	\$2,174.00
Catholic Charities	\$100.00
Candles	\$81.00
Collection Total	\$2,355.00
Mass Attendance	Sat 5:00 pm: 56 Sun 9:00 am: 50 Total: 106

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ruth Angle	Shannon Mayes
Connie Beford	Fr. Chuck McGinnis
Beverly Beldon	Mario Mendez
Rose Blankenship	The Vincent Mendez family
Jennifer Blatt	Francisco Mendoza
Linda Blatt	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	
Andrea Markham	
Mandy Martinez	

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 23 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. **VIRTUS 4.0 MODULE MUST BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 6, 2025.**

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next 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



Las lecturas de la semana del 5 de enero de 2025

- Domingo:** Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 (ver 11)/ Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12
- Lunes:** 1 Jn 3, 22-4, 6/Sal 2, 7-8. 10-12/Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25
- Martes:** 1 Jn 4, 7-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/Mc 6, 34-44
- Miércoles:** 1 Jn 4, 11-18/Sal 71, 1-2. 10. 12-13/Mc 6, 45-52
- Jueves:** 1 Jn 4, 19-5, 4/Sal 71, 1-2. 14 y 15. 17/Lc 4, 14-22
- Viernes:** 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/Lc 5, 12-16
- Sábado:** 1 Jn 5, 14-21/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6 y 9/Jn 3, 22-30
- Domingo siguiente:** 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

PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

MASS INTENTIONS

- SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**
4:00PM +The People of the Parish
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**
9:00AM +Jack Lipps
By: Mary Ann Lipps
- MONDAY, JANUARY 6**
No Mass
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**
5:00PM Safety of pregnant women, safe delivery of newborns & an end to abortion
By: The Stapleton Family
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**
9:00AM Safety of pregnant women, safe delivery of newborns & an end to abortion
By: The Stapleton Family
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**
No Mass
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 10**
8:30AM +Nan Jane Chianesi
By: Domenico Chianesi
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**
4:00PM The People of the Parish
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**
9:00AM The souls in Purgatory

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

Epiphany

Question:

Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text. Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

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					

