

# S a i n t A g n e s



*St. Agnes is an inclusive Catholic community dedicated to the love of God and service to others. We rejoice in the Gospel, the celebration of the Liturgy, and the Sacraments. We welcome the opportunity to share God's message and to bring all into the life of Christ.*

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## **St. Agnes Chapel**

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## **Sunday Readings**

Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46

Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm

Sunday, 8am

Sunday, 10:30am

### Weekday Mass

Monday at 11am

### Ash Wednesday

Ecumenical Service at 12pm (St Peter's)

Ash Wednesday Mass at 2:30pm

Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes 7pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:30pm

**Parish Office:** Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm

**Cash Card Sales:** Weekdays during office hours  
(please call first)

## Ash Wednesday Is February 14th

We will have three opportunities to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday:

**12noon** Ecumenical Service at St Peter's Lutheran Church

**2:30pm** Ash Wednesday Mass at St Agnes

**7pm** Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes  
at St Agnes

## Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

As we prepare for our Lenten fast, let's get together to celebrate Mardi Gras and enjoy a Pancake Supper Meal.

**Where:** Parish Center

**When:** Wednesday, Feb. 13th 5-7pm

**Why:** To celebrate as a community and to support our Youth Program

**How Much:** Donations welcome!

Hope to see you there!!!!!!

*Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler*

## Fire Department Super Bowl Dinner

The Shepherdstown Fire Department will be having its annual Super Bowl Sunday Buffet Dinner on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 12n-3p. On the menu: ham and fried chicken, vegetables, homemade rolls, and dessert, for \$10 at the SFD, located at 8052 Martinsburg Pike (Route 45). Please plan to attend and support the fire department in this fundraising endeavor so we may be able to continue to provide fire and emergency medical services to the citizens of Shepherdstown and the surrounding communities.

## St Agnes' Newest Nonagenarian

Belatedly, we wish a very happy birthday and many returns of the day to our own Linde Moore who celebrated her 90th birthday on February 6! In celebration of this momentous occasion, Linde will receive a special birthday blessing on Saturday, February 10, at the 5:30 Mass.

## Mass Intentions



Saturday, 5:30pm for

**Roger M. Whelan**

Sunday, 10:30am for

**Maureen Maidhof**

May Roger and Maureen share in the fullness of God's mercy and peace.

## Remember in Prayer

Please pray daily for those serving in the Military, our veterans in recovery, and those recently ill, especially Manny Cabral, Vicky Scott (friend of Noreen Albright), Nell Thompson, Harold Paulin (father of Maria Stewart), Patricia Windsor (mother of Valerie Ater), Pat Doyle, and Henry McDonald. Names are placed in the bulletin for approximately one month and then those names are placed on the 2nd Friday prayer list and are remembered in prayer each month.

## 2nd Friday Prayer Group

A list has begun for the 2nd Friday in March. Please contact Judy at any time with names of individuals you would like to add or if you would like to join the group. Judy: 301-432-2276 or [jslilga8@gmail.com](mailto:jslilga8@gmail.com).

## Preparing for Lent

### Fasting Guidelines

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by everyone 18 years and older, who has not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, enough to maintain strength, may be taken, according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but consuming liquids, including milk and juices, is allowed. In addition, fasting can also take the form of deliberate abstinence from things other than food such as selfishness, gossip, bickering, sloth, electronics, television, smoking, etc.

### Abstinence Guidelines

Abstinence is observed by everyone 14 years of age or older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or the ability to work is affected, the law does not oblige. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays during Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged.

## Little Black Books

Little Black Books, our Lenten Devotional, are available in the Narthex in both regular and large print. E-books and mobile app available at <https://littlebooks.org/pages/little-books-on-the-go>.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we focus on what the synod is all about: how do we more effectively carry out our mission in the world? What is our mission? We are all the body of Christ and each of us carry out, in different ways, the mission of sharing the love of Christ with the world. Our mission is found in our ordinary lives from where we spend most of the hours of our days. This can be being a parent, a spouse, single life, priest, and religious. Our mission takes place in what we do and how we do it. This can be running a business or being a school teacher, a counselor, a doctor, a nurse, or a student. We make the world a little better by how we love and serve our community, our brothers, and our sisters. A mission is what breaks our heart when we look at the world and how we feel called to respond in love. Our mission is what fills us with joy; what we're passionate about is often how we're called to serve. I leave you with this quote from Pedro Arrupe who is deceased but was Superior General of the Jesuits on Calling and Mission:

Nothing is more practical than finding God,  
That is, than falling in a love in a quite absolute, final way.  
What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination will affect everything.  
It will decide what will get you out of bed in the mornings,  
What you will do with your evenings,  
How you spend your weekends,  
What you read,  
Who you know,  
What breaks your heart,  
And what amazes you with joy and gratitude.  
Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.  
— Pedro Arrupe

Fr. Andy

## Bereavement Committee

St Agnes needs your help! We are in need of cookie, fruit, and veggie trays for funeral receptions. You would be asked no more than 2-3x per year. Contact Jan Yates [j\\_yates348@comcast.net](mailto:j_yates348@comcast.net).

## Free Feb. Monday Meals for Students

All college students are invited to enjoy a free home cooked meal Mondays from 6pm-7pm during the month of February. These meals are sponsored by the Shepherdstown faith communities. All students are welcome to come by and eat.

Feb 12 at St Peters Lutheran Church

Feb 19 at St Agnes Parish Center

Feb 26 at Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church

## Lenten Ecumenical Presentation

Please join us on Sunday, March 3, at 4pm at St Agnes Church for an ecumenical presentation by Ashley Horst of The Stubblefield Institute: Loving Through Hard Conversations (Learning to dialogue through differences toward healing).

## Stations of the Cross

Beginning on Friday, February 23, and each Friday in Lent thereafter, we will be offering Stations of the Cross at 7pm at the church. Stations of the Cross are a meaningful way to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us. As always, all are welcome!

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Seeking to love God by loving their neighbors, America's teens are transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving through Souper Bowl of Caring. On the weekend prior to the Super Bowl and on Super Bowl Sunday weekend, youth collect one dollar (or more) donations in soup pots as worshippers leave church. Each group donates their collection directly to the charity of their choice— here at St. Agnes, our donations will be split between the Shepherdstown Shares food pantry and the JCCM food pantry that serve our community. Watch for our youth and their soup pots after each Mass on February 3rd and 4th as well as February 10th and 11th (Super Bowl Sunday).

In addition, you can give online again this year. To do that, go to our St Agnes Website, to giving and to the online giving. From there click "Give Online Now" and Souper Bowl is listed in the dropdown menu. And, of course, you can always drop your donation by the office directly or through snail mail, just note "Souper Bowl Collection" on your check's memo line.

This is St. Agnes' 24th year participating and helping those in our region who are in need. Last year we collected \$1553.00. Our goal is to surpass our collection from last year. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## Film Premiere: The History of the Sumner-Ramer Memorial School

February is Black History Month, and we invite you to attend the premiere of the film "The History of the Sumner-Ramer Memorial School" on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at the historic Apollo Civic Theatre (128 East Martin Street, Martinsburg, WV). Former students featured in the film will be attending (including our own Leonard and Helen Harris), followed by a Q&A session led by Dr. Chiquita Howard-Bostic. You can find more information here: <https://pulse.ly/h5hwvpyjt5>. The film is presented by the Martinsburg Berkeley County NAACP. Please join in sharing stories and building connections as we celebrate our diverse community's rich history and achievements!

## Spotlight on Ministry

### My Ministry Story

My name is Maggie Morton. My faith is very important to me. I grew up attending Catholic schools through high school. I am inspired by the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus who educated me. They stressed a faith based on social justice and action. I spent over 2.5 years in Appalachia, Norton and Big Stone Gap, Virginia as a volunteer after graduating from college. I am a lector at the 10:30 Mass. I have been lecturing since college. I find that reading scripture to the congregation is a sacred action which enables others to hear the word of God. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the parish in a small way.

*Please consider joining one of our ministries at St Agnes. There are so many ways to get involved and grow in your faith. Adult and youth Altar Servers needed. Please contact Helen Harris at [liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:liturgy@stagnesshepherdstown.org).*

## Shepherdstown Shares Current Needs

Toilet paper  
Regular, ground coffee  
Ramen noodles (not the cups of soup)  
Pasta sauce  
Brown rice  
Baby wipes  
Small applesauce cups (unsweetened)  
Anything for diabetics  
Crackers, such as Ritz or Saltines

## JCCM Food Pantry Current Needs

Canned meats (especially chicken)  
Mac and Cheese  
Soup (tomato and hearty soups)  
Canned Beans  
Rice  
Jelly  
Syrup, Pancake Mix  
Crackers  
Coffee (Instant and Ground)  
Canned fruit  
Canned pasta  
Cooking Oil,  
Razors, Shampoo, Conditioner  
Paper towels, Dish Soap  
Laundry Detergent  
Cat and Dog Food

## Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found basket, located at the end of the hall near the restrooms, is overflowing. We need to clean out the basket, so please take a look and see if any of the items are yours. **Whatever remains on Monday, February 19, will be regifted.**

## Godspell



### 2012 Revised Version

Conceived & originally directed by **John-Michael Tebelak**  
Music and New Lyrics by **Stephen Schwartz**  
Originally Produced on the New York Stage by  
**Edgar Lansbury / Stuart Duncan / Joseph Beruh**

**February 16, 17, 18**  
**Friday/Saturday 8pm, Sunday 3pm**

St Agnes Church: 200 S Duke Street  
Free & Open to the Public  
Donations Gratefully Accepted

For Reservations call 304-876/6436  
or visit [stagnesshepherdstown.org](http://stagnesshepherdstown.org)

To open the season of Lent, the holiest time of the year, St. Agnes Catholic Church will present a production of Godspell (2012 Revised Version), which was originally conceived and directed by John-Michael Tebelak and with music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. A dedicated and talented group of St. Agnes youth is joined by equally dedicated and talented friends from Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, Asbury United Methodist Church, and the community of Shepherdstown to present this musical, which is drawn directly from the teachings of Jesus. Godspell has been described as a timeless celebration of Christian friendship, loyalty, and love based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Certainly no easy task, as time pulls our kids in multiple directions, but our youth and their friends are dedicated to bringing the message of the gospels to light. We hope you will join and celebrate with us, and "Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord!"

## Thank You!

To all our volunteers: Thank you so much for completing the VIRTUS training requirements. Once again you stepped up to our latest challenge and, as always, have gone beyond in your support of the St Agnes Community!

## **CFF, AFF, Youth Group & Family News**

**THIS WEEKEND:** Our Youth will be collecting after each Mass for **Souper Bowl Sunday**. Millions of dollars in advertising and parties are spent annually during the Super Bowl. Our Souper Bowl collection is to remind us we are called to help those in need during a time when we demonstrate as a country our prosperity. Our goal this year is to surpass the amount we collected last year. The money collected will be divided between Shepherdstown Shares and JCCM. Last year we collected \$1553.00

**CFF:** classes will occur today, Feb 11th at 9:15 AM in the parish center. There is no CFF next weekend (Feb. 18) for the holiday. If you have not seen Godspell yet, please consider attending the production as a family.

**Youth Group:** Youth group will meet today. We will be planning for Lent and spring!

**ADULT Classes: Growing in Faith** will meet today in the parish center at 9:15 AM.

**RCIA and RCIC:** We will meet on Feb. 11th at Noon in the Parish Center.

**PANCAKE Dinner:** To benefit the youth program and our new parish center building (youth picked charity) this Tuesday (Feb. 13) at the parish center between 5 pm and 7 pm. Donations welcome! Come celebrate Mardi Gras as we prepare for Lent! Plenty of meat and carbs as we prepare for our day of fast — Ash Wednesday.

**GODSPELL:** If you haven't seen the production from our youth and intergenerational cast come out and support them! Shows on Feb, 16, 17 & 18.

**Volunteering:** The church is always looking for volunteers. It is our way to demonstrate our faith in action! All volunteers are required to be VIRTUS trained as required by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. If you would like to volunteer for any parish ministry or if you would like to work with our youth, you must be VIRTUS trained. Forms are located in the church narthex and the parish center on how to complete this process. All parents are encouraged to be VIRTUS trained.

**Keep watching this spot,** the Youth Facebook Page, our church calendar and the church website for additional activities.

**Remember to join the CFF Google Classroom (link was sent to your email).** It is a one stop spot to find all the latest forms, classroom information, recorded classes, etc.

Most importantly, if you are a parent and not receiving CFF announcements and emails, please contact the Parish center at 304-876-6436 or contact Bill Donahue at: [formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org](mailto:formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org) Parents are also encouraged to join our Youth Facebook Group. Please email Bill at the above address for the link to the closed group. You won't be able to find Our Youth Facebook Page any other way!

# THE YOUTH CORNER

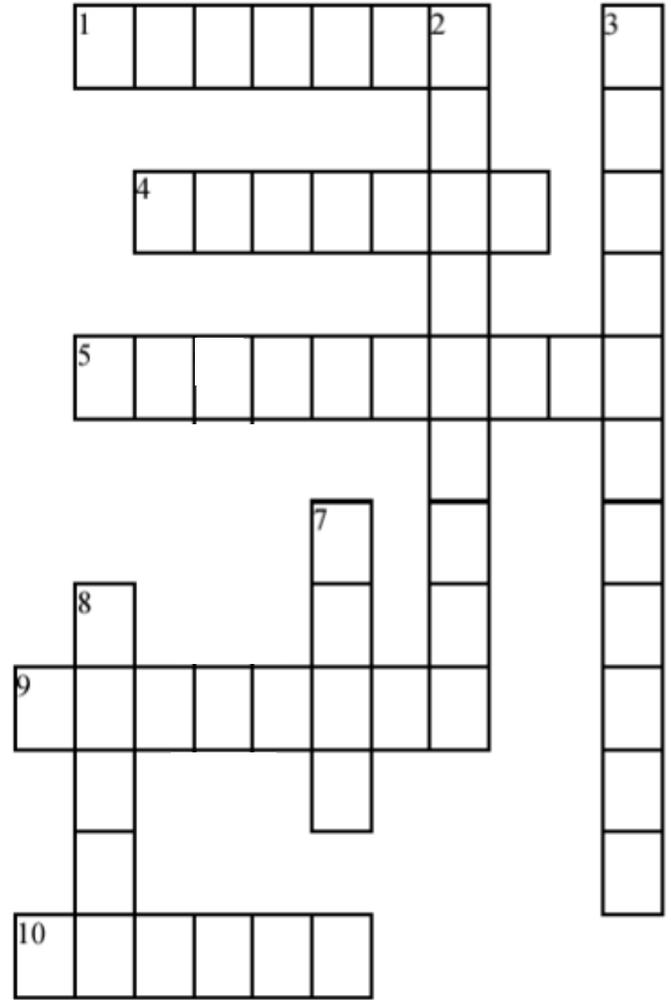
This Week's Gospel:  
*Mark 1: 40—45*

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### Make a Valentine

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." Wish someone a Happy Valentine's Day. Finish this card, color it, and cut it out. Give it to a friend.

To \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for being my friend.

I like you because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

From \_\_\_\_\_

### Across

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the leper to heal him.
4. A leper has this illness.
5. The healed leper \_\_\_\_\_ what had happened.
9. After healing the leper, Jesus remained in \_\_\_\_\_ places.
10. Jesus wanted the leper to go see him.

### Down

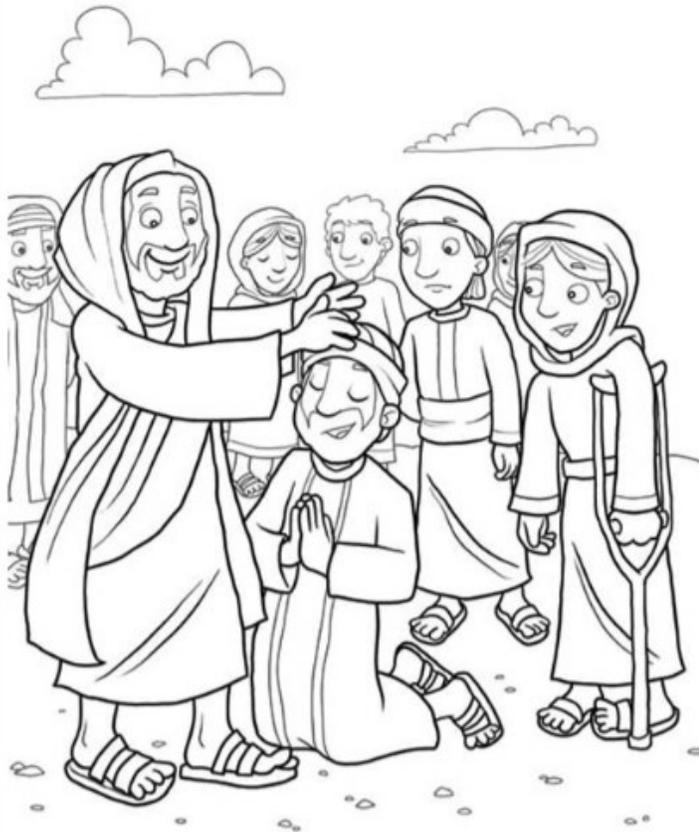
2. Sent him away.
3. When did the leprosy leave the leper after Jesus spoke to him?
7. Jesus was moved with \_\_\_\_\_.
8. He kneeled down before Jesus.

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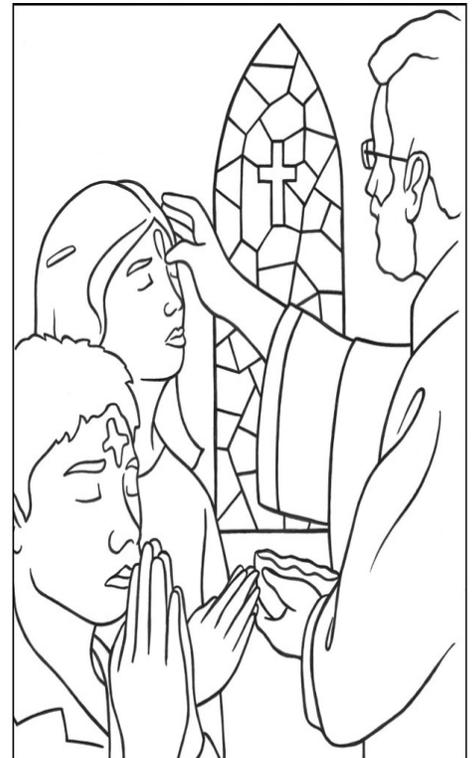
## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Cleansing of the Leper



In the space above, draw yourself and express how you would feel if you were to witness one of Jesus' healing miracles. Add sunshine, flowers and anything that makes you happy, after all, you are standing with Jesus!

Ash Wednesday: February 14th





# The Gospel at Home

### This Sunday's Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus adds to his growing community. By touching and healing a leper, Jesus shows us that God's love is for everyone. People in Jesus' time feared lepers and made them live apart from others. Jesus, reaching out to the leper gives us an example to do the same for people who many consider outcasts and outsiders.

### Exploring the Gospel Message

**Promise** (Grades K-1): Your child learned that Jesus cared for people who are left out. Ask your child to share with the family what he or she learned about caring. The Valentine's Day celebration is a good reminder of how important it is for your family to show love for one another and to all you meet.

**Good News** (Grades 2-3): Your child learned how Jesus reached out to heal people who were sick. The children also learned how they can reach out to people in need. Talk about ways your family can care for the sick or reach out to people who need your help. Ask your child to share the story of Saint Damien who worked with the lepers in Hawaii.

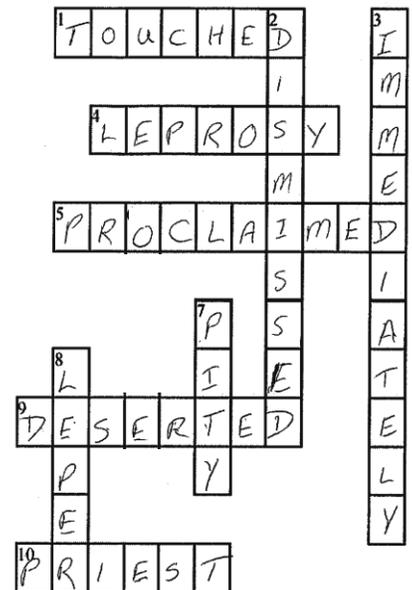
**Venture** (Grades 4-6): The class learned this week that Jesus used his humanity as well as his divinity to bring the Good News to people.

In the story "The Visitors," the class also learned that understanding can lead to compassion for others. Talk about ways your family can grow in understanding and compassion. Your youngster learned that Holy Communion is most important in bringing the community together. Talk about the importance of going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion.

**Visions** (Grades 7-9): Two important parts of this week's lesson are the role of Holy Communion in building the Christian community and the value and meaning of the Eighth Commandment. As a family, discuss the Mass and how each of you can better participate and can make Holy Communion the center of your family worship. Ask your son or daughter to share what the class learned about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and about telling the truth and avoiding lies. Remind one another that you are members of the Body of Christ.

### Pray Together

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday—the first day of Lent. When you complete your conversation about the week's Gospel lesson, as your family prayer, plan to go to church to receive ashes. On the way home, ask God to bless your family during Lent and to help you grow in your love for Jesus and the Church.



## SOLUTIONS:

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## Free Community Safety Trainings

### **2024 FREE Community Safety Training Available for ERT and anyone interested**

The Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency is offering the following training opportunities:

#### **Community CPR and Stop the Bleed:**

February 13, March 12, April 9, May 21, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10.

All classes start at 6 pm. CPR courses last 3 hours. To register and for more information go to the Jefferson County Emergency Services website: <https://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/county-government/county-agencies/jcesa/community-cpr-first-aid>.

Interested in joining the St. Agnes Emergency Response Team? Contact Michele Goldman [mgoldman9797@gmail.com](mailto:mgoldman9797@gmail.com) or Teace Noel [wvnoels@gmail.com](mailto:wvnoels@gmail.com).

## Laudato Si' Initiative

The Laudato Si' Initiative at St. Agnes will resume programming in the Spring. We are considering several ideas, including small group discussions, field trips and gardening work days, as well as spiritual formation and devotional practices. To prepare for what lies ahead, if you still haven't read and explored Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si' or its companion, Laudato Deum*, Bishop McElroy of San Diego, CA, in a recent issue of the *National Catholic Reporter*, gives 5 reasons to delve into this important papal letter.

- Laudato Si' points to the single most universally inviting pathway to encounter with God.
- Laudato Si' speaks powerfully of the concept of truth.
- Laudato Si' beautifully testifies to the principle of solidarity.
- Laudato Si' speaks piercingly to the moral questions of technology and its limits.
- Laudato Si' speaks incisively and powerfully to the ethic of intergenerational solidarity.

The NCR also offers a special project that features resources and information: *EarthBeat*. You can find it here: <https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat>

You can read Laudato Si' here: [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

You can read Laudato Deum here: [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudato-deum.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudato-deum.html)

If you have ideas to share or wish to join our collective efforts, reach out to Carrie Blessing [carriejaneblessing@gmail.com](mailto:carriejaneblessing@gmail.com) or Kimberly Connor [connork@usfca.edu](mailto:connork@usfca.edu).

## KOC Chili Cook Off

### *The Super Bowl of Chili !!!*

Your Knights of Columbus, St. Agnes Council, #13887, is having its Annual Chili Bowl competition on one of our nation's most competitive days—Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, 2024. Bring your best Chili to the Parish Center and join the contest. There will be a \$75 prize for first place, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third. This event begins after the 10:30 Mass and runs until 2:00 PM.

To enter please send an email or text to [raymond.nelson.jr@gmail.com](mailto:raymond.nelson.jr@gmail.com) – 410-241-4205, no later than Saturday, February 10. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge to enter.

Please come and judge for yourself which chili is best; it's a Chili Fest! *We don't want to send anything home and anti-acid tablets will be available.*

## Religious Item Recycling

St. Mary Recycle Mission Group recycles used Religious items that are no longer needed. They can take in or give just about anything of Religious nature that can be used by other churches, convents or religious organizations such as:

- Vestments including Chasubles, Stoles, Albs, etc. (even if soiled or tattered, as we will have them professionally cleaned and/or restored if possible so they can be worn, we can also use them to make new vestments, rosary cases or missal covers; we accept any style, color, vintage)
- Crucifixes
- Statues (any size, no outdoor concrete statues)
- Rosaries (damaged ok)
- Chalices (Pottery ok)
- Altar Ware
- Candle Sticks
- Tabernacles
- Relics
- Monstrances
- Altar Stones
- Altar Books/Missals/Lectionaries
- Holy Medals
- Holy Cards
- Linens
- Paraments
- Framed Religious Pictures
- Used Musical Instruments
- Prayer books/Breviaries

**(Please No Religious Books/Reading Books/Story Books or Pamphlets/Magazines/DVDs/VHS Tape/Wax Candles)**

Please do not throw anything out that may be questionable as they take items in any condition.

**You will find a collection box at the parish center. All donations must be in by Friday, February 23.**

## Long Term Sub Sought For School Nurse

St Joe's School is seeking a long-term substitute school nurse to provide clinical assistance to the school community during school hours for the safety and well-being of the students. The person hired for the position would be needed from mid to late March through late May.

### Essential Responsibilities

Provide emergency care and first aid to students; Maintain detailed student health records regarding clinic visits, medical difficulties of students, screening results, physical examinations, immunization records; Ensure that state and local health requirements are met by students and teachers, Is knowledgeable about the contents of the West Virginia School Health Guidelines; Makes health appraisals through observation, interview, analysis of health records, and consults with administrators, faculty and parents; Acts as health education resource for faculty Keeps inventory and orders supplies (within the budget allotted) when needed; Follows the Universal Precautions and Bloodborne Pathogen requirements; Respects confidentiality when dealing with students; Accepts other miscellaneous duties related to health/clinic care as defined by the principal;

### Qualifications

Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) - or Qualifies to obtain one of the above certifications combined with at least a year of clinical experience in the field; Knowledge of nursing and health care practices as applied to children and youth; Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing, and to work cooperatively with others.

If interested, please email Principal Maria Byrd at [mbyrd@sjswv.org](mailto:mbyrd@sjswv.org).

## Ugly Sleeping Bag Ministry

We always need of donated **blankets**, and **comforters** (any size) and also used **sleeping bags** (clean and in fair condition). Drop them off at the parish center!

## Parish Financial Activity

### Collections – Last Week

Offertory Collections	\$15,137
Monthly Mortgage Assistance	\$155
<b>Total</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	<b>\$15,292</b>
<b>Weekly Target</b> (Offertory + Monthly Mortgage Assistance)	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>Total Collections Compared to Target</b>	<b>↑ +\$3,292</b>

<b>Tithe to help those in need</b>	<b>\$1,514</b>
(St. Agnes tithes 10% of all offertory donations)	

## Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

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Participate in the pivotal moment in the Church and draw deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today!

Scan the QR code to attend this historic event. Please visit the DWC website for more information, including itinerary and cost: <https://dwc.org/year-of-the-eucharist/>

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult) is for those who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and discerning if they might want to be professed members of the Catholic faith. The goal is to see where the process takes you. Father Andy is leading our RCIA process. If you are interested in learning more or joining the group, please call the office at 304-876-6436. All are welcome!

## Homebound Ministry

For any parishioners who have needs (groceries, rides to doctors or pharmacies, etc.) our **HOMEBOUND MINISTRY** is willing to help. Please call Judy Lilga (301-432-2276).

## Stay Up-to-Date with Mary's Refuge

Mary's Refuge invites you to stay up-to-date with their baby bulletin. You can find the bulletin through this QR code or visit <https://marysrefuge.com/baby-bulletin/>.



## Scripture Sharing

Our Scripture Sharing group continues to meet via Zoom (link found on website under events calendar) on Mondays at noon except for holidays. All are welcome!

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston maintains an Office of Safe Environment in accordance with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. **To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children:** The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org) to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org). **To Report to Civil Authorities:** Contact your local law enforcement; numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. **To Report to Diocesan Authorities:** In addition to civil authorities, the diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the **EthicsPoint** platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected.

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## Enrollment at St Joe's School

Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year begins Feb. 2 for families whose children already attend Saint Joseph School and for their siblings who do not currently attend. Catholic families who are active in local parishes may start the application process on Feb. 9 and the general public can apply starting Feb. 16.

To apply, go to [sjsvw.org](http://sjsvw.org).

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is again offering the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) to Catholic and non-Catholic families. For the 2024-25 school year, here are dates of note:

**All application windows open Feb. 1.**

Phase I (Catholic families): Application period closes April 30; awards given May 21

Phase II (Catholic and non-Catholic families): Application period closes July 14; awards given Aug 1

Phase III (Catholic and non-Catholic families): Application period closes Aug. 23; awards given Sept. 17

For more information, go to [wvcatholicschools.org](http://wvcatholicschools.org).

If your child is currently attending public school or entering kindergarten, you also might qualify for the Hope Scholarship. To learn more, go to <https://www.hopescholarshipwv.com/>.

## SJS Alumni Musicians

**SJS alumni sought for May band performance**

We are seeking SJS alums who play an instrument and would be willing to supplement our middle school band for the May 17 concert.

If you are interested, please contact Annie Woodmansey at [awoodmansey@sjsvw.org](mailto:awoodmansey@sjsvw.org).

## Tours of St Joe's School

**St Joe's School group tours for prospective families**

We are excited to announce group tours for families interested in sending their children to SJS!

Those considering grades K-8 are invited to visit on Wednesday, March 20, at 9 a.m., or email [mpartington@sjsvw.org](mailto:mpartington@sjsvw.org) to set up another time to visit.

Those interested in our Early Childhood Education Program (for those ages 4 and younger) may stop by on Thursday, March 21, at 9 a.m., or email [kmackinnon@sjsvw.org](mailto:kmackinnon@sjsvw.org) to schedule another time to visit.

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If you need more information, please email [mpartington@sjsvw.org](mailto:mpartington@sjsvw.org) or call the school office at 304-267-6447.

## St Joe's St. Patrick's Day Benefit Dinner

A St. Patrick's Day dinner for Saint Joseph School is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at St. Leo Catholic Church in Inwood. Tickets cost \$80 per person; two for \$150; or \$600 for a table of eight. They may be purchased by going to <https://www.silentauctionpro.com/onlineticketpurchase.php?groupId=586>.

The event will feature pub-style food and drink, tip jars, games, plus silent and live auctions. If you have something you'd like to donate for the auctions or if you would like to be a sponsor or advertiser, please contact the school's School-Family Association (SFA) at [sfa@sjsvw.org](mailto:sfa@sjsvw.org). Details about sponsorship and advertising opportunities can be requested.

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