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1st Sunday of Advent

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For us Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent Season, will spur us to an

awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'1

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that

illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of

As Blessed John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it



is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: 'Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rm 13:11).

We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread. (cf. Is 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the 'armor of light' and so seek only to do God's

work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh. (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus. through the story in the parable. outlines the Christian life style that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord's coming because we don't know the hour in which He will arrive. (cf. Mt 24:39-44)

1 Pope Benedict XVI, Celebration of First Vespers of Advent, Vatican Basilica, December 2006

Excerpted from the website of Congregation for the Clergy

On the First Sunday of Advent, the traditional opening prayer (or Collect)

prayed: "Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come." With this request to God to "stir up" His might, this day was traditionally called Stir-Up Sunday. Many families create a traditional plum pudding or fruit cake or some other recipe that all the family and guests can "stir-up." This activity of stirring-up the ingredients symbolizes our hearts that must be stirred in preparation for Christ's birth.

#### Commentary on the Readings for the First Sunday of Advent

"There will be signs in the . . (heavens). . . and upon the earth, distress of nations. . .they will see the Son of Man coming. . .lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand" (Gospel)

On His second Advent at the end of the world Jesus will come in the fullness of Divine Power. Then will we be obliged to accept Him as King of Justice. So today let us begin to prepare for this year's anniversary of His first Advent as King of Mercv.

Because His coming is "nearer" we are warned to "rise from sleep,...lay aside the works of darkness...and put on he Lord Jesus Christ" (Epistle).

Aware of the dangers ahead during this preparation, we call upon His "power" to protect us (Prayer) and to "cleanse us" (Secret). Finally, we promise to "prepare with due reverence for the coming festival" (Postcommunion).

Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

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#### Pastor:

Rev. James R. DeViese, Jr., J.C.L. pastor@spchurchweston.net

#### Secretary:

Sandra Mick, Parish Secretary secretary@spchurchweston.net

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:00 p.m., Sunday, 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Latin)

Reconciliation: Wednesday and Saturday, 5:00pm, Sunday, 8:45 & 11:45 a.m.

#### Weekday Masses:

M, T, Th, F, 8:15 a.m. Wed., 6:00 p.m.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m. Friday, 9:00 to 9:30a.m.

(See Weekly Schedule for any changes to times or location!)

#### **Religious Education**

CCD and Sacramental Prep Sunday, 8:30—9:15, school Introduction to Catholicism/RCIA Sunday, 8:30—9:15, parish office

#### **Parish Office Hours:**

- Sunday, 10:30 12:30
- Monday, 9 4
- Tuesday, 9 4
- Wednesday, 9 1
- Thursday, 1 8
- Friday, 9 1

#### Prayer Chain:

Micki Snyder, 304 269-3688 or 304 476-8819

#### **Bulletin Deadline**

Announcements for the Lewis County Catholic Times must be submitted by 4pm on Tuesday. Email submissions to: secretary@spchurchweston.net.

## This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday— December 2

Saturday of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time 5:00p Confessions

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Larry Bennett

#### Sunday — December 3

First Sunday of Advent

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for †Charles F. Rowgh by family

11:45a Confessions

12:30p Mass (Latin) for Mass for People of the Parish First Sunday of Advent

#### Monday — December 4

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Mass for Special Intentions
8:15a

#### Tuesday — December 5

Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

8:15a Mass for †Danny Pumphrey Jr.

#### Wednesday — December 6

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

5:05p Confessions

6:00p Mass for †Davita Kisner by Mrs. Joseph Cavallo

#### Thursday — December 7

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15a Mass for †Mary A. Hines by Junior and Veronica Brumley

#### Friday — December 8

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15a Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood

Noon Mass for People of the Parish

6:00p Mass for Mass for †James Blake by family

#### Saturday—December 9

Saint Juan Diego, Cuauhtlatoatzin

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Mike Rafferty by Sue and James Rafferty

#### Sunday — December 10

SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:45a Confessions

9:30a Mass for People of the Parish

11:45a Confessions

12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Josephine Paul by Robert D'Aurora Second Sunday of Advent

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions.

#### Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

- 12/4 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor
- 12/5 Feria of Advent
- 12/6 Saint Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor
- 12/7 Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 12/8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- 12/9 Feria of Advent

#### Scripture Readings

Dec. 4– 10

Monday (4)

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

#### Tuesday (5)

Tuesday (5)
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,
7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk
10:21-24

#### Wednesday (6)

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

#### Thursday (7)

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8 -9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

#### Friday (8)

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11

## -12; Lk 1:26-38 **Saturday (9)**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 9:35-10:1; Mt

## 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 **Sunday (10)**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

#### Weekly Devotions

#### Wednesday

5:00p Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

> 5:20p Rosary and

Miraculous Medal
Novena

5:45p Benediction

### <u>Friday</u> (When school students are present.)

9:00a Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

> 9:30a Benediction

## Titurgical Notes

#### The Immaculate Conception

ail Mary, full of grace". For thousands of centuries, millions of times per day the Virgin Mary is greeted by the faithful with the greeting of the Archangel, that we hear resonating anew in today's Gospel. The sons of the Church learn from the words of the Archangel Gabriel that the fullness of the mystery of God's grace was realized in Holy Mary. St Paul the Apostle teaches us that the Father made all fullness dwell in His Incarnate Son (c.f. Col 1:12-20), which overflows from Christ's head and spills out on His Mystical Body that is the Church. Before descending in Body, Christ's fullness was spread in a unique and unrepeatable way on Mary, predestined from eternity to be the Mother of God.

Blessed Pope Pius IX on the 8th of December 1854 proclaimed the Dogma of the faith revealed by God that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin" (Denz.-Schonm, 2083). If the official proclamation of the dogma is relatively recent, the profession of faith by Christians and the liturgy is very ancient in this regard. Furthermore, four years later the same Virgin Mary, appearing in Lourdes to St Bernadette, confirmed the truth of the doctrine by presenting herself with the title 'I am the Immaculate Conception'.

Mary's predestination to this singular grace—consistent with the suspension of the universal decree by which every man, from the moment of his conception is contaminated with original sin—leads us to ponder in the deepest depths the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity's salvific plan. God, One and Triune, had foreseen from the very beginning the future incarnation of the Word culminating in the redemption of human nature that had fallen into sin. He therefore predestined pure Mary, so that He could draw from her uncontaminated humanity, which the Son could adopt in order to re-establish in Himself the original purity of creation and reorient it to eternal glory.

Mary's Immaculate Conception is a direct consequence of her Divine Maternity. St Anslem of Aosta wrote: 'Assuredly, it was fitting that the Virgin be beautified with a purity than which a greater cannot be conceived, except for God's. For, toward her, God the Father was so disposed to give His only Son who was naturally one and the same common Son of God the Father and of the Virgin.' (De conceptu virginali et originali peccato, XVIII)

This link between the privilege of Divine Maternity and Mary's Immaculate Conception results also in her superiority



with respect to us. She is a perfect image of the Church in heaven, the new triumphant Jerusalem, that won't have any marks nor will there be pain and death. This is why today's preface recites: '...she was to be a worthy mother of your Son, your sign of favour to the church at its beginning, and the promise of its perfection as the bride of Christ, radiant in beauty'. Also in heaven Mary is not and will never be only a disciple, but her Son's most exalted. She is and will always be the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church, the Queen of the Angels and Saints. Therefore, the preface of the Mass adds: '...You chose her from all creatures to be our advocate with you and our pattern of holiness.'

Mary was Immaculate because she had to be the Mother of God. She, herself has received the original grace of purity and the final state of the blessed life that we also, by collaborating with Divine Grace, hope one day to receive.

Excerpted from CatholicCulture.org

Remember: Friday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and it is a Holy Day of Obligation!

Masses will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m.

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#### **Kids' Corner Catechesis**



#### St. Francis Xavier Feast Dav:

December 3 Born: 1506 Died: 1552

St. Francis Xavier was born a Xavier Castle in Spain in 1506 He went to the University of

Paris when he was eighteen, where he studied and taught Philosophy. Here he met St. Ignatius Loyola, who was about to start the Society of

St. Ignatius tried to get Francis to join him and at first the happy-go-lucky young man just laughed. St. Ignatius repeated to him the words of Jesus in the Gospel: "What does it profit a person to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" At last, Francis saw clearly that he could use his talents to bring people to God and agreed to join the Jesuits.

When Francis was thirty-four, St. Ignatius sent him as a missionary to the East Indies. The king of Portugal wanted to give him presents to take along and a servant.

Francis refused his kind offer and explained: "The best way to acquire true dignity is to wash one's own clothes and boil one's own

During his travels as a missionary in Goa, India, Japan and other lands of the east, St. Francis made thousands of converts. In fact, he baptized so many people that he became too weak to raise his arms.

Francis' love for Jesus was so strong that he could not rest at the thought of so many people who had never heard the Gospel. He found that there were so many villages where there were Christians but no priest to say Mass or teach them their prayers and the Commandments of God's Law.

When he landed at Goa in India, he would go down the streets ringing a little bell and inviting the children to hear the word of God. Then he would take them to a nearby Church and teach them Catechism and prayers. He made little lay apostles of them and invited them to spread the faith they had learned.

There was nothing St. Francis wouldn't do to help people. Once he faced a fierce band of raiders, alone, with no weapon but his crucifix. They backed up and did not attack his Christian tribes. The saint also brought many bad-living Christians to repentance. His only "tools" were his gentle, polite ways and his prayers.

During his painful journeys and hard work, the saint was full of a special joy that came from God. St. Francis longed to get into China, into which no foreigner was permitted.

At last, the arrangements were made, but he fell ill. He died almost alone in 1552 on an island off the Chinese coast when he was just forty-six-years-old. Today his body is preserved in a church in Goa.

#### **Deck the Halls**

We will decorate the sanctuary with "poinsettia trees" during this Christmas season. All donations collected in the "Christmas flower" envelopes will be used to purchase these flowers. Poinsettias are \$15.00. If you do not have envelopes, you can still contribute by contacting the parish office at 304 269-3048 or by putting a check in the collection basket with Christmas flowers in the memo line.



#### **Missing Angels**

Thank you to everyone who adopted angels from our angel tree. If you adopted angels 028, 029, 030, 117 or 118, please contact the parish office. We keep track of this information incase something is changed on the "angels" information tag such as clothing size.

The deadline to return the wrapped angel tree presents is December 12. Please include the adoption tag with your gifts.



#### Making Beautiful Music

Can you believe we are already in December? Where has the year gone? Christmas will be here before we know it. But one of the great things about being Catholic is that Christmas is not just a day, it's a season! What are you going to do this Christmas season to continue the celebration of the birth of Jesus? We are blessed to have the opportunity to attend a Christmas Festival Orchestra and Chorus on Friday, Dec. 29 at 7pm!

The event will be held at the Lyell B. Clay Center in Morgantown with transportation available for those who need it.

Tickets are \$ 11 are available through the church office, Fawleys Music (304-292-3351), or online at https://goo.gl/fCFC6M Online ticket sales do include a fee of \$2.67.

For more information, contact Jim at 304 269-4307. If there is no answer, please leave a

#### COME CELEBRATE the **BIRTH of CHRIST!**

#### Parish Membership & Benefits:

To be considered an "active" member of the parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the "Catholic tuition" rate at St. Patrick's School), the parish takes into account family & individual involvement in parish life and minis tries, and Mass attendance. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

#### Formed Pick of the Week Dec. 3

#### Prepare the Way of the King Presented by Dr. Scott Hahn Make the Most of

Advent

Your Advent will take on new meaning as Dr. Scott Hahn reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord with this captivating talk.

#### Formed Pick of the Week Nov. 26

#### Anima What is the Meaning of Life?

What is the meaning of life? At various times in our lives, we all ask this guestion. As Christians, we probably realize that God should give purpose to our whole lives, but what does this mean, and how do we live it out? The word "anima" means "soul" in Latin, and this beautiful 3-part video series invites us to consider how God's plan for the world endows every human soul with extraordinary dignity and purpose. This week login to formed.org and watch Episode 1 of ANIMA.

#### Watch on formed.org

#### **Weekly Attendance & Collection**

Saturday: 102 225 Sunday: 44 Latin Mass:

\$4393 General: Loan: \$560 School: \$1 Latin Mass: \$1390

#### **Upcoming Second and Special Collections**

- Dec. 9 & 10: National Appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious
- Dec. 25: Catholic Charities of West Virginia

#### **Parish Prayer List**

#### Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- Those who are sick: Fr. Leo Lydon (UHC), Amanda Smith Burcham, Jimmy Butcher, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Rose Determan, Larry Dodson, Gerry Donaldson, Anita Droppleman, Robert Fealy, Seth Fishbaugh (Laura Determan's cousin), Nathan Fisher, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's step-dad), Mary Groover, Bobby Gill, Mandy Heater, Ed Hubbs, Jim Kerrigan, Shelly Kraus, Jeff Linger, Matt McCauley, Donna Moore, Mary Ann Murray, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, Cathy Snuffer, Kinley Weaver, Jane White
- Those who have died: May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- **♦** Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- ♦ All Military Personnel: Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **December**

2 Sat: 7pm, Choir Practice, choir loft

8 Fri: 8:15, Mass Noon:, Mass 6pm, Mass

9 Sat: 9am, Day of Recollection, cafeteriacall the parish office to register!

9 Sat: 7pm, Choir Practice, choir loft

11 Mon:7pm, Advent Penance service 12 Tue: Angel Tree gifts deadline

12 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore, cafeteria

14 & 15: St. Patrick Church ringing the bell at

16 Sat: 7pm, Choir Practice, choir loft

21 Thu: 7pm, School Christmas pageant, gym

23 Sat: 7pm, Choir Practice, choir loft

26 Tue: 6pm, SoulCore, cafeteria

29 Fri: Christmas Festival Orchestra and Chorus, Clay Center, Morgantown

Times for Christmas Masses are: 6pm

on Sun., Dec. 24, midnight, 9:30am

Our weekend Mass Schedule WILL

remain the same: Sat. at 6pm and

Sunday at 9:30am and 12:30pm

and 12:30pm (Latin) on Dec. 25.

(Latin).

#### **New Missals**

With the start of the Advent season, we have changed from the Seasonal Missalette to the yearly Ignatius Pew Missal.

There are a number of advantages to the new missal.

- The complete liturgical year is included in one book
- They are printed on bright white paper as opposed to newsprint.
- They are easier to follow.

We will be singing hymns from both the new Missal and the blue Journeysongs book. Journeysongs hymns will be designated on they song board with a J in front of the hymn number.

#### **Advent Booklets**

#### **Open Your Heart**

Daily Reflections for Advent with Pope Francis

There is a wonderful image in the Book of Revelation of Jesus standing at our door and knocking, waiting for us to open the door and inviting him in. This image also captures the spirit of Advent. Our task is to open the door to our heart and welcome Jesus once again into our lives. This booklet of daily reflections for Advent by Pope Francis invites us to open our hearts and welcome Jesus, so that he might come anew to dwell with us and change our lives. It includes a Scripture verse personal reflection for each day of Advent.

Please pick up a booklet as you leave the church.

#### **Ministry Schedule**

#### Friday, December 8, 2017 (6pm)

Servers: Joe and Tom Derico, Michael Riley

#### Saturday, December 9, 2017

Servers: Kami Franklin, Ian Riffle, Ian Droppleman

Reader: Barb King

EMHC: Anna Lee and Mike Determan, Pam Thompson

Cantor: Bob Thompson

#### Sunday, December 10, 2017

Servers: Erin and Morgan Turner, Macy

Franklin

## Reader: Jeremy Garton

EMHC: Steve Corley, Paul Derico, Betty

Cantor: Joe Derico

#### **December Rosary Leaders:**

Saturday: Margaret Blake Sunday: Micki Snyder December Linens: Melissa Allison Dec. Funeral Greeters: Mary Wagoner

and Mary Ellen Rittenhouse

New schedules will be mailed the first of the week. They will not have schedules for the Christmas liturgies. If you attend a specific Christmas Mass, please call the parish office to help us schedule accordingly!

#### **Annual Collection Drives**

It's that time of year again.

We are collecting many things through the church and affiliated organizations from now until Dec. 15.

#### Food, Toys, Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Scarves and Coats

The school is collecting new or gently used toys, new gloves, hats, mittens and scarves. The Knights of Columbus are collecting new or gently used coats. These items will be given to Our Neighbor.

The Catholic Daughters, church, school and Knights of Columbus are collecting food for our Christmas food baskets. Last year 22 baskets were given to families who needed extra help during the Christmas season. Donations for the food baskets can be left in the church, school or parish office before Fri., Dec. 15. This allows plenty of time for the food to be sorted and needed items purchased by the Catholic Daughters. Suggested items for the food drive are:

- breakfast foods (pancake mix, syrup)
- canned fruits, vegetables, soups, and meats
- stuffing mixes
- instant potatoes
- pasta sauces and pasta
- desserts (cake and brownie mixes, gelatin and pudding)
- peanut butter, jelly, mayo, mustard, ketchup
- hot chocolate mix

Boxes for all items will be place in the church vestibule for your convenience. If you are making a large donation you can call the parish office to arrange a drop off time that is more convenient.

#### **Helping Year Round**

Donations for the backpack food program can be made at any time. You can purchase food and bring to the parish office or you can make a monetary donation through the church. To receive tax credit for your donation, please include your name, address and phone number with your donation.

Our local coordinator is working with the Lewis County Family Resource Network to purchase food items at a reduced cost so we get more "bang for our buck." This year, we are supplying 67 bags to students at Robert Bland Middle School.

#### The following items are collected continually at our church.

- •Snack food items for our back-pack food program.
- •Box tops, Coke reward points for the school.
- •Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- •Old towels, sheets, and blankets for animal rescues, shelters, and vet offices.
- •Used ink cartridges
- •(Rinsed) aluminum cans
- •NEW socks collected by the Catholic Daughters to be donated to homeless shelters.

#### What Is The Best Advent Ever?

It's a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy season. You'll experience Advent in a whole new way—leading to the best Christmas of your life!

Starting December 3, the first Sunday of Advent, you'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt, practical tips to incorporate into your everyday life, and personal stories from Dynamic Catholic team members. Sign up at:

https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Our parish is in need of volunteers to serve in the following capacities:

- <u>Sacristans</u> responsible for setting up for Masses and other liturgies, caring for sacred vessels and maintaining proper order in the sacristy
- Pew straighteners responsible for straightening up the pews after weekend Masses, ensuring that stray bulletins are collected, books are placed in racks, waste is disposed of, etc.
- Receptionists responsible for answering phones in the office during normal office hours, receiving packages, and some other light office work as needed.

Please contact the office for more information and to give a bit of your time to ensure the well-ordered maintenance of our parish community.

## Ring the Salvation Army Christmas Bell

Saint Patrick Church is working in conjunction with other area churches to ring the Salvation Army Christmas Bell. Our church is ringing at CVS on Thurs., Dec. 14 and Fri., Dec. 15. Call Missy Jordan at 304 517-8619 to volunteer.



#### **Names Needed for Christmas Food Baskets**

If you know someone who could benefit from a food basket this Christmas, please call the parish office at 304-269-3048. Please ask the person or family if it is okay before adding their name to the list. Please do not add someone who is already receiving a food basket from another church or organization. By doing this, we are able to help more people who otherwise might be overlooked.

When you call the office, please have the following information available:

- Family name
- Family size (broken down by the number of adults and kids)
- A contact number for the family
- Your name and phone number

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If you add someone to the list, you are responsible for distributing the basket of food to them or for making sure they are able to pick up the basket themselves.

#### Formed.org

FORMED is a revolutionary digital platform that offers a wealth of informative and entertaining Catholic audio talks, eBooks, feature films, documentaries, and video-based study programs from trusted providers like Catholic Answers, Sophia Press, Knights of Columbus, Ignatius Press, St. Paul Center, and more. We invite everyone to explore this website. Advent is a great time to begin making faith formation a part of your daily life today.

- 1. Go to formed.org/register
- 2. Enter the access code: **WPVBMM**
- 3. Enter your email and create a password

# KOFC

## Knights Of Columbus

In service to One, In service to all.

**Monthly Meeting** is the first Tuesday of the each month @ 7 pm in the cafeteria.

The next meeting date is Dec. 5.

www.kofc1415.org

Join us for service, fellowship, and spiritual growth!

## The Dead Theologians Society

weekend masses.

#### Saints of Yesterday Inspiring Youth of Today

The Dead Theologians Society, which is the catechesis program for all our High School students meets every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

The Dead Theologians Society is a national organization that seeks to engage high school students through prayer, catechesis, and social activity that

is rooted in the Catholic tradition and based on the Lives of the Saints. DTS meetings are open to all Catholic high school students.

For more info, text @dts-weston to 81010.

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Remembering the Dead

loved ones as well as to invite others to pray for them as well. The

best way to do this is by having Mass offered for the intention of your

deceased loved ones, which assists them as they are cleaned in Purga-

deceased. If you look around our church you will see brass plaques

on all the stained glass windows, telling us whom they are dedicated

to, and calling us to pray for them. While most items in the church

have been given in memory of someone already, it is possible to pur-

chase flowers and the sanctuary lamp in honor of your loved ones,

and have their name featured in our bulletin that others will remem-

**Advent Day of Recollection:** 

Join us on Saturday, December 9, for a day of prayer and re-

flection to help prepare our hearts for Advent and the Sacra-

ment of Reconciliation. The Day of Recollection begins at

Please contact the parish office to register.

The Best Way to Spread Christmas Cheer is

Singing Loud for All to Hear

Choir practice for our Christmas liturgies will take place on

four Saturday evenings following the 6:00pm Mass. The first

practice is scheduled for December 2, 2017. Please direct any

questions regarding practice to Marilyn Bean or Jim Weber following

9:00 a.m. in the School Cafeteria. Lunch will be provided.

bered in these ways, please contact the parish office for details.

If you wish to have members of the Faithful Departed remem-

Memorialization's are also an important reminder to pray for the

tory and moves them more speedily to their Heavenly home.

ber to pray for them.

Around the parish are many opportunities both to remember your

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters meet on the 3rd Monday of the month in the parish meeting room at 6pm.

Formed in 1903, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas<sup>®</sup> is one of the Oldest and Largest Organizations of Catholic Women in the Americas.

All members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are asked to pay their \$30 yearly membership dues. Dues can be mailed to: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, PO Box 764, Weston, WV 26452. Money collected for dues is then forwarded to the state and national courts to pay for state and national projects of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

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