



The Wisdom Meal

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Common sense and wisdom are two different realities, similar but not the same. Common sense can be taught, and it tends to be black and white, rather obvious. For the most part, parents teach their children common sense. *Don't run with a knife in your hands. Look both ways before you cross the street. Wash your hands before you eat.* Wisdom, on the other hand, tends to be more nuanced. It has a depth to it that cannot be taught. Rather, it is learned by experience and is more obscure than obvious. Sometimes, wisdom may not even seem to make sense. *One finds life by losing it. We find meaning not by focusing on ourselves but rather upon others and their needs. Less is more. Might does not make right.* Wisdom is the home of God.

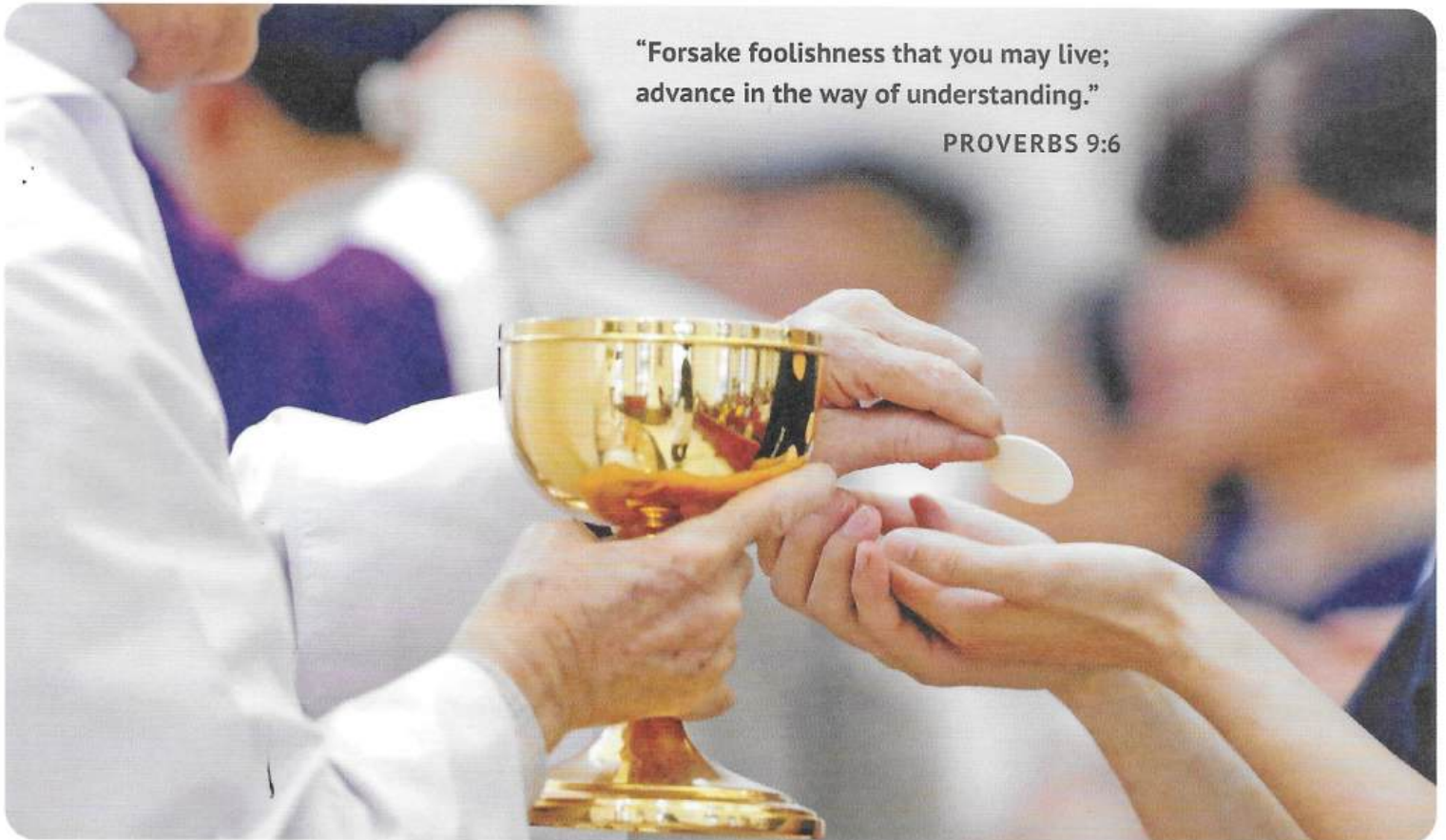
Throughout Scripture, the virtue of wisdom is often personified as Lady Wisdom. She is thought to have been present with God even before creation and with God at creation (Proverbs 8:22–31). Wisdom has spread her table before us and invites us: “Come, eat of my food, / and drink of the wine I have mixed!... / advance in the way of understanding” (Proverbs 9:5–6). Jesus is the wisdom of God made flesh. To feast on Jesus’ Body and Blood through the Eucharist is to feast on the wisdom of God. There, at his table, we begin to look at life the way God does. ●

Reflect

When faced with difficulties, do you stop and pray for wisdom—to see as God sees?

“Forsake foolishness that you may live;
advance in the way of understanding.”

PROVERBS 9:6



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

AUGUST 17 & 18, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 17- 6:00 PM

✠ Daniel Schmitt by The Crigger Family

Sunday, August 18- 9:00 AM

✠ Chris Malamisura by Mike & Mary Malamisura

Tuesday, August 20 - Noon

✠ People of the Parish

Wednesday, August 21- 9:00 AM

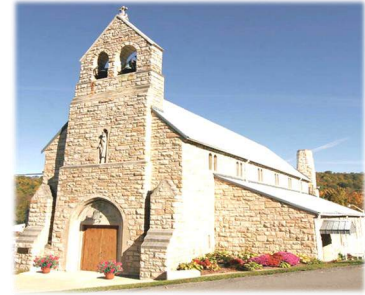
✠ Fr. Patsy Walsh by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Saturday, August 24- 6:00 PM

✠ Fran Derenge by Barbara Lynch

Sunday, August 25- 9:00 AM

✠ Michael Moore by The Crigger Family



Office Hours: 304-327-5623

Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Confession:

Before Weekend Masses

During Eucharistic Adoration

By Appointment

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17-18: 2nd Collection-DWC Seminarians

August 19: Staff Retreat

August 21: LitNic at Stephan & Laura Ward's 6 pm

August 22: PPC Meeting 6 pm

August 26: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

September 6: First Friday Mass and Benediction 6 pm

September 9: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

September 10: St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Friday's from 6:00-7:00 PM

August 23: Princeton September 13: Princeton

August 30: Bluefield September 20: Bluefield

CHURCH STAFF

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NEWMAN CENTER: 304-534-8093

To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.

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VIRTUS® Online



If you have recently logged into your VIRTUS account, you may have noticed that you might have a new training module assigned for you to complete and/or some bulletins to read.

What does that mean and why:

Anyone who completed their VIRTUS training before 2022 is being asked to complete VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Version 4.0, an update to their awareness training. If you completed training in 2022 or later, you have already completed the VIRTUS version 4.0 training.

Why are volunteers and staff with older training being asked to update? There are actually a couple of reasons:

First, some of the information regarding Safe Environment has changed over the years. For example, trainings now include information about online safety which wasn't even a consideration in the 1990s when Safe Environment training and protocols first began. Second, the definition of Safe Environment has changed over the years. No longer is it just about children/youth; it now includes vulnerable adults. Also, as experts research and learn more information regarding Safe Environment best practices, VIRTUS trainings are periodically updated so they reflect the newest information. Finally, when the Diocese is audited yearly for Safe Environment compliance, we consistently have been marked as deficient in this category for not having employees and volunteers updated with the latest information to help keep our children, teens, and vulnerable adults safe. Therefore, the Bishop decided that the best option at this point was to ask all employees and volunteers to update their VIRTUS trainings to VIRTUS version 4.0 and complete yearly training modules thereafter.

Again, individuals who have completed VIRTUS training after 2022 already have the latest training, so there is nothing for them to do for 2024. For those of us that completed training before 2022, we can update our training by logging into our online VIRTUS accounts (www.virtusonline.org) and clicking on the link under our Training Module block and completing the new training. Another way to update your VIRTUS training includes an in-person option at your parish or school. A third option for completing training involves receiving and reading the training module in printed material form and signing an acknowledgement form.

The Diocesan Office of Safe Environment and the Bishop have also asked volunteers and staff to begin reading monthly VIRTUS bulletins. You might have noticed that this block also now shows as needing attention on your VIRTUS home screen when you log in. You can read the monthly bulletin from your logged in account. You may also pick up or read a printout of the monthly bulletin at a designated location in the parish or school, as indicated by parish staff. Your parish or school might include the monthly safety bulletin once a month in the parish bulletin that is regularly distributed at Mass. The purpose of these monthly safety bulletins is just another way to raise awareness and keep current with the latest information about keeping our children, teens, and vulnerable adults safe. The information presented in these bulletins is truly excellent knowledge for everyone.

Visit www.virtusonline.org/virtus

As always, if you have questions regarding this latest update or need assistance logging into your VIRTUS account, **please contact Kim Hickman**. We have been asked by the Bishop to have our VIRTUS accounts updated to Version 4.0 no later than 6 January 2025. After that date, a yearly module will be required for all employees and volunteers based on the date you completed VIRTUS Version 4.0.



FAITH FORMATION
A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

Gatechetical Sunday ~ September 15, 2024

Theme – “Lord, When Did We See You Hungry”

Matthew 25:37b

More Information to Follow. If you are willing to help with Faith Formation this year, please call Julia at the parish office. Registration Form can be found at the Back of the Church.

A Month of Daily Prayer

We invite you for **the month of August** to come and reflect in silent prayer. A time for silent prayer can help one collect their thoughts and connect with God and give you the opportunity to spend sacred time with our Lord present in the Tabernacle.

The church will be open for prayer and contemplation in August from 12pm to 1pm, Monday thru Friday except Tuesdays when we have Mass.

On Wednesdays, we recommend parking in the 2nd parking lot due to our Food Pantry car line.



Calling All Singers

We would like to form a Sacred Heart Centennial Choir to sing for the Mass.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the parish office and let us know.



RCIA will have their next meeting on Wednesday, August 21 at 5pm in the school.

EXTRA HELP NEEDED!!

Looking for a few extra people to help take pictures of parish events



You don't need a fancy camera, your cell phone will do

If you are willing to help out; call the church office or email shcc_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com

Church Directory



To go along with our Centennial Celebration this year we will be compiling a new church directory.

We need a family picture submitted digitally, if you already have one. It can be a picture taken with you cell phone.

We will not have picture packages or sales team involved.

Email shcc_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com to submit a digital picture

If you need a picture taken, please call the church office or email the above address. We need a list so we can plan picture times.

If you are unsure how to turn your hard copy pictures digital, you can either email the above address or call the church office

St. Anne's Altar Society

The St. Anne's Altar Society will be meeting on Tuesday, September 10th at 11am in the parish lounge.

All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

Liturgy + Picnic = LitNic

Wednesday, August 21st, 2024 – 6:00pm

At the Home Of

Stephen & Laura Ward

(Jackson, Grant & Henry)

2205 Orchard Way - Bluefield, WV 24701



The Lit is the Mass beginning at 6:00pm followed by the Nic a covered dish meal to be shared by all



**Please RSVP by Monday, August 19th, 2024
if you plan to attend, by calling - 304-680-0256**

Join us for an evening of fun, food & fellowship. All are welcome!

DIRECTIONS:

From Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV

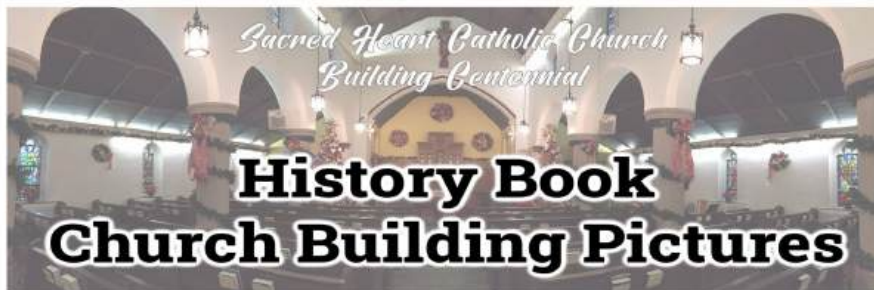
1. Directly across from KFC – Turn onto Cliffmont Ave
2. Follow Cliffmont Ave to the bottom of the hill. – 0.5 mile
3. Turn **RIGHT** onto Heatherwood Road, then immediately turn **LEFT** onto Orchard Way. - 0.1 mile
4. Turn Right into driveway

From Bland Road, Bluefield, WV

1. Directly across from First Christian Church – Turn onto Oakhurst Avenue - 0.6 mile
2. At intersection bear to **LEFT** onto Edgewood Rd - 0.3 mile
3. Turn **RIGHT** onto Orchard Way
4. Turn **LEFT** into driveway

August Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
Sat. 8/17 6:00 pm	P. Peretti	D. Garton	P. Buenafe	F. Moran	1.P. Peretti 2.TBA 3.D. Garton	J. Monaco	Delores Shumate Marilyn McCoy
Sun. 8/18 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	M. Malamisura	A. Froy TBA	R. Albert R. Ciccolini	1.C. Havens 2.K. Kidd 3.S. Copolo	B. Buzzo	
Sat. 8/24 6:00 pm	T. Lowery	T. Lowery	A. Zinsmeister D. Kelley	M. Zalduondo	1.T. Hager 2.J. McCloud 3.T. Behrmann	The Pascasio's	Wendi Aiello George Aiello
Sun. 8/25 9:00 am	TBA	B. Musolin	R. Aiello C. Tran	C. Ott T. Bales	1.T. Lampert 2.G. Aiello 3.W. Aiello	R. Ciccolini	
Sat. 8/31 6:00 pm	P. Buenafe	P. Buenafe	A. Peretti E. Peretti	F. Moran	1.D. Garton 2.L. Mariotti 3.P. Peretti	J. Monaco	TBA
Sun. 9/1 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	C. Mulkey	A. Froy T. Brown	B. Buzzo R. Ciccolini	1.M. Malamisura 2.A. Robinson 3.K. Kirk	R. Malamisura	



We are looking for pictures of:
Weddings
First Communion
Confirmation
Baptism

Any event that was in the Church

Email

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to submit a digital picture or any memories you would like to share

If you are unsure how to turn your hard copy pictures digital, you can either email the above address or call the church office




Sacred Heart Prayer List

Parishioners: Hobe Bauer, Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Loretta Carrigan, Ron Ciccolini, Carl Cook, Benny Disibbio, Angie Genovesi, Valerie Hager, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha Moran & Family, Claude Morgan, Sharon Rothausen, Carolina Ferrare

Homebound Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Richard Canterbury, Alex Ercoline, Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Kathy Richards, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch, Joan Zingale

Friends & Family: Donald Bowles, Shelby Bowles, Teddy Bradshaw, Patrick Clark, Chuck Comer, Carolyn Crigger, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Jason Fortney, Steve Hamm, Larry Hicks, Yael Issacs, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Stan Lawson, Bill Lester, Bob Mahood, Connor McKenzie, Laura Lee Null, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Leanna Smith, Larry Sarever, Abby Taylor, Judy Tolbert, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Steve Vaught, Alma Wheeler



If there is anyone you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office at 304-327-5623 or you may email Lucy at lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org



Celebrate Five with 5
for Bishop Brennan's Fifth Anniversary


Commemorate Bishop Mark's milestone year with five gifts of prayer and works of mercy.
Add yours at:
dwc.org/celebrate-five

Weekly Collection	weekend Aug 10-11	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	4,051.00	168,834.10	144,000.00
Loose Offertory	327.00	14,174.00	15,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,378.00	\$ 183,008.10	\$ 159,000.00
Fundraiser: cookbook	30.00	2,950.00	0.00
Food Pantry	460.00	18,722.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 49	9am: 97	

The Theological Virtues: Faith

What are the theological virtues and how do they impact our lives as Christians today? How do we grow in them? Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger dive into the theological virtues and discuss their place in God's plan for humanity.



We have raised \$31,886 for the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Which has surpassed our goal of \$24,620!

Thank you everyone for your generous donations. Please continue to donate if you can!

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:

Parish Office (304) 327-5623

Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying: {Please consider, with Fr. Sebastian out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes & Hospitals: are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

Dear Padre,

Are naked statues, like Michelangelo's David, really appropriate for public viewing?

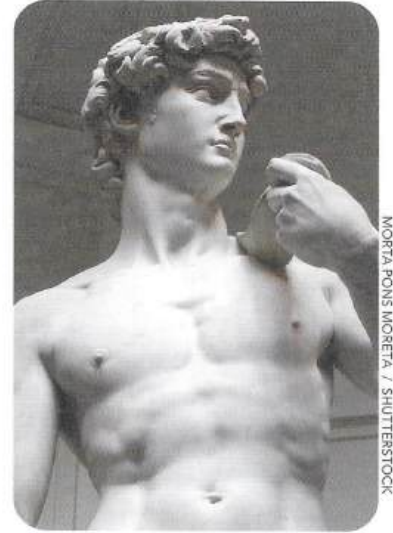
It is helpful to consider if the artwork depicts the body to heighten transcendence, or to objectify the body to satisfy basic instincts. Art is admittedly subjective, and the interpretation of nudity in true art is in the eye of the beholder. Nudity can evoke feelings of shame for some; for others, the nude body in art can be an aesthetic experience of illuminated grace in humanity, and ultimately in the glory of our Maker for all his gifts—including the gift of Christ's resurrection that restored us to the original image and likeness intended by our Creator.

Since ancient times, the nude human form was a common subject in art. The intention is to draw the viewer to a better appreciation of the human body's natural beauty. However, nudity is often associated with sexuality, and for some, sexuality is equated with sin.

In his series of addresses about the theology of the body, St. John Paul II expounded on original nakedness that was referred to in Scripture: "Man tries to cover the real origin of fear with the shame of his own nakedness" (Genesis 3:10). "In the state of original innocence nakedness did not express a lack. Rather, it represented full acceptance of the body..." (*Real Significance of Original Nakedness*, 1980).

So to answer the question, assuming the purpose of the artist is to inspire, and the atmosphere in which the statue is viewed is conducive to such inspiration, yes, such a public display is appropriate. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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Monday

August 19
Weekday
Ez 24:15–23
Mt 19:16–22

Tuesday

August 20
St. Bernard,
Abbot and
Doctor of the
Church
Ez 28:1–10
Mt 19:23–30

Wednesday

August 21
St. Pius X, Pope
Ez 34:1–11
Mt 20:1–16

Thursday

August 22
Queenship of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Ez 36:23–28
Mt 22:1–14

Friday

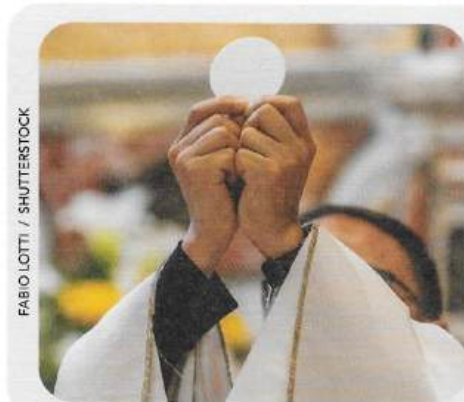
August 23
Weekday
Ez 37:1–14
Mt 22:34–40

Saturday

August 24
St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rv 21:9b–14
Jn 1:45–51

Sunday

August 25
Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Jos 24:1–2a,
15–17, 18b
Eph 5:21–32
or 5:2a, 25–32
Jn 6:60–69



FABIO LOTTI / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Around the altar we find what spiritually feeds us and quenches our thirst today and for eternity.... The Eucharist shapes us so that we live not only for ourselves but for the Lord and for our brothers and sisters. Life's happiness and eternity depend on our ability to render fruitful the evangelical love we receive in the Eucharist.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 19, 2018