

Joshua said to all the people....,
"As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD."

JOSHUA 24:2, 15C

Taking a Stand Matters

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day I happened to be sitting and chatting with some teenagers. When the discussion turned to parents, expectations, and how they respond, I asked them, "What's really important to you? What do you value and try not to compromise on?" "Why do you want to know?" one asked. "Just wondering," I said. Silence. Then one said that being honest was really important to her, that she always tried to tell the truth. Another said "family." Another, respecting his body, said, "No drugs, no alcohol." More silence, and then one spoke of her faith and how it really mattered and made a difference in her life. Their conversation then moved on to other things, friends, movies, and what to do later that day.

In reality, I had another reason for asking my question, one beyond a simple inquiry. There is something good about saying aloud what is truly important to us, what we won't compromise on. Saying it out loud makes it more real, something we can stand for. Some of those teens didn't say anything, maybe because they had never thought about what their values were. Perhaps hearing others speak up inspired them to think about it, maybe for the first time in their lives. Saying aloud where we stand in life makes a difference.

Jesus reminds us that it is the spirit that gives life, that the flesh is of no avail. Some of those teens have already begun to realize this truth. ●

Reflect

What are some values that you do not forsake easily? Why?

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

AUGUST 24 & 25, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 24- 6:00 PM

✠ Fran Derenge by Barbara Lynch

Sunday, August 25- 9:00 AM

✠ Michael Moore by The Crigger Family

Tuesday, August 27 - Noon

NO MASS, Fr. Sebastian Out of town

Wednesday, August 28 - 9:00 AM

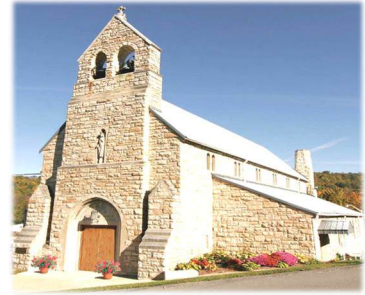
✠ Janie Garton by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Saturday, August 31 - 6:00 PM

✠ Lisa Oakley by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Sunday, September 1 - 9:00 AM

✠ Mary Robinson by Loretta Hammond



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 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

September 15: Volunteer/Staff Appreciation Dinner 6pm

September 21-22: 2nd Collection- Catholic Extension

September 23: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

October 4: First Friday Mass & Benediction 6 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

August 30: Bluefield September 20: Bluefield

September 13: Princeton September 27: Princeton

CHURCH STAFF

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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,



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

You are cordially invited to Sacred Heart's Volunteer and Staff Appreciation Celebration on Sunday, September 15 at 6:00 pm in the parish lounge. You are certainly a blessing to Sacred Heart Parish. We come together to commend our volunteers and staff and show our appreciation for all your hard work and dedication to our parish.

We have sent out Invitations in the mail. If we missed you and you do volunteer, please consider attending. We do request that you RSVP by September 9 as to how many will attend as we need to give a count to the caterer. The RSVP should come to the church office at Lucy's email: lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org or call the parish office at 304-327-5623.

Individuals may bring their spouse or one guest.



FAITH FORMATION

A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

Catechetical Sunday ~ September 15, 2024

***Theme – “Lord, When Did We See You Hungry”
Matthew 25:37b***

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 15, 2024.

Faith Formation begins following Mass in the school building. Those who the Church Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called and formally commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is an invitation for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

If you are willing to help with Faith Formation this year, please call Julia at the parish office.



Formerly known as RCIA

Walking the path as a Catholic is a lifelong journey. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process that begins with an Inquiry Session which will be scheduled in the fall. The process is designed for adults who are coming to the Catholic faith from another tradition, have been baptized in the Catholic faith, but have not received any other Sacraments, or have not been baptized in any particular faith tradition. The OCIA process allows you to journey through the full liturgical year and the timeline can vary from person to person as to the readiness of reception of the Sacraments of Initiation ~ Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

To learn more, please contact Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish 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.*

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 are forming 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.



A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF
THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

 **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

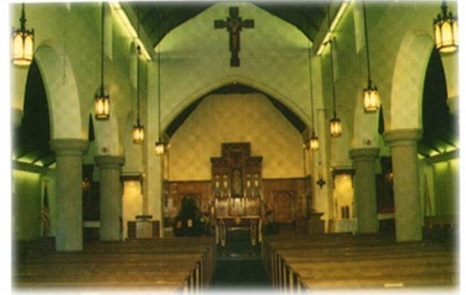
As always, if you have questions regarding this latest update or need assistance logging into your VIRTUS account, **please contact Kim Hickman**. We have been asked by the Bishop to have our VIRTUS accounts updated to Version 4.0 no later than 6 January 2025. After that date, a yearly module will be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

Sacred Heart Church Building Centennial History

Part 12: As Time Goes By....

Construction of Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Wyoming Street began in the spring of 1924. It was officially dedicated by Bishop Swint on September 6, 1925. Although the interior and exterior appearance of the church building seems to have changed very little over the past 100 years, it has, in fact, undergone many renovations and improvements. Some of these renovations include several roof replacements, new lighting throughout the nave, electrical upgrades, new pews, the installation of a new confessional, a gifted baby grand piano, and a handcrafted marble altar and lectern.

It is good to remember that, like our wonderful faith, our church building has undergone many updates over the years, but its purpose and beauty remains intact.



Church Directory

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

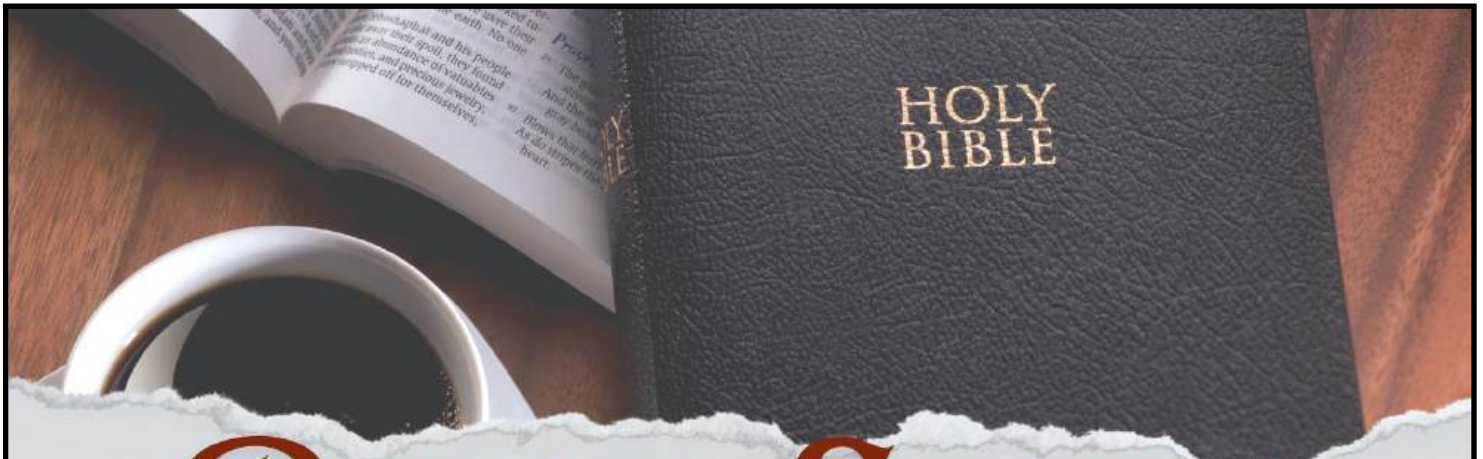
We need a family picture submitted digitally, if you already have one. It can be a picture taken with you cell phone.

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



BIBLE & STUDY

*We are Encouraged to Read the Bible Regularly
But Do We?*

Resolve to become committed to the Word of God

Sign up to attend Sacred Heart
Bluefield's 2024
Bible Study featuring
"Introduction to the Scriptures"
by Theologist Rodica Stoicolu

- How did the Bible originate?
- The cultural influences that affected the writing of the Bible.
- What church documents today tell us about the bible?

The Diocese approves our initiative and will furnish a book to help our studies. Join us to learn how we can improve our ability to hear and learn from the Word of God

Please call the Church office at 304-327-5623 and sign up to participate in this fascinating look at the Bible.

EVERY THURSDAY | SEPT. 5-OCT. 3 | 4:00-6:00 PM

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



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

Any event that was in the Church

Email
 shcc_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com
 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



Congratulations on a New Baby Boy!

Hudson Michael Berry
 Son of Dr. Alexandra and Samuel Berry
 Proud Grandparents:
 Mike and Michele Smith
 Mick and Deborah Berry
 Born August 11, 2024

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




Sacred Heart Prayer List

Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, 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, Cindy McGraw, 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 17-18	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	2,472.00	171,306.10	148,500.00
Loose Offertory	623.20	14,797.20	15,500.00
Assumption, Holy Day	335.00	1,985.00	1,500.00
Total Contributions	\$ 3,430.20	\$188,088.30	\$ 165,500.00
DWC: Ed of Seminarians	1,392.00	1,492.00	500.00
Attendance:	Holy day	6pm: 58	9am: 79



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.



The First Multiplication | Bread of Life | Episode 1 In this first episode of Bread of Life, Dr. Tim Gray shares insights from Sacred Scripture and dives into the Gospel of Mark's account of the first multiplication of loaves. Dr. Gray shows how Christ's eucharistic teaching is grounded in the Old Testament, provides hope for the reconstitution of Israel, and anticipates the Last Supper.



We have raised \$32,061 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,

A friend claims that various saints have appeared to her. Is this something that really happens?

Your friend might be experiencing what are called “private” revelations. Many recognized saints experienced visions in which Jesus, Mary, or the disciples spoke to them. These revelations were sometimes the sparks that caused future saints to leave whatever they were doing and follow Jesus in a dynamic way.

Saint Francis of Assisi was a rich young man who had a vision of Christ that radically changed his life. After this private revelation, Francis embraced poverty and devoted himself to the care of the sick. He founded the Franciscans to carry on his mission. An example of recent private revelations are the apparitions at *Medjugorje*. Even though the Church has not formally recognized these revelations, many have discovered a deeper faith because of them.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about private revelations: “Throughout the ages, there have been so-called “private” revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ’s definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history” (CCC 67).

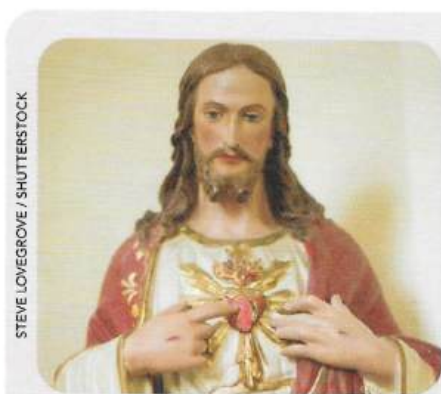
It is important to note whether the private revelation is contrary to the faith or the morals of the Church, and whether a particular revelation brings one closer to God. ●



PRAYING IN FRONT OF THE STATUE OF OUR LADY MARY, MEDJUGORJE, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA. DIEGO FIORE / SHUTTERSTOCK

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	September 1
Weekday	St. Monica	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Passion of St. John the Baptist	Weekday	Weekday	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18	1 Cor 1:1-9	1 Cor 1:17-25 Mt 25:1-13	1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 25:14-30	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Mt 23:13-22	Mt 23:23-26	Mt 23:27-32	Mk 6:17-29			



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Lord asks the disciples the decisive question: “But who do you— you!—say that I am?” Who am I for you, now? Jesus does not want to be a key figure from the past; He wants to be an important person for you today, for me today.... Jesus wants to be the God who is close to us!

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 27, 2023