

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

Food in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Today, Sue lives in a retirement community. She no longer drives, so she walks the few blocks to the grocery store for her simple needs. One day, she took her checkbook to pay for some groceries because she had lost her credit card and had not yet received a new one. The store, however, would not accept personal checks without some identification, and, without a driver's license to show, she found herself in a swirl of distraught frustration. That was when the person behind her in line offered to pay her \$11 bill. She was overwhelmed and called to tell me about the stranger's kindness to her.

Throughout the Scriptures, deserts were always places of chaos and abandon, but they were also places where people were fed by God. In the desert, the wandering Hebrews were fed manna; in the desert, Jonah was fed when he wanted to give up; in the desert, Jesus was sustained by God; and in today's Gospel, Jesus fed the crowd in that "deserted" place with five loaves and two fish. In so many ways, it is when we find ourselves in the deserts of life, feeling abandoned and hungering for solutions to our needs, that we recognize God feeding us. Sometimes, it occurs in simple, unexpected ways, as it did for Sue. At other times, we are fed with the strength to endure and make our way through a difficult time to the other side of life's storms. ●

Reflect

Reflect on your experiences of loss and abundance, loneliness and acts of kindness, and struggles and grace.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

JUNE 21 & 22, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 21 - 6:00 PM

✠ People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

Sunday, June 22- 9:00 AM

✠ Dianne Flanagan

Tuesday, June 24- 12:00 Noon

✠ No Mass ~Fr. Joseph Out of Town

Wednesday, June 25 - 9:00 AM

✠ No Mass ~Fr. Joseph Out of Town

Saturday, June 28- 6:00 PM

✠ Fr. Greg Lyttle by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Sunday, June 29- 9:00 AM

✠ Richard Canterbury by Knights of Columbus



Office Hours: 304-327-5623

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

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Confession:

Before Weekend Masses

During Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday's of Month

By Appointment

Food Pantry Hours:

Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 23: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm

June 23-27: Fr. Joseph's trip ~No Daily Mass

June 24: Men's Prayer Group Meeting 6 pm

June 28-29: Mission Appeal by Fr. Biju

July 4: Independence Day

July 4: First Friday Mass 6 pm

July 5-6: 2nd Collection: WV Flood Relief

July 5: First Saturday Reconciliation 10-11 am

July 8: Men's Prayer Group 6 pm

July 14: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Every Friday from 6:00-7:00 pm

July 11 ~ Princeton

July 25 ~ Princeton

July 18~ Bluefield

August 8~ Bluefield

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, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF...

Dear Sacred Heart Parish Family,

My name is **Father Joseph Augustine**, and I am truly honored to be appointed as your new pastor. I am an incardinated priest of the **Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston**, originally from the southern part of **India**. I was ordained a priest on **December 21, 2005**, for a missionary order. In 2009, I began serving in this diocese, which has since become my spiritual and pastoral home.

Over the years, I have been blessed with various assignments across the diocese, and **Sacred Heart Parishes in Bluefield and Princeton** will be my **sixth**. Most recently, I served for **seven years** at **Our Lady of Peace Parish and School in Wheeling**, a deeply enriching experience for which I am truly grateful.

A little about my family: my **father passed away** in 2006. My **mother**, my **youngest brother**, and his family still reside in India. My **older brother** is also a priest, currently serving in **Italy**.

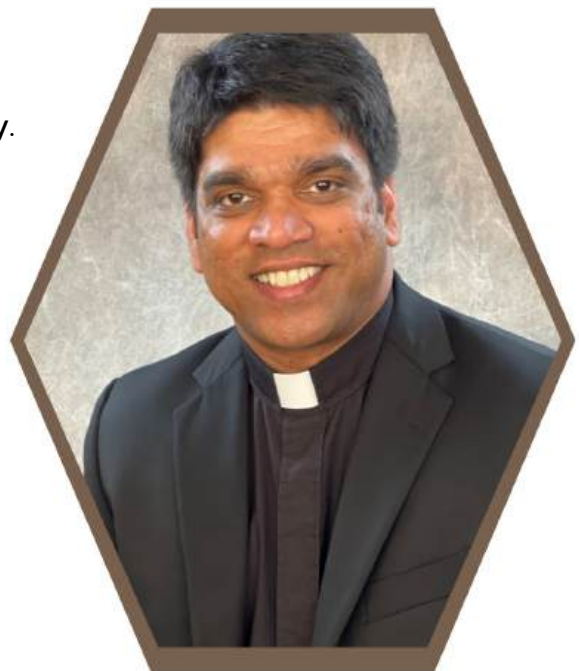
As I prepare to begin this new chapter with you, please know that I have already been praying for you over these past months. I look forward to getting to know each of you, to listening and learning, and to walking with you in faith.

Please keep me—and all the priests in transition—in your prayers during this time of change.

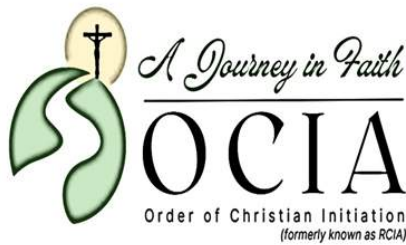
Thank you for welcoming me into your community.

Blessings and peace,

Fr. Joseph



OCIA



OCIA, or Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a gradual process for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church or for Catholics who want to complete their initiation sacraments. It's a journey of faith and conversion, guiding individuals through stages of learning, prayer, and community involvement as they prepare to become full members of the Catholic Church. OCIA is designed for adults who have never been baptized, those

baptized in other Christian traditions, and those baptized Catholic but not raised in the faith. We will have an Inquiry Session on Wednesday, June 25 at 4:30pm in the school building. If interested, please call Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.

Faith Formation



Faith Formation 2025-26

Begins September 21, 2025 with Catechetical Sunday

More Information to follow

Mission Appeal 2025

Missionary Cooperation Appeal 2025

Each year, as part of the **Missionary Cooperation Plan** of our diocese, we are privileged to host a representative from a missionary diocese or religious order who shares with us the work being done to spread the Gospel and serve those in need around the world. This year, we are honored to welcome **Fr. Biju T. Devassy** of the **Diocese of Khandwa, India**, who will be visiting our parish and presenting the **2025 Mission Appeal** at all Masses on the weekend of **June 28-29**.

The Diocese of Khandwa is engaged in vital missionary work among the poor tribal communities in the central region of India. Their efforts include ministries in **education, healthcare, social services**, and the **empowerment of women and the girl child**. In addition, they are committed to the development of **Small Christian Communities**, the **alleviation of poverty**, and the **strengthening of families**, all rooted in the Gospel values of love, dignity, and justice.



As members of the universal Church, we are called to **stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in mission territories**. Your participation in this appeal, through **prayerful support and financial generosity**, is a tangible expression of that solidarity. One of the most meaningful ways we can express our gratitude to God is by supporting those who have so little of this world's goods, yet so much faith, hope, and resilience.

We invite you to **open your hearts** to this important appeal. Your contributions will directly support the mission of the Diocese of Khandwa and will help bring the light of Christ to some of the most marginalized and underserved communities.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your support of the Church's mission.

SUMMER LITURGY + PICNIC = LITNIC

Summer LitNics are back and being scheduled! We share the liturgy for spiritual growth followed by the picnic for fellowship and good food. Are you interested in having mass at your house for neighborhood friends? The host family is responsible for paper good and drinks. Those attending please bring a potluck dish. LitNics begin at 6 PM on Wednesdays. If you would like to host a Litnic please contact Ann Robinson at 304-887-2421.

Available Dates

July 2	July 23	August 13
July 9	July 30	August 20
July 16	August 6	



Meet & Greet Indoor Picnic

JUNE 29TH AT 6:00 PM IN CHURCH LOUNGE

Get a chance to meet our new priest Fr. Joseph at our indoor picnic in the lounge on June 29th at 6:00 pm.

There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, fixins, salads, drinks and ice-cream for dessert!

All are Welcome! No Rsvp Needed!

June Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
6/21 Sat. 6 pm	P. Buenafe	F. Moran	P. Buenafe	Valerie	1.P. Peretti	The Pascasio's	D. Shumate M. McCoy
				Hager	2.A. Robinson 3.T. Hager		
6/22 Sun 9 am	The Winfree's	B. Musolin	R. West	R. Albert	1.S. Copolo	R. Ciccolini	
			K. Oakes	T. Bales	2.C. Havens 3.TBA		
6/28 Sat 6 pm	J. McCloud	D. Garton	D. Kelley	Anthony	1.J. McCloud	TBA	
			A. Froy	Peretti	2.D. Garton 3.L. Mariotti		
6/29 Sun. 9am	T. Lampert	L. Ajulo	R. Aiello	M. Rebuck	1.W. Aiello	S. Copolo	The Aiello's
			C. Tran	A. Rebuck	2.G. Aiello 3.K. Kirk		

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Virtus is an online video training platform that helps all our volunteers stay up-to-date on how to properly protect God's children

Who

Anyone who volunteers for the church must participate in Virtus to stay-up-to date.

This Includes:

Cantors, Sacristans, Hospitality, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Rosary Leaders, Faith Formation, Food Pantry

When

Virtus is required training for volunteers once every year. Please check with the Parish Office to see if you are current on your 2025 training.

Special 2nd Collection

Ohio-Marion County Flood Victims July 5-6, 2025

Bishop Brennan has approved a special 2nd Collection to help all those in the Ohio and Marion Counties who have suffered from the severe flash-flooding events that occurred on June 14-15 that resulted in loss of life, property, and livelihood.

All the money collected will remain in West Virginia and goes towards WV Catholic Charities for long-term recovery efforts and parishes in and around the affected areas that directly assist those families in need.

Please make checks out to Sacred Heart Parish with "Disaster Relief" in the memo line. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>.



Sacred Heart T-Shirts

Sacred Heart T-Shirts are still available and are now easier than ever to order!!

Simply click the link below to order!

Choose your shirt size, how many you want, if you want it mailed to you, and pay online!

<https://sacredheartcatholicclub64.flocknote.com/>

Sacred Heart Prayer List

Parishioners: Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Ron Ciccolini, Benny Disibbio, Carolina Ferrare, Angie Genovesi, Valerie Hager, Daniel Kirk, Claire & Terry Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Sabrina Mazol, Aalannah McPeak, Feleesha Moran & Family, Claude Morgan, Sharon Rothausen, Audrey Snyder

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

Friends & Family: Lorin Albin, Yvonne Blevins, Mark Burnette, John Burton, Patrick Clark, Chuck Comer, Beatrice Dunn, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Elizabeth George, Angela Buzzo Gess, Skip Harless, Yael Issacs, Natalie Jackson, Sandy Kegley, Natalie Pickett Kemp, Sherry Khatib, Judge Kornish, Bruce Lasker, Robert Martin, Conner McKenzie, Angelo Perri, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Annette Pike, Nick Pullano, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Nicole Romano, Larry Sparks, Chris Taylor, Kay Trimble, Cathleen Underwood, Orpha Welch

Catholic Sharing Appeal

We have raised \$24,058
which is 95% of
our goal of \$25,200.

A reminder that the first 50% of our goal goes towards ministries all over the diocese, the second 50% and over raised goes straight towards Sacred Heart.



GIVE ONLINE TODAY AT:

SacredHeartCatholicChu64.flocknote.com/give/30362

OR SCAN THE QR
CODE TO DONATE
SECURELY FROM
YOUR PHONE



Weekly Collection	weekend Jun 14-15	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,768.00	95,249.60	109,400.00
Loose Offertory	570.00	11,017.81	11,200.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,338.00	\$ 106,267.41	\$ 120,600.00
Food Pantry	410.00	15,246.20	0.00
DWC: Peter's Pence	35.00	942.00	1,000.00
Attendance:	6pm: 102	9am: 98	

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,

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, “in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the ‘body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, “This presence is called ‘real’” (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding “documented proof,” this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is “seen” through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: “Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord” (“Look Beyond,” Darryl Ducote). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation... there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the eucharistic bread—Christ’s attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and to feed others.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 19, 2022

Monday

June 23
Weekday
Gn 12:1–9
Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday

June 24
The Nativity of
St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1–6
Acts 13:22–26
Lk 1:57–66, 80

Wednesday

June 25
Weekday
Gn 15:1–12,
17–18
Mt 7:15–20

Thursday

June 26
Weekday
Gn 16:1–12, 15–
16 or 16:6b–12,
15–16
Mt 7:21–29

Friday

June 27
The Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus
Ez 34:11–16
Rom 5:5b–11
Lk 15:3–7

Saturday

June 28
Weekday
Gn 18:1–15
Mt 8:5–17

Sunday

June 29
Sts. Peter and
Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1–11
2 Tm 4:6–8,
17–18
Mt 16:13–19

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.