

[Jesus said,] “A man shall leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two shall become one flesh.”

MARK 10:7-8

## Living with Our Hungers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**s human beings, we have a sense that by ourselves, we are incomplete. We long to be made whole, to unite with something more. We have glimmers of that wholeness when we fall in love, opening ourselves to another in complete and total surrender. We feel touched by it when we experience great beauty in art, music, and creation. We may also find that wholeness in times of prayer. Yet in all such moments, there is a hint of sadness knowing that it will not last, that we will once again ache for more from life. All such longings are part of the human condition. It is how we have been created from the very beginning, always seeking to be made whole.

The American poet Sara Teasdale wrote in one of her poems that “the heart asks more than life can give.” That seems to be true in so many aspects of life. As often as married couples may feel united in their love, they may also expect the other person to fulfill and satisfy that need of wholeness at all times and circumstances. However, that is not possible, and so they may find themselves disappointed. Whether in marriage, friendship, or the bonds of family, love always asks for more than life is able to give. We will always hunger for more, simply because that very hunger flows from God, the only one who will ultimately satisfy it. ●

### Reflect

*When do you feel a sense of longing and how do you seek to satisfy it?*

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

OCTOBER 5 & 6, 2024

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, October 5- 6:00 PM**

Fr. Chapin Engler by Centering Prayer Group (Living Mass)

**Sunday, October 6- 9:00 AM**

Pro Populo

**Tuesday, October 8 - Noon**

✠ People of the Parish

**Wednesday, October 9 - 9:00 AM**

✠ People of the Parish

**Saturday, October 12 - 6:00 PM**

✠ Fr. James Murphy by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

**Sunday, October 13 - 9:00 AM**

✠ Frank McClendon by Louie & Vickie Bolyard



**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

**October 6:** Blessing of the Pets 1 pm

**October 8:** St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting 11 am

**October 9:** Finance Council Meeting 6 pm

**October 14:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

**October 17:** PPC Meeting 6 pm

**October 19-20:** 2nd Collection: World Missions

**October 21-25:** Priest Retreat \*No Mass\*

**October 26:** Fall Festival 7 pm

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

October 11: Bluefield                      October 25: Bluefield

October 18: Princeton                      November 8: Princeton

## CHURCH STAFF

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**PARISH BOOKKEEPER:** Kim Hickman  
Khickman@sacredheartblfd.org

**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.*

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

 **VIRTUS**<sup>®</sup> *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.

## 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](http://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](http://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



### *Faith Formation 2024-2025*

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

#### **The schedule for September through January 2024:**

October 6, 13, 20, and 27 ~ Regular Sessions

October 26 ~ Fall Festival at 7 pm

November 3 ~ **No** Faith Formation – Church Centennial Celebration

November 10 ~ Regular Session

November 17 ~ **VIRTUS Lesson** first part of class. **All teachers please be present.**

November 24 ~ Regular Session

December 1 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 8 ~ Regular Session

December 15 and 22 ~ Practice for Christmas Eve Children’s Mass in the Church

December 24 ~ Children to participate at 4pm Christmas Eve Mass

December 29 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 5, 12 ~ **NO** Faith Formation for Holiday

January 19, 26 ~ Faith Formation Regular Sessions

## OCIA

Formerly known as RCIA



*If You are interested in the OCIA process please contact, Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934 or Julia at the parish office.*

*Our Next Meeting will be Wednesday, October 9 at 4:30 pm in School building.*

## THREADS OF LOVE



We are in need of your help. If you are having or know of anyone having surgery or of anyone needing a prayer shawl or blanket, please let us know. These special gifts are handmade, blessed, and give comfort and joy to those that receive them and we don’t want to forget anyone. Please call Angie Genovesi at 276-970-0893, Barbara Lynch at 304-228-2082, or the Parish Office at 304-327-5623 to inform us of anyone in need Thank you and God Bless.

### *Honoring Our Loved Ones*

*The centennial committee is offering spaces in the new church History Book to honor or memorialize a person or persons. The cost is fifteen dollars a space. There will be representatives at the back of the church after each mass if you are interested.*



### *Votive Candles*



*A gentle reminder to please leave a donation when lighting a devotional candle. Due to rising inflation prices, we kindly ask that you donate \$4.00 for a regular sized candles and \$1.00 for the small votive candles on the Mary side of the altar. We greatly appreciate all donations. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.*



**Blessing of the Animals**

by Fr. Sebastian will be at the Church Parking Lot on

October 6 at 1pm in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Bring your beloved pets for a special blessing!



**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



**The Last Days:**

The Passion & Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.



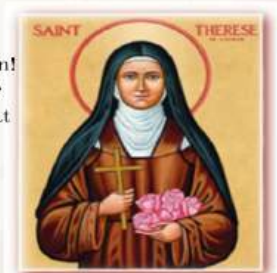
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*St. Therese of Lisieux*  
Patroness of Missionaries

You are probably familiar with St. Therese of Lisieux as "The Little Flower," but did you know that she is also the Patroness of Missionaries? If you're familiar with her story, you'll remember that she lived in a cloistered convent in a small village in France—not exactly the first thing that comes to mind when you think of a mission field.

However, St. Therese earned this title through the faithful prayers and sacrifices she offered for those on the mission field. And she continues to intercede from heaven today for those who are doing the work of evangelization—which includes you!

October 1 was St. Therese's Feast Day, which makes now the perfect time to ask for her powerful intercession! As you continue your work as a parish leader/volunteer during this Year of Mission, know that you have a great saint cheering you on from heaven, ready to support you every step of the way.



**Food Pantry Report for September 2024**

Date	Adults over 18	Children under 18	Total Clients	New Families	Clothing	Hygiene Products	Total # of Distributions
4-Sep	113	52	165	6	200	542	69
11-Sep	152	65	217	6	139	659	84
18-Sep	170	42	212	8	83	260	92
25-Sep	190	93	283	8	219	680	105
Monthly Totals	625	252	877	28	641	2141	350
Y-T-D Distribution	5358	2210	7618	183	5725	10191	3150

**BECOME A MEMBER  
OF**  
*St. Anne's  
Altar Society*

This is the time of year when you will receive all kinds of invitations, they will be for Halloween parties, thanksgiving dinner, Christmas dinners/parties, and of course the new years eve galas. A very special invitation comes from St. Anne's Altar Society....

*Ladies You're Invited!*

You are cordially invited to attend one of our next meetings. We meet Tuesdays at 11 am in the church lounge on October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>, and December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Come and see what we're all about and what we do! Consider joining St. Anne's if you want to do more for our parish. You'll have the opportunity to be with a terrific group of ladies who are dedicated to God and Sacred Heart Church.

A couple of important activities we do include:

- ◆ hosting an annual Bake Sale to which the proceeds go towards purchasing special items for the church.
- ◆ Providing prayer shawls and blankets to those who are ill through our Threads of Love program.

Please consider joining St. Anne's, we welcome all ladies of the parish.

If you are interested but are unable to attend one our upcoming meetings, please contact one of the following:

Angie Genovesi 276-970-0893      Barbara Lynch 304-228-2082  
Church Office 304-327-5623

We Look Forward to seeing you!

Thank you and God Bless!

Angie Genovesi, President



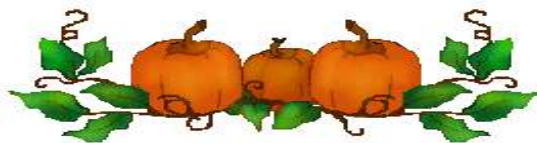
**Sacred Heart  
Fall Festival  
Covered Dish Dinner  
Saturday, October 26  
7:00pm ~ In the Gym**

- ★ Costume Judging for Adults and Children
- ★ Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- ★ Cake Walks and Crafts
- ★ Games and Delicious Food



***This Festival is not just for children  
It's great fun for our entire parish family***

***Please bring a dish that will serve 10-12 People***



October Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
Sat. 10/5 6:00 pm	TBA	M. Zaldondo	A. Zinsmeister	Maria	1.P. Peretti 2.T. Hager 3.A. Peretti	The Pascasio's	Randy Albert Cindy Albert
			P. Buenafe	Zaldondo			
Sun. 10/6 9:00 am Youth Sunday	M. Malamisura	B. Musolin	Youth TBA	Youth TBA	1.C. Havens 2.K. Kidd 3.K. Kirk	Youth TBA	Randy Albert Cindy Albert
			Youth TBA	Youth TBA			
Sat. 10/12 6:00 pm	P. Peretti	D. Garton	Dave	Tom	1.P. Peretti 2.C. Saunders 3.TBA	J. Monaco	David Duritz Rocky Malamisura
			Kelley	Behrmann			
Sun. 10/13 9:00 am	The Winfree's	L. Ajulo	R. West	T. Bales	1.M. Romeo 2.S. Romeo 3.TBA	S. Copolo	David Duritz Rocky Malamisura
			K. Oaks	C. Ott			
Sat. 10/19 6:00 pm	T. Lowery	M. Zaldondo	Purita	Feleesha	1.L. Mariotti 2.D. Garton 3.T. Hager	The Pascasio's	Delores Shumate Marilyn McCoy
			Buenafe	Moran			
Sun. 10/20 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	B. Musolin	M. Malamisura	R. Albert	1.C. Havens 2.TBA 3.TBA	R. Malamisura	Delores Shumate Marilyn McCoy
			E. Husband	R. Ciccolini			
Sat. 10/26 6:00 pm	P. Buenafe	P. Buenafe	A. Peretti	Connie	1.T. Behrmann 2.F. Moran 3.J. McCloud	J. Monaco	Wendi Aiello George Aiello
			E. Peretti	Saunders			
Sun. 10/27 9:00 am	The Winfree's	L. Ajulo	R. Aiello A. Zinsmeister	A. Rebuck M. Rebuck	1.S. Copolo 2.W. Aiello 3.G. Aiello	B. Buzzo	Wendi Aiello George Aiello

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**We Need Help with Mass on Saturdays & Sundays**

**Consider Volunteering once a month or more often!**

**You can volunteer for the following:**  
Lectors, Rosary, Extraordinary Ministers, Sacristan

**All Skill levels, any amount of time!**

**For More Information :**

(304) 327-5623    [ibrinegar@sacredheartbldf.org](mailto:ibrinegar@sacredheartbldf.org)





## 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 & Terry Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, 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, 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, Beth George, Dolly Hager, Steve Hamm, Larry Hicks, Yael Issacs, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Stan Lawson, Bill Lester, Bob Mahood, Connor McKenzie, Ken Mulkey, 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](mailto:lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org)

Weekly Donations	Sept 28-29	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	1,370.00	203,423.20	177,000.00
Loose Offertory	224.00	17,257.20	18,000.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,594.00</b>	<b>\$ 220,680.40</b>	<b>\$ 195,000.00</b>
Votive Candles	16.60	284.60	250.00
Faith Formation	10.00	347.00	500.00
Food Pantry	100.00	20,538.00	0.00
DWC: Catholic University	237.00	487.00	500.00
Catholic Extension	650.00	1,433.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 21	9am: 66	

**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](mailto:shcc_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com)




*Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building Donations*

### History Book Church Building Pictures

**We are looking for pictures of:**  
**Weddings**  
**First Communion**  
**Confirmation**  
**Baptism**  
**Any event that was in the Church**

Email [shcc\\_bluefieldmedia@yahoo.com](mailto: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**



**CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL**

We have raised \$35,436 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,

## Why do we say “Holy Mary, Mother of God” when she’s the mother of Jesus?

The first Christians did call Mary the “Mother of Jesus.” The title “Mother of God” wasn’t formally defined in the Church’s history until the First Council of Ephesus in 431. Around the year 250, the hymn *Sub Tuum Presidium* (“We Fly to Thy Patronage”) appeared, which refers to Mary as the Mother of God. Why did it take so long for the early Church to decide how to refer to Jesus’ Mother? What we call Mary is tied to how we understand Jesus’ identity as the fully human and fully divine Son of God. The Church understood Jesus as a person of the Trinity, the Son of God, who uniquely possesses both fully human and fully divine natures. In a nutshell, you can’t separate the “man” Jesus from the “God” Jesus. In clarifying what it meant to say that Jesus is the Son of God, equally one with the Father and the Holy Spirit and yet fully human and “like us in all things but sin,” the Church had to answer the question of how Mary fit into the work of salvation. Mary was the Mother of the Son of God; she was not only the Mother of Jesus’ human nature. When Catholics call Mary the “Mother of God,” they state their belief that Jesus is a single person—the Son of God—and that Mary is his Mother. ●



VIRGIN AND CHILD WITH ANGELS AND SAINTS / WIKICOMMONS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to submit your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



VATICAN MEDIA

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*God’s way of acting with his unfaithful people—that is, with us—teaches us that wounded love can be healed by God through mercy and forgiveness.... Before so many painful marital failures, [the Church] feels called to show love, charity, and mercy in order to lead wounded and lost hearts back to God.*

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 7, 2018

#### Monday

October 7  
*Our Lady of the Rosary*  
Gal 1:6–12  
Lk 10:25–37

#### Tuesday

October 8  
*Weekday*  
Gal 1:13–24  
Lk 10:38–42

#### Wednesday

October 9  
*Weekday*  
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14  
Lk 11:1–4

#### Thursday

October 10  
*Weekday*  
Gal 3:1–5  
Lk 11:5–13

#### Friday

October 11  
*Weekday*  
Gal 3:7–14  
Lk 11:15–26

#### Saturday

October 12  
*Weekday*  
Gal 3:22–29  
Lk 11:27–28

#### Sunday

October 13  
*Twenty-eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Wis 7:7–11  
Heb 4:12–13  
Mk 10:17–30 or 10:17–27