

Assumption Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion - to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of his kingdom. Who is John the Baptist and what is the significance of his message for our lives? Scripture tells us that John was filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, John leapt in her womb as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). Like the prophets of the Old Testament, John devoted his entire life to prayer and the word of God. He was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where he was tested and grew in the word of God. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (Kings 1:8). The Holy Spirit prepared John for the mission entrusted to him as forerunner of the Messiah, Jesus Christ - the Word of God who became man for our salvation (John 1:1,14).

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). The Lord Jesus gives us the fire of his Spirit so that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do we point others to Christ in the way we live, work, and speak?

Readings for Next Sunday,
December 11, 2022
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Saint of the Week

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

Saint Ambrose is one of the four original doctors of the Church, and became one of the most important theological figures of the 4th century.

Ambrose was born around 340 AD to a Roman Christian family. He grew up in present-day Germany. It is believed by many that when Ambrose was just an infant, a swarm of bees landed on his face and left behind a drop of honey. To his father, this was a sign that Ambrose would become someone great.

He was educated in Rome, where he studied law, literature and rhetoric. In 372 he was made Governor of Liguria and Emilia. When the Bishop of Milan unexpectedly died, Ambrose was called to become the next Bishop. He refused, however, because he was neither baptized or trained in theology. He attempted to hide, but within a week's time, he was baptized, ordained, and duly consecrated Bishop of Milan in 374.

St. Ambrose was generous to the poor. He considered them not a group of outsiders, but rather those of the united people. To him, giving to the poor was just a repayment of God's resources, which were intended for everyone equally.

St. Ambrose is the patron saint of beekeepers, beggars, learning and Milan.

Source: catholiconline.org



Feast Day: December 7

***"It is not enough
just to wish well;
we must also do well."***

- St. Ambrose



Patricia Ansel, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Judy Davis*, Max Ellifritz, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Joetta Gould, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs*, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline

Reeves, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts*, Bill Stine, Maleigha Taylor and Courtney Whiteman.

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🕯️ Come, 🕯️ Come Emmanuel! 🕯️



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Assumption Parish \$18,140
GOAL

\$0 \$17,706 (97%)
as of today

Thank you to everyone who contributed on Giving Tuesday! We are just \$434 from our goal!

We can continue to accept donations to the CSA (either online or at the Parish Office) through December 31.

www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, December 8
Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Flower Offerings

Remember or honor your loved ones this Christmas with an offering for the flowers which will decorate our beautiful church. All names will appear in our Christmas bulletin.

If you use offertory envelopes, be sure to include on the envelope who your donation is in memory or honor of. If you do not use offertory envelopes but would like to make a memorial donation, simply use any envelope and include a note with your intentions.




*You're Invited
to our Parish Christmas Party!*

Monday, December 12, 2022
5:00 social hour 6:00 dinner
Flying W Farms Restaurant, Burlington
\$20 adults, \$12.50 children 12 and under
Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office through December 7.

Dinner includes roast beef, two sides, salad, rolls, dessert and drink. Social hour is BYOB.

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, December 3	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Scott Kinnie & Paul Miller	Wanda Kinnie
		Members of the Harber family	Sue Harber
Sunday, December 4	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Tom Harbaugh	Michelle Brill
Monday, December 5	No Mass		
Tuesday, December 6	No Mass		
Wednesday, December 7	5:00 p.m.	Souls of Joe & Jackie Altobello	Joanne & Mike Stickley
		The Barrick & Travis families	Howard & Karen Barrick
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>			
Thursday, December 8	6:30 p.m.	Souls of Ilario & Theresa Panetta	Dena Turner
		Intentions of Jean Harber	Mary Shannon
		Intentions of Norma Clark.....	"Buddy"
		<i>Sunday Scripture Study at noon</i>	
Friday, December 9	9:00 a.m.	Soul of James DeMasi.....	Mary Shannon
		Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased	
		Members of the Melody Family	Sharon Melody
Saturday, December 10	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Bobby Dorsey.....	Marion Dorsey
		Marsh, Roach & Cessna families	Linda Marsh
<i>Youth Mass</i>			
Sunday, December 11	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tim & Ginny Newlin	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Intentions of Fr. Ivan	Mary Shannon

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 4

- **Youth Group** meets at 4 p.m. at the food pantry to deliver food drive donations, then on to St. Mary's Hall for a Christmas party.

Wednesday, December 7

- **Last day to purchase tickets** for the Christmas Party

Thursday, December 8

- **Sunday Scripture Study** at noon in St. Mary's Hall
- **Mass for the Immaculate Conception** at 6:30 p.m. (Holy Day of Obligation)

Sunday, December 11

- **Youth Mass**, led by our high school class
- **CCD Christmas program** at 6 p.m.

Monday, December 12

- **Parish Christmas Party** at Flying W Farms

Wednesday, December 14

- **Advent Penance Service** at 6 p.m.

Collections & Attendance

November 26-27, 2022

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,283
Loose Donations.....	\$661
Repairs & Maintenance	\$20
Total.....	\$2,964

Attendance

Saturday, 11/26.....	83
Sunday, 11/27.....	80
Total.....	163

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious.. These donations help hundreds of U.S. religious communities to provide for their aging members.

The Season of Giving!

Thanks to all of our parishioners and CCD classes who filled **46 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes**. And this doesn't include the boxes filled online! The Knights appreciate your continued support of this and all their service projects. They will continue to collect new and unused winter clothing items for the local Warm the Children campaign through next week. These donations can be dropped off at the Church or at the Parish Office.



Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 10

Lector: Karen Yowler
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EM: Janet Corley
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

Sunday, December 11 (Youth Mass)

Lectors: Kerri Wittman & Jack Stanislawczyk
Servers: Celia Cole and CJ Fraley
EM: Rosie Landis
Cantor: Nancy Starcher
Greeters: Amaya Bartlett & Abby Del Signore

Saturday, December 17

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Jean Harber
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Larry & Tammy Dale

Sunday, December 18

Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: Rudy & Pippa Dolechek
EM: Pam Williams
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant

REPENT,

for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!

MATTHEW 3:2

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
Rear of the church by the Holy Water and at the Sacristy door on the left

AED UNIT
Wall outside the restroom

FIRST AID KIT
Wall outside the restroom

