



# Assumption Catholic Church

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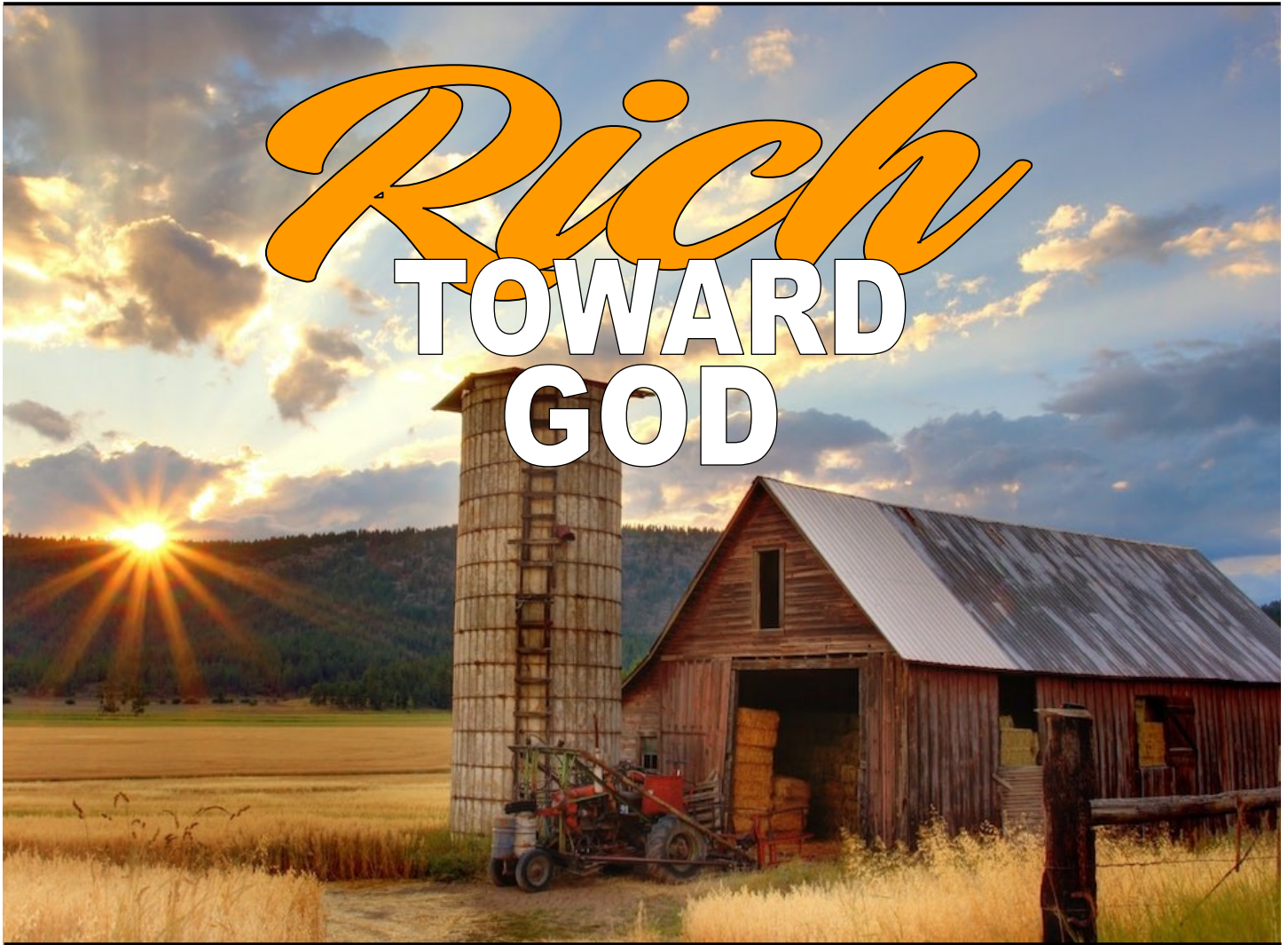
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***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***August 3, 2025***



# *Rich* TOWARD GOD

*May you find Christ here...may you take 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.  
Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Patrick George, Organist**

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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

## Sunday Reflection: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The ten commandments were summarized into two prohibitions - do not worship false idols and do not covet what belongs to another. It's the flip side of the two great commandments - love God and love your neighbor. Jesus warned the man who wanted half of his brother's inheritance to "beware of all covetousness." To covet is to wish to get wrongfully what another possesses or to begrudge what God has given to another. Jesus restates the commandment "do not covet," but he also states that a person's life does not consist in the abundance of his or her possessions. Jesus reinforces his point with a parable about a foolish rich man (Luke 12:16-21). Why does Jesus call this wealthy landowner a fool? Jesus does not fault the rich man for his industriousness and skill in acquiring wealth, but rather for his egoism and selfishness - it's mine, all mine, and no one else's. This parable is similar to the parable of the rich man who refused to give any help to the beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

The rich fool had lost the capacity to be concerned for others. His life was consumed with his possessions and his only interests were in himself. His death was the final loss of his soul! What is Jesus' lesson on using material possessions? It is in giving that we receive. Those who are rich towards God receive ample reward - not only in this life - but in eternity as well. Let this be our prayer today: Lord Jesus, free my heart from all possessiveness and from coveting what belongs to another. May I desire you alone as the one true treasure worth possessing above all else. Help me to make good use of the material blessings you give me that I may use them generously for your glory and for the good of others.

### Readings for Next Sunday,

August 10, 2025

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48

## Saint of the Week... St. Dominic

Born in Spain, Dominic was trained for the priesthood by a priest-uncle, studied the arts and theology, and became a canon of the cathedral at Osma.

On a journey through France with his bishop, Dominic came face to face with the then virulent Albigensian heresy. The Albigensians held to two principles in the world: one good, one evil. Since they believed that all matter was evil, they denied the Incarnation and the sacraments. They also abstained from procreation and took a minimum of food and drink. The inner circle led what some people regarded as a heroic life of purity and asceticism not shared by ordinary followers.

Dominic sensed the need for the Church to combat this heresy, and was commissioned to be part of the preaching crusade against it. He saw immediately why the preaching crusade was not succeeding: the ordinary people admired and followed the ascetical heroes of the Albigenses. Understandably, they were not impressed by the Catholic preachers who traveled with horse and retinues, stayed at the best inns and had servants. Dominic therefore, began itinerant preaching according to the gospel ideal. He continued this work for 10 years. His fellow preachers gradually became a community, and in 1215 Dominic founded a religious house which became the Order of Preachers or Dominicans. Dominic's ideal, and that of his Order, was to organically link a life with God, study, and prayer in all forms, with a ministry of salvation to people by the word of God. He is the patron saint of astronomers and the Dominican Republic.

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)





Feast Day: August 8



Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Jean Harber, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Barbara Willis.

\*Resident of Keyser Healthcare Center (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)

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 Together, we are building a stronger, more  
 compassionate Church that lives out the  
 Gospel in word and deed. I humbly invite you  
 to join me in this mission.  
 -Bishop Mark Brennan

**Assumption Parish**

\$0	<b>\$12,146</b> (66%) as of today	<b>\$18,400</b> parish goal
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We are already past the 50% mark, so that means all future donations come back to our parish!

Please return the pledge card you received in the mail, visit the CSA website listed below, or scan the flowcode at left. Checks can also be accepted at the Parish Office.

[www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate](http://www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate)



*thank you*

*to all of you who have already contributed  
 to the Catholic Sharing Appeal!*

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, August 2	4::00 pm	Souls of Maureene, Elizabeth & James Lupis.....	Bill Lupis
		Soul of Ron Willis .....	Jim & Cindy Alt
		Soul of Fred Selders .....	Bernard & Margaret Daughtery
Sunday, August 3	8:30 am	Soul of Marianna Daskal .....	Jim Daskal
		Souls of Tom & Betty Harbaugh.....	Michelle Brill
Monday, August 4	No Mass		
Tuesday, August 5	No Mass		
Wednesday, August 6	5:00 pm	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families .....	Dean & Kathy Alt
Thursday, August 7	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk .....	Cathy Pardee
		The Wise & Calemine families .....	Jean Harber
Friday, August 8	9:00 am	Soul of Tom Sauer .....	K of C Assumption Council
Saturday, August 9	4::00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders .....	Terri Morris
		The Harber Family.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, August 10	8:30 am	Soul of Chuck Biser.....	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of Gary & Frances Alt.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley

*Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.*



# Your Faithful Stewardship

July 26-27, 2025

## Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....\$2,921  
Loose Donations..... \$910  
**Total..... \$3,831**

## Attendance

Saturday, 7/26.....88  
Sunday, 7/27.....87  
**Total..... 175**

*thank  
you*

## Poor Box Beneficiaries

Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish poor box! In the second quarter of 2025, your donations provided nearly \$700 to Helping Hands of the Potomac Highlands and the Food for Thought program in Mineral County. Poor Box donations made this quarter will benefit Catholic Charities West Virginia.

## Sacramental Needs

### Baptism/Eucharist & Reconciliation/Confirmation

Contact the Parish Office for specific information on requirements, preparation, and dates for the sacrament you are requesting.

### Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of your wedding date so that the appropriate preparation can be scheduled and completed.

### Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office if you would like Fr. Thomas to give you or a loved one an anointing. This sacrament is also given quarterly after Mass (date announced in the bulletin).

### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children

Are you worshipping with us on a regular basis and would like to become Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but not Confirmed? If you are an adult or have a child age 8 or older, our OCIA/OCIC programs are for you. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

### Annulments

Confused or intimidated by the annulment process? Contact the Parish Office to determine your needs. We will help you through the process.

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, August 9

Lector: Karen Yowler  
Servers: Sue Harber & Rosie Landis  
EMs: Janet Corley, Sue Harber (c), Eric Hatfield (c)  
Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault  
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell

### Sunday, August 10

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen  
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Charlotte Delilo (c), Mike Landis (c)  
Cantor: Patrick George  
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

### Saturday, August 16

Lector: Cathy Pardee  
Servers: Sue Harber, John Gustafson, Morgan Gustafson  
EMs: Alan Taylor, Mary Wagoner (c), Bill Lupis (c)  
Cantor: Mike Dupuis  
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

### Sunday, August 17

Lector: Geoff Newlin  
Servers: Jane Placka & Liam Dupuis  
EMs: Dave Minnich, Nancy Starcher (c), Beverley Iser (c)  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Tony & Marie Del Signore

### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

August 7 Mere Barrick  
August 14 Cindy Alt



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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.