



# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*February 8, 2026*

# Salt + Light

MATTHEW 5-13-16



*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: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calls His disciples to a life of influence and witness in the world. He uses vivid imagery, describing His followers as the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." These metaphors speak not only of purpose but of responsibility. Salt preserves and enhances flavor; it prevents decay. In the same way, Christians are called to preserve the moral and spiritual integrity of the world, to bring goodness where there is corruption, and to enliven society with the presence of God's love and truth. Likewise, light illuminates darkness, allowing others to see clearly. Jesus calls us to reflect His light through our words, actions, and choices. Our faith is not meant to be hidden or private, but lived visibly so that others may recognize God's presence in our lives. This calling challenges us to live with integrity, generosity, and compassion, becoming beacons of hope and guidance in a world often overshadowed by fear, selfishness, and despair.

Jesus emphasizes that our good works should shine not for human praise but to glorify the Father. Through our lives, others are drawn not to us, but to Christ, the true source of light. By embracing this vocation, we participate in God's redemptive work, influencing hearts and transforming communities. May this Gospel inspire us to examine our lives: are we preserving the goodness of the world, illuminating the darkness around us, and faithfully radiating the love of Christ to all whom we encounter? Let us strive to be salt and light, fulfilling our divine calling with courage, joy, and fidelity.

### Readings for Next Sunday,

February 15, 2026

Sirach 15:15-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

## Saints of the Week... Saints Cyril and Methodius

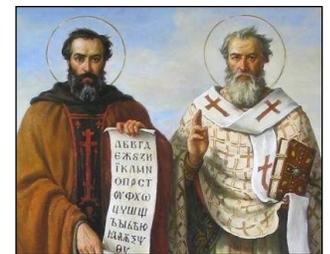
Because their father was an officer in a part of Greece inhabited by many Slavs, these two Greek brothers ultimately became missionaries, teachers, and patrons of the Slavic peoples.

After completing his studies, Cyril (called Constantine until he became a monk shortly before his death) refused the governorship of a district and instead withdrew to a monastery where his brother Methodius had become a monk after some years in a governmental post. When the Duke of Moravia asked for political independence from German rule and ecclesiastical autonomy, Cyril and Methodius undertook the missionary task.

Cyril's first work was to invent an alphabet, still used in some Eastern liturgies. Together they translated the Gospels, the psalter, Paul's letters and the liturgical books into Slavonic, and composed a Slavonic liturgy, highly irregular at that time. That and their free use of the vernacular in preaching led to opposition from the German clergy, forcing Cyril to appeal to Rome. It was on that visit that the brothers had the joy of seeing their new liturgy approved by Pope Adrian II. Cyril, long an invalid, died in Rome 50 days later. Methodius continued mission work for 16 more years, and also translated the entire Bible into Slavonic in just eight months. He died on Tuesday of Holy Week, surrounded by his disciples, in his cathedral church.

Saints Cyril and Methodius are the patron saints of Europe, Slavic peoples and ecumenism.

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



Feast Day February 14

## Prayer Requests

Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Kara Breedlove, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Braely Burton, Hailey Claire, Abby Clark, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Curtis Drew, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Sam Fazzalore, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Steve Grubbs, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Bob Harman, Shawn Hartman, Marion Hollingsworth, Kathy Jenkins, Diana Jiang, Sarah Jones, Charity Jones Kasraoui, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Francy Lyons, Rhonda Martin, Margaret McGee, Blain McLaughlin, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, George Rosedale, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Crystal Snitz, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Barbara Tenney, Nick Trager, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Becky Whitlock\*, Barbara Willis.

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

## Birthdays Blessings

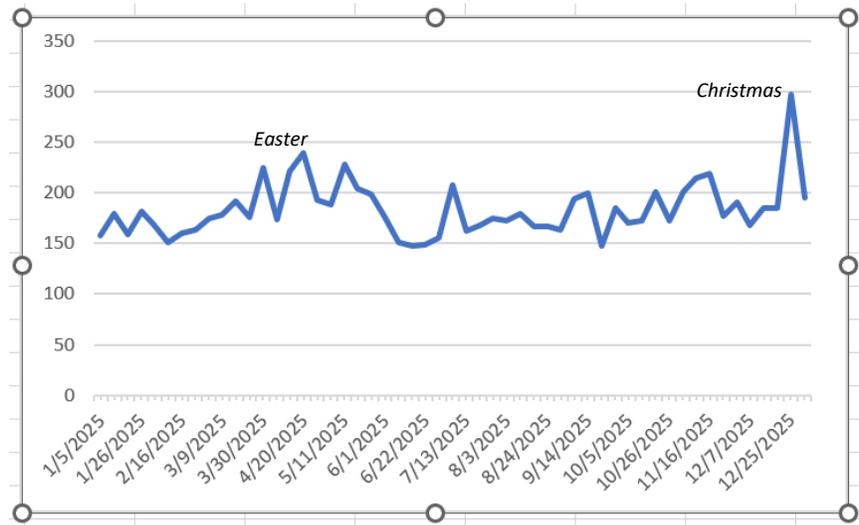
February 9	Joanne Stickley
February 10	Angela Bowers Sadie Mangold
February 11	Erin Ravenscroft
February 13	Patricia Hartman
February 14	Bill Lupis

If we have an incorrect date or if we miss your birthday, please let us know so we can update our records! If you would prefer that your birthday not be listed, please contact the Parish Office.

## Assumption Parish Annual Spiritual Statistics

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Baptisms.....	7	6	8
Full Communion with the Catholic Church.....	3	1	1
First Holy Communion Recipients.....	11	9	3
Confirmations.....	4	4	14
Marriages / Marriage Convalidations.....	2	2	0
Registered CCD Students.....	62	60	62
Funerals Masses/Committal Services.....	6	5	8
Average Weekend Mass Attendance.....	184	181	177

**WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE**



### Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Offered by</b>
Saturday, February 7	4:00 pm	Soul of Brother Luke Stone .....	Assumption Parish
		Intentions of Dena Turner & Mary Shannon.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Intentions of Brent Barrick.....	The Barrick Family
Sunday, February 8	8:30 am	Soul of Tom Sauer.....	Knights of Columbus
		Intentions of Sam Fazzalore .....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Intentions of Kelley Kuhn .....	Buddy
Monday, February 9	No Mass		
Tuesday, February 10	No Mass		
Wednesday, February 11	No Mass		
Thursday, February 12	No Mass		
Friday, February 13	No Mass		
Saturday, February 14	4:00 pm	Soul of Todd Myers .....	Diana Myers
		Souls of Toby & Anne Stickley.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
Sunday, February 15	8:30 am	Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor .....	Assumption Parish
		The Staggers & Casey Families .....	Sue & Jean Harber



### Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass next Sunday (February 15) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Finance Committee for hosting this month.

## Your Faithful Stewardship

January 31-February 1, 2026

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,950
Loose Donations.....	\$1,175
Repairs & Maintenance .....	\$110
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,235</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 1/31 .....	78
Sunday, 2/1.....	78
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>156</b>

### January Balance Sheet

Income.....	\$35,298
Expenses .....	\$23,421
<b>Balance.....</b>	<b>\$11,877</b>

Note: Income includes interest on Certificate of Deposit and Catholic Sharing Appeal distribution

### Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is being taken this weekend for Church Missions in the United States, including Black & Indian Missions and Catholic Home Missions. A separate basket is available.

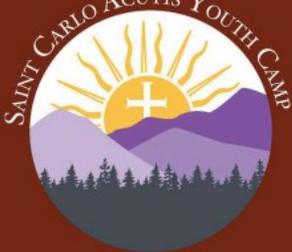


Join us at Camp Carlo 2026 to

# ENCOUNTER

God in the mountains.

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



**Camp Carlo 2026**  
Our Catholic Youth Adventure Camp

**High School Week:**  
June 28th – July 4th

Week 1: July 5th – 11th  
Week 2: July 12th – 18th  
Week 3: July 19th – 25th

Go to: [campcarlowv.org](http://campcarlowv.org)

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, February 14

Lector: Logan Stanislawczyk  
Servers: Liam & Lucas Dupuis  
EMs: Jean Harber, Sue Harber (c), Cathy Pardee (c)  
Cantor: Mike Dupuis  
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

### Sunday, February 15 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD Students  
Servers: Evelyn Cole, James Maybury & Nick McKenzie  
EMs: Charlotte Delilo, Beverley Iser (c), Tina Stephen (c)  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: CCD Students

### Saturday, February 21

Lector: Sue Harber  
Servers: Eric Hatfield & Eric Hatfield II  
EMs: Jean Harber, John Gustafson (c), Karen Yowler (c)  
Cantor: Linda Marsh/Anita Tetreault  
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

### Sunday, February 22

Lector: Paul Bogdan  
Servers: Jane Placka & Pippa Dolechek  
EMs: Pam Williams, Mike Landis (c), Rosie Landis (c)  
Cantor: Patrick George  
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

February 12 Meredythe Barrick  
February 19 Pam Williams

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.