



Assumption Catholic Church

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

LUKE 14:25-33



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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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 14:25-33), Jesus speaks very clearly about the cost of being His disciple. He says that following Him requires total commitment, even above family, possessions, and personal comfort. At first, these words may sound hard. But Jesus is teaching us that true discipleship is not half-hearted—it calls us to place God first in our lives. Jesus uses two examples: a man building a tower and a king going to war. Both must plan carefully and be ready to give all they have. In the same way, we must be ready to give ourselves fully to Christ. Discipleship is not about convenience; it is about faith, sacrifice, and love.

In daily life, this means putting prayer and worship before other activities, choosing honesty over easy gain, forgiveness over resentment, and service over selfishness. It means carrying our cross with patience and trust. This Gospel invites us to ask: What are the things I cling to that keep me from following Christ fully? It may be pride, material possessions, or fear of what others think. Jesus calls us to let go of anything that holds us back and trust Him completely. When we put God first, everything else falls into place. Our families, work, and relationships are blessed when Christ is at the center. Let us pray for the courage to follow Jesus with full hearts, knowing that true joy and peace come only from Him.

Readings for Next Sunday,

September 14, 2025

Numbers 21:4b-9

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

Saint of the Week... Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On September 8 we celebrate the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing those events are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness.

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them. However, an angel revealed to Anne and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said.

Source: catholicnewsagency.com



Feast Day: September 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, Sue 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, Diane Parrish, 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, Becky Whitlock, Barbara Willis.

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



The First Millennial Saint **Canonization of** **St. Carlo Acutis**

Pope Leo XIV will canonize Blessed Carlo Acutis this Sunday, September 7, along with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

The canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, a teenager known for his devotion to the Eucharist and creating an online exhibition of Eucharistic miracles, had originally been scheduled for April 27. It was postponed following the death of Pope Francis on April 21.

Born in 1991 and raised in Italy, Blessed Acutis used his technology skills to evangelize and was noted for his joyful faith and compassion for others before dying of leukemia in 2006 at age 15. He is the patron saint of the internet.

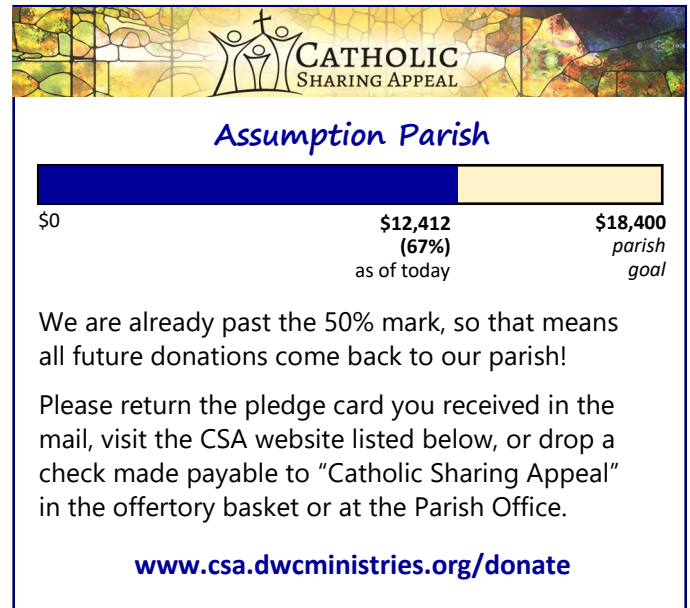
Please enjoy the St. Carlo Acutis prayer card included in the bulletin, a gift from a generous parishioner.

*Not all saints died centuries ago. Carlo Acutis,
a teen who combined devotion to the Eucharist
with a passion for computer technology,
will be canonized this Sunday!*



Almighty God, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness and health.

May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, September 6	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders	Eddie & Dorothy Sandoval
		Soul of Linda Lupis	Howard & Karen Barrick
		The Harber Family.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, September 7	8:30 am	Soul of Fr. Ivan.....	Assumption Parish
Monday, September 8	No Mass		
Tuesday, September 9	No Mass		
Wednesday, September 10	5:00 pm	The Hoover-Dickel Family	St. Thomas Cemetery
Thursday, September 11	12:00 pm	Intentions of the Assumption Parish	
		Daily Mass Prayer Warriors	Anonymous
Friday, September 12	9:00 am	Soul of Richard Gibson	Kathleen Gibson
Saturday, September 13	4:00 pm	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Intentions of Alfred "Puff" DeMasi.....	Ann Marie DeMasi
		Intentions of Harley & Danny Staggers	Sam & Sara Fazzalore
Sunday, September 14	8:30 am	People of Our Parish.....	Assumption Parish

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



**PARISH
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
BROOKDALE FARM STADEL

- 3:00 pm Mass (*outside, weather permitting*)
- 4:00 pm Dinner

Please sign up in the Vestibule or contact the Parish Office if you and your family are able to attend. The main dish and dessert will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a side dish of their choice to share, along with their own beverages.

Your Faithful Stewardship

August 30-31, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,137
Loose Donations	\$235
Total.....	\$2,372

Attendance

Saturday, 8/30	81
Sunday, 8/31	82
Total.....	163

Special Collection

A special collection is being taken this weekend across for Gaza relief. A separate basket is available for this important appeal.

Parish Prayer List

Our parish prayer list is shared weekly in the bulletin (see page 2) as well as on our website. Please take a minute to review it. To add or remove a name, please call or email the Parish Office, or simply drop a note in the offertory basket.



Our parish's new class for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) begins this Sunday, September 7 following the 8:30 Mass.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is, encourage them to attend!

We feel that the video series we are using for this educational and reflective journey would be beneficial to all Catholics. Those who are currently practicing their faith are welcome to attend too!

New Voices Welcome!

Following its summer break, our choir will resume practicing each week on Wednesdays at 3:30, beginning September 10. New voices are welcome! If you would like to serve God and our parish through this music ministry, please contact Music Director Linda Davis-Kyle at 301-707-4215.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, September 13

Lector: Karen Yowler
Servers: Alan Taylor & Paul Bogdan
EMs: Kathy Finnell, Norma Clark (c), Karen Yowler (c)
Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, September 14

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Beverley Iser, Jane Placka & Harper Newlin
EMs: Rosie Landis, Dave Minnich (c), Pam Williams (c)
Cantor: Patrick George
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Saturday, September 20

Lector: Sue Harber
Servers: Rosie Landis, John & Morgan Gustafson
EMs: Cathy Pardee, John Gustafson (c), Jean Harber (c)
Cantor: Mike Dupuis
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, September 21

Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
EMs: Tina Stephen, Charlotte Delilo (c), Mike Landis (c)
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

September 11 Cindy Alt
September 18 Joanne Stickley

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.