THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 13, 2019

A voice came from heaven,  
“You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased.”  

Luke 3:22
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Buildings & Grounds - Denny Wilson, Chairperson
Finance Council - Tom Galinski, Chairperson

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Danielle Doerr - President

Collection & Attendance Data

Collection & Attendance Data: December 15/16, 2018

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1st Collection: $9,116.00
2nd Collection: $2,022.00
Miscellaneous: $956.05
Online: $946.50
TOTAL: $13,040.55

Collection & Attendance Data: December 22/23, 2018

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TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 810
1st Collection: $11,263.21
2nd Collection: $2,080.00
Miscellaneous: No Collection
Online: $491.50
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Collection & Attendance Data: Christmas 2018

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1st Collection: $14,212.81
2nd Collection: $8,290.00
Miscellaneous: $3,330.17
Online: Not Available
TOTAL: $25,832.98

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TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 793
1st Collection: $7,563.19
2nd Collection: $1,814.00
Miscellaneous: $270.00
Online: $2391.50
TOTAL: $12,038.69

Collection & Attendance Data: January 5/6, 2019

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TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 792
1st Collection: $9,811.36
2nd Collection: $3,826.00
Miscellaneous: $718.00
Online: $711.50
TOTAL: $15,046.86
Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 12
7:30am               Jim Bordas
4:30pm               Jack and Katie Fahey

Sunday, January 13
7:30am               People of the Parish
9:00am               June Bryson
11:30am              Betty Bettinachi

Monday, January 14
7:30am               Agnes Marie Ritz
5:30pm               Adam Durante, Jr.

Tuesday, January 15
7:30am               Dick Stenger

Wednesday, January 16
8:30am               James Schlick
5:30pm               Intention of Celebrant

Thursday, January 17
7:30am               William Wilhelm

Friday, January 18
7:30am               Kathleen “Kay” Moyle

Saturday, January 19
7:30am               Kathy Burgoyne
4:30pm               Helen Cahoon

Sunday, January 20
7:30am               William Widmer
9:00am               People of the Parish
11:30am              Delmar Jividen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Thursday: St. Anthony
Friday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Saturday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany); Blessed Virgin Mary

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is held
3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by
appointment. Please contact the secretary, Cindy Barone at
the Parish Office if you are interested in any of the following:
Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Christian Initiation of Adults,
Joining the parish, bulletin ads or Weddings (six months
prior to the desired wedding date). To arrange a pastoral visit
for Homebound Parishioners please contact Kathleen
Dieffenbauger at the Parish Office, Ext 9. Please contact
Cindy at the Parish Office to arrange a pastoral visit for a
hospitalized parishioner. Our Parish Office is open 8am until
4pm Monday - Thursday and 8am until noon each Friday.
Eucharistic Adoration is held Monday 8am-5pm,
6pm-10pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-5pm
Wednesday 10am-5pm; Saturday 8am-noon.

COMMEMORATIVE MASS
ASSOCIATION (CMA)

The CMA is a special program which allows our parishioners and
friends to remember their loved ones in a beautiful way.
A total of 18 Masses will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of
those inscribed in the Parish Commemorative Mass Association
throughout the year of enrollment. The cost to enroll is $50. The
bulletin will regularly list the names of those enrolled in the CMA.

At the time of enrollment, you will receive a beautiful leatherette-
type folder describing the Commemorative Mass Association. Please
contact the Parish Office with any questions or to enroll someone in
the CMA.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them Lord, and Let Perpetual
Light Shine Upon Them and All the Souls of the
Faithfully Departed.

The Sanctuary Candle beside the
tabernacle burns this week
(January 13—19, 2019)
in memory of
Kathy Oliver Burgoyne

The Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019

He saved us through the bath of
rebirth and renewal by the
Holy Spirit.

— Titus 3:5
LITURGICAL MINISTERS

*Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes’ webpage. **Weekday 7:30am—January 7-11, 2019
Altar Server: Liam White

Saturday, January 19th 4:30pm
Sacristan: Joe Bourgo
Lectors: Rose Frasnelli and Danielle Agcaoili
Altar Servers: Laken and Ryan Costanzo, Dawson Zwack, Ryan Blair
EMOHCS: Joe Bourgo, Paul Litvak, Charlene Kirkpatrick, Lucille Otte, Marianne Blair

Sunday, January 20th 7:30am
Sacristan: Kathy Ulevich
Lectors: Benjamin Beckett and Jeep Naum
Altar Servers: Sam and Liam Shinn
EMOHCS: Bob Fanning, Mary Kay Wensyel, Carrie Beckett, Tony Miesel, Mark Sengewalt

Sunday, January 20th 9:00am
Sacristan: Maureen McNabb
Lectors: Adriana and Elizabeth Wolf
Altar Servers: Adam Wolf, Daniel Goodson, Pam Wurtzbacher, Levi Rine
EMOHCS: Maureen McNabb, Jackie and Stan Kaniecki, Denny Snyder, Kerry Przybysz

Sunday, January 20th 11:30am
Sacristan: Kristy Riedel
Lectors: Nancy Ellen O’Leary and Margaret Erickson
Altar Servers: Kelly and Abie Riedel, Seth and Amelia Mandel
EMOHCS: Kristy and Madie Riedel, Barb Varlas, Ted Erickson, Jay McLaughlin

Office of Safe Environment:

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. 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.

Saint Michael Parish School received a memorial contribution from Mrs. Betty Jones for Agnes “Marie” Ritz

May she rest in peace, and may eternal light shine upon her.

St. Michael Parish offers its deepest condolences to the families and friends of

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Michael Joseph Ryan
John Richard Grob
Melvin Charles Baker

Eternal Rest grant unto them, and let perpetual light shine upon them and all the souls of the faithfully departed.

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael:

You have helped make this Christmas season wonderful for our boys here at The Children’s Home of Wheeling by your generous donations. Knowing that the parishioners of St. Michael care about our boys and want to make this a special time helps to brighten the spirits of the children. Often the boys who are with us have never experienced the joy and festivities of the Christmas Season. Thanks to your generosity, Christmas was delightful and brighter here at The Children’s Home this year.

Your donation is appreciated and thank you again for thinking of the boys at The Children’s Home of Wheeling.

Sincerely,
Louise M. Paree
Executive Director

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
is held each Sunday during 9am Mass. All 3 year olds through 1st graders are welcome to attend. The presider will call the children up to the front of the church after the opening prayer.
Join us for the MLK Walk

St. Michael Parish will once again participate in the walk honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, which begins at 2pm Sunday, January 20. This year, the walk has been moved to our neighborhood, so it will be easier than ever to take part.

The march will begin at the First Christian Church at 1343 National Road. (It’s the church with the big round window). We will walk to Wheeling Jesuit’s Chapel of Mary and Joseph, where an interfaith prayer service will begin at 3pm. Even if you can’t join us for the walk, please come to the prayer service. It’s always an inspiring event.

A dinner will be served at 4pm in Wheeling Jesuit’s Benedum Room.

Rooted in the Gospel, the mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) is to alleviate poverty, distress, and injustice by providing comprehensive social services to the poor and vulnerable, advocating for social justice, and calling all people of good will, especially those of the Church, to service. In 2018, CCWVa received $200,000 from funds raised through the CSA to assist with flood relief, resettlement services, child care, food programs and basic needs and case management services.

We are all one in the Body of Christ and we must care for the suffering within the Body. Please support the good works that Catholic Charities West Virginia is doing on your behalf for the poor and suffering. Contributions may be made online at www.CatholicCharitieswv.org, or mail to 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003.

WE JUST WANT TO SAY... THANK YOU!

Pictured above is Stewardship and Development Director, Krissie Benson, presenting a check to Beth Zarate, Chief Executive Officer of CCWVa.
COMBATTING RACISM WITH A CALL TO LOVE WITH OPEN HEARTS

By: Danielle M. Brown, Esq. US Conference of Catholic Bishops Associate Director, Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism In the recently approved Pastoral Letter Against Racism, Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, the U.S. Catholic bishops acknowledge racism’s persistence in society.

They teach that through His Cross and Resurrection, Christ united all to our common heavenly Father. Christ’s victory through the cross is complete but the world is still affected by sin and death. Particularly, racist acts are a failure to acknowledge another person as a brother or sister created in the image of God.

In the letter, the bishops discuss racism and systems of racism, identify groups particularly impacted by both and call all to action and conversion. We learn that the rights of all flow from being created by God. To ignore that fact and to unjustly discriminate against another because of race or ethnicity, is sinful and a violation of justice. Our Triune God is a communion of persons. Because we are made in his image, we know we are also made for communion, where our love for God flows into love of neighbor.

Still, rising societal racial and ethnic hostility, largely the catalyst for the letter, is indicated by the re-appearance of nooses and swastikas in public spaces. Extreme nationalist ideologies feed the public discourse with xenophobic rhetoric, instigating fears against foreigners, immigrants, and refugees.

The bishops specifically reject organizations formed out of racist ideology calling participation in them or fostering them sinful. The letter explores racism’s manifestation in the sin of omission when individuals, communities, and even churches fail to act or speak against racial injustice. It examines institutional racism, the result of practices or traditions that treat groups of people unjustly, writing that the cumulative effects of personal sins have led to social structures of injustice and violence that make us all accomplices to racism. Notably, the Bishops reference the disproportionate killing of unarmed black men as a product of such structures recognizing that for people of color interactions with law enforcement are often fraught with fear.

While the civil rights movement yielded many positive gains, the Bishops express how racism continually impacts our culture. They conclude that our progress against racism in recent decades does not fully meet the standard of justice, but that there is reason to hope. We are reminded that Christ supplies the strength and grace necessary for genuine personal conversion which is needed to reform our churches, civil and social institutions, and society. The invitation to conversion is for all of us. We are encouraged to acknowledge our failures and restore right relations with others, humbly asking for the grace to overcome racism. Though many ethnic groups are past and current targets of prejudice in this country, the historical and contemporary experiences of Native Americans, African Americans, and Hispanic Americans are emphasized. Native Americans, treated heinously during American colonization and expansion, experienced deep wounds that largely remain unhealed. The effects remain visible in their disproportionate poverty, unemployment, inadequate health care, poor schools, the exploitation of natural resources, and disputes over land ownership. Missionaries who defended and ministered to Native Americans and those Native Americans who willingly accepted the Gospel are profiled. The bishops recount the mass kidnapping of Africans and their savage enslavement in this country. Post slavery, newly freed black people encountered aggression and violence, living in constant fear. Attempts at socioeconomic advancements were stymied, and participation in the political process denied. The letter notes that contemporary poverty in these communities often emanate from racist policies continually impeding access to affordable housing, meaningful work, adequate education, and social mobility.
Historically, Hispanics encountered—and still encounter—similar patterns of discrimination, presently being the major target of immigration raids and mass deportation, often assumed to be in this country illegally. Love compels courageous confrontation of racism which is a moral problem requiring a moral remedy: human hearts transformed by the Lord who heals the wounds within and between us. Significantly, the bishops lament Pope Nicholas V’s officially permitting kings to buy and sell Africans in 1452, which laid the groundwork for the African slave trade. They lament the subsequent failure of Catholic leaders to formally oppose slavery, and that some even owned enslaved people. They acknowledge that sons and daughters of the Church have committed acts of racism and have failed to live as Christ taught when they stood silently or did not do enough in the face of grave injustice. The bishops express sincere sorrow and regret, asking for “forgiveness from all who have been harmed by these sins, in the past or in the present.” To promote justice, the bishops formed the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, tasked with the implementation of the pastoral letter. The Committee, already at work holding listening sessions and providing resources for parishes, must facilitate ongoing national dialogues and foster reconciliation. Dioceses must aid communities of color with struggling schools and parishes. Catechetical training resources, youth ministry programs, support for families, seniors, and former inmates are all needed. The bishops call each other to self-education through cultural and learning institution visits and presenting and preaching the entire Christian doctrine on racism. Catholic schools, seminaries, and publishers are called to develop antiracism curricula. Further, the bishops recommit to promoting all vocations in communities of color. Ending in prayer for our Blessed Mother’s intercession, racism is named a life issue because it attacks a human life. Racism is a perversion of God’s will for all of us, but through Him we shall overcome. +

Official Prayer, Open Wide Our Hearts, The Enduring Call to Love A Pastoral Letter Against Racism

As in all things, we turn to prayer, asking Our Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf: Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other. We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another. We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society. We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person. Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.
2019 Early Childhood Open House

Please join Mrs. Burge and the Early Childhood Team on **Wednesday, February 6th** for our Early Childhood Open House. Please join us in the school cafeteria for a presentation beginning at 6:30.

We are proud to offer Lil Cherubs (2-year-olds with an adult partner), Preschool Three, Preschool Four, Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and our Expanded Day Program!

Please call our school secretary Mrs. Diane Fahey at 304.242.3966 ext #2 to RSVP.

Important Dates For The 2018-2019 School Year

- **January 18th**: Noon dismissal/Professional Development
- **January 21st**: No School MLK Day
- **January 26th**: Father/Daughter Dance
- **January 31st**: Texas Roadhouse Dine to Donate
- **January 27-Feb. 1st**: Catholic School Week
- **February 6th**: Early Childhood Open House
- **February 15th**: Noon dismissal/Professional Development
- **February 18th**: No School President’s Day
- **April 15th -April 22nd**: Easter Break
- **May 24th**: Kindergarten Graduation
- **May 29th**: 8th Grade Graduation
- **May 31st**: Last Day of School/Picnic

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Scarf Raffle. A very special thank you to Mrs. Patty Seabright for sharing her beautiful talents with us! SMPS and Mrs. Seabright raised $1,022.00 for our fine arts department. Congratulations to our winner: **Mrs. Kim Contraguerro**!

St. Michael Parish School would like to sincerely thank the following

**Andrea McGinley Schott and Nick Schott** for their donation to the SMPS School Fund

**Mrs. Janell Knorr** for her donation to our hot lunch program

**Mr. and Mrs. Rick Carbone** for their donation to the music department in loving memory of Paul Francis Volpe.

We are blessed by your generosity.

**Thank you!**
TUITION ASSISTANCE
PARENT INFORMATION
2019-2020 DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS IS OPEN

For the 28th consecutive year, the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it for their children but who may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to the ongoing and genuine commitment of The Most Reverend William Lori to the Catholic schools in our Diocese, funds have, once again, been allocated for distribution to Catholic families in need of financial assistance.

Applying for TAP through FACTS is easy and affordable. You are encouraged to apply if your child is already enrolled or has been accepted by one of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for the 2019-2020 school year.

Who is eligible?

Any Catholic student accepted for the 2019-2020 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school (PK thru grade 12) and who belongs to a parish included on the drop-down list as part of the on-line application is eligible. Determinations are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants.

How do I apply?

Applications are made on-line. Go to www.factsmgt.com, click on “Grant & Aid Assessment” and log in. If you do not have Internet access, contact your school office for assistance.

Cost?

The application fee is $30. The Diocese will pay $15 and families pay the other $15.

Grants:

Diocesan grants for Catholic families who have completed their applications and show financial need will receive up to 50% of the child’s tuition.

Phase I Deadline

In order to receive notification in late May, applications (including all required April 30, 2019 documentation and payment of the fee) are to be received by FACTS by April 30, 2019. Phase I is intended for families with children currently enrolled or already accepted for the 2019-2020 school year in any Catholic school in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Phase II Deadline:

In order to receive notification in early September all applications for 2019-2020 (including all required documentation and payments of the fee) MUST be RECEIVED by FACTS no later than August 15, 2019. This is a firm deadline. Phase II is intended for families new to the school or who have had a life-changing event (i.e. birth, death, loss of job, major illness). If an application was submitted during Phase I, please contact the school. Please do NOT submit a second application.

Note 1: No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless an application is completed in full (ALL questions answered) and submitted all required documentation is provided, AND the family portion ($15) of the application fee is paid by the deadline.

Note 2: ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER FAMILY should be submitted per school year. If you made an error or had a life event change, please do NOT submit a second application. Contact your principal and your application can be update FACTS.

Questions? If you have questions, please contact the Mrs. Kim Burge, Interim Principal @ mrsburge@smpswv.org

Mr. Ryan Wolf our music instructor has added yet another awesome way to share with the community about what is happening in our music department.

Check out his new blog at: musicatstmikes.blogspot.com

Special thanks to our hot lunch volunteers for the month of January:

CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas!

Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John’s Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism. At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since “today there is a blessing on the water.”

At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Warm Some Hearts and Other Parts

You have the power to warm some hearts and more this winter. Many people in Wheeling don’t have decent coats and other winter clothing. St. Michael Parish will conduct a drive from Jan. 6th – 19th to provide good used clothing for our neighbors in need. We will place containers in the church entrance to hold your donations, which we will deliver to Youth Services System (YSS) to help the poor. You can also drop off these items at the Parish Office.

Coats
Hats, Gloves & Scarves
Boots
Socks
Warm Clothing
Blankets

YSS needs these items for children and adults, all sizes. So if you get a new coat or jacket for Christmas, please consider donating your gently used garment to our collection. The folks YSS helps also need NEW underwear, so if you’re shopping, please consider picking up a package or two.

God bless you for your generosity. As Jesus said (in Matthew 25:40), “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”
World Marriage Day

Join us Saturday, February 9, 2019, for an evening of celebrating your love and the blessing of your marriage together at St. Vincent de Paul Marist Center. We begin by celebrating Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by a wine and cheese social in the parish center. A candlelit dinner will follow, and one couple (pre-committed) will give a brief witness to their experience in the Sacrament of Marriage. The evening ends with coffee and wedding cake served to the group.

Cost of the evening is $45 per couple. Reservations are required and must be made no later than Feb. 6.

For more information, contact the Beiters at 304-238-4904 or the Reeds at 304-242-8156.

New Seminar on Adult Faith Formation!

Involved with, or hoping to someday be involved with, some kind of adult faith formation in your parish? The Diocese is offering a new mini-course in the Northern Panhandle that explores the theory and practice of adult faith formation in parish life. The seminar will meet 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30 pm beginning January 22nd. The course fee is $20 which includes all course materials; scholarships are available if the cost is an obstacle. A full course description can be found at https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/course.php?course=23 (Note: this description is for the online version of the in-person course that the Diocese is offering).

To sign up or get more information, contact Nick Mayrand at nmayrand@dwc.org or 304-233-0880, ext. 376. Registration closes January 8th, at which time a central location will be selected for the 4 weekly meetings that best suits those registered.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

As we move into the winter months in PSR, remember that we will send out messages about closing for snow/ice through the Remind app, which simply sends a text message to you. Most are already signed up, but if you haven’t registered yet, simply text @439e98 to the number 81010.

Now is a great time to enroll your young student (ages 5 through 8th grade) in PSR. A reminder that PSR is open to all students who do not attend Catholic school throughout the week. Contact Nick at nmayrand@dwc.org for more information!

All Youth Group Members!

Upcoming 2019 Meetings at the Angelus Center
Jan. 13th - 7th and 8th grade meeting
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Jan 20th - High School Meeting
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Mrs Imer and her Youth Group would like to give a huge, loving hug to David and Launa Post, Kathy and Tom Galinski, Joe and Danielle Doerr, and Joe and Terri Ann Jerome. Their donations for our youth group are sincerely appreciated, and were badly needed. Our deepest thanks for your genuine generosity!

SELF-DISCIPLINE

The greatest of all warriors in the siege of Troy had not the preeminence because nature had given him strength and he carried the largest bow, but because self-discipline had taught him how to bend it.

—Daniel Webster
Help us increase our REWARDS!

All that is needed is for you to request that your family, friends, and neighbors designate their Kroger Community Rewards to St. Michael Parish School (SMPS). For each unique Kroger Plus card number designated to SMPS, that family’s name will be entered into the Kroger Rewards Drawing. You do not have to be a school family to win! If you are not sure if your rewards are designated to SMPS look at the bottom of your Kroger receipt for St. Michael Parish School.

1st Prize—4 Tickets to the WVU Men’s Basketball Game on March 6, 2019

2nd Prize—4 Tickets to the WJU Doubleheader Basketball Game on February 21, 2019

3rd Prize—2 $15.00 GIFT CARDS TO THIS YEAR’S LENTEN FISH FRY!

Please turn in your Kroger receipts to the school office between now and January 28th! The winning ticket will be drawn on January 31st at the Texas Roadhouse Dine-to-Donate evening.

Please pray for these men and women serving our country in the military, and for their families:

- Petty Officer First Class Eric J Auber, US Navy
- Staff Sergeant Robert Michael Baker, US Marine Corps
- Sergeant Anthony DiBias, US Army
- Chief Warrant Officer 4 John DiBias, US Army
- Technical Sergeant Andrew G. Futey, US Air Force
- Specialist Matthew Graney, US Army
- Lieutenant Andrew Klug, US Navy
- Captain Zach Lehman, US Marine Corps
- Capt. Michael Neuman, US Army
- Major Christopher Nodurft, US Marine Corps
- Seaman First Class Cody Patterson, US Navy
- Specialist Seth Sleime, US Army
- Warrant Officer 1 (W01) Christopher Snyder
- Sergeant Major Stephen Spohn, US Army
- Sergeant First Class Wendy Spohn, US Army
- Lieutenant Colonel Aaron P Tillman, US Air Force
- Chief Master Sergeant Patrick Van Vranken, US Air Force
- Airman First Class Taylor Wilkinson, US Air Force
- Airman First Class Sierra E. McKenna, US Air Force
- PVT Jacob Ulevich, US Army

Please contact the Parish Office with changes in rank or to add someone to the list. Thanks to ALL who have served or are currently serving! God bless our military and their friends and families!

Pro-Life Corner

St. Michael Parish invites you to the 6th Annual Pro-Life Day of Prayer and Adoration

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Schedule of events is as follows:

7:30 am ~ Celebration of the Mass

8:00 am - 5:00 pm ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with recitation of the Pro-Life Rosary every hour on the hour.
(3:00 pm – Chaplet of Mercy followed by Rosary)

7:00 pm ~ Candlelight Prayer Service with Benediction

8:00 pm - 12:00 Midnight. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Bus Transportation Options for March for Life 2018

Wheeling Central Catholic High School

Leave 2 pm from Central on Thursday, Jan. 17. Spend the night at St. James Parish, Charles Town, WV. Dinner, breakfast, and bag lunch provided.

Friday, Jan. 18: Travel to D.C. to attend Youth Rally & Mass, and then join the march. Return to Wheeling, arriving home by 11 pm.

Cost: $50/person which includes dinner, breakfast, and bag lunch at St. James. Dinner stop on return trip “on your own.”

Make checks out to CCHS, and leave them at Central’s main office. Packet with form will be given to you. Contact Christine Kuhns: 330-787-6461 West Virginians for Life

Chartered Bus leaves Morgantown Mall (Sears) at 4:00 a.m., Friday, Jan. 18, to return approx. 11:00 p.m.

Cost is $15 per person or $30 for a family of three or more

Congressional Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at a location TBA

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