St. Michael Parish Mission Statement:
In the tradition of St. Michael the Archangel, Guardian of all, we are a Roman Catholic community called to bear witness to Christ through sacrament, stewardship, worship, and proclamation of the Gospel.

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The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is held 3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration is held Monday 8am-5pm, 6pm-10pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-5pm Wednesday 10am-5pm; Saturday 8am-noon.

Please contact Cindy Barone at the Parish Office if you are interested in Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Christian Initiation of Adults, joining the parish, bulletin announcements, a pastoral visit for homebound or hospitalized parishioners, or Weddings (six months prior to the desired wedding date).

Your Parish Office is open 8am until 4pm Monday-Thursday and 8am until noon each Friday.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
Tuesday: St. Josaphat
Wednesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Friday: St. Albert the Great
Saturday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude; Blessed Virgin Mary

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PARISH COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

Pastoral Council - Leslie Kosanovic, Chairperson
Stewardship Council - Janet Boyle, Chairperson
Buildings & Grounds - Denny Wilson, Chairperson
Finance Council - Tom Galinski, Chairperson
Personnel Council - John Moore, Chairperson

CANDLE OF PEACE

This candle burns in spirit with everyone whose trust was betrayed by the Church that we love.

We pray for the grace to forgive and to act with justice. Grant that all who have been harmed may find peace.
Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 9th
7:30am †Special Intention
4:30pm †Harold S. Rhode

Sunday, November 10th
7:30am †Thomas Hoyt
9:00am †Betty Coyne (A)
11:30am People of the Parish

Monday, November 11th
7:30am †Joe Gabis
5:30pm †Helen Mahlke

Tuesday, November 12th
7:30am James Ashbrook

Wednesday, November 13th
8:30am †Eleanor Lors
5:30pm †William Valput Sr.

Thursday, November 14th
7:30am †Michael Ryan (A)

Friday, November 15th
7:30am †Dorothy Boyle (A)

Saturday, November 16th
7:30am †Special Intention
4:30pm †Kate Elizabeth Miller

Sunday, November 17th
7:30am †Rosemary Wasemann
9:00am People of the Parish
11:30am †Katherine Grubler Freismuth

† - For the repose of souls

The Rosary is said every weekday after morning Mass at St. Michael Church. This week’s Rosary leader is Gretchen Wilson.

Sacramental Preparation

First Reconciliation Prep 2019

On Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30pm, there will be a meeting for the parents of second grade students currently enrolled in SMPS or PSR in preparation for First Reconciliation. The meeting will take place in the church and will last approximately 30 minutes. If you are unable to attend, please contact Mark Phillips at 412.720.1604 or email Mark at markanthonyphillips@gmail.com.

Pray for Vocations

O Mary, who raised your Divine Son with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, intercede for all young people, especially those clouded by doubt about their vocations. May the light of grace pierce their hearts so they may answer your Son’s call, especially those whom He is inviting to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Amen.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Second banns

Gianna Goffredo and Kirk Shriver to be married at St. Michael Church on November 23, 2019.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2019

My steps have been steadfast in your paths, my feet have not faltered. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God.

— Psalm 17:5-6a
Multi-week Ministry Schedule is available on St. Mikes’ webpage. Weekday Mass 7:30am, November 11 - 15, 2019 Altar Servers: STILL NEEDED

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 one of the Bishop’s designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504.

Saturday, November 16th, 4:30pm
Sacristan: Joe Bourgo
Lectors: AJ Bucon & Brann Altmeyer
Altar Servers: Jack Adams, Amelia & Seth Mandel, Ashlyn Combs
EMOHCS: Joe Bourgo, Jen & Chad Byrum, Donna Clark, Marianne Blair

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Sunday, November 17th, 7:30am
Sacristan: Kathy Ulevich
Lectors: Benjamin Beckett & Jeep Naum
Altar Servers: Isaac, Mason & Kendall Schmitt
EMOHCS: Kathy Ulevich, Rudy Conti, Kathy Galinski, Joe Roxby, Bob Fanning

Sunday, November 17th, 7:30am
Sacristan: Kathy Ulevich
Lectors: Benjamin Beckett & Jeep Naum
Altar Servers: Isaac, Mason & Kendall Schmitt
EMOHCS: Kathy Ulevich, Rudy Conti, Kathy Galinski, Joe Roxby, Bob Fanning

Sunday, November 17th, 9:00am
Sacristan: Maureen McNabb
Lectors: Marty Medovic
Altar Servers: Will Medovic, Tyler Dean, Noah & Ryan Blair
EMOHCS: Maureen McNabb, Rob Krall, Jennifer Decker, Becky Bower, Shelby Imer

Sunday, November 17th, 9:00am
Sacristan: Maureen McNabb
Lectors: Marty Medovic
Altar Servers: Will Medovic, Tyler Dean, Noah & Ryan Blair
EMOHCS: Maureen McNabb, Rob Krall, Jennifer Decker, Becky Bower, Shelby Imer

Sunday, November 17th, 11:30am
Sacristan: Mandy McCabe
Lectors: Melissa Michael & Doug Blanco
Altar Servers: Giannah Mueller, Jaelyn Vunderink, Paige Wurtzbacher, Grant McCabe
EMOHCS: Madie Riedel, Shandi Nodurft, Adrienne Michaud, Robbie DiLorenzo, Barb Varlas

Sunday, November 17th, 11:30am
Sacristan: Mandy McCabe
Lectors: Melissa Michael & Doug Blanco
Altar Servers: Giannah Mueller, Jaelyn Vunderink, Paige Wurtzbacher, Grant McCabe
EMOHCS: Madie Riedel, Shandi Nodurft, Adrienne Michaud, Robbie DiLorenzo, Barb Varlas

Weekend Data for November 2/3, 2019

Attendance Data:
4:30pm — 231  7:30am — 119
9:00am — 279  11:30am — 196
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 825

Collection Data:
1st Collection: $10,752.00
2nd Collection: $2,499.00
Miscellaneous: $372.56
Military Services: - $1,492.00
Online: $688.60
Total: $15,804.16

All Saints’ Day Collection: $1,026.75
*Catholic Sharing Appeal this week: $1,667.00
Second Collection next week: Christmas Flowers; Church Building Fund

*All money donated to the Catholic Sharing Appeal from now until January 31, 2020 will be returned back to the parish 100% - without any diocesan taxes. Simply put - every penny contributed to the Catholic Sharing Appeal will be used for St. Michael Parish! All end of the year donations to St. Michael Parish will be processed through the Catholic Sharing Appeal.

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, before the First Reading.
St. Michael Parish provides a wonderful ministry to the families of our deceased parishioners.

Upon the death and funeral of a parishioner, we have several teams of women that take turns providing a funeral luncheon for the family and friends of the deceased. These wonderful women (and men) are hoping that YOU would like to help with this ministry!

You can be involved as little or as much as you choose. If you would like to be added to the list of people that can be called when help is needed, please contact Kathleen in the Parish Office @ kathleen@stmikesparish.org OR 304-242-1560 Ext. 9.

Every hour of your time is helpful!

The frost is on the pumpkin which means that the holidays are right around the corner!

Advent and Christmas are beautiful times within our church. We have several church “angels” that work very hard to highlight the beauty of the season in the decorations that you see in the church. From lighted Christmas trees to wreaths and bows, we love to accentuate the beauty of our church for the season! Our decorating “angels” would love to have your HELP! With a few more people added to our crew, our decorating projects become much easier! “Many hands make light work!”

If you are interested in helping with church decorating, you can reach out to Kathleen in the Parish Office OR you can just SHOW UP on November 30th @ 9:00am OR December 23rd @ 10:00am! We will be there with “bows” on!

The frost is on the pumpkin!!!
Father Carlos has asked the members of the Finance Council to speak to you this weekend to make three important points.

First and foremost, thank you for your support of our church and school. St. Michael Parish is grateful to the many people who financially support our church. The combined budgets for our church and school are almost two and one half million dollars! Without your support, we would be unable to maintain our facilities, remain current with utility and vendor invoices and pay salaries. Your generosity and stewardship are blessings for which we are extremely thankful.

Secondly, we want to assure you that the Finance Council carefully monitors the budget during the year. There are numerous checks and balances in place with all accounts and transactions. We meet monthly to review the monthly statements, oversee fundraising, assist with budgeting and short range and long range planning, and make recommendations for improving income. We also work with the Buildings and Grounds Committee regarding the needs of the parish’s physical condition. In recent years, the Finance Council has struggled with financial challenges. It is obvious to all of us that our church attendance has declined. If you have reviewed the weekly collections as reported in the bulletin or have looked at any of the financial reports which we have published, you’ve noticed that in addition to the decline in attendance, we have encountered a significant decline in collections. As a Finance Council, we have discussed possible solutions to the decline in collections and anticipated shortfall.

We are aware that many of our parishioners have become understandably alarmed, angered and saddened by reports coming from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. This leads to our third point. We would like to explain an option to donate to your church and be assured that the full amount of your donation will be used by our church and school. As you may know, The Catholic Sharing Appeal, or the CSA, is an annual appeal that offers funds to a variety of ministries, services and programs throughout our diocese. The Diocese sets a Catholic Sharing Appeal goal for each parish. The first half of the goal is the Diocesan share. Everything over the 50% goal is returned to the parish. All of the returned money is exempt from diocesan assessment. That means that all money is returned to the parish and NO part of the money is kept by the Diocese.

The Diocese established our goal of $71,660 for the Catholic Sharing Appeal 2019. We have reached the 50% mark with the campaign. The Diocesan share of $35,830 has been paid by donors and the parish. Therefore, all money donated to the CSA from now until January 31, 2020 will be retuned back to the parish 100% - without any diocesan taxes. Simply put - every penny contributed to the CSA will be used for St. Michael Parish! We have a goal of raising $200,000 through this appeal. That number is the amount of financial support our church is projected to give to the school by June 30, 2020. If we have the good fortune of reaching more than the $200,000 goal, that money will be used to make our school support payments to Wheeling Central Catholic High School.

You will note that we will be using the CSA as the destination for funds from our “Cooking with Carlos” fundraising dinner and our end of the year “My Christmas Gift to the church and school” development campaign. Again, our intent is to guarantee our parishioners that 100% of their contributions will be used for our church and that we will be able to sustain our school.

If you would like to direct your contribution to the Catholic Sharing Appeal, you may drop your donation into our Sunday collection basket. If you are writing a check, please note CSA in the memo. If your contribution is cash, please write CSA on the outside of your envelope. If you prefer to make an online donation, we have set up the 2019 Catholic Sharing Appeal as an option if you use the online Giving Portal on our parish website. If you need help with any of these giving options, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy Hinerman at the Parish Office, whinerman@stmikesparish.org or 304.242.1560 ext 4.
SAVE THE DATE!!
Our 3rd annual St. Nick @ Nite Christmas Dinner and Celebration of Stewardship is on for Wednesday, December 4th at our Angelus Center!!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
In the seventeenth century, English Catholics, many of them wealthy and well educated, looked to the American colonies as a place to regain a measure of religious freedom. In Ireland, the so-called penal laws were even harsher than in England, as a minority Parliament tried to force the conversion of the population by denying the majority political and economic power. Beginning in 1691, laws were passed that punished dissenters, principally Catholics, but also causing hardship for Jews, Quakers, and others. There were acts forbidding “mixed marriage” or sending children “beyond the seas” for schooling. Catholics were taxed at double the common rate, barred from the legal professions and from university, and not allowed to build churches or own a decent horse.

In 1793 the situation began to change, as it became clear that the economic persecution would not drive the majority away from Catholicism. Gradually, laws were repealed until by 1829 freedom was won, although Catholics at university were ineligible for honors, and until the 1920s when the Republic was formed, the Church of Ireland was the state church, funded by the taxes of all citizens.

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CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD
We are nearing the end of the liturgical year. Today’s readings remind us that our own lives will draw to a close one day, and we can be certain that the Lord will encourage, strengthen, and save us—both now and at the last. The astonishing story of the Maccabees invigorates our faith as we behold an entire family willing to die rather than deny the Law of Moses. The psalm response echoes the faithful cries of the Maccabees: “I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God.” That same confidence appears in Saint Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians. “The Lord is faithful,” he testifies; “he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.” In the Gospel, Jesus explains just how long God’s protection will endure. The children of God whom God guards, Jesus says, will live forever like angels.

COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION (CMA)

We remember in love those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith...

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.

DAY AS A KNIGHT
Central Catholic High School
Wheeling, WV

8th grade students are invited to DAY AS A KNIGHT on Friday, November 15th
Arrive at 8:00 am Dismissal at 2:15 pm

• Experience the KNIGHT LIFE • Tour the school • Sit in on Freshman Classes
• Explore Club and Sport Opportunities • Be our guest for lunch

Register your Son/Daughter currently in 8th grade for DAY AS A KNIGHT
Please Contact John Yelenic, Director of Enrollment and Retention at jyelenic@ccsknights.org
We want YOU in MAROON on November 15th!
EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS
Submitted by Shandi Nodurft

**GRANDPARENT’S DAY-2ND-4TH GRADES**

Our second Grandperson’s Day will be held on Wednesday, November 13th. Invitations went home with students in 2nd-4th grade. *(This is a change from last year. We moved 2nd grade to this group and 5th with middle school Grandperson’s Day.)* Grandpersons are asked to arrive at the school at 8:10. Students will escort you to your loved one’s classroom for a quick visit. Students along with their grandperson will go to the church together for mass. Following mass all will proceed to the Angelus Center for a little entertainment, a craft and a sweet treat. We will conclude the morning at 10:30.

Thank you to a few additional 2019 Angel Walk Corporate Sponsorships

**Silver Sponsorship**

Press Little Market
Press Auto Mart
Press Snack Bar
Tony’s Spa

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

On behalf of the students and staff of St. Michael Parish School, we wish to extend our deepest gratitude to

Carol Holman
Ruth Pell
Sandra and Douglas Pell
C. Eve Brill

for their gifts in loving memory of **Theresa Widmer.** *Eternal rest grant to Theresa O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

And to

C. Eve Brill
Sandra and Douglas Pell

for their gifts in loving memory of **Dr. Joe Gabis.** *Eternal rest grant to Joe O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*
Internet Safety for Parents

Do you know how to keep your children safe in an always connected digital society?

St. Michael Parish School
Presents
Jesse Weinberger

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: St. Michael Angelus Center, 1221 National Rd.
Contact Person: Mrs. Shandi Nodurft, mrsnodurft@smpswv.org
304-242-3966 ext. 4

About Jesse Weinberger
Jesse Weinberger is a nationally recognized Internet Safety presenter, TEDx speaker, and author. Since 2003 Jesse has been presenting to parents, students, teachers, and school districts, all over the United States. As a respected expert and leader in this field, she is frequently sought out by media, educators, administrators, and law enforcement for guidance on how to manage and improve the digital lives of children all over the United States.

Jesse's particular passion is in speaking directly to tweens, teens, and the parents who may not understand how best to keep their children safe. Jesse is able to effectively move her audiences with the perfect combination of humor and a deep expertise in this new digital world.

Understanding Social Media & Media Literacy
Learn: "the many ways in which your child is at risk online, " the massive effect of hypersexualization on your child, how too-young device ownership has a direct impact on sexual proclivity and increases risks of sexual and social victimization, "the new age of onset of "adult content" consumption is 8 years old and the new age of onset of "adult content" addiction is 11 years old. Get educated and engaged TODAY.

Cyberbullying
Cyberbullying is happening every day on social media sites and gaming platforms. 50% of the time the bully is your child's best friend. 58% of the time today's "bully" is yesterday's "victim". Learn how to prevent your child from becoming a perpetrator and a victim.

Sexting
Sexting is happening right now in your school district among your child's peers. Sexting is happening as early as the 4th & 5th grades. Children are being charged with felonies and facing criminal consequences all over the United States. Learn HOW to have the conversation.

Sexual Predation
Your children are unaware that they are currently gaming and engaging on social media with sexual predators pretending to be children. Sexting, sextortion, and human sex trafficking have become a reality in the digital world. Learn how to protect your children!

Jesse's book: The Boogeyman Exists: And He's in Your Child's Back Pocket will be available for purchase ($20) at the presentation. Jesse will be available for book signing before and after the event.

TEDx FOX & Friends Al Jazeera America TODAY
The Columbus Dispatch The New York Times

WVU West Virginia University

www.OvernightGeek.com
www.Facebook.com/OvernightGeekUniversity
Help Wanted at St. Mike’s

School Custodial Maintenance Worker

Keep parish and school buildings and campus in clean and orderly condition.

*Job Type: Part-time - 3pm - 8pm Monday - Friday*

Maintenance and Custodial Worker

Ability to fix and maintain mechanical equipment, buildings, and machines.

*Job Type: Full-time*

If you are interested and would like to inquire about either of our positions, please contact Wendy Hinerman at 304.242.1560, extension 4 or whinerman@stmikesparish.org

Thank you!

**FUNERAL CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!**

Our parish is pleased to have a dedicated group of men and women who attend each Funeral Mass and assist in leading the music and sung prayer during the Mass. This ministry is very important as it provides not only musical support but is also a ministry of presence and prayer offered to support the family as they grieve and to pray for the repose of the soul of the deceased. We are in need of additional members to assist in this ministry. The choir gathers about 15-20 minutes before the Funeral Mass and then sings for the Mass. If you are interested, please contact Clara White 304.242.2278 or Lucille Otte 304.242.3014.

My name is Keith Miller, and I am the Volunteer Manager for Catholic Charities.

I am in dire need of back up drivers for our meal delivery program that brings hot meals to over 180 homebound residents on a daily basis.

I need permanent drivers as well as substitute drivers from 10:30am to 1:00pm. I also need a dish washer for Monday through Saturday.

If you could donate one day per month it would be appreciated. Interested parties can contact me at (304)650-9608.

Christmas Sale this weekend after all Masses

- **November 10th - 7th and 8th Grade 6-7:30pm**
  - Meeting in the AC
- **November 16th - 5th Grade through HS meet at Angelus Center at 4:15 proceed to 4:30pm Mass. Following Mass will be Thanksgiving dinner at the Angelus Center until 8pm.
- **November 17th - Mandatory meeting for all parents and students attending NCYC at the Angelus Center at 6:30**
- **November 21st-24th - National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)**

Youth Group Christmas Sale!!!

**When:** After all Masses on November 9/10, 2019

**Where:** Our Parish Office

**What:** Christmas decor, ornaments, etc.

*All proceeds go directly to our fabulous Youth Group!*
November 2019

11 - Veteran’s Day Service
11 - Stewardship Council Meeting
12 - First Reconciliation Meeting
13 - Leadership Committee Meeting
14 - Bldgs & Grounds Meeting
16/17 - Angel Tree Project begins
20 - Pastoral Council Meeting
20 - Finance Council Meeting
21 - First Reconciliation
24 - Christ the King Adoration
28 - Thanksgiving Day
30 - Angel Tree Gift Returns
30 - Church Decorating - Advent

December 2019

1 - Angel Tree Gift Returns
4 - St. Nick @ Nite
8 - Advent Retreat
9 - Personnel Committee Meeting
9 - Stewardship Committee Meeting
16 - Lessons & Carols
17 - Communal Penance Service
23 - Church Decorating - Christmas
24 - Christmas Eve Masses @
   4pm, 7pm, and 10pm
25 - Christmas Mass @ 10am

The 2020 Edition of the Enjoy Coupon Books ARE HERE! If you have not purchased one in the past, you are missing out! It is chock full of BOGO deals for area restaurants, entertainment, sporting events, theater, pizza and services. For example there are 50% off dry cleaning coupons each month, Pittsburgh Airport parking, the new River’s Edge Restaurant, Generations Restaurant, Figarettis, Greco’s, Denny’s, Silver Chopsticks, WLU Hilltop Players, Towngate Theatre/Oglebay Institute, the Nailers and the list goes on and on. The Enjoy Coupon Book is a fundraiser for the school and still is only $40. SMPS earns $10 per book sold and upon request generously offers to credit half their profit to the hot lunch account of your family (or that of a relative, friend, neighbor, or a family in need). Though not required, families may (and are encouraged) to sell books to family, co-workers, friends and neighbors, too, and earn extra hot lunch credit while supporting our school. Grab your copy now by contacting the school office, the Parish Office or Donna Clark (304.281.7467 leave voice message or text).

Come one, come all to the St. Joseph Retreat Center!!

Monthly Drumming
Renew Yourself with Drumming: With Rhythm Comes Balance; with Balance Comes Peace

Scientists are now finding measurable positive immune system changes following one-hour group drumming sessions. Learn the art of drumming to help release tension and anxiety, exercise the body, and communicate with a power beyond words. No musical experience necessary.
Jennifer Hezoucky, Facilitator

Drumming Dates - 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Retreat Center
Monday, November 25
Monday, December 16

Knitting – Every Tuesday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. @ St. Joseph Retreat Center

Please RSVP for all events

PERSPECTIVE We must often draw the comparison of time and eternity. This is the remedy of all our troubles. How small will the present moment appear when we enter that great ocean!
—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

PROCRASTINATION Tomorrow is always the busiest day of the year. —Anonymous
Attention Parents!
Our college students are already entering the second half of their fall semester. It is time for the Parish Pastoral Council to get finals' week care packages ready to send to the college students of the parish. If you would like a care package sent to your son or daughter, please send us your child/children's names and addresses. Please let us know if your children have any food allergies or dietary restrictions. Information can be sent to Amanda Castle @ amandacastle09@gmail.com by November 17th. We will send out the care packages the last week of classes in the fall semester.

Come and See!

An Invitation to Learn about the Catholic Faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Program

Are You . . .

An unbaptized adult wishing to learn about the Catholic Faith?
A baptized Christian of another denomination interested in learning about the Catholic Faith?
A baptized Catholic who has never been confirmed?
A Catholic wanting to more deeply investigate and participate in the faith?

Please come to our sessions after the 9 a.m. mass (around 10 o’clock) on Sunday in the Angelus Center.

You are welcome to attend with no obligation to pursue the program. Invite a friend to come with you!

For further information contact Fr. Martin Smay at 304-242-1560 extension #5, in the Parish Office.

Looking for a way for your family to help others?

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center needs people to deliver meals to shut-ins. There are three different ways you could help.

Drivers are needed on Thursdays for a route that includes three downtown high rise apartment complexes for elderly people, and three private homes.

Drivers are needed one or two Saturdays a month to deliver the Pike route, which includes three senior citizen apartment complexes near St. Michael – Brookpark, Petroplus Tower and Welty Apartments - and six private homes.

Backup drivers are always needed. If you are flexible and willing to be called at the last minute if the regular driver can’t make it, please let Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center know.

Volunteers pick up meals at the Neighborhood Center between 10:30am and 11:30am. The routes should take about an hour to complete.

This is a wonderful way to thank God for all the blessings in our lives. If you can help, please call Keith Miller, the new Neighborhood Center volunteer coordinator, at 304.650.9608.

Kindly note that the area of the parking lot beside the church alongside of the Blessed Mother statue is marked a RESTRICTED AREA AND A NO PARKING ZONE.

Thank you for your cooperation.