

# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Pro-Life, Pro-Family, Stewardship Parish 49th Street and Staunton Avenue, Charleston WV 25304 Phone: 304-925-2836 www.stagnescharlestonwv.org Vol. 3446

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## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 12:00 P.M. , 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday 08:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., &  
12:30 P.M. (in Spanish)  
Monday No Mass  
Tuesday 06:00 P.M.  
Wednesday 06:00 P.M.  
Thursday 06:00 P.M.  
Friday 08:30 A.M.

*(For holy days, see pg. 2 or check our website.)*

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

THURSDAYS 5:00 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.

WEDNESDAYS FOLLOWING 6:00 P.M. MASS -  
11:00 P.M.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

30 minutes prior to Daily Mass, Thursdays from  
5:00 P.M. - 5:45 P.M. and  
Saturdays from 3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
or by appointment.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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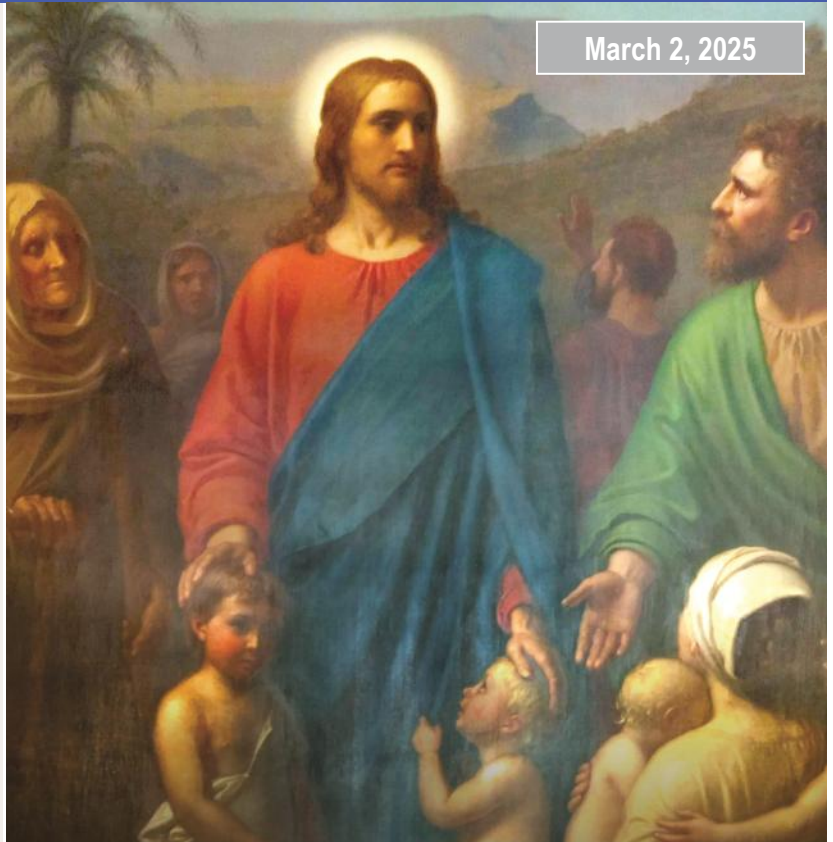
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March 2, 2025



## 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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## Flood Relief in WV

A special collection is being taken up to support victims of flooding in WV. All of the money collected will remain in West Virginia and will be managed by Catholic Charities West Virginia. Checks should be made out to St. Agnes Parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations may also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/> or by using the QR



## WEEKEND ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

## MASS INTENTIONS (MARCH 3 - MARCH 9)

### February 22 - February 23

Weekend Attendance:

5:00 P.M. **46** ; 8:00A.M. **49** ; 10:30 A.M. **125** ; 12:30 P.M. **36**

1st Collection	\$ 3,606. <sup>00</sup>
2nd Collection - Common Grounds	\$ 1,048. <sup>50</sup>
Other Collections	\$ 250. <sup>00</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,904.<sup>50</sup></b>

March 9- St. Agnes Church Debt Reduction

March 16 - Maintenance

*Thank you for your generosity!*

MON 3	6:00 P.M.	No Mass
TUE 4	6:00 P.M.	Jessica Dixon
WED 5	6:30 A.M.	People of the Parish
	12:00 P.M.	Robert Perrine (D) by Bunnie Perrine
THU 6	6:00P.M.	David J. Gwiazda by Theresa Gwiazda
	6:00 P.M.	Ann Frances Folzenlogen by Nancy Gray
FRI 7	8:30 A.M.	People of the Parish
SAT 8	12:00 P.M.	People of the Parish
	5:00 P.M.	Lauren Reheb by Jeanne Reed
SUN 9	8:00 A.M.	Emily Lamb (D) by Wegmann Family
	10:30 A.M.	People of the Parish
	12:30 P.M.	Martin Onate Leon by Maria G. Lopez

### SACRED SILENCE IN THE CHURCH

Please remember to maintain a sacred silence when you are in the main body of the church, especially before and after Mass. This allows others to pray and sets a very important example for the younger members of our community who are still learning about the sacred nature of the church. If you need to talk with someone, simply move to the vestibule, or into one of the side areas and make sure that the door is closed behind you. Thank you!

### MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer to God. It is customary for the faithful of a parish to have Masses offered for their own intentions, especially for loved ones who have passed away. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a loved on or a special intention, please contact the parish office or fill out the Mass Intention envelope from the narthex of the church. The suggested donation is \$10.00 for a daily Mass and \$20.00 for a weekend Mass.

### WELCOME TO ST. AGNES!

If you are new to our area or parish & have not registered, we invite you to do so. You can find parish registration forms in the church narthex and online at <https://stagnescharlestonwv.org>. Paper forms can be dropped off at the parish office or place it in the mail.

### FUNERAL PREPARATION

If you or a loved one is planning a funeral that will be held at St. Agnes or celebrated by Fr. Szabo, please contact the Parish Office before speaking to the Funeral Home. This will ensure that Fr. Szabo will be available and will make your meeting with the funeral home much easier.

### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or someone you know will be going through a life - threatening surgery in the near future, or is at an age where it is unclear how much more time God has planned for them to spend here on this Earth, please contact the office as soon as possible so that Fr. Szabo can hear their confession and anoint them.

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

Mass Time	March 1 - 2	March 5	March 8 - 9
5:00 p.m.	Pat Fulcher	6:30 a.m.	Tiffany Hastings
8:00 a.m.	Dana Fox	12:00 p.m. Bunnie Perrine	Dana Fox
10:30 a.m.	Ashley Murphy	6:00 p.m. Lou Dent Smith	Lou Dent Smith
12:30 p.m.	Juanita Mata		Mary Onate

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

To report suspected cases of child sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888 434-2637 or 30) 233-0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304 230-1504.



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## HORARIO REGULAR DE MISAS

LUNES	SIN MISA
MARTES	06:00P.M.
MIÉRCOLES	06:00P.M.
JUEVES	06:00P.M.
VIERNES	08:30A.M.
Sábado	12:00 P.M. , 5:00 P.M. (Misa de Vigilia)
DOMINGO	08:00A.M., 10:30A.M., AND 12:30P.M. (EN ESPAÑOL)

## SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

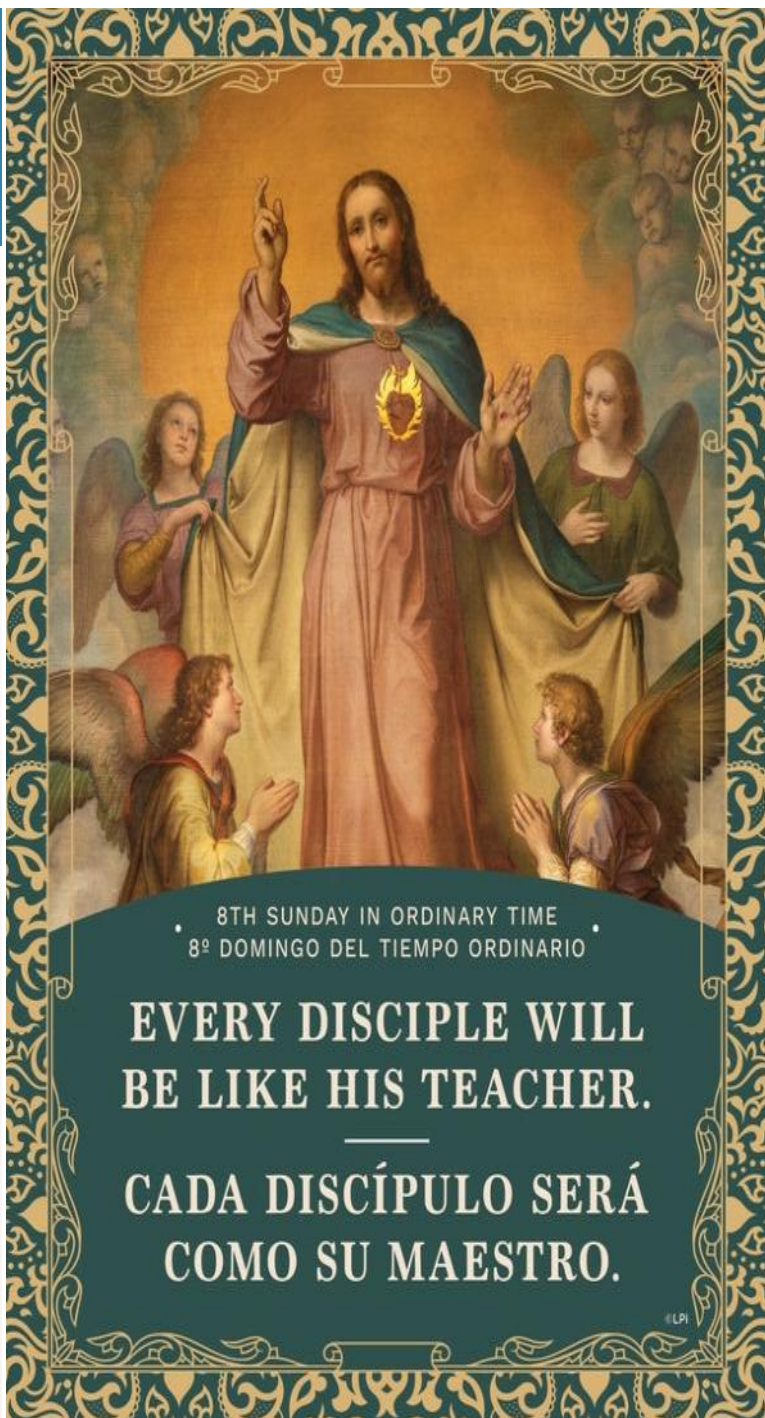
30 minutos antes de cada Misa Diaria,  
Sábados de 3:30 P.M. a 4:30 P.M.  
Jueves de 5:00 P.M. a 5:45 P.M.  
o con cita previa.



## ADORACION EUCARISTICA

Jueves a las 5:00pm-5:45pm,  
antes de la Santa Misa a las  
6:00pm

Miércoles después de la Misa a  
las 6:00 pm hasta 11:00 pm



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

EVERY DISCIPLE WILL  
BE LIKE HIS TEACHER.

CADA DISCÍPULO SERÁ  
COMO SU MAESTRO.

## MISIÓN PARROQUIAL

Nuestra Comunidad Hispana de Santa Inés, localizada en Kanawha City, es una familia multicultural comprometida a fomentar los valores espirituales y morales de nuestra fe Católica. Como bautizados, nos esforzamos a vivir el Evangelio de Cristo en nuestra liturgia y obras de caridad. Si quieres ser parte de nuestra familia, te invitamos a que nos acompañes a la Misa Dominical, la Hora Santa y a todas las actividades que tenemos durante el año.

*¡Bienvenido a nuestra familia!*

# UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## FAT TUESDAY AT LOS AGAVES ON TUESDAY MARCH 4TH!

Join us on Tuesday, March 4th, at 6:45PM, as we gather to celebrate Fat Tuesday at Los Agaves Mexican Restaurant in South Charleston (508 3rd Ave, South Charleston, WV 25303). The owners, and many who work there, attend St. Agnes parish and are excited to host us at their restaurant. We will all be paying our own way, and there is no need to sign up. See you there!



## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES AT ST. AGNES

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, March 5th! While it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation, this is the official beginning of Lent and the only day in the year when the Church invites us to wear Ashes on our head as a sign of repentance for all to see. Please join us for one of the Masses below to receive your ashes, and bring a friend! You don't have to be Catholic to get ashes!

**Wednesday, Mar. 5th, at 6:30AM, 12:00PM, or 6:00PM (Solemn)**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS 5:30PM FRIDAYS

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at 5:30PM in the main church beginning this Friday, March 7th. Join us as we pray and meditate on these 14 powerful moments in Jesus's journey to Calvary!



## CONFIRMATION MASS AND POTLUCK SATURDAY MARCH 8TH

On Saturday, March 8th, twelve members of our parish will be confirmed by Bishop Brennan, and then all are invited to a Potluck dinner afterwards in the school gym to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Also, please sign up to bring a main course, a side dish, or a dessert! All are welcome!



## PRO-LIFE RALLY AT THE CAPITOL



WV for Life is hosting a Rally at the State Capitol on Friday, March 14th. The event begins at 9:00AM for those who wish to be present the entire time, and the Rally begins at 12:00PM for those who may not be able to spare that much time on a Friday. More information can be found on their website: [wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org)

## SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH



On Wednesday, March 19th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Not only is St. Joseph second only to the Blessed Virgin Mary among the Saints, but he is also the patron Saint of our Diocese! Therefore, we will be honoring St. Joseph with a solemn Mass on this Wednesday at 6:00PM as well as a dinner afterwards in the gym catered by Bowles Boyz BBQ since they were such a hit last time. Join us, bring a side dish, and bring a friend!



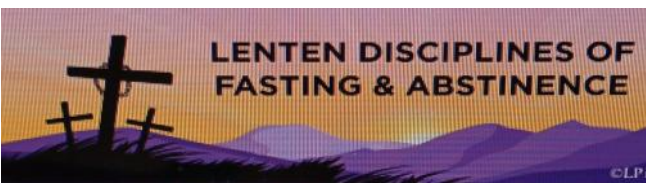
## ST. AGNES WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear St. Agnes,

Ash Wednesday is this week! Hopefully you have had the chance to think a little about what you want to do to make the most of this Lenten season. In my article two weeks ago, I outlined the three basic components of a good Lenten Plan: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. If you didn't get to read that, pull up last week's bulletin on the website and give it a quick read.

At this point, I just want to focus on a few other important things to consider. First of all, Ash Wednesday is a very special day of fasting and abstinence. Anyone ages 18 to 59, without a serious exception, must both fast on Ash Wednesday as well as abstain from eating meat. Fasting on Ash Wednesday means only eating one regular meal along with two smaller meals that, when put together, don't add up to a regular meal. You may also just skip two meals outright. I find that to be easier myself!

Also, if you are like me and you are bad about remembering things, pull out your phone right now and set an alarm to go off on Tuesday, March 4th, sometime after you finish celebrating Fat Tuesday with us at Los Agaves! The alarm should say, "Remember to fast and avoid eating meat tomorrow!" In seminary, I used to have a big magnet that I put on my fridge that had "FAST" written on it to keep me from snacking on fast days!



- ◆ Fasting is ordinarily observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by everyone ages 18 to 59.
- ◆ On a fast day, one full meal is allowed along with two other smaller meals which, together, should not equal another full meal.
- ◆ Also, abstinence from meat is observed by everyone 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

Also, remember that Ash Wednesday is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. If you cannot fit this Mass into your schedule without an unreasonable amount of difficulty, then be at peace. It is not a sin to miss Ash Wednesday. However, if you can work it into your schedule, then plan on coming not out of obligation, but out of love for God and a desire to start this Lent strong. Remember that we even have a 6:30AM Mass for those of you who have to start work early in the morning!

Lastly, a word of encouragement for those of you who find Lent a difficult time to get things right. Remember that you don't have to fast like the desert fathers who went without food for days! You also don't have to sell all of your possessions and pray for hours on end in sack cloth and ashes! St. Francis DeSales says this about fasting, "Although we

may not fast very much, yet the enemy has greater fear of us when he sees that we can fast" (*Third Part of the Introduction, Section 23*).

The point of Lent is not to pretend like we are a Saint for 46 days, and then go back to being our usual selves for the rest of the liturgical year. Rather, we are supposed to identify areas where we honestly need to grow in our life, and then choose reasonable penances that help us make a lasting improvement in our spiritual life.

For example, if you never go to Adoration, don't say, "I'm going to go to Adoration for an entire hour on both Wednesdays and Thursdays for Lent!" Instead, just sign up for one 30-minute slot per week. You won't give it up as easily, and maybe you'll decide to keep it all year. If you aren't used to volunteering your time at Church, don't say, "I'm going to do one thing on the St. Agnes To-Do List every week!" Instead, just do one thing, or part of one thing, and count that for the entirety of Lent. Lastly, if you are not used to fasting, don't say, "I'm only going to eat bread and drink water on Fridays!" Instead, just skip one meal on Fridays, in addition to not eating meat, and I promise that you will make far more progress. During Lent, our penances do not have to be fantastic, they just have to be consistent and involve a little more sacrifice than we are used to!

May God bless you all! Fr. Szabo

## COMMON GROUNDS OUTREACH

This year Common Grounds Outreach celebrates the 18th anniversary of opening & serving the needs of the families of Eastern Kanawha County.

Over the years the ministry has been blessed with many volunteers within our Ecumenical ministry which includes St. Agnes Catholic, Morris Memorial Methodist and Village Chapel Presbyterian. Through these volunteers and generous donations from the churches and community, the ministry has operated and continues to serve many clients in need. The program has always operated with volunteers and no paid staff. The operational expenses included rent and utilities.

On March 1, we will begin operating at a new location beside Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, 3810 Venable Avenue. Village Chapel has generously offered this property free of rent, which will allow us more funds to serve our clients in need. This past year, Common Grounds served 2,153 families, which includes 5,005 individuals, 208 homeless and 145 new clients. The ministry also provided funds for 103 households with utility assistance totaling \$13,857.11.

In 2024 the generous people of Saint Agnes provided contributions of \$21,349.09 to Common Grounds.

Common Grounds will continue to operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10AM - 2PM.

Please continue to pray for and support this vital ministry. Donations of food are always welcome.

## ST. AGNES TO-DO LIST

*Perhaps you have wondered before, "What can I do to help around the church?" Well, take a gander! Here are some chores that need doing. Though I enjoy this kind of work, I can't say that I'll get to all of these things in a reasonable amount of time, so your help would be much appreciated! Just email me ([pszabo@dwc.org](mailto:pszabo@dwc.org)) once you have taken care of something so I can remove it from the list!*

**Plumbing:** A number of faucets are leaking in one way or another, or doing things really old plumbing does. If you know how to do this sort of thing, let me know! We could use a hand replacing old faucets with new ones!

**Painting in the Office:** The office back room paint is peeling off of the cinderblock walls. Maybe moisture is getting through too? Let us know if you could scrape, clean, seal and repaint these old walls, give us a call!

**Moving Brush and Stacking Wood** To save some money on cost of tree-trimming, I asked the guys at Noel's Tree service to just cut up the wood & leave it around the trees for us to take care of. Anyone having a strong back, we would like the wood stacked to the left of the parish office door so we can use it in our campfire ring. The brush can be moved to the bank near where past parish bon fires were held so it is ready for our next one.

**Furnish & Decorate a New Multi-Purpose Room in the Old Convent:** Since I moved my office down to the Parish Office, there's a large empty room that can be used for other purposes: Bible Studies, Prayer Groups, Youth Group meetings & more. However, it is in need of some more furniture, decorations & organization. If you have the gift of design & wouldn't mind perhaps even donating some furniture, let us know!

**Organizing the Cry Room:** We could use help building some shelving in the cry room to organize things well enough so that parents will be able to use that space when needed. Some of the shelves will be purchased and put together, and some will be built right into the closet that is in the cry room.

## ST. AGNES WISH LIST

**Shelving to Organize Cry Room and Office (\$100/ea.):** It is time to get the Cry Room organized to the point where families will have the opportunity to use it again if they need, and also to organize the office storage area to the point where we can easily access the items we need for cleaning, hosting events, and carrying out the regular duties of the office. However, we will need some sturdy shelving to organize the decorations and other liturgical items in there now. If you would like to donate some wide, sturdy shelving, or help us purchase some, let us know!



# ST. AGNES MINISTRIES

## Family Ministries

### FAMILY ADORATION

Family Adoration is held every First Saturday 10:00AM - 10:30AM. This period of Adoration is directed specifically towards the youngest members of our community. Interested families can join us anytime or contact Aisling Whelan at [aislingterese@gmail.com](mailto:aislingterese@gmail.com) for more information.

### FRIDAY FAMILY PLAY DATE

Families with young children are invited to gather after Daily Mass on Fridays. Come & enjoy fellowship with other Catholic parents while the kids play!

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We have an extended period of Adoration on Wednesdays following the 6:00PM Mass & continuing until 11:00p.m. We are still looking for more people to commit to at least one 30-minute slot each week to ensure that Our Lord is always accompanied by at least one person. Please prayerfully consider signing up in the vestibule!

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Montessori approach to Catholic catechesis which is shaped to the needs of children 3-6 years old is held in the Atrium Room on Saturdays at 3:00pm. If you have a child who is 3 - 6 years old as of January 2025, and you are interested in enrolling them in our CGS program, please email our catechist Aisling Whelan at [aislingterese@gmail.com](mailto:aislingterese@gmail.com).

## Men's Ministry

### MONTHLY MENS NIGHT

St. Agnes offers a monthly gathering for men who are 21 years or older on the last Saturday of each month. This is a time of fellowship, discussion, and prayer for men who are ready to grow closer to God and one another. Next month's gathering: Saturday, March 29th at 6:30PM. Email Fr. Szabo for more info.

## Young Adult Ministry



### YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays after 6:00pm Mass in the St. Agnes Parish Office. Dinner is provided! If you are a young adult (at least 18+) and interested in this Bible Study, just show up or scan the QR code for more information!

## The Sacraments

### WEDDING PREPARATION

Marriage is a wonderful Sacrament that we here at St. Agnes are happy to help you prepare for. Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before your scheduled wedding date so that we will have enough time to complete the preparation and paperwork.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a loved one is preparing for serious surgery, undergoing a life-threatening illness, or getting to the age where you are not sure how much more time God has for you on this Earth, contact the parish office to arrange a time when Fr. Szabo can celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

### 1ST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & OCIA

First Communion & Confirmation classes, as well as OCIA, continue Sundays 9:15am-10:15am. First Communion meets in the gathering room through the left door at the front of the church. Confirmation & OCIA are meeting in the church office.

## Social Outreach

### COMMON GROUNDS

If you would like to volunteer or donate, drop by Common Grounds Food Pantry at 3810 Venable Ave., on Tues. or Thurs. 10:00am - 2:00pm. A basket is in the Church narthex for food donations. For more information: call (304) 720-9690 or (304) 552-5286.

## Vocations

### JOIN THE SERRA CLUB OF CHARLESTON!

Serra International is a global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church. The Charleston Club is growing & welcomes new members for its important mission of prayer & work for the Church. For more information: contact Mark Sadd at (304) 345-2000 ext/1101 or [msadd@lewisglasser.com](mailto:msadd@lewisglasser.com).

## Women's Ministry

### LADIES GUILD

All women of the parish are invited to Ladies' Guild. We will meet on Tues., March 11 at 6:00pm at China Buffet in Kanawha City. To play an optional game, bring a \$5-\$10 wrapped/bagged gift. RSVP or questions: Ann (304-552 7434) or Pat (304-382-5311)



# Quo Vadis Retreat

## Middle School Discernment Retreat

Boys in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are invited!

11 am on June 30  
through 1pm on July 3

Priest Field Pastoral Center

Kearneysville, WV

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