

Safe Environment: To report an incident 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 of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353, Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. 264. Or you may call Rev. Don Higgs, 304.685.2367, the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504, or Victims Assistance Coordinator Erin McFarland at 304.559.6742. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

MASS SCHEDULES & INTENTIONS

Feb 23 Monday: No Mass
Feb 24 Tuesday: 6:00 pm + Betty & Steve Maddix *by Stephen Maddix*
Feb 25 Wednesday: 6:00 pm + Adrianna Chico *by Mom Dad & Son Luke*
Feb 26 Thursday: 6:00 pm + Frank Tate Jr. *by Bonnie Tate*
Feb 27 Friday: 6:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
Feb 28 Saturday: 5:00 pm + Mary K Spagnuolo *by Donnie & Pam Sabatelli*
Mar 1 Sunday: 10:00 am + Carolyn Moschella *by Sandra Knight*
UHC 12:00 pm + Irene Becker *by Paul & Colleen Driscoll*



Pray for our Shut-ins

Genny Griffin
 Ursula Koreski
 Sandra Knight
 Gertrude Senchina

Mary Sims
 (156 Fazio's Elder Care
 Stoney Lonesome-Monongah)

Eddie Koreski
 Connie Koreski
 Joe Koreski
 (VA Nursing Home)

If you know of anyone that needs to be added to this prayer group call the office at 304-592-2733.

St. Margaret of Castello Adoration Chapel, 43 Mahlon St. Shinnston

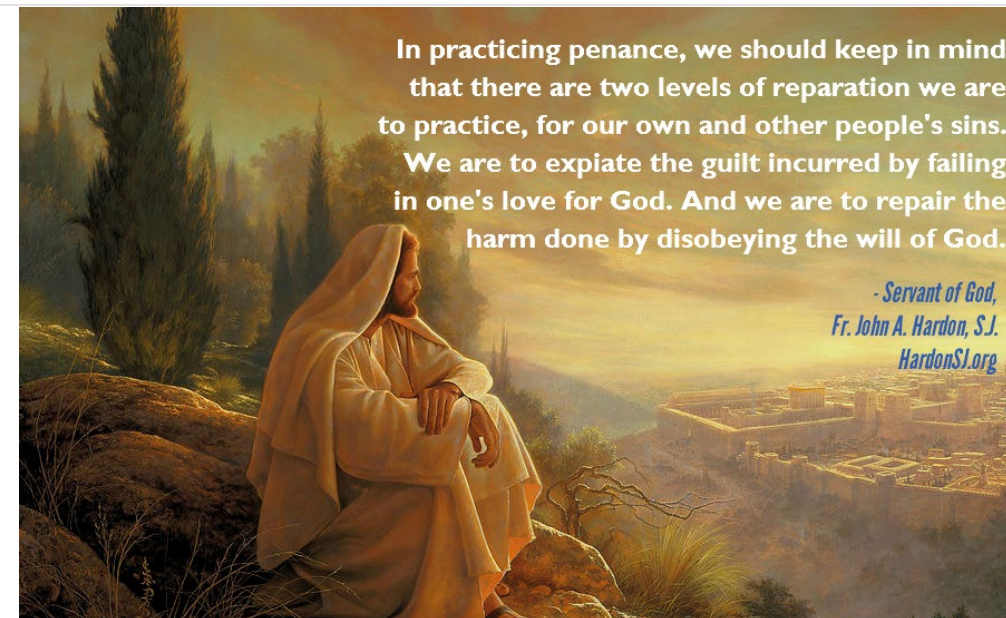
Since Covid, our Adoration Chapel had to make major changes in its 24/7 operation. As of now, we are only able to have it open for 3 out of 7 days (from 6:00am - 12:00am). We are sincerely hoping to open it another day during the week. With that said, we began last spring asking for people to consider becoming an adorer on Tuesdays. We were able to fill many hours, but not all. **The hour that still needs an adorer for Tuesday is 10-11.00 Am.** If you are interested and able to take any of these hours, please contact the church office. Please consider spending one hour a week in adoration with our Lord, the chapel is such a peaceful and beautiful place!

Men's group Meeting

There will be a Men's group Meeting on **Feb 24th** at 6.30 pm in the social hall.

New Opportunity

If anyone is interested in joining in the St. Ann's choir, as a cantor or, pianist or to play any kind of musical instruments for the liturgical calibrations, please contact Colleen Driscoll.



How to understand Lent Season !

LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by [giving alms](#); and we practice self-control through [fasting](#). We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this [reflection](#). In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the [Order of Christian Initiation of Adults](#), a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

"The less we have, the more we give. Seems absurd, but it's the logic of love." (Mother Teresa)

2/28/2026	5:00 pm Mass	3/1/2026	10:00 am Mass
Readers	Robbie Spadafore	Readers	Sam DeMarco
Altar Servers	Dominick Spadafore Sophia Spadafore Colton Wright	Altar Servers	Frankie Bowen Ella Bowen Ryan DeMarco
Cup Ministers	Sandy McDonnell Cindy Hamrick	Cup Ministers	Steven Bee Sam DeMarco
Host Minister	James Spadafore	Host Minister	Mary Ann Spadafore
Ushers	Cindy Hamrick Mickey Arco	Ushers	Vinnie Demarco John DeMarco

Upcoming Birthdays

Feb 23 Colleen Driscoll
 Feb 25 Andrew Dumas
 Carl Felosa
 James Howard
 Feb 27 Wyatt Bee
 Feb 29 Brenna Riley
 Mar 1 Bill Rogan



CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL- 2026

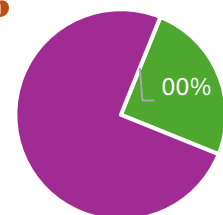


PROGRESS

Goal: \$ 4,800

Raised: \$ 0,000

Gifts: 00



■ Raised ■ Goal ■

Feb 15th
 Regular Collection
\$ 3,655.00
 Faith in Our Future
\$ 683.00
 Special Collection
\$ 000.00
 Weekend Attendance
140

Thank you for your continued generosity and for your presence.

JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS (BISHOP RICKEN)

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers "10 Things to Remember for Lent"

1. Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

2. It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

3. It's a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hot dogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

4. It's a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends, and coworkers."

5. It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control—it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.

6. Don't do too much. It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.

7. Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

8. Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

9. Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.

10. Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the Cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.



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February 22nd, 2026 (1st Sunday of Lent)



St. Ann Catholic Church is to glorify God through vibrant worship, compassionate service, and unwavering commitment to teachings of Jesus Christ. Rooted in Catholic tradition and guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to foster a welcoming community that nurtures faith, fosters spiritual growth, and promotes unity among all God's children. With love as our cornerstone, we seek to embody Christ's message of hope, forgiveness, and redemption, spreading His light to all corners of the world. Together, as disciples of Christ, we are called to share God's love, serve those in need, and build a Kingdom of mercy, justice, and peace.

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Office Hours

Tuesday -Friday
09 Am- 02 Pm

Closed on Monday



Baptism

Please contact the office to schedule a baptism.

(Instruction sessions are required with your first child).



Marriage

Please contact the office at least **SIX months** prior to the proposed date of marriage.

Adoration Chapel

St. Margaret of Castello
Adoration Chapel is open on;
Sunday, Wednesday, & Friday
6am to midnight.

For information call
John DeMarco at (304) 669-2057 or

Confessions

4 to 4. 40pm
on Saturdays.

Or

by appointment.

For appointments, please
call **Fr. Joe**



Hospital & Sacramental Emergency

Please call; **304-780-8003**

For the Sick & Homebound

Please call the church office if you would like to receive communion or have a home visit.

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