



HAPPY 100

We must say, 100 looks good! It's time to celebrate the milestone 100th edition of your FaithInWV e-bulletin.

Created in the initial days of a national emergency, when the Church was closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FaithInWV e-bulletin was a way to be together virtually, while away physically from our parish families.

As Bishop Mark Brennan said in our first issue, "We pledge to you to do our very best to stay connected and to continue to provide you spiritual resources and the assurance of our prayers," and that continues to be our commitment.

It was designed as a means of communication with the faithful to not only keep everyone informed, but also to help us all grow in faith by providing the Mass readings, prayer intentions, and online resources. In addition to including important announcements from Bishop Mark Brennan, letters from the Department of Catholic Schools Superintendent Mary Ann Deschaine, pandemic protocol, and liturgical guidelines, the online bulletin evolved to include our FaithInWV feature stories of inspiring WV Catholics, stories of saints, and highlights of feast days relevant for the week.

The e-bulletin, which is emailed to more than 12,500 people each week, was named after the #FaithInWV profile features showcased on our [FAITHINWV.ORG](https://www.faithinwv.org) website and published monthly in The Catholic Spirit. Like its namesake, the e-bulletin content gives hope, helps us focus on our faith, and encourages each of us to lead by the example of great saints and disciples.

As a worship aid and evangelization resource the FaithInWV e-bulletin continues to be a means to help us to choose to find the good in our circumstances, and let others see Christ in us amidst a time of uncertainty and adversity. Ultimately, it is a tangible outlet to emphasize our faith in God and the Church.

From the team who brings this publication to you – Joyce Bibey, writer and Amber Chambers, designer – thank you for being a faithful reader. Our hope remains as our website ([FAITHINWV.ORG](https://www.faithinwv.org)) states, "to inspire and refresh your prayer life."

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HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY!

Today we share a special Love Letter from God. It was created in 1999 by a Christian pastor Barry Adams of Canada. The letter paraphrases both the Old and New Testaments and has been shared all over the world in more than 100 languages. So, in this world of so much uncertainty one thing is true, God loves us!

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you (*Psalm 139.1*). I know when you sit down and when you rise up (*Psalm 139.2*). I am familiar with all your ways (*Psalm 139.3*).

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered (*Matthew 10.29-31*). For you were made in my image (*Genesis 1.27*). In me you live and move and have your being (*Acts 17.28*).

For you are my offspring (*Acts 17.28*). I knew you even before you were conceived (*Jeremiah 1.4-5*). I chose you when I planned creation (*Ephesians 1.11-12*). You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book (*Psalm 139.15-16*). I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live (*Acts 17.26*). You are fearfully and wonderfully made (*Psalm 139.14*).

I knit you together in your mother's womb (*Psalm 139.13*). And brought you forth on the day you were born (*Psalm 71.6*). I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me (*John 8.41-44*).

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love (*1 John 4.16*). And it is my desire to lavish my love on you (*1 John 3.1*).

Simply because you are my child, and I am your Father (*1 John 3.1*). I offer you more than your earthly father ever could (*Matthew 7.11*). For I am the perfect father (*Matthew 5.48*). Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand (*James 1.17*). For I am your provider and I meet all your needs (*Matthew 6.31-33*). My plan for your future has always been filled with hope (*Jeremiah 29.11*). Because I love you with an everlasting love (*Jeremiah 31.3*). My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. (*Psalms 139.17-18*). And I rejoice over you with singing (*Zephaniah 3.17*). I will never stop doing good to you (*Jeremiah 32.40*). For you are my treasured possession (*Exodus 19.5*). I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul (*Jeremiah 32.41*). And I want to show you great and marvelous things (*Jeremiah 33.3*).

If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me (*Deuteronomy 4.29*). Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart (*Psalm 37.4*). For it is I who gave you those desires (*Philippians 2.13*). I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine (*Ephesians 3.20*). For I am your greatest encourager (*2 Thessalonians 2.16-17*). I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles (*2 Corinthians 1.3-4*). When you are broken-hearted, I am close to you (*Psalm 34.18*). As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart (*Isaiah 40.11*). One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes (*Revelation 21.3-4*). And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth (*Revelation 21.3-4*).

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus (*John 17.23*). For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed (*John 17.26*). He is the exact representation of my being (*Hebrews 1.3*).

He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you (*Romans 8.31*). And to tell you that I am not counting your sins (*2 Corinthians 5.18-19*). Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled (*2 Corinthians 5.18-19*). His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you (*1 John 4.10*). I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love (*Romans 8.31-32*). If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me (*1 John 2.23*). And nothing will ever separate you from my love again (*Romans 8.38-39*). Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen (*Luke 15.7*). I have always been Father, and will always be Father (*Ephesians 3.14-15*).

My question is "Will you be my child?" (*John 1.12-13*). I am waiting for you (*Luke 15.11-32*).

*Love, Your Dad
Almighty God*

LET US LOVE CHRIST AS ST. CLAUDE DE LA COLOMBIERE PROFESSED

A champion for the Sacred Heart of Jesus devotion and spiritual director for St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Claude de la Colombière on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

St. Margaret Mary described St. Claude as the “faithful servant and perfect friend” Jesus promised her. As you read in the Oct. 10, 2021, edition of FaithInWV, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary several times between 1673-1675. Sharing his love and revealing His Sacred Heart. When she told her congregation and other religious of her visions, she was met with a lot of doubt, annoyance, and opposition. However, her testimony was believed and supported by St. Claude la Colombière, her spiritual director and rector.

Today we share with you, Saint Claude’s Prayer of Friendship to Jesus. It reveals the unconditional love Christ has for us and St. Claude professed for Him:



Jesus, you are my true friend, my only friend.
You take a part in all my misfortunes;
You take them on yourself;
You know how to change them into blessings.
You listen to me with the greatest kindness
when I relate my troubles to you,
and you always have balm to pour on my wounds.
I find you at all times, I find you everywhere,
You never go away;
if I have to change my dwelling, I find you wherever I go.
You are never weary of listening to me,
You are never tired of doing me good.
I am certain of being beloved by you if I love you;
my goods are nothing to you,
and by bestowing yours on me you never grow poor.
However miserable I may be,
no one nobler or wiser or even holier
can come between you and me,
and deprive me of your friendship;
and death, which tears us away from all other friends,
will unite me forever to you.
All the humiliation attached to old age
or to the loss of honor will never detach you from me.
On the contrary, I shall never enjoy you more fully,
and you will never be closer to me’
than when everything seems to conspire against me,
to overwhelm me, and to cast me down.
You bear with all my faults with extreme patience,
and even my want of fidelity and ingratitude
do not wound you to such a degree
as to make you unwilling to receive me back
when I return to you.
Jesus, grant that I may die praising you,
that I may die loving you,
that I may die for the love of you.
Amen.



NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

WHEN IT COMES TO CHILD CARE, IT TAKES A VILLAGE

"Everyone has made everything easy to understand, with zero stress added to an already stressful day-to-day life! I am super thankful this program exists."

"Both of us being essential workers has kept us busy through the entire lockdown, and our daycare and your financial aid made that possible."

"This service is a blessing."

These anonymous quotes come from parents and guardians who rely on Catholic Charities West Virginia Child Care Resource Center (CCRC). This program, funded by the state, helps people break the cycle of poverty by easing the financial burden of child care while they work or go to school.

"We are so grateful for people around the state who support Catholic Charities and who ultimately make this work possible," said Brittany Lucci, Director of the CCRC. "You don't realize how much stress parents are under until you see their shoulders sag in relief when you tell them you can help them afford child care."

But CCRC services touch lives beyond the parents. Child care providers can also receive training and support to meet the needs of children in their care.

"Brooke" turned to CCRC for extra support when she was asked to care for "Logan" in her at-home child care. Logan is 14 months old and suffers from Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS).

"After discussing his NAS diagnosis, they [CCRC] helped me find training for NAS babies so I could learn how to better care for him," said Brooke. "They also provided some age-appropriate infant toys and a much-needed sturdy Sit-U-Up support to help him to sit upright."

Logan is getting stronger and thriving both in his foster home and in Brooke's care, due in large part to the help they received from CCRC. Brooke says, "It brings tears to my eyes when I think about how many people have collaborated for this one little baby boy."

While the state funds this program through the Child Development Block Grant, Catholic Charities West Virginia administers the program. To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia and the Child Care Resource Center, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: *Guided by God's love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community partners, parishes, and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.*



The Catholic Charities Child Care Resource Center assists families with the cost of child care

Synod listening sessions are in full swing across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for the faithful to engage in sharing about Church life. Bishop Mark Brennan and our parish priests encourage everyone to be alert to their parish's routine means of communication, such as bulletins, websites, social media pages, and emails, which will announce specific details about their local synod process.

Find a listening session near you at: dwc.org/synod-sessions/

Synod Listening Sessions Continue Across WV



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading JEREMIAH 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, whose strength is in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

Responsorial PSALMS 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

R. (40:5a) Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, but delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and sisters:

If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Alleluia LUKE 6:23ab

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel LUKE 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may be an outward sign of God's favor toward the poor, the hungry, the excluded, and the grieving, by giving, nourishing, welcoming, and consoling those in need of God's blessings, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For leaders in government, that they may be attentive to the needs and concerns of the least influential of those they represent, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For married and engaged couples, that their love for each other may be strengthened as they exercise it with each other and their families, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That we may continually strive to live our lives in the spirit of the Beatitudes, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

LET US GO *Rejoicing* TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

PSALM 122

UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at www.dwc.org.

Liturgy of the Hours LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

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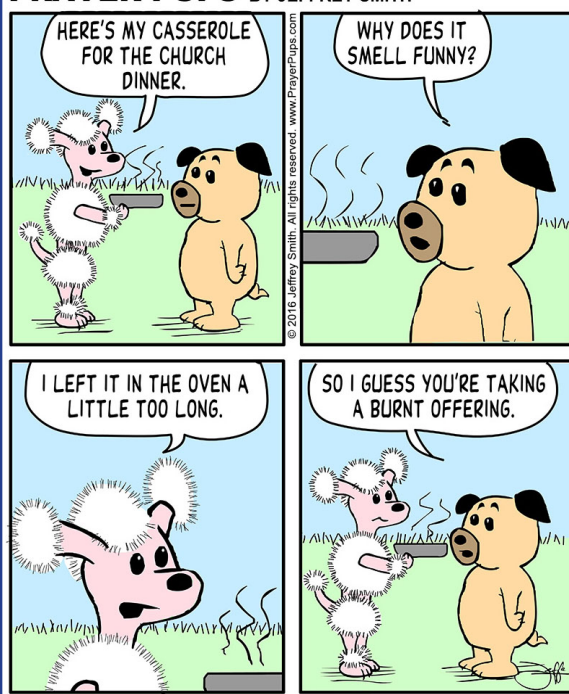
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Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm: [HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
- Catholic TV also streams its daily Mass: [HTTP://CATHOLICTV.ORG/MASSES/CATHOLICTV-MASS](http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)
- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday: [HTTPS://CAMPUSMINISTRY.ND.EDU/MASS-WORSHIP/BASILICA-OF-THE-SACRED-HEART/WATCH-MASS/SPECIAL-MASSSES/](https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/special-masses/)