



The Immaculate Conception parish gift shop is open on weekends. Volunteers will be available at the cases after each Mass. You may also contact Michele Palmer at 304-669-1972 to shop at your convenience. Thank you for supporting the ICC Gift Shop for your religious articles.

Parish Office Hours - Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Mass Schedule: Monday and Tuesday - 8 am; Wednesday 7 pm; Thursday and Friday - 8 am; Saturday - 4:30 pm; Sunday 8 am and 11 am.

Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, March 10! Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on March 9 before bedtime.

Confessions are held on Saturdays from 3-4 pm. We will livestream the 11 am mass on Sundays on the Immaculate Conception FaceBook page (click link on website). (Note: Hearing Assistance Devices are available for use during Mass and are located in the back of the church. If you would like one, please ask an Usher for assistance.) Spanish Mass is held on Sundays at 9:15 am in the Church (Community fellowship in the Parish Center after Mass). The next Eucharistic Adoration will be held Friday, March 1 from 4-5 pm in the Church.

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES IN LENT

Tuesday, March 5, Noon-1 pm Day of Adoration (two priests)

Thursday, March 7, Noon-2:15 pm School students, extra priests

Saturday, March 9, 3-4 pm (two priests)

Saturday, March 16, 3-4 pm (two priests)

Sunday, March 17, 3-4 pm (two priests)

Saturday, March 23, 3-4 pm (two priests)

Wednesday, March 27, 6-6:45 pm (two priests)

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health, ages 18-59, are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics, 14 years and older, are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during Lent

Estaciones de la Cruz celebrado todos los Viernes durante la cuaresma

In English: 6:00 pm

En Español: 7:15 pm

Live Stations of the Cross will be held on March 1 and March 15 at 6:00 pm.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 23/24, Palm Sunday

Saturday, 4:30 pm; Sunday, 8:00 and 11:00 am

March 28, Holy Thursday

7:00 pm

March 29, Good Friday

2:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Passion & Veneration of the Cross

March 30, Holy Saturday

*8:00 pm Easter Vigil**

March 31 Easter Sunday

8:00 and 11:00 am Mass

**The parish will host a reception after the Easter Vigil Mass, March 30, to welcome our catechumens into the church. Please come to honor them and share their joy.*

Questions, concerns, or offers of assistance, please call Ellen Storey (301-627-5664).

SEMANA SANTA

Domingo de Ramos 24/03/24, 9:15 am

Jueves Santo 28/03/24 Una misa Inglés

Viernes Santo 3/29/24 Liturgia en inglés a las 7 pm Estaciones de la Cruz en inglés a las 2:30 pm El viacrucis será dirigido por el pueblo en español, hora por anunciar.

Sábado Santo 30/03/24 Una misa, no hay liturgia en español.

Domingo de Pascua 31/03/24 9:15 am Búsqueda de huevos de Pascua para niños, (en inglés), después de la Misa de las 11 am

CCD/Youth Ministry:

- *CCD classes are held every Sunday at 9:15 am to 10:45 am in St. Mary's Grade School.*
- *Confirmation - Class will meet on March 3 in the Parish Center from 5-7 pm. All Candidates are required to attend.*
- *First Communion Class will be held Tuesday, March 5, 6:30-7:15 pm in Notre Dame High School.*

Parish Nurse Ministry:

- **February 2024 Newsletter:**
<https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/91d5e6728240dd7edc866732c15a56a934cf0a97/February%202024%20Nurse%20Ministry%20Newsletter.pdf>
- **The Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group** will resume on Saturday, March 9, from 10 am-Noon in the Parish Center. This is a six-week session. Please call Theresa White (304-669-6063) or Mary Jo Flaherty (304-622-4147) to register. Meeting dates are: March 9, 16, and 23, and April 6, 13, and 20.
- **April events are already scheduled!** April 7: Skin Screening (Registration deadline: April 4), April 11: Bonnie's Bus 9 (Registration deadline is March 20) and April 19: Blood Drive. Please call Theresa White (304-669-6063) to register.

Eight-Week Bible Study with Sr. Maria SJI

Monday, March 4, 12:30-2 pm

Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*, an extraordinary study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this Bible Study will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Mary will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

OCIA (formerly RCIA) -The next class will meet on Thursday, March 7 in the Parish Center at 7 pm. All are welcome! If you would like more information, email Fr. Casey at kcinwv89@gmail.com

Easter Bread Sale - The baking has begun! Baking days will be Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays through March 22. Only loaves will be made. The cost of each loaf is \$12.00. please call Ethel Marie Shorr (304-629-9941) to pre-order. Orders can be picked up at the Parish Center between 12:30-1:30 pm on baking days. Easter Bread will also be available for sale at the Lenten Dinners each Friday as long as supply allows.

Family Guild:

- If you are interested in participating with the Family Guild, please contact Missy McAra at 304-695-2175. All volunteers must be Virtus trained.
- The Family Guild is sponsoring the Friday Lenten Dinners from 4-6 pm.. Cost: \$8.00 (Kids 12 and under are free). Carry-out is available.
March 1 Menu: Vegetable Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Desserts, and Drinks
March 8 Menu: Stuffed Shells, Salad, Bread, Desserts, and Drinks
March 15 Menu: Vegetable Quesadillas, Rice, Dessert, and Drinks
March 22 Menu: Pasta Primavera, Salad, Bread, Dessert, and Drinks
If you would like to help with the Lenten Dinners, please contact Missy McAra at 304-695-2175.

The Men's Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month. They will be sponsoring an all-day adoration on Tuesday, March 5 after the 8:00 am Mass until Benediction at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to come visit with our Lord.

From the Desk of Hilarion V. "Larry" Cann, CPA, IC Financial Manager

Contribution Statements for 2023 will not be mailed due to the high cost of postage. For those who need a statement for tax purposes, email hvccpa@frontier.com with the request and a statement will be sent to you. You can also call 304-622-8243, option 3, and leave a voicemail message.

The Mustard Seed - In January, 669 orders were filled. And 652 people came for clothing, household goods, and some, just for a smile and affirmation of their worth and struggles. The current needs are toilet paper, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, cereal, and men's underwear.

The Mustard Seed continues to be open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 am to 3 pm. All donations are appreciated. To volunteer or schedule donations contact Dolores Yoke at 304-624-6077.

Special Event Calendar - Spanish Speaking Community

- **Lenten Family Retreat, Saturday, March 16, 9 am-4 pm in the Parish Hall**
Retiro Familiar de Cuaresma, sábado 16 de marzo, de 9 am-4 pm en el Salón Parroquial.
- **Marriage Dynamic Retreat, Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14.**
Retiro Dinámico Matrimonial, sábado 13 y domingo 14 de Abril.

THIS WEEKEND...March 2-3, 2024 - Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA) Collection. A special second collection is scheduled to support the Priest' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA), a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling- Charleston. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priest and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection.

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Priesthood Discernment Retreat

For men 18 and older

Mount St. Mary's Seminary

16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd., Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Sunday, March 10, 12:30 pm - Monday, March 11, 10:00 pm

To apply, contact Fr. Phillip Szabo at pszabo@dw.org to arrange a time for a brief phone interview.

A gift to awaken the Eucharist in your life during Lent. "Beautiful Eucharist is a stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives." - Dynamic Catholic. Pick up your copy at the entrance of the church.

Safe Environment (Virtus) Compliance - background checks are required every three years for all employees and volunteers. You will receive a phone call/email if you need to complete a new background check. Any new volunteer should contact Mary Binegar to obtain information on how to begin the process. No one is permitted to volunteer without first completing a background check and the other two components of the safe

environment process. Please contact Mary Binegar, IC Safe Environment Program Coordinator, at 304-476-5860 or mbinegar62@icloud.com with any questions.

Here is the link to the Faith in WV weekly bulletin from the Diocese:

[https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/91d5e6728240dd7edc866732c15a56a934cf0a97/Faith InWV_EBulletin_March%202024.pdf](https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/91d5e6728240dd7edc866732c15a56a934cf0a97/Faith%20InWV_EBulletin_March%202024.pdf)

Here is the ZOOM link for the Knights of Columbus family rosary on Sunday evenings at 7pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86432796077?pwd=QnhoNWJLQU5SZEhsWUdpQjBaV1dpdz09>

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