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Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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Michelangelo (c. 1510-12)

Fresco on Sistine Chapel Ceiling

<https://www.michelangelo.org>

GOSPEL MEDITATION: FINDING STRENGTH

Through our baptism, we share the beauty of being intimately known and loved by God. Like Jesus and Jeremiah, we are not only known but also called to be harbingers of the Good News — regardless of the difficulties faced in doing so.

Formed in love, the grace of God animates us. His divine dwelling continually elevates our faith. We find the courage to witness to others through grace and never by our strength. When we accept the unfathomable gift of

God's perfect love, not only does it cast out every fear, but it remains impossible to keep it to ourselves. If we fail to desire or find opportunities to share the Good News of Christ with others, we have entirely missed the point of what it means to be loved by Love itself.

Jesus, Son of God, the fulfillment of the prophecy, taught with authority and amazement, yet they rejected his message. In love, he continued, even though he knew a prophet is rarely accepted in his land. Jesus

demonstrates the truth of evangelization, the 'why' for soldiering on despite obstacles and rejection — people will hear, believe, repent, and be redeemed.

Where are you called to share the message? How will you overcome any rejection you may encounter in your family, neighborhood, or community? How can you be strengthened by God's love so that you might reflect that love to others?

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JAN. 29	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Semon Prado† <i>Chuck & Mary Taskalines</i>
JAN. 30	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Roman & Veronica Komorowski† <i>Cina & Dean Hoops</i>
10:00 a.m.	Sara Walters† <i>God's Children of Love prayer group</i>
JAN. 31	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	For the faith of her children <i>Monica Oanh Thi Do</i>
FEB. 1	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Theresa Baum† <i>Paula & Jerry Conners</i>
FEB. 2	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Betty Herrick† <i>Jane Klug</i>
FEB. 3	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	John Pollock† <i>Joanne Ray</i>
FEB. 4	FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Jim & Taffy Fuhs Archer <i>Jane Klug</i>
FEB. 5	SATURDAY (VIGIL)
4:00 p.m.	Semon Prado† <i>Pamela & Robert Lantz</i>
FEB. 6	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Harry & Veronica Morgan† <i>The Gordon family</i>
10:00 a.m.	Pat Kleinedler† <i>Bob and the kids</i>

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS
 St. John Boscoe, St. Blaise,
 St. Ansgar, and St. Agatha
Find them all here:
<https://www.catholic.org/saints/>



98-Year-Old Reveals Wisdoms - Sort Of

If you ask John Bierce the secret to living a long life, he will tell you "it's a secret." A good guess at his secret, though, is never truly retiring—and relying on your spouse if you have one. For John that is Joanna for 66 years, and he will spill a few beans, no doubt to tease her, for a long and happy marriage: "Let the woman be the boss."

Enjoy the following synopsis of John's vibrant life written by his daughter Kim Walsh. Thanks to Kim for helping us celebrate her father on the occasion of his 98th birthday:



John A. Bierce was born on Jan. 26, 1924. He was raised in Moundsville, where he attended St. Francis School before graduating from Moundsville High School in 1941. John joined the Merchant Marines, where he traveled the world and was a boxer. After fulfilling his obligations to the Merchant Marines, he served in the U.S. Army. John then worked various jobs around Moundsville before becoming a member of the Ironworkers Local #549. He has belonged to his union for almost 70 years. After retiring, he worked his farm and operated a small fruit and vegetable stand along Rt. 250

near his home. John has been married to Joanna for 66 years and has five children. He has been a member of St.



Francis Xavier Catholic Church his entire life, where he was an altar boy when he was young. He also served the church by working for many years at the SFX fish fries.

These days John cuts firewood and tends his garden and berry patches in Limestone.

To this story we can add that Mr. Bierce helped make hundreds of pierogi over the years.

We want to hear more about all of you in our parish! Please consider contributing your story or the story of a loved one. We are happy to help you piece it together if writing is not your strong suit. No need to wait until a birthday or anniversary.

Meanwhile, happy 98th birthday John A. Bierce!

To the family and loved ones of Veronica Ann Morgan, Loretta Niemiec's mother, our heartfelt condolences.

With Sympathy

Prayer REQUESTS

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Mary Yanen.

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Celeste Evans, Ted Scarbin, Debbie Hand, Georgia Pettit, Lida Schellhase.

CALENDAR

Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	LINE DANCING WITH LOTTIE VFW Moundsville
Monday Jan. 31 6 p.m.	BEREAVEMENT GROUP Fellowship Hall St. John's Benwood

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS COMMON APPLICATION DEADLINES
 Feb. 4 - Re-enrollment
 Feb. 11 - New Parishioners
 Feb. 18 - General Public

Find More Information Here:
wvcatholicschools.org

Wednesday Feb. 16 6:30 p.m.	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Church Hall
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SCHEDULES FEB. 5 & 6

LECTORS / EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. **A. Wise / Please volunteer**
 8:00 a.m. **B. Whitelatch / C. Frame**
 10:00 a.m. **L. Freeland / L. Yoho**

ALTAR SERVERS

Please volunteer

SACRISTY

Suzanne Artimez / Ellen McCormick

OFFERING JAN. 16, 2022

Envelopes	\$3,470.00
Loose Offering	\$497.00
Church Repair	\$20.00
Xavier Hall	\$10.00
OTHER COLLECTIONS:	
Diocesan -	
Developing World	\$443.00
Memorial	\$160.00
Online Giving	\$329.15
Attendance	208

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To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact W. Va. Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to contacting civil authorities, report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

SFX HELPING YOUTH TAKE TRIP!

SFX Parish is offering nine high school to college-aged parish youths \$1,000 to apply to the cost of attending World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, from July 13 through Aug. 9 of 2023.

The diocese is coordinating a group to attend, and we would love to see some students from SFX join. The cost per person is \$3,500 and includes all expenses. This will be the 38th year for the pilgrimage, which brings together ages 18 - 35 to discern their Faith. Please take a moment to visit the diocese's trip website to get more details, including suggestions for raising funds.

<https://dwc.org/diocese/ministries/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/youth-ministry/world-youth-day-2023/>

THROATS WILL BE BLESSED during the 8 a.m. Mass Thursday, Feb. 3, to memorialize St. Blaise, who became the patron of those with throat troubles after he miraculously healed a child who was choking to death on a fishbone. Fr. Doney Chalko will preside.



Catholic Schools Week 2022
 January 30-February 5
<https://www.ncea.org/csw>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

Welcome Charlee!

St. Francis welcomed its newest addition Sunday, Jan. 23, with the baptism of Charlee Jeanmarie Fitzsimmons.



Charlee, who is named for her late grandfather Charles Jackson, is the child of Arthur and Michelle Fitzsimmons. Cynthia Jackson and James and Robin Fitzsimmons are Charlee's other grandparents.

Charlee's distinction as the first baptism of the New Year inspires Fr. That Son to note the many grandparents who have guided and inspired their next generation to continue in the Faith. Blessings to them and the grandparents who are doing the same, that their wisdom and devotion will continue to reach across the generations.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

of Wheeling is seeking a principal for its school, pre-school through 8th grades. The ideal person must run day-to-day administration, assist in developing long-range goals, and be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.

Education and application requirements and salary details are available by contacting Jen Kinkade at jenkinkade@pgka.com or writing to St Vincent de Paul School, 127 Key Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003.

This position begins July 1 for the 2022-23 school year. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 28.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.