

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

(Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston)

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FEBRUARY 9, 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OUR MISSION

~In the spirit of Saint Francis, we, the church family, strive to discover Christ's peace in us and in each aspect of creation by welcoming and walking hand in hand with our brothers and sisters on our faith journey~



"IF GOD CAN WORK THROUGH ME, HE CAN WORK THROUGH ANYONE" - SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

A WARM WELCOME TO SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH!

To register as a new or returning member of the parish, please contact the parish office at 304-727-3033. The parish community will be indeed delighted to have you.



10 Monday	11 Tuesday	12 Wednesday	13 Thursday	14 Friday	15 Saturday	16 Sunday
Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56 (329)	Gn 1:20-2:4a Mk 7:1-13 (330)	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23 (331)	Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30 (332)	Gn 3:1-18 Mk 7:31-37 (333)	Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10 (334)	Jer 17:5-8 1Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26 (78)
St. Scholastica		Lincoln's Birthday		St. Cyril		

PARISH INFORMATION

Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Lector	Extraordinary Minister(s)	Altar Servers	Rosary Leader
Feb 08	5:00 pm	Family of Pearl Thompson By Pearl	Fred Heindl	Leslie Huffman (X) Midge Butler (C) Helen Musrock (C)	Volunteers	Pat Romanosk
Feb 09	11:00 am	Intentions of the people of the parish	Tom Williams	Paul Niedbalski (X) Mary Sanney (C) John Carnell (C)	Carlee Stone Emma Vaughan Evelyn Winiesdorffer	Tamara Buell
Feb 10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feb 11	6:00 pm	Miguel Matheus By Family	Pat Romanosky	Suzanne Farley	—	—
Feb 12	8:15 am	Margie Brown By Donna Hebb	Pat Tabor	Lynn Fenimore	—	—
Feb 13	8:15 am	Roger Randolph By Grace Randolph & Family	School Students	Jennifer Lopez (X)	School Students	—
Feb 14	6:00 pm	Bernard Grubler By Sarah & Jack Palmer	Dawna Kessler	Midge Butler	—	—
Feb 15	5:00 pm	William S. White By Sherman & Vivian White	Lisa Desposito	Midge Butler (X) Helen Musrock (C) Leslie Huffman (C)	Volunteers	Dave DeLuca
Feb 16	11:00 am	Intentions of the people of the parish	Mita Larson	Bill Tabor (X) Mark Muchow (C) Shaun Lopez (C)		Tom Williams

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday

Rosary: 4:30 pm
Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday

Rosary: 10:30 am
Mass: 11:00 am

Weekdays

Tue: 6:00 pm
Wed: 8:15 am
Thurs: 8:15 am
Fri: 6:00 pm

Adoration

Friday 5:00 pm

For rental of church facilities (parish center, gym, cafeteria), please contact:

Mary Nichols
304-727-9832

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Pastoral Availability

Father Sojan is available any time of day or night for spiritual guidance. If you or a family member is sick / homebound & require Communion or Sacrament of Anointing, contact him (304-435-4342) or the parish office.

Marriage Preparation

Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Francis should be practicing Catholics & are required to participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. 6 months notice is required. Contact the office to discuss date of marriage.

Order of Christian Initiation

Children ages 7-17& adults who have not been baptized or baptized but not confirmed go through a faith

Parish Office Hours Tues-Fri 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL: A CALL TO HOLINESS AND MISSION



The Greatest Fish Story Ever Told

On this 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the readings invite us to reflect deeply on the divine call and our response to it. Throughout history, people from all walks of life— young and old, rich and poor, educated and uneducated— have heard and answered God's call. Saints such as St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, Mother Teresa, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and St. Paul all recognized their unworthiness yet responded with a resounding "Yes" to God. Like Isaiah in the first reading, St. Paul in the second reading, and St. Peter in the Gospel, they acknowledged their sinfulness and limitations, and God, in turn, filled them with His grace to accomplish great things.

In the first reading (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8), we see Isaiah's encounter with God, which was one of both awe and

humility. During a time when the people of Israel and Judah were divided and seeking political alliances rather than trusting in God's providence, Isaiah received God's call in the Temple of Jerusalem. There, he saw God's magnificence in a vision and was struck by his own unworthiness, saying, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips." Yet, when purified by God, Isaiah was ready for his mission: "Here I am. Send me!" This scene is echoed in every Mass when the priest asks God to cleanse his lips before proclaiming His Word, reminding us of the importance of humbling ourselves before God and allowing His grace to empower us.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 15:1-11), similarly acknowledges his unworthiness. He recounts how he was chosen by the Risen Lord to be an apostle to the Gentiles despite his past as a persecutor of Christians. Paul humbly admits, "By the grace of God, I am what I am," emphasizing that it was only through God's grace that he could carry out his mission. Paul's story reminds us that God's call is not based on our past or perceived qualifications but on His infinite mercy and grace. Our response to God's call should mirror Paul's: a surrender of ourselves and all we have to His hands.

The Gospel today (Luke 5:1-11) offers another powerful example of God's call, this time through the miraculous catch of fish. Like the disciples who initially failed to recognize Jesus, we too may sometimes fail to recognize God's presence in our lives. But just as Jesus revealed His true identity to Simon Peter through the miraculous catch, He continues to reveal Himself to us daily. Peter's reaction, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," echoes the common theme of humility we see in the other readings. Yet, Jesus does not reject Peter for his sinfulness; instead, He calls him to a greater mission: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." The point of this story is not the abundance of fish but the recognition of Jesus as the Messiah and the commissioning of Peter to become a fisher of men.

God's Call To Holiness And Mission Transcends Time And Circumstance: These readings illustrate how God's call to holiness and mission transcends time and circumstance. The examples of Isaiah, St. Paul, and St. Peter offer profound lessons about recognizing one's own limitations while also trusting in God's grace. It is humbling to think that these figures, despite their flaws and shortcomings, were chosen by God to carry out significant missions. Their stories remind us that it's not about being perfect or worthy by our own standards, but about being willing to answer God's call, no matter where we are in life.

God's Call is Universal: The readings also remind us that God's call is universal. As the Second Vatican Council teaches, all of us, by virtue of our baptism, are called to holiness and mission. Whether we are parents, teachers, doctors, farmers, or workers in any field, God calls each of us in a unique way to be His instruments of love and grace in the world. It's not about waiting for the perfect moment but responding in faith and trust, just as St. Peter did when he left everything to follow Jesus.

God's Call Is Developing A Deep Sense Of Reverence: An essential part of answering God's call is developing a deep sense of reverence for Him. In a world that often moves too quickly, we must remember to pause and recognize God's presence—whether in the Blessed Sacrament, in the Scriptures, or in our interactions with others. True reverence involves treating others with kindness, patience, and love, and seeing the face of Christ in each person we meet.

Each Of Us Has A Unique Role To Play In God's Kingdom. Whether as parents raising children in the faith, workers showing integrity, or parishioners actively involved in ministry, we are all called to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. Our response should echo Isaiah's: "Here I am, Lord, send me." Let us not wait for the perfect moment to serve God, but, like St. Paul and St. Peter, step forward in faith. Let us say to God today, "I will do it. I will answer Your call. I will play my part in bringing Your love and mercy to the world."

One of the most impactful messages from today's readings is that God perfects those He calls. It invites us to take a step forward in faith, even if we don't feel "ready."

As we reflect on the miraculous catch of fish, let us also remember that God continues to reveal Himself to us each day. He calls us to follow Him with trust, acknowledging our weaknesses and relying on His grace. May our response bring us closer to Christ and help transform the lives of those around us.

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



MEANINGFUL WAYS TO CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE YEAR OF

The Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 is a grace-filled year for all of us. Here are a few suggestions to make this year truly meaningful:

Go to Reconciliation: The sacrament of reconciliation is central to the Jubilee Year, reflecting the Biblical tradition of forgiveness and restoration. Pope Francis has emphasized that confession is the "essential starting point of any true journey of conversion." Take time to experience this sacrament as a step toward spiritual renewal.

Read the Jubilee Document: Pope Francis' *Spes Non Confundit* is the guiding document for the 2025 Jubilee Year. It reflects on hope, mercy, and charity, inviting Catholics to engage in acts of reconciliation and care for those in need. Reading this document deepens your understanding of the Jubilee's spiritual significance and provides practical guidance for living out the Holy Year.

Make a Pilgrimage: While many will journey to Rome, Catholics can also embark on pilgrimages to local holy sites, parishes, or diocesan cathedrals. Pilgrimages are an important part of the Jubilee, and you can receive the Jubilee Indulgence by visiting designated sites, such as local shrines or churches, performing works of mercy, or participating in Mass and confession. Our parish is in the process of finalizing a date to undertake a pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral, Charleston.

Pray the Jubilee Prayer: Pope Francis has provided a special Jubilee prayer to inspire the faithful during the Holy Year. The prayer emphasizes hope and the grace of the Jubilee. It's a simple but powerful way to incorporate the themes of the Holy Year into your daily routine, whether praying it alone or with family. We recite it every day after Holy Mass with the whole with the whole congregation.

Perform Works of Mercy: Pope Francis encourages Catholics to be "tangible signs of hope" for those facing hardship. This could mean performing corporal works of mercy, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick or imprisoned, or comforting the elderly. Acts of mercy are a powerful way to live out the Gospel and embody the spirit of the Jubilee. As a community and as individuals, we could make special efforts to align our Christian lives through these actions.

Study the Resources: The Vatican and the USCCB offer online resources about the history and significance of the Jubilee. These resources help Catholics spiritually prepare for the Jubilee and understand the deeper meaning of the indulgences and other practices. You can also find information on how to celebrate locally, including the official Jubilee hymn and prayer. We can celebrate this Jubilee more meaningfully when we are better informed.

Practice Hope: Pope Francis describes hope as a key theme of the Jubilee and encourages Catholics to "deepen their hope through prayer, sacraments, and growing in virtue." This Holy Year is a time to reflect on the hope that comes from Christ and to actively cultivate it in your life. By praying, living out your faith, and trusting in God's promises, you embody the spirit of the Jubilee.

These are just a few of the many ways to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025. If we take these suggestions seriously, our Jubilee year will indeed be a time of grace.

Catechetical Corner

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN THE MASS



The Lord's Prayer, or *Our Father*, is a profound and central prayer in Christian liturgy, and its recitation during Mass is rich with meaning. Each word and phrase carries deep theological significance. Let's break it down and explore the key parts:

"At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say...": The priest says the above words before the congregation prays the Lord's prayer. In this the phrase **"we dare to say"** is striking. The word "dare" emphasizes a certain boldness and audacity. It's daring because, as humans, addressing God as *Father* is a profound act of trust and intimacy. The concept of God as *Father* was radical at the time of Jesus. In the Old Testament, God was approached with reverence and awe, but Jesus, as the Son of God, teaches us to address God with deep familiarity and personal relationship.

So, **"dare to say"** highlights that, through Jesus, we are invited into an intimate relationship with God, and it's a bold act to recognize ourselves as God's children, calling Him *Father* in our prayer. It's not about presumption, but about the privilege and intimacy given to us through Christ's teaching.

The word "Father": To address God as *Father* is incredibly significant. In the Old Testament, God is often referred to with titles like Lord, Almighty, or Creator although the Israelites viewed God as their Father. The concept of calling God *Father* (or *Abba in his native aramaic*, which translates more closely to "Daddy" or "Papa") was a new, personal way of relating to God that Jesus introduced. Jesus, in His own relationship with God, called Him *Father*—which was a relationship of love, trust, and intimacy. Mark 14:36; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:4-6 are examples where God is addressed as father. So, since we have Christ's Spirit dwelling in us, his heavenly Father has truly become our Father. As St. Paul explains, God loved us so much he sent his son to die for us, "so that we might receive adoptions as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba Father' (Galatians 4:5-6).

By teaching us to pray "Our Father," Jesus is inviting us to share in that same relationship with God. It signifies that we are not distant servants or strangers, but beloved children of God. God is not just the Creator of the universe but a loving parent who cares for us deeply.

The word "our": The word **"our"** is important because it emphasizes community. When we pray, we do not pray merely as individuals but as part of the larger body of

believers, the Church. We are united as brothers and sisters in Christ, all of us addressing God as *Father*. It reminds us that prayer is communal and that, while each of us has our own personal relationship with God, we also share a common Father and are united in the family of God.

By saying "our," we acknowledge that we are not isolated in our faith but part of a larger, global community. It reinforces the idea that the prayer is not just about individual needs but about the needs of the whole body of believers.

The Seven Petitions of the Our Father

The *Our Father* contains seven petitions, which can be grouped into two main sections: the first three are focused on God, and the last four focus on our human needs. Let's break each one down:

"Hallowed be Thy Name": This petition expresses a desire for God's name to be revered, honored, and sanctified. God's name represents His very being and character, and so this request is asking that God's holiness and glory be acknowledged and respected by all people.

"Thy Kingdom come": This petition expresses longing for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom on earth. It's not just about the afterlife but about God's reign of justice, peace, and love becoming a reality in our lives and in the world today. It calls for God's divine will to be manifest in the world around us.

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven": Here, we pray for God's will to be done perfectly on earth, just as it is done perfectly in heaven. This petition is about surrendering our own desires and aligning ourselves with God's divine plan. It also asks for the strength to carry out God's will in our lives.

The next four petitions focus on our needs:

"Give us this day our daily bread": This request is for God to provide for our material needs. Daily bread represents all that we need to sustain life, both physically and spiritually. Jesus, in being the Bread of Life, also invites us to pray for spiritual sustenance. This petition emphasizes our dependence on God for everything we need in life.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us": Here, we ask for forgiveness for our sins (trespasses) while committing to forgive those who have wronged us. It highlights the reciprocal nature of forgiveness in the Christian life—God forgives us, and we are called to forgive others. The grace we receive from God should be extended to others.

"Lead us not into temptation": This is a prayer for God's protection from temptation and from falling into sin. It acknowledges that we are vulnerable and need God's help to avoid situations where we might be led astray or fall into evil.

But deliver us from evil": This petition asks God to protect us from all forms of evil, both physical and spiritual. It's a plea for protection from harm, but also from spiritual forces that would try to pull us away from God's love.

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NEWS AND UPDATES

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN THE MASS, continued

"Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..."

After the *Our Father*, the priest prays, **"Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..."** This is a prayer for protection from all forms of evil—whether it's physical, moral, or spiritual. The prayer also asks for peace in our hearts, in our communities, and in the world. It acknowledges the reality of evil in the world and expresses a trust in God's ability to safeguard us from its influence.

"For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever"

This response by the people, known as the *Doxology*, is an expression of praise to God. It acknowledges God as the ultimate source of all **kingdom, power, and glory**. Everything belongs to God, and He is sovereign over all things, both "in this life and in the life to come."

The phrase emphasizes God's eternal reign and majesty. **Kingdom** refers to God's rule over creation, **power** speaks to God's omnipotence, and **glory** reflects His honor and splendor. This acclamation is a way for the people to affirm that all glory, power, and authority belong to God alone.

In summary, the *Our Father* is a prayer that teaches us about our relationship with God as His children, calling us to be humble, trusting, and unified in our faith. It also expresses both our dependence on God and our responsibility to live according to His will. The Lord's Prayer not only addresses our personal needs but also connects us to the greater community of believers and to God's larger plan for His Kingdom. The *Doxology* is a final expression of praise, acknowledging God's eternal sovereignty.



St. Francis Blessing Box is located at the corner of 6th Avenue and Park Street. Your donation is a gift to someone in need. A blue bin has been placed in the back of church to collect donated items. Items greatly needed are canned goods, noodles, toiletries, gloves, hats, scarves and socks.

"Whatever you are, be a good one."

— Abraham Lincoln



DIocese OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

PRIESTHOOD Discernment Retreat

- Open to men 18 and older
- Pray, share meals, and meet with current WV seminarians
- Hear talks about priestly life and discernment

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Apply today! 



For more information:
Joe King
304-206-8292

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Boys and Girls Ages 9-14
Age as of December 31, 2024

Sunday February 16th, 2025
1:00 pm

St. Francis Parish Center
Corner of 6th Ave. & Park St. — St. Albans

NEWS AND UPDATES

AFTER MASS FELLOWSHIP



After Mass Fellowship takes place in the School Cafeteria on the First Sunday of the month. Thank you Mike and Nanette Martin, Evelyn and Benny Pontiveros for hosting Sunday. If you would like to host Fellowship, contact the Church office at 304.727.3033.



Father and Dave had a wonderful in house visit this week with Nancy Hillen. We are praying for you Nancy!

Share your special dates with the church community, Birthday or Anniversary

The community would love to celebrate and rejoice with you on special occasions. We would be delighted to congratulate you during church services and include your wedding anniversary—or any other significant anniversary—in our monthly bulletin.

To make this possible, please share the date of your wedding or any important occasion with us. We'll ensure it's included in the bulletin each month, so we can honor and celebrate with you.

Thank you, and we look forward to celebrating these special milestones together!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Uphold them in your prayers-

David DeLuca, Jay Dlugos, Suzanne Farley, Nona Fields, Jo Fletcher, Debbie Flinner, Liz Gadd, Barbara George, Alaina Rae Gilbert, Robin Gothard, Aubrie Hebb, Donna Hebb, Nancy Hillen, Diane Holley-Brown, Jane Howley, Max Huck, Kenny Huck, Virgil Huck, Bud Humphreys, Carmelina Kessler, Dawna Kessler, Tooter Kirk, Barbara Lambert, Larry Lerosé, Madison Lopez, Susan Lopez, Nanette Martin, Sue Martin, Brent Marsteller, Mary McNeely, Joe McQuaide, Lillian Matheny, Kim McBurney, Mario Mendez, Jack Myatt, Susan Robinson, Diana Rossi, Patricia Ruddle, Scarlett (child), Lillian Schilling, Michael Scott, Peggy Shelton, Matt Sowers, Becky Vannatter Smith, Elizabeth Stonestreet, Joseph Swanson, Valerie Tabit, Pat Tabor, Colleen Ullmer, Joyce Weiskircher, Roberta VanHorn, Pat Vannatter, Robbie Vannatter, Barbara Yeager, Jack Myatt

Immediate Prayer Needs:

Chad Wilbanks	Margaret McEvoy	Matt Sowers
Nanette Martin	Anna Ng	Dave Lucas
Alaina Rae Gilbert	John Carnell	Ralph Holand
Rick Robinson	Josephine Fletcher	Darlene Holland
Terry DeLuca	Chuck Powers	Mary Sanney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Francis Woman's Club Meeting

SFWC will meet Monday, February 10th at 6:30 in the school cafeteria. The program for the evening will be White Elephant Bingo. Bring a wrapped gift to the meeting for a bingo prize. The hostesses for the evening will be Barbara Jackson, Terry DeLuca and Pat Tabor. A fun evening is in store for everyone. Come and join your parish ladies. No dues, just fun. See you there.

DICIPLE MAKER SURVEY

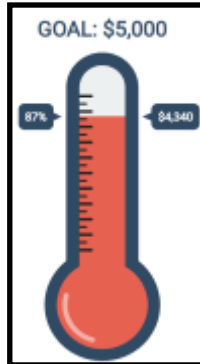
The Disciple Maker Survey dates have been extended. New dates are: February 11th for online and QR Code. Paper copies, February 18th. Go to dwc.org/2024-dmi-survey to complete online. Paper copies are in the back of church on the choir railing and can be returned there also.

Scan for Survey:



WORSHIP: HYMNAL/MISSALETTE

You have an opportunity to donate toward the purchase of the new, hardbound Missalettes (\$30 per book). We will place a bookplate in each Missalette that is fully sponsored by a parishioner with their name & the in memory of/in honor of that they wish. Donation envelopes available at the back of the church—please place completed envelopes in collection basket. Thank you for your tremendous response to our campaign. Our goal is \$5,000.00, to date we have raised \$4,340.00. We are almost to goal!



Congratulations Mike Maruish on your Humanitarian Award



Sharing our Treasury

Listed below are collections for February 1 & 2, 2025

Collection for Church Operation.....	\$3,459.85
School.....	00.00
Diocese.....	\$5.00
Votive Candles.....	\$141.00

Total.....\$3,605.85
Weekly Mass Attendance

Sat- 86 Sun- 101 TOTAL-187

Christ's Kitchen Food Pantry
Collection: 2nd weekend of each month but accepted any time.
The Pantry is in need of Peanut Butter, Vienna Sausages, Pasta Sauce, Ramen Noodles, & Brownie Mix.
Thank you for your unwavering support of this critical outreach!

If you have any meetings or important information you would like in the bulletin, please email it to: parish@stfranciswv.org by Wednesday at noon to be printed in that weeks bulletin.

Second Collections

February 8/9th

Church Missions within the United States

February 15/16th

School Support

Safe Environment Reporting Statement

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston maintains an Office of Safe Environment in accordance with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. **To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children:** The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing www.reportbishopabuse.org to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit www.reportbishopabuse.org. **To Report to Civil Authorities:** Contact your local law enforcement; numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. **To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse,** contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. **To Report to Diocesan Authorities:** In addition to civil authorities, the diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate church 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. In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the **EthicsPoint** platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via www.dwc.org, under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected.