

Pope Grants Plenary Indulgence for St. Joseph Cathedral's Centennial Year

WHEELING — Pope Leo XIV has granted a Plenary Indulgence for the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling during its upcoming Centennial Year, from April 21, 2026 through April 21, 2027. A plenary indulgence is a beautiful gift of grace from the Church, the full remission of the temporal punishment due to sin. In other words, it's a powerful opportunity for spiritual renewal and a deeper experience of God's mercy. During this special year, the faithful can receive this indulgence by: • Devoutly visiting the Cathedral • Participating in a sacred liturgy, or at least praying the Our Father and the Creed • And fulfilling the usual conditions: Confession, Holy Communion, and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father. The Pope grants Plenary Indulgence for the Cathedral's Centennial Year "As the Mother Church of our Diocese celebrates 100 years, this is truly a moment of grace, not just for our parish, but for all the faithful," parish officials said. "Come and be part of it. Come and receive the Lord's mercy. Come and celebrate this historic year with us."

The Solemn Mass for the 100th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling is on Tuesday April 21 at 5:00PM. There will be a reception afterwards in the Great Hall of Wheeling Central Catholic High School. If you want to attend you must let Father know as soon as possible. He has a limited number of reservation available.

This Week

- † **Saturday, April 18: Confession 4:30PM to 5:15PM, Mass 5:30PM; Int. For all our Parishioners.**
- † **Sunday, April 19: The Third Sunday of Easter; Mass 9:00AM; Int. For peace, justice and the protection of life.**
- † **Tuesday, April 21; Mass 9:00M; St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; Int. For all priests and bishops who shepherd us in our faith.**
- † **Wednesday, April 22: Mass 9:00AM; Int. For all missionaries who struggle and work to spread the Word.**
- † **Thursday, April 23: Mass 9:00AM; St. George Martyr, St. Adalbert, Bishop and martyr; Int. For Pope Leo XIV and all who defend our faith.**
- † **Friday, April 24: Eucharistic Adoration 8:30AM, Mass 9:00AM; St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr; Int. For all the poor and hungry in the world.**
- † **Saturday, April 25: Confession 4:30PM to 5:15PM, Mass 5:30PM; Int. For all our parishioners**
- † **Sunday, April 26: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mass 11:15AM; Santo Niño Celebration; Int. For the Philippines and our local Filipino Community.**

Saturday April 25, 2026

Reader: Ina Morell

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Butler & Karen Cady

Sunday April 26, 2026

Readers: Knights of Columbus

Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Vannest & Todd Roberts

Hospitality: Bonnie Friend

Grass Cutters

April 23

Chester McClellan & Easton Bridges

Offertory/Attendance

April 12: \$3250 Attendance 115

Prayer List : Jim Hildebrand, Mary Beth Hixon, Sheila Giovinazzo, Gabe Maurer, Father Pen's brother, Riley Knotts, David Shockey, Linda Kemenah, Bobby Lucas, Peyton Kegley, Ina Morrell, Richard & Kate Douglas, Sharyn Sims, Emily, Bobbie Chubb, Jim Hormsdorpher, Michael Kiser, Keaton Patterson, Norma Maurer, Gordon Maurer, Tanya Ball, Malori Bailes, Katie Romeo, Josie Morris, Shirley Livingston, Debbie Gump, R.R., Gale Tribbett, Barb White, Brittany Cottrell, Debbie Mullins, Beverlee Wilson, Billy Cox, Brian Cox, Melissa Holsinger, Allie Romeo, Ruth Sergeant, Pam Casto, Debbie Romeo, Millie Jaggard, Jim Jaggard, Roberta Striga, Carol Woody, Ralph Parsons, Terry Parsons, Toni Burks, Lois Shreve, Holly McCoy, Benny Hunt, Vanessa Sawyer, Breanna Sawyer, Kevin Donahue, Robert Patterson, Dr. Alberto A. Fernandez, David Harris, Vincent Vespucci, Jason Price, Rick Petry, Baylen Evans, Malinda McNabb, Larry Vansickle, Richard Buckley, Allie Kramer, Vince Jiovannazzo, Gina Daviau, Michael Hughes, Devin Colahan, Bryan Thompson, Jeananne Tribbet, Luke Liggett, Betty Collins, Stephanie Milikaia, George Malone, Steve Sommerville, Axel, Devin Colahan, Lois Rafferty, Jacob Morton, TC Johnson, Dax Austin, Gary Gwisdalla, Inkey Arose, George Puskas, Jackson Parker, Amanda Taylor, Sierra Butler, Susan Johnson, Angela Kelly, Steve Hunt, Mika Martin, Martha Moran, Charles and Gail Parks, Melanie Johnson, Marife Daily, Kitty Deschappelles, Fanie Vannest, Steve & Vida Perrine, Julian Perrine, Cindy Crocket, Barbara Rutan, and all the sick of our parish, and all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

April Birthdays: Julie Parks 4/8; Randy Heatherington 4/11; Eric Hupp 4/13; Sue Cross 4/15; John Butler 4/16; Jerry Engle 4/17; Marife Daily 4/20; Frank Nester 4/20; Mitch Marra 4/20; Mark Gorman 4/23; Vida Perrine 4/28; Jayme Hill 4/28; Gail Tribett 4/30.

April Anniversaries: None listed

Intention for Month of April: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Pope Leo XIV@Pontifax: There is bread for everyone if it is given to everyone. There is bread for everyone if it is taken, not with a hand that snatches away, but with a hand that gives. In this way, the food was abundant. It was not rationed out of necessity. It was not stolen in strife. It was not wasted by those who gorge themselves in the presence of those who have nothing to eat.

Announcements

- If you want to receive Holy Communion kneeling down, please sit in the front pew.
- The Solemn Mass for the 100th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling is on Tuesday April 21 at 5:00PM. There will be a reception afterwards in the Great Hall of Wheeling Central Catholic High School so if you want to attend you must let Father know right away. He only has so many reservations.
- There will be a Parish Evangelization Team meeting on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 at St. Matthew.
- The Office will be open on Monday and Thursday, April 20 & 23 this week.
- If you would like to be a candidate to be trained to be a Tribunal Advocate to help with the ministry of the Marriage Tribunal please let Father know. It is an 8 week commitment and the training is done via Zoom.
- Work on the parking lot will be taking place on Monday and Tuesday, April 20 & 21. Mass will not be cancelled this week so please park on Crooks Ave. and/or in Father's driveway.
- Lector, Eucharistic Minister, hospitality and lawn mowing schedules are in the vestibule in an envelope on the bulletin board. Please pick up your copy.

- The Santo Niño Novena begins on Saturday, April 18 and ends with the celebration on Sunday, April 26 with Mass at 11:15AM at St. Matthew followed by the luncheon. There is a sign-up sheet for side dishes for the Santo Niño luncheon. Remember mass will be at 11:15AM on this Sunday only.
- The Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30PM. Note the change of date.
- Thank you to Captain John Early for donating money for the Easter Baskets.
- Thank you to Mitch Marra for organizing the Easter egg hunt and for hiding the eggs.
- St. Matthew will be sending out College Care Packages for our 10 college students in 2 weeks. Donations are appreciated so we can buy a \$25 gift card for each student. Items and snacks that fit into a shoe box are also appreciated.
- The winners of the ladies Guild raffle were Habeb Family Chiropractic – The \$350 Gift Basket and Adyson Toler – the Handmade St. Patrick's Day Afghan.
- Look around and notice the beautiful religious art that has been added to the church and parish hall. If you would like to contribute to this ongoing project make your donation with ART in the check memo or envelope and we will happily credit your contribution and continue to add to our collection.
- On Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 a group will be selling olivewood carvings from the Holy Land after both masses. The income from these sales goes to support 200 Christian families living in the Holy Land or who have fled from the Holy Land.
- On Saturday, May 9 at 3:00PM Sacred Heart will have a Pampered Chef party. This will be a great time for shopping fun & fellowship and the opportunity to get some basic kitchen utensils for the SH kitchen. Online orders will also be possible. More information later.
- Michael Sayre is planning to attend the 2026 Boy Scout National Jamboree in July. The two week camping experience is attended by Scouts from all over the country. The cost is \$1950. Michael wants to raise part of the money himself to pay for his trip. He will do odd jobs around the county. Call him at 304-440-0100 or Catherine Sayre at 304-512-9151.
- Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Please join Father Roy and Deacon John for a five week bereavement experience called "Grieving with Great Hope". Join with others who have suffered loss as we learn together in the love of Christ how to grieve with great hope. Sign up sheet and more information in the vestibule.
- The Knights and Ladies Guild will pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 6:00PM. All are welcome to come and join in prayer.
- If you want to receive Holy Communion kneeling down please sit in the front pew.

To report an incidence 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. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504