

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of
ADVENT



Gaudete Sunday

December 15, 2024

Sacraments

Baptism

Contact Parish office or Fr. Jojan to schedule the Baptism and make arrangements for the required parent preparation session.

First Holy Communion

First Eucharist is celebrated in April/May for children who are enrolled in second grade at either Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School, or the Faith Formation Program of our Parish.

Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 4:15pm to 5:15pm, and before or after weekday Masses.

Confirmation

Celebrated for students in 9th grade who have been prepared during their 8th grade year. Catholic adults who have not been confirmed should contact the Parish Office to be included in the celebration.

Marriage Contact Parish office or Fr. Jojan Joseph **6 months in advance** of the marriage date.

Anointing of the Sick & Visiting of the Sick/Homebound

Please notify Fr. Jojan Joseph at 304-281-0086

WELCOME TO SSPP PARISH!

NEW MEMBERS - Catholics over the age of 18 (unless they are in school) are invited to become registered members of our parish! This is a great way to practice the Catholic Faith. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards in the back of the Church.

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Sat. Dec. 14 Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent
 5:30p.m. †Fr. Leon Alexander
 req. by Morgan & Kathy Bracken

Sun. Dec. 15 Third Sunday of Advent
 8:00a.m. †Deceased family of Stanley & Wanda Rosiek
 req. by Paula Prostrollo

10:30a.m. For Our Parish Family
3:00p.m. Advent Penance Service

Mon Dec. 16
8:30a.m. †James Demasi req. by Dena Turner

Tue. Dec. 17 No Mass
7:00p.m. Childrens Christmas Programs

Wed. Dec. 18
 8:30a.m. †Agnes Williams
 req. by SSPP Ladies Guild

Thu. Dec. 19
 5:30p.m. †Emmanuel Benny
 req. by Lloyd & Jewel Nutter

6:00p.m. Benediction and Adoration

Fri. Dec. 20
 8:30a.m. †Virginia Mae Loomodl
 req. by Brad Deflumeri & Rachel Roush

Sat. Dec. 21 Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent
 5:30p.m. †Deceased Vento Family
 req. by Judy Learmonth

Sun. Dec. 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 8:00a.m. For Our Parish Family
 10:30a.m. Health of Jim Jones
 req. by Hue Jones

Third Week of Advent - Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.



SSPP Ladies Guild Angel Tree project

Ladies Guild is adopting 14 children from 11 families, as well as providing coats for 46 children from New River PreK-2, for this year's Angel Tree.

ATTENTION EVERYONE:



The Angel Tree is up and awaiting your help. Please take as many angels as you'd like and return unwrapped WITH your angel tag so we can sort correctly. The deadline for returning is December 15th so time is short to help these children. Any Food gift cards would also help families with Christmas meals. The need is great!

Please be an ANGEL to someone this blessed Christmas season.

If you are not able to shop and would like to make a monetary donation, please drop it off at the office and mark it for the Angel Tree.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for Dec. 21/Dec. 22

Altar Servers	Lectors	Hospitality Ministers	Extraordinary E.M.
<u>Saturday 21, 5:30p.m.</u> Paula Lagos Steve Morel	Rebecca Stinnett	Scott Vargo Brenda Vargo	Tom Gerencer Steve Morel
<u>Sunday 22, 8:00a.m.</u> Blake Kemlock Brandt Kemlock Trace Rosiek	Jordanne McVey	Debbie Garvin Anthony Gerard	Aaron Kemlock Dianne Murphy
<u>Sunday 22, 10:30a.m.</u> Tripton Kiliany Ivy Keffer Lily Pino	Stephen Zagata	Jose Ibarra Eddie Chornobay	Gemma White Herman Hundley

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute



Saints Peter & Paul Parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Saints Peter & Paul Parish. *The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:*

- *Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.*
- *Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.*
- *Help parishioners grow in their faith.*

The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link from **January 7 – February 6** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.



Bringing People to Jesus Christ

ALL OF US ARE CALLED TO EVANGELIZE

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation
(II Corinthians 6:2)

Advent Penance Service

Sunday, December 15, at 3:00p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 4:30p.m. Children's Mass &

Midnight Mass: 11:30p.m.

Christmas Day: 10:30a.m.

New Year Mass Schedule

Wednesday, January 1, 5:30p.m.

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Additional Advent Penance Services

St. John, Summersville: Dec. 16 - 19 at 6:00p.m.

Adult Bible Study

Sunday, December 15th, 9:15a.m. - 10:15a.m.

Last Week's Attendance & Giving

Dec. 7 & 8, 2024

Attendance: 178

Regular Collection Combined Masses

Weekly Offering	\$ 2,868.00
Online	\$ 325.00
School	\$ 130.00
School Maintenance	\$ 60.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 35.00
Votives	\$ 40.00
Second Collections -	
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 721.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 0.00
Christmas	\$ 0.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 0.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 150.00
Food Pantry	\$ 0.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 401.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 254.00

Thank you for your generous support !

Faith Formation Classes

Sundays, 9:15a.m. - 10:15a.m.

Attendance - December 8th

K/1: 2 3rd/4th: 3 5th/6th/7th: 3

First Holy Communion: 3

St. Nicholas visits with Faith Formation class



Saints Peter & Paul Christmas Party was a great time. Thanks to everyone for bringing their



homemade dishes and desserts. There was enough food and fellowship to make lasting memories.



Thanks also to the Ladies Guild for their contributions and for making it a festive day for everyone.



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. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods. Saints Peter & Paul Church has named Cindy Everly the Coordinator for our church's Safe Environment team.

Eucharistic Revival



**Father in heaven, you have made us for yourself;
our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Fulfill this longing through Jesus, the Bread of Life,
whose sacramental Body we receive in the Eucharist,**

so that we may witness to him who alone satisfies the hungers of the human family.

By the power of your Spirit

lead us to the heavenly table where we may feast on the vision of your glory for ever and ever, Amen.



School News

Christmas Programs: The children have been practicing their Christmas programs since October. Preschool will be performing *Christmas Step by Step*, and K-5 students will be performing *The Big, Big Story*. Both performances will be on Tuesday, December 17 @ 7:00 PM. Please feel free to attend, support our students, and catch the Christmas spirit!

~Natasha Mucho-Seay, Principal

Breakfast with Santa & the Grinch was a lot of fun for everyone. Thank you to all who joined us.



Gift Card Basket winner:

John Hayes

Knights News: Grand Knight: Dr. Ricky White

1-405-812-5448 Rickyd.white@gmail.com

The Knights are offering their Christmas Cards for \$10 a box, pins 2/\$1.00 and magnets 2/\$2.00. Come get yours while supplies last.

Food & Hygiene Pantry: Pantries are open for assistance Mon.- Fri. from 8:00am to 3:00pm. All parishioners and school parents & personnel are welcome. Contact Anthony Gerard at 304-673-1054.

Live Nativity Dec. 20th & 21st 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. Kaymoor Community Church 8028 Gatewood Rd Fayetteville, WV 25840 invites everyone to come see.

Pilgrimage to Italy: My name is Kai Smith, a Sophomore at Fairmont State University attending the Newman Center. I attended Saints Peter and Paul school and Parish as an Alter Server. The DWC has organized a pilgrimage to Italy this coming summer from May 26 to June 3rd for college students in the diocese. The cost is \$3,800. I am asking for your support to attend this once in a lifetime Jubilee year opportunity. Checks can be made out to me, Kai Smith with **Italy Pilgrimage** in the memo and left with Fr. Jojan, or the parish office. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and time.

Contributions can be made at this link:

[79V6kqGVQranmMkEJvCx](https://www.wetravel.com/79V6kqGVQranmMkEJvCx)

[Contribute to Kai Smith's trip to Rome
wetravel.com](https://www.wetravel.com)

God bless you, ~Kai Smith

The Advent wreath, it is a tangible reminder of our preparation and anticipation of the birth of Christ. It has evolved through the centuries and across cultures and faiths. Each element is symbolic of aspects of the Christmas story and our faith.

Traditionally the candles used are three purple and one pink. Purple, the color associated of royalty, represents prayer, penance, and works of mercy we take on during the season. The pink (rose) represents joy. This candle is lit on Gaudete Sunday (the third Sunday of Advent), which means “rejoice” and marks the halfway point until Christ’s birth.

Depending on culture or tradition the weeks represent hope, peace, joy, and love; or hope, faith, joy, and peace.

Regardless of your advent wreath appearance, the most important element is in the pause for prayer and reflection. It prompts us to remember Scripture, the prophecy, Mary’s acceptance, and why Christ came to dwell among us. Let us remember that God is always present in our life and sent his only Son to restore light and peace within and for us.



First Week of Advent – Hope

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever. Amen.



Second Week of Advent - Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best version of ourselves, fill us with a deep



and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Third Week of Advent - Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.



Fourth Week of Advent - Love

All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming.



We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Relevant Radio was honored to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience. You can access all their video recordings and podcast coverage at RelevantRadio.com/NEC.

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Montgomery - Beckley	FM	89.7
Purgitsville	FM	98.7
St. Marys - Parkersburg	FM	105.3
Star City - Morgantown	FM	89.7
Summersville	FM	91.3
Wheeling - Martins Ferry, OH	FM	90.7
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Saints Peter & Paul Parish Oak Hill, WV First Saturday/Sunday Rosary

All are welcome to join Saints Peter & Paul parishioners at 5:00p.m. every first Saturday, Sunday 7:30a.m. & 10:00a.m. to recite The Holy Rosary. This is an opportunity for you to participate in the mysteries of the Rosary as we get to know Jesus better through the eyes of His Most Blessed Mother.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

December Bulletin is now available.

A folder containing these and prior bulletins is located in the back of the church as well as in the parish office. For those who do not have internet access please take one and check back for next months edition. Those with VIRTUS accounts can log on at any point this month and read the bulletin online. Anyone wishing to read these important bulletins are welcome and encouraged to take as well.



“TEACH US TO PRAY”

Living the Year of Prayer in Preparation for Jubilee 2025

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus

Pope's Prayer Intention for December For Pilgrims Of Hope

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.





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Revival Year of Mission**

Walk +++
with One +++

Year of Mission = YOUR Year of Mission, WV

You. Yes, you!

Will YOU Answer the Call?

The National Eucharistic Revival is to energize each one of us!

Be an Instrument of the Good Shepherd

Jesus showed us just how deeply he cherishes every soul when he shared the parable of the Good Shepherd, who left the ninety-nine to seek out the one lost sheep. During this Year of Mission, he is inviting each of us to be his hands and feet in a special way, reaching out to those who are lost or have wandered away from his Church and accompanying them on their journey home. We call this initiative Walk with One.

Let's go, WV! The Year of Mission is really YOUR Year of Mission!

This isn't just a communal call—it's a personal one.

YOU are invited to be God's instrument in the life of one other person.

Here's how you can respond:

1. Identify Someone in a Spirit of Humility

Spend a little time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to show you whom he wants you to accompany. It may be someone you already know needs your support, or the answer might surprise you!

2. Intercede for That Person

Lift them up in your prayers, asking God to prepare their heart for whatever he has in store. Stay attuned to the voice of the Holy Spirit and ask him to guide you in being a vessel of his grace.

3. Connect in Eucharistic Friendship

Just as Jesus tenderly carries the lost sheep back to the fold, we are called to build relationships rooted in compassion. Listen to their story. Share your own. This is not a one-time conversation. Walk alongside them, offering the support they need.

4. Invite That Person to Take a Concrete Step

Whether it's inviting them to join you for Mass, a

small group, or a service opportunity, the Holy Spirit will lead you in guiding the person he wants to call home to Christ and his Church.

Revival Walk with One

If every active Catholic brings just one person into an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist, it will be a remarkable revival for our time! Not only will this journey change the person you are walking with, it will change your life as well.

Take a moment right now to quiet your heart and listen for Jesus. If you feel a nudge to commit to Walk with One, click below to let us know! We promise to support you with prayers, resources, and encouragement every step of the way.

GET STARTED

Keep following our diocesan social media, read your FaithInWV e-bulletin, and watch for the Catholic Spirit. In other words- let's all take ownership of our faith and lifelong growth to be closer to God!

START HERE: WWW.DWC.ORG and click our National Eucharistic Revival button.

Make it a great Year of Mission WV!



Walk With One



Eucharistic Examen

This Eucharistic Examen is designed to be used as part of your “Walk with One” journey (see www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one for more info). Throughout each stage of the journey, pray this examen to help you discern the path the Lord is calling you to follow in accompanying another person towards Jesus.

Take

Opening Prayer: Ask God to help you be aware of his presence, to truly encounter him, and to open your heart to the person whom Jesus is bringing to mind.

Choose a Scripture passage in which Jesus calls a person by name, and sit with it. For example:

- Mt 4:18–22
- Mt 9:9–13
- Mt 14:22–33
- Mk 1:16–20
- Mk 2:13–17
- Lk 5:1–11
- Lk 5:27–32
- Lk 10:38–42
- Lk 13:10–17
- Lk 19:1–10
- Jn 1:35–42 and 43–51
- Jn 11:1–44 (esp. 43)
- Jn 15:1–17
- Jn 20:11–18
- Jn 21:15–19

Bless

Reflect on some aspect of the Paschal Mystery: Jesus’ Passion and Death, Resurrection, or Ascension.

Ask Jesus to shower his love upon the person for whom you are interceding, and pray for the courage to accompany the person in a spirit of self-giving and openness.

Break

Considering your daily and weekly routines, ask the Lord to show you how to break out of your comfort zone to make space to connect with the person for whom you have been interceding.

Invite the Holy Spirit to identify the next best concrete step, and pray in thanksgiving for the opportunity to build a new friendship.

Give

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you practice the art of listening and discern a concrete invitation you can give to your friend to draw closer to Jesus. Make a resolution about how and when you will extend this invitation.

Closing Prayer: Ask Jesus to help you keep your resolution as you journey on mission with him, making a gift of yourself for the life of the world.

“You go to the celebration of Mass, receive communion, adore the Lord and then what do you do after? You go out and evangelize. Jesus asks this of us. The Eucharist, then impels us to strong and committed love of neighbor... especially those who are poor, suffering, weary or who may have gone astray in life.” POPE FRANCIS to the Organizing Committee of the National Eucharistic Congress, 6/19/23



Walk With One

In the Scriptures, we hear over and over how Jesus invited people one by one to follow him. He also invites us to follow him more deeply and, just like him, to “walk with one” person to a new or renewed experience of God’s love.

Evangelization, or “bringing the Good News,” typically happens in one-on-one moments that are not planned or scripted. This can happen at the grocery store, the bus stop, or a sporting event. As Pope Francis has noted, “Anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 120).

You might be asking yourself: Where do I start with inviting someone to take a step closer to Jesus? How might I invite them forward in their faith? Here’s a simple four-stage process of accompaniment that focuses on a “heart-to-heart” approach:

- 1. Identify someone in a spirit of humility**
- 2. Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit**
- 3. Connect in Eucharistic friendship**
- 4. Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her**

Throughout each stage of your “Walk with One” journey, we encourage you to pray the Eucharistic Examen to help you discern the path the Lord is calling you to follow (you can find this examen at www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one). The bottom line is this: if you can open your heart to speak about how Jesus has touched your life, your heart will touch the heart of whomever the Holy Spirit leads you to accompany.

***By virtue of our Baptismal calling,
the Lord is sending each of us to give
witness to his saving love.***

STEP 1

Identify someone in a spirit of humility:

Prayerfully begin to discern whom God is calling you to accompany.

Before you begin the process of inviting someone into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, spend time in prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide you in this process. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the person that he wants you to accompany. Consider going to Eucharistic adoration or committing to a period of silent prayer in a church to allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you.



STEP 2

Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit:

Pray for the grace to be able to accompany the person whom the Lord has laid on your heart.

Now that the Lord has identified a person whom you know, commit to pray for them for a specific period of time, asking God to open the opportunity for a conversation. Pray for any struggles the person might be facing with brokenness or sin, and for any obstacles that might impede this person from drawing closer to Jesus and exploring the Catholic faith more deeply. Consider offering a holy hour or a novena of prayer for that person.





STEP 3

Connect in Eucharistic friendship:

Look for ways to accompany the person you have prayed for, to build a deeper relationship, and to practice the art of empathetic listening.

Eucharistic friendship builds upon the dynamic that Jesus revealed in his relationships with the disciples and, above all, at the Last Supper—he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it. It is important to take or receive what the other person has to share, to bless or lift it up in prayer, to let the Holy Spirit help break open an area for potential growth, and then to give of yourself in response. It is also important to recognize that this may not be a “one and done” conversation but is more likely to be a series of conversations and invitations, developing a real friendship with that person. Find an appropriate time to begin growing in your friendship, perhaps over coffee or lunch. Listen deeply for promptings from the Holy Spirit as you get to know your friend’s joys and struggles. Share with them some of your own.

Listen respectfully when the conversation turns to spiritual matters, including their relationship with God and questions or concerns about the Church, and reserve judgment about their opinions. Some people might be ready to discuss the spiritual life after only a conversation or two, while for others it might take more time.

STEP 4

Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her:

Follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit to invite him or her to a concrete next step in fostering a personal relationship with Jesus and the Church.

It is important to remember that it may not be easy to invite a person to come to Mass, particularly someone who has been away for some time or someone who has had no religious formation. It may be better to begin with an invitation to a parish small group experience, a service opportunity, or a social event. For those who need healing or an experience of God's merciful love, an invitation to accompany them to the Sacrament of Reconciliation could be appropriate.

If you discern that inviting the person to Mass is the best next step, encourage them to come with you and your family or with a group of friends. Your invitation could be as simple as: "Our family/my friends and I always look forward to celebrating Sunday Mass. It is a source of strength and hope for us, and it reaffirms our trust in Jesus. My family/friends and I would love for you to come with us. We are going to the 10:30 am Mass at St. John Parish on Sunday, and you are welcome to come with us to Mass and to lunch afterwards. If you need a ride, let me know!"

If the person shuts down the conversation, do not take it personally. Maybe they are not yet ready. Follow up with a statement that keeps the door open. "I understand. Thank you for talking with me about this. If you ever want to talk about your faith, I am always here for you." No matter what the outcome is, keep persevering in your friendship and ask the Lord to continue to guide you. After every encounter, thank God for the conversations that you have been having and remember to keep this person in your prayers.





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Feed My People

By Sam Cann, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Stonewood

Like so many enjoyable events in our lives when they are over, after you are home, once you start the everyday routine of our daily lives, the memories of the wonderful trip, the restful vacation, the sharing of stories with family and friends become a fading memory.



Though the Eucharistic Congress seems somewhat like that, it is not quite the same, the words, "Feed My People" keep ringing in my head or my heart and my entire being and I know where the voice is coming from. Now we must figure out how to follow, put into action the mission that rang so loudly for 5 days in Indianapolis.

The events and the organization were so well done you had a sense of awe, you knew in your spirit this was not just a cool conference gathering of Christian folks, this was a movement, a wakeup call, a calling to action, a Revival! (Christ was saying) "My People I am here. I have given you the tools, the way to spread the Good News to those you cross paths."

The Mission to invigorate Catholics with teachings that we get to experience the TRUE PRESENCE of GOD thru Our Lord



Jesus Christ at every Mass every day and that is food and drink of life, Spiritual Life where we get a grace like no other to strengthen, guide, and lead us to strengthen, guide, and lead others. Then together we make up the Mystical Body of Christ here on earth, The Church!

With Christ as our head, we as part of His Body are fed and nourished through the Blessed Sacrament of The Holy Eucharist, the action that takes place every day at every Mass all over the world.



The thing I will remember most, the procession of Clergy into Mass every morning took 30 minutes, not because it was slow but because there were that many Priests, Seminarians, Deacons, Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Bishops that attended each day along with the 45,000-60,000 people.

Then when it came time for communion to watch these (priests) venture into the crowds and spread throughout the stadium. It felt as though we were watching the Apostles going out through ALL THE LANDS spreading the GOOD NEWS!

The many great, what I call TRUE BELIEVERS, that spoke to us beginning with Bishop (Andrew) Cozzens, Mother Olga, Sister Bethany Madonna, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Bishop (Robert) Barron, and Jonathan Roumie; and music with so many wonderful musicians like Matt Maher- each had words of wisdom sent from above saying over and over the message, "FEED MY PEOPLE!"

He has given us true bread and true drink - (His Body and Blood) - to give us understanding to show us HE LOVES US, and we have been sent to spread the GOOD NEWS one by one It was a wonderful spiritual experience which has started a fire burning. We now must pray and act to keep the fire burning!