

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
(also by appointment)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday and Tuesday in the
Mercy Center Chapel

FIRST FRIDAY BENEDICTION AND ADORATION

In the church at 6:00 p.m.
(followed by the Most Holy Rosary
at 6:30 p.m.)

RECITATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

6:30 p.m. (every Friday in the church)

INFANT BAPTISM

Parent preparation classes are
required for each couple planning
to have their baby baptized.
To schedule a preparation session,
please call the church office.

MARRIAGE

OLBS sponsors a preparation program
for couples who intend to marry.
The Pastor must be contacted at
least six months prior to the date
of the wedding.

RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH

Those inquiring into the Catholic
Faith or seeking communion with
the Church are invited to contact
the Parish Office. Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is offered.

HOME VISIT WITH FATHER OSCAR

To schedule, please call the church
office at the number below.

Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass 4:00 p.m.
(first Sunday of the month)

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday – Thursday 9:30 a.m.
Friday 5:30 p.m.
(followed by the Rosary —
first Friday of the month
is followed by a holy hour)

HOLIDAYS

9:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Parish Offices

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 27th & 28th, 2024

Saturday, July 27th SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm VBS Children's Mass
Mass offered for McGowan & Kopacki
Families, for healing
Requested by Quan & Sandy Dinh

Sunday, July 28th SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

8:00 am **Choir Practice**
9:00 am Mass offered for Patrick McGowan (RIP)
Requested by Quan & Sandy Dinh

Monday, July 29th *Saints Mary, Martha, and Lazarus**

No Mass
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, July 30th *Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church**

9:30 am Mass offered for Ralph Racioppi (RIP)
Requested by Cathy Fudella
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, July 31st *Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

9:30 am Mass offered for Patrick McGowan (RIP)
Requested by Donna Geron

Thursday, August 1st *Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church**

9:30 am Mass offered for Vincent B. D'Elia (RIP)
Requested by Vickie Roane

Friday, August 2nd *Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop
Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

5:30 pm **FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR**
Mass offered for Patrick McGowan (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
6:00 pm Holy Hour

Saturday, August 3rd EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Patrick McGowan (RIP)
Requested by Virginia Kopacki

Sunday, August 4th EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

8:00 am **Choir Practice**
9:00 am Mass Offered for Billy McGowan (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday (August 1)
and in Honor of Marian Kopacki
on her 95th Birthday
Requested by Janice McGowan & Family
4:00 pm **Spanish Mass**

Then Jesus took the loaves,
and when he had given thanks,
he distributed them to those
who were seated; so also the fish,
as much as they wanted.



John 6:11, NRSV

Each Friday Daily Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Most Holy Rosary.
On First Fridays, Mass will be followed by the Holy Hour.

The Spanish Mass will be held on Sunday, August 4th at 4:00 pm as this is the first Sunday of the month.

Hearing Assistance Available

If you are having difficulty hearing the Mass in Church, please arrive a few minutes early and speak with one of the ushers.



BE COMPLETELY
humble & gentle;
BE PATIENT,
BEARING WITH
one another in love.
Ephesians 4:2, NIV

* Color of letters indicates vestment colors for that Sunday or Saint's feast day. If no color, vestments are white.

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

NEVER STOP LEARNING

Jesus' Ascent to Jerusalem

"When the days drew near for him to be taken up [Jesus] set his face to go to Jerusalem." By this decision he indicated that he was going up to Jerusalem prepared to die there. Three time he had announced his Passion and Resurrection; now, heading toward Jerusalem, Jesus says: "It cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem." (CCC 557)

Adult Bible Study- No Sunday Bible Study at this time. With religious education being out for summer break, Adult Bible study for Sundays will resume after the Summer. Keep on studying!

Tuesday Adult Bible Study – 4:30 pm. Join us for a Bible study on Lectio Salvation.



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

With proceeds to benefit the Chestnutt family for Logan's ongoing Cancer treatment, a spaghetti dinner will be held **Saturday, August 17th**, 4 pm. to 7 pm. (Dine in or Take out) Tickets are \$15 Adults, \$10 Children under 12.

The Meal includes: Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, drink and dessert.

Tickets will be sold at the back of church or reserve your ticket by calling: Phil Liberato (804)512-9701.

We are asking parishioners to provide desserts to help make this fundraiser a success! Can you help?

Call the church office and let us know: 804-843-3125



CAMP OUT WITH JESUS



Vacation Bible School

"Camp Out with Jesus"

Thank you to so many volunteers, teens and adults that made such a successful week at Vacation Bible School! There are so many names, it won't fit in this bulletin. You know who you are and so does God! It takes many hands to work the vineyard and I'm happy to say the laborers were abundant! May God Bless you all for giving of your time and talents.



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.

After receiving feedback, the overnight campout has been cancelled for now, but will be moved to a Fall date for our Middle and High School Youth.

The EPIC Youth Conference for our Middle School Youth will be on August 3rd. Please keep our youth and chaperone in your prayers; Bryan Kopacki, McKenna Kopacki, Addy Gibbs, Luis Hernandez, Jose Velazquez and Hope Kopacki. May the Holy Spirit ignite them in love for Christ and keep them safe.



Thank you to all who contributed to the Summer Food Baskets. We raised a total of \$590.00. We were able to help two families directly and we were able to restock three of the pantries located around town for people to be able to help themselves and others.



Knights of Columbus

Father Lubomyr Yavorsky, one of the first Knights of Columbus in Ukraine, has seen the flow of humanitarian aid into his country slow dramatically as the world tires of the ongoing war there. "We in Ukraine cannot get tired," he said. "We are standing with arms outstretched in order to survive, and we ask our friends not to get tired." Knights in Poland and Ukraine, with support from the [Ukraine Solidarity Fund](#), continue their work to help displaced families.



Residents of a new modular housing project in Ukraine gather after a dedication and blessing ceremony July 12. (Photo by Ihor Ivanovych)

Ten new modular homes recently opened outside Lviv to welcome families displaced by violence in eastern and northern Ukraine, thanks to a housing initiative sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



Holy Communion Information Sheet

In order to keep reverence to our most Blessed Sacrament, guidelines on receiving Holy Communion, including for visitors and non-Catholics, have been posted in every pew.



July Wedding Anniversaries

- Dan & Amber Gibbs** July 1, 2006
- Bill & (Kathy) Webster** July 14, 1956
- Vincent & (Marina) D'elia** July 21, 1963
- (Tripp) & Roberta Racioppi** July 28, 1973

August Wedding Anniversaries

- Eric & Joanna Ellingson** August 1, 1992
- Bob & Lorraine Ryalls** August 5, 1978
- Larry & Janie Dzula** August 11, 1973
- Jim & Anne Duke** August 12, 1967
- Philip & Karen Liberato** August 16, 1986
- Greg & Erin Hayden** August 21, 1993
- Gene & Bonnie Kopacki** August 23, 1975
- Henry & (Natalee) Franzyshe** August 26, 1972

If You Need a Visit from Father Oscar

If you or a parishioner or family who is in need of a visit from Father Oscar, please call the parish office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm. Father's time has been limited because he is also temporary Chaplain at the Poor Clares Monastery.

Daily Mass is said at the Poor Clares Monastery at 8:00 am.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Jesu, Savior, who have deigned to come into my heart, drive away these distractions which are keeping me from talking to You. **Jesus answered me, I want you to become like a knight experienced in battle, who can give order to others amid the exploding shells. In the same way, My child, you should know how to master yourself amid the greatest difficulties, and let nothing drive you away from Me, not even your falls (Diary, 1823).**

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, Your coming into my heart by Holy Communion strengthens me to enter into the battle of promoting Your message of the Divine Mercy. Help me to become experienced in battle. May I always be faithful to You.



And don't forget to continue to support your Parish!

Collection for July 20 & 21, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 3,761
Supplemental	\$ 198
Votive Candles	\$ 26
Total received this week	\$ 3,985

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 365
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Haiti Ministry	\$ 100

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

July 20	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	42
July 21	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	122



Eucharistic Revival

The Eastern churches that are not in full communion with the Catholic Church celebrate the Eucharist with great love. "These churches, although separated from us, yet possess the true sacraments, above all- by apostolic succession-the priesthood and the Eucharist, whereby they are still joined to us in the closest intimacy." A certain communion in *sacris*, and so in the Eucharist, "given suitable circumstances and the approval of Church authority, is not merely possible but is encouraged." (CCC 1399)

Priests for Life

Abortion and Contraception

"It is noteworthy that as acceptance and use of contraception have increased in our society, so have acceptance and use of abortion. Couples who unintentionally conceive a child while using contraception are far more likely to resort to abortion than others. Tragically, our society has fallen into a mentality that views children as a burden and invites many to consider abortion as a "backup" to contraceptive failure. This is most obvious in efforts to promote as "emergency contraception" drugs that really act as early abortifacients.

"With Pope John Paul II we affirm that contraception and abortion are "specifically different evils," because only "the latter destroys the life of a human being," but that they are also related (The Gospel of Life, no. 13). It is important to remember that means that are referred to as "contraceptive" are, in reality, sometimes also abortifacient. An end to abortion will not come from contraceptive campaigns but from a deeper understanding of our human sexuality, and of human life, as sacred gifts deserving our careful stewardship" (2001: US Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life).



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

New members are asked to register at the Parish Office in the Mercy Center.

We invite all parishioners to join a ministry.
Contact the Chairperson of the ministry or call the Parish Office at 804.843.3125

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