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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

CONTACT

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OFFICE HOURS

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

August 10th & 11th, 2024

Saturday, August 10th *NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass offered for Mark Drexler, Jr. (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, August 11th *NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 am **Choir Practice**

9:00 am Mass offered for Matthew Rogers (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday (8/12/74)
Requested by Edna Trudeau

Monday, August 12th *Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious**

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, August 13th *Saint Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs**

9:30 am Mass offered for Richard & Anna
Kozlowski (RIP)

Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, August 14th *Saint Maximilian Kolb, Priest, Martyr**

9:30 am Mass offered for Joe, Sr, Elsie & Johnnie
Drexler (RIP)

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Thursday, August 15th *THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9:30 am Mass offered for Patricia Pilog (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

7:00 pm Mass

Friday, August 16th *Saint Stephen of Hungary*

5:30 pm Mass offered for Joyce Drexler (RIP)

Requested by Janice McGowan & Family

6:00 pm The Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, August 17th *TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass offered for Thomas Sturtz, Jr. (RIP)
Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family

4:00-7:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (VDB Hall)

Sunday, August 18th *TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

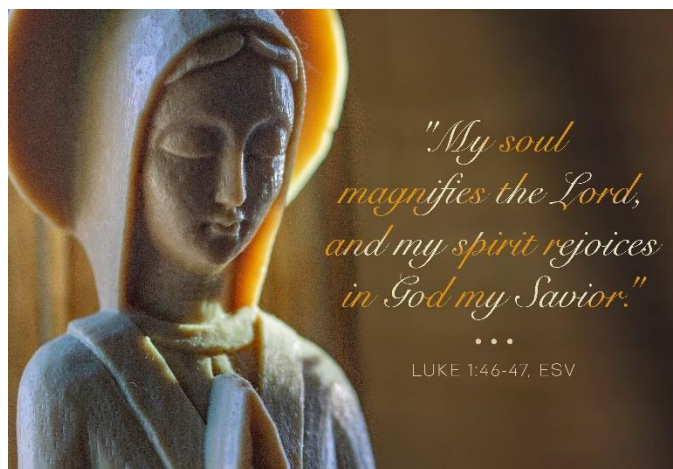
8:00 am **Choir Practice**

9:00 am Mass offered for Daryl Patrick McGowan (RIP)
Requested by Vickie Roane

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

Very truly, I tell you,
whoever believes
has eternal life.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Holy Day of Obligation



On Thursday, August 15, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be observed with two masses, one at 9:30 am and one at 7:00 pm.

NEVER
STOP
LEARNING

Jesus' Ascent to Jerusalem

Jerusalem welcomes her Messiah? Although Jesus had always refused popular attempts to make him king, he chooses the time and prepares the details for his messianic entry into the city of "his father David". Acclaimed as son of David, as the one who brings salvation (Hosanna means "Save!" or "Give salvation!"), the "King of glory" enters his City "riding on an ass". Jesus conquers the Daughter of Zion, a figure of his Church, neither by ruse nor by violence, but by the humility that bears witness to the truth. And so the subjects of his kingdom on that day are children and God's poor, who him as had the angels when they announced him to the shepherds. Their acclamation, "Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord", is taken up by the Church in the "Sanctus" of the Eucharistic liturgy that introduces the memorial of the Lord's Passover. (CCC 559)

Religious Education

Volunteers needed! - to teach Sunday School in the Fall. We are looking for someone to co-teach for 3rd grade and 6/7th grade classes. The schedule will be every other week, coordinated with other teacher. Please carefully pray and consider helping with this much needed ministry. If you are interested call: Erin @ the parish office 804-843-3125.

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.– We will begin Bible study on the Book of Job, beginning Tuesday, August 20th @ 4:30 pm. Newcomers are welcome to join! We meet in the Mercy Center Conference room, enter through the door with the ramp. Bring your Bible, notepad and pencil.



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.
No youth group coming up.

The EPIC Youth Conference for our Middle School Youth was held on August 3rd. So much fun and faith in one place! Five of our youth, Adelyn Gibbs, Bryan Kopacki, McKenna Kopacki, Luis Hernandez, Jose Velazquez and chaperone, Hope Kopacki attended, "EPIC," the diocesan middle school retreat, on August 3rd. This retreat day is filled with faith activities, breakout sessions, inflatables, Mass and a group service project!



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 come out and help cook, server, as well as provide desserts to help make this fundraiser a success! We hope you can help!

The family of Patrick McGowan would like to thank everyone for the love and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. We appreciate all the food, flowers, donations, prayers and visits. Patrick will be missed forever, but we know that he will live in the hearts of all who shared their grief with us during this difficult time.



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) Franzysen	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:

In this retreat I am giving you, not only peace, but also such a disposition of soul that even if you wanted to experience uneasiness you could not do so. My love has taken possession of your soul, and I want you to be confirmed in it. Bring your ear close to My Heart, forget everything else, and meditate upon My wondrous mercy. My love will give you the strength and courage you need in these matters (Diary, 229).

My Prayer Response:

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for Your gift of peace. Take possession of my heart with Your love. Help me to meditate on Your wondrous mercy that gives me strength and courage



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

Collection for August 3 & 4, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 4,381
Supplemental Collection	\$ 54
Religious Education	<u>\$ 50</u>
Total received this week	\$ 4,485
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,422
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 396
Haiti Fund	\$ 60
Cemetery Fund	\$ 365

*****Thank You for Supporting our Parish*****

Capital Campaign – To date, we have raised a total of \$476,424.57 which includes \$381,250.00 in Pledges and One-Time Gifts in the amount of \$95,174.57. We have received \$286,003.42 in Payments on Pledges, leaving \$95,246.58 to be received. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we will be able to move forward with some very needed projects. Thank you!

		<u>Attendance</u>	
August 3	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	70
August 4	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	105
		Spanish Mass 4:00 pm	104



Knights of Columbus

Installation of Knights' Officers

The slate of officers for the 2024-2025 year were installed on Monday, August 5th at the van den Boogaard Hall. The officers are as follows and were sworn in by Tim Brown and Joe Cronin who represented the District:

Sal Inga	Grand Knight
Dan Gibbs	Financial Secretary
Jim Vadas	Deputy Grand Knight
Phil Liberato	Chancellor
Glenn Shaw	Recorder
Jonathan Kopacki	Treasurer
Philip Henley	Advocate
Kevin Kopacki	Warden
Henry Gene Kopacki	Inside Guard
Shane Donahue	Outside Guard
BJ Kopacki	1 st Year Trustee
Eric Ellingson	2 nd Year Trustee
Jim Pyne	3 rd Year Trustee



Priests for Life

Sanctuary of Life

“From within the heart of the world, the family has a decisive and determinative relationship with life. As a Sanctuary of life, the family must welcome it, defend it, accompany it during its development, especially during the whole process of its education. The family lovingly bears witness to the uniqueness of new life....The instruction of the Didache, “Thou shalt not kill the child in its mother’s womb” (2, 1), incorporated into the living tradition of the Church, must resound even today from the heart of every household. Only God is the Lord of life!” (Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, President, Pontifical Council for the Family, Homily to Pontifical Academy for Life, February, 1997).



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.



Eucharistic Revival

When, in the Ordinary's judgment, a grave necessity arises, Catholic ministers may give the sacraments of Eucharist, Penance, and Anointing of the Sick to other Christians not in full communion with the Catholic Church, who ask for them of their own will, provided they give evidence of holding the Catholic faith regarding these sacraments and possess the required dispositions. (CCC 1401)

If you have any announcement that needs to be made at the end of Mass, you can type your announcement and place in the Orange Folder on the Cantor’s Stand. The second lector will make announcements at the end of Mass. (If you need help typing your announcement, please send an email to adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org with your announcement by Wednesdays by 4:00pm.) For those who wish to make their own announcements, please be on the side waiting after Holy Eucharist so Father knows you need to make an announcement.

With the Economic situation in our country right now, many people are having a hard time making ends meet and paying for common necessities such as electric, rent, and food. We Need someone to head up the Committee for the Poor within our Parish. There are funds available, but we need someone willing to assess the needs of those seeking help. Please pray on this and if you are interested in helping those in need, please contact the Parish Office @ 804-843-3125 Tuesdays – Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm for further information. This would be a good way for someone retired to help others less fortunate. You could volunteer your time that would be convenient for you.

No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.

Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.

1. ___ bear	9. ___ monkey	A. fry	I. hatchling
2. ___ frog	10. ___ platypus	B. fawn	K. foal
3. ___ owl	11. ___ alligator	C. gosling	L. owlet
4. ___ horse	12. ___ giraffe	D. cub	M. puggle
5. ___ kangaroo	13. ___ goose	E. kid	N. joey
6. ___ deer	14. ___ swan	F. cygnet	O. polliwog
7. ___ goat	15. ___ dog	G. infant	P. puppy
8. ___ fish		H. calf	

“_on’t let any_ne _oo_ down o_ you _ecaus_ you_re youn_, but set an exa_ple for the bel_evers in speec_, in _onduct, in love, in _aith and in _urity.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

Answer: D, O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, L, H, C, R, P

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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