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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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

August 17th & 18th, 2024

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*

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

Monday, August 19th *Saint John Eudes, Priest**

- No Mass
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, August 20th *Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church**

- 9:30 am Mass offered for Roger Staskiel (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, August 21st *Saint Pius X, Pope**

- 11:00 am Mass offered for Patrick McGowan (RIP)
Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic
11:45 am Senior Luncheon at Tony & George's
Restaurant, Rt. 30, West Point
6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, August 22nd *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 9:30 am Mass offered for Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Friday, August 23rd *Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin**

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Joe, Sr, Elsie & Johnnie Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
6:00 pm The Most Holy Rosary

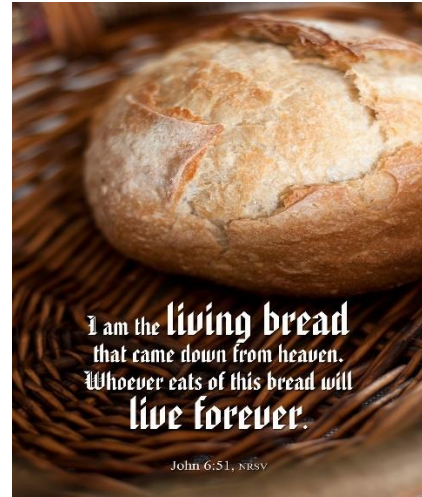
Saturday, August 24th TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass offered for David Seckora (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, August 25th TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Melvina A. Gooch (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday (8/26/1944)
Requested by Edna Trudeau
10:15 am Celebration of Father Oscar's Anniversary
of Ordination (Parish Hall)

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



Fr. Oscar's 43 Year Ordination Anniversary! - Let's join in celebrating Fr. Oscar on Sunday, August 25th after the 9 am. Mass. Please bring a covered brunch item to share! Items can be dropped off before the 9 am. Mass at the hall. For questions: call the office

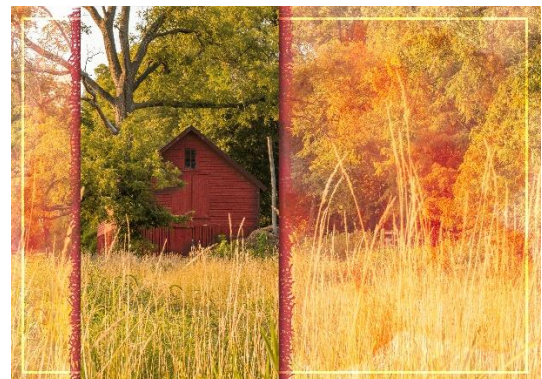


The flowers at the front of the Altar this weekend are donated by Larry & Janie Dzula in Memory of Don Dzula on the First Year of the Anniversary of his Death.

Mass & Senior Luncheon

On Wednesday, August 21st, Mass will take place at 11:00 am, followed by the Senior Luncheon to be held at Tony & George's Seafood & Italian Restaurant in West Point.

Please call Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 before noon on Monday, August 19th, if you plan to attend.



Religious Education

Volunteers needed! - to teach Sunday School in the Fall. We are looking for someone to co-teach 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.

**NEVER
STOP
LEARNING**

Jesus' Ascent to Jerusalem

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veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: "I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension. (CCC 660)



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, serve, as well as provide desserts to help make this fundraiser a success! We hope you can help!

Please continue to pray for Logan and family. He has started a new chemotherapy and immunotherapy as of last Monday. When there is no more sign of cancer, he will proceed with stem cell treatment harvested from his own stem cells.



Learning the gift of giving- One of our soon to be 4th graders, Will Henley, wanted to help his fellow Sunday school classmate, Logan Chestnutt. A few weeks ago, Will made an announcement that he was selling some home grown some sweet corn for a donation after Mass. With this fundraiser, Will was able to donate \$415 to give to Logan Chestnutt and family. Good job Will!

Note that the last page in this bulletin has more pictures of the EPIC conference attended by Middle School youth in our parish!



Knights of Columbus

More than 150 wounded, ill or disabled U.S. service members and veterans participated in the Order's annual Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage May 21-27, along with family members, chaplains, support staff and a Fourth Degree honor guard.

The U.S. pilgrims joined around 14,000 military personnel from more than 40 countries who traveled to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in France to pray for peace as part of the **64th International Military Pilgrimage**.

From the Family of Marguerite Sturtz:
Dear Fellow Parishioners, thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, flowers, food, and other gifts. May the Lord richly Bless each and every one of you. Your care and concern is deeply appreciated.



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

Priests for Life

The Eucharist and the Pro-Life Movement

"I am the Bread of Life. He who eats this bread will live forever. I will raise Him up on the last day." (See Jn.6:47-58)
The Eucharistic sacrifice is the very action of Christ by which He destroyed our death and restored our life. Whenever we gather for this sacrifice we are celebrating the victory of life over death, and therefore over abortion. The pro-life movement is not simply working "for" victory; we are working "from" victory. As Pope Saint John Paul II said in Denver in 1993, "Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for life is already decided." Our work is to apply the already established victory to every facet of our society. Celebrating the Eucharist is the source and summit of such work.

Collection for August 10 & 11, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 3,069
Votive Stand	\$ 18
Religious Education	\$ 545
Total received this week	\$ 3,632

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 410
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 45
Poor Box	\$ 42
Cemetery Fund	\$ 100
Peter's Pence	\$ 60

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Eucharistic Revival

In an ancient prayer the Church acclaims the mystery of the Eucharist: "O sacred banquet in which Christ is received as food, the memory of his Passion is renewed, the soul is filled with grace and a pledge of the life to come is given to us." If the Eucharist is the memorial of the Passover of the Lord. Jesus, if by our communion at the altar we are filled "with every heavenly blessing and grace," then the Eucharist is also an anticipation of the heavenly glory. (CCC 1402)

Attendance

August 10	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	96
August 11	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	138

More Pictures from the EPIC Youth Conference

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!



From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

I was trying to make my Holy Hour, I saw the suffering Jesus, who spoke these words to me: **My daughter, do not pay so much attention to the vessel of grace as to the grace itself which I give you, because you are not always pleased with the vessel, and then the graces, too, become deficient. I want to guard you from that, and I want you never to pay attention to the vessel in which I send you My grace. Let all the attention of your soul be concentrated on responding to My grace as faithfully as possible (Diary, 1599).**

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, may I recognize Your grace, no matter how it comes to me. Guard me from distractions. May I receive Your grace faithfully with thanksgiving, so You may be glorified.

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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