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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 BLESSING 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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
August 24th & 25th, 2024

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)**

Monday, August 26th

- No Mass
- 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, August 27th **Saint Monica***

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

Wednesday, August 28th **Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church***

- 9:30 am Mass offered for Roger Staskiel (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 6:00 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, August 29th **The Passion of Saint John the Baptist***

- 9:30 am Mass offered for David Seckora (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Friday, August 30th

- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Mark Drexler, Jr. (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
and offered for Dinh Hong Nhi (RIP)
4-Year Anniversary of Death
Requested by Quan & Sandy Dinh
- 6:00 pm The Most Holy Rosary

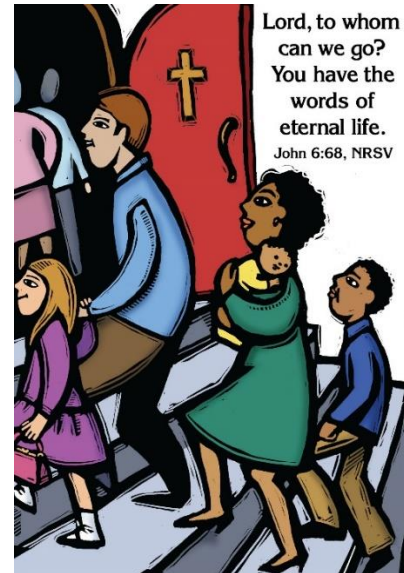
Saturday, August 31st **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

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

Sunday, September 1st **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Patrick McGowan (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

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



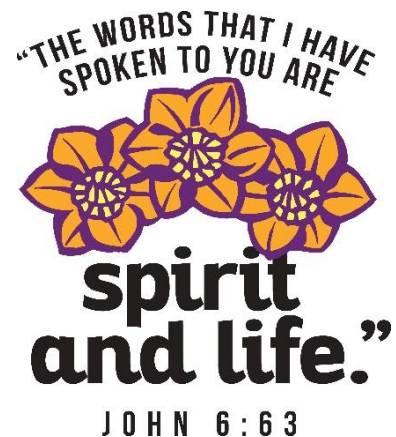
Fr. Oscar's 43 Year Ordination Anniversary! - Let's join in celebrating Fr. Oscar on Sunday, August 25th after the 9 am. Mass. Please bring a covered brunch item to share! Items can be dropped off before the 9 am. Mass at the hall. For questions: call the office

Hearing Assistance

If you are having difficulty hearing the Mass in Church, please arrive a few minutes early and speak with one of the ushers, as the parish has purchased hearing assistance devices for our parishioners.



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



Religious Education

Religious ed. Classes will begin on September 22nd. A meeting will be held for Catechists on September 15th, following the 9 am. Mass.

Religious Ed. Registration Forms can be found at the back of church. Forms can be filled out and placed in the return envelopes. Forms are also available for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

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 the 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.



Jesus' Ascent to Jerusalem

This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man." Left to its own natural powers, humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us (CCC 661)



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser A Success!

Thank you to the Knights and all of the OLBS Parishioners for helping to make this Fundraiser a success!! Many hands helped: the Youth group, Anna's Restaurant, Colonial Sports, even right down to our youngest youth. **Over \$8,100 was raised** between tickets sales, t-shirts, VBS and Will Henley's corn donation.

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

T-Shirts Available! – We still have many T-Shirts left to support #team Logan. They come in all Youth and Adult sizes. If you would like a shirt, place your order at the back table on the form, and your order will be brought in the following weekend or please call and arrange to pick up at the office: Erin 804-366-4435.



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 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. 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.

Collection for August 15, 17, & 18, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 6,177
The Assumption of Mary	\$ 746
Supplemental Collection	\$ 225
Votive Stand	\$ 23
Religious Education	\$ 220
Total received this week	\$ 7,391
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 771
Poor Box	\$ 22
Cemetery Fund	\$ 200

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

My daughter, speak to priests about this inconceivable mercy of Mine. The flames of mercy are burning Me — clamoring to be spent; I want to keep pouring them out upon souls; souls just don't want to believe in My goodness (*Diary*, 177).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, may the flames of Your mercy set priests on fire with Your inconceivable mercy, so lukewarm and unbelieving souls may be set ablaze with Your mercy through the ministry of priests.

Priests for Life

Learning to Love

In Washington, DC in 1994, Mother Teresa said that we fight abortion by teaching the mother what love really means: "to be willing to give until it hurts...So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child." Gustave Thibon has said that the true God transforms violence into suffering, while the false god transforms suffering into violence. The woman tempted to have an abortion will transform her suffering into violence unless she allows love to transform her, and make her willing to give herself away. The Eucharist gives both the lesson and the power. Mom is to say "This is *my* body, *my* blood, *my* life, given up for you, my child."

Attendance

August 15	The Assumption	9:30 am	24
		7:00 pm	59
August 17	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	96
August 18	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	145



Eucharistic Revival

At the Last Supper the Lord himself directed his disciples' attention toward the fulfillment of the Passover in the kingdom of God: "I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Whenever the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she remembers this promise and turns her gaze "to him who is to come." In her prayer she calls for his coming: "Marana tha!" "Come, Lord Jesus!" "May your grace come and this world pass away!" (CCC 1403)



"And God called the light daytime, and the darkness he called primetime."





IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

August 2024 Prayers for Healing & Good Health

Elizabeth Alley
Cheryl Antal
Chris Berberich
Danielle Berberich
Jean Berkey
Beatrice Blacher
Linda Blevins
George Bowman - Addition
Todd Brown
Beth Burch
Linda Burch
Robert Burch
Caroline Byrd
Chris Byrd
Katherine Carson
Kevin Carson
Lucy Carson
Jessica Cassidy
Jose Castaneda
Logan Chestnutt
Marianna Chestnutt
Marvin Croswell

Meredith Crowe
Angela Dart
John Davenport
Lydia Dehn
Denise DePompeo
Dexter Dix
Joyce Drexler
Karen Haney
Donna Harris
Tom Hollowack
Jim Houser
Gigi Jordan
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Virginia Kopacki - addition
Racheal Lafferty
Arlene Lasch
Melissa Leger

Karen Liberato
Philip Liberato
Joe Murphy
Rich Perry
Lenny Ramlano
Margaret Robbins
John Ross
Barbara Schaffer
Margaret Silvia
Jackie Via
Margaret Via
Gloria Wajciechowski
Bill Webster
Steve Weems
Gary Weil
James Wills
Herbert Wilkerson
Andrea Berberich Wilson
Mary Yassem
Leda Zaginaylo
Abby Zwerner

Prayers for those in the Military

Tracie Gates

If you wish to add someone on the list or remove a name from the list, please call the parish office (804) 843-3125 or email Pam Watkins at adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org

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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