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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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

August 3rd & 4th, 2024

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 Memory of Marian Kopacki
on her 95th Birthday

Requested by Janice McGowan & Family

4:00 pm **Spanish Mass**

Monday, August 5th **The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major***

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

7:00 pm **Knights of Columbus business meeting & Installation of Officers (held at church)**

Tuesday, August 6th **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD***

9:30 am Mass offered for Patrick McGowan (RIP)
Requested by Cathy Fudella

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, August 7th **Saint Sixtus II, Pope, Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest***

9:30 am Mass offered for Ralph Racioppi (RIP)
Requested by Vickie Roane

Thursday, August 8th **Saint Dominic, Priest***

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

Friday, August 9th **Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr***

5:30 pm Mass offered for Joyce Drexler (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

6:00 pm Most Holy Rosary

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

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 pm VBS Children's Mass

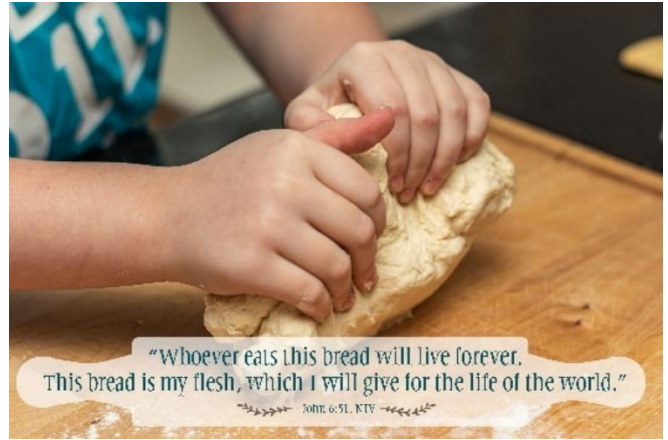
Mass offered for Mark Drexler, Jr. (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

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

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



Each Friday Daily Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Most Holy Rosary.

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.



**NEVER
STOP
LEARNING**

Jesus' Ascent to Jerusalem

Jesus recalls the martyrdom of the prophets who had been put to death in Jerusalem. Nevertheless, he persists in calling Jerusalem to gather around him: "How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!" When Jerusalem comes into view, he weeps over her and expresses once again his heart's desire: "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes." (CCC 558)



**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. A special thank you to Quan and Sandy Dinh for purchasing all the snacks for the week of VBS. We had 45 kids attend during the week, and they supplied for not only the kids, but all the Volunteers as well.



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. Join us for a Bible study on Lectio Salvation.



Youth Group News

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. Youth and chaperones were Bryan Kopacki, McKenna Kopacki, Addy Gibbs, Luis Hernandez, Jose Velazquez and Hope Kopacki. May the Holy Spirit ignite them in love for Christ.



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.



We are deeply saddened by the loss of long-time parishioner, Marian Kopacki on July 25th. May our prayers and thoughts be of her and with her family.



And then the Parish was devastated by another loss, Marguerite Sturtz, on July 26th, also a long-time parishioner. Our prayers are with her family during this time.

Our sincerest condolences to Dexter and Pam Dix at the loss of Pam's cousin, John Ross and the loss of Dexter's Brother, Billy Dix. May perpetual light shine upon them.



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.



Knights of Columbus

Exemplification Held for New Knights

We welcome several newly-installed Knights of Columbus with an "exemplification" held Saturday, July 27th after Saturday evening's Mass. Those receiving their "3rd degree" were Adrian Vidal, Mitch Walthour, and Kody Kopacki, and Gene Kopacki. With the new guidelines, new members of the Knights are inducted with one ceremony instead of the previous three separate degrees. The ceremony is now held in church and anyone – family or friends – can attend.



May our Lady guide you as the Knights of Columbus and may the Holy Church protect, love and lead others to follow you.



August Wedding Anniversaries

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| 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:

Chosen souls are, in My hand, lights which I cast into the darkness of the world and with which I illumine it. As stars illumine the night, so chosen souls illumine the earth. And the more perfect a soul is, the stronger and the more far-reaching is the light shed by it. It can be hidden and unknown, even to those closest to it, and yet its holiness is reflected in souls even to the most distant extremities of the world. (Diary, 1601).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, You told us through St. John: "I am the light of the world. No follower of Mine shall ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life" (Jn 8:12). And so You also taught us: "You are the light of the World" (Mt. 5:14). Thank You for teaching us through St. Faustina that the greater sanctity of souls, the more the light of holiness is reflected around the world.



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

Collection for July 27 & 28, 2024

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| Total Offertory | \$ 3,039 |
| Votive Candles | \$ 7 |
| Total received this week | \$ 3,046 |
| Budgeted weekly average parish need | \$ 4,596 |

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

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| Capital Campaign | \$ 690 |
| Poor Box | \$ 56 |
| Cemetery Fund | \$ 120 |

*****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!

Attendance

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| July 27 | Saturday | 5:30 pm Mass | 171 |
| July 28 | Sunday | 9:00 am Mass | 110 |



Eucharistic Revival

Ecclesial communities derived from the Reformation and separated from the Catholic Church, "have not preserved the proper reality of the Eucharistic mystery in its fullness, especially because of the absence of the sacrament of Holy Orders." It is for this reason that, for the Catholic Church, Eucharistic intercommunion with these communities is not possible. However, these ecclesial communities, "when they commemorate the Lord's death and resurrection in the Holy Supper . . . profess that it signifies life in communion with Christ and await his coming in glory." (CCC 1400)

Priests for Life

Hearing the Knock

In his June 2009 encyclical Caritas in Veritate, Pope Benedict XVI reminds the world that poverty will not be eradicated unless we rediscover and protect the sanctity of life at every level. Dismissing the unborn as less than human and allowing abortion impedes the work of social justice. He points out with urgency, "While the poor of the world continue knocking on the doors of the rich, the world of affluence runs the risk of no longer hearing those knocks, on account of a conscience that can no longer distinguish what is human" (n. 75).



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.

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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