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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

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9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
October 26th & 27th, 2024

Saturday, October 26th **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Barbara George (RIP)
Requested by Bob & Jennifer George

Sunday, October 27th **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Patrick McGowan (RIP)
Requested by Phil & Karen Liberato
and offered for Kyle Burch (RIP)
Anniversary of Death (October 28)
Requested by the Hayden Family
- 10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School
- 10:15 am Adult Sunday Bible Classes (Boogaard Hall)
- 10:15 am **Parish Council Meeting (MC)**

Monday, October 28th **SAINTS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES***

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

Tuesday, October 29th

- 9:30 am Mass offered for Mike & Nancy Pausic
In Honor of 64th Wedding Anniversary
- 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Boogaard Hall)
- 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, October 30th

- 9:30 am Mass offered for Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)
Requested by Cathy Fudella
and offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)
Requested by Donna Geron
- 6:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, October 31st

- 9:30 am Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)
Requested by Meredith Crowe
and offered for Patrick McGowan (RIP)
Requested by Donna Geron

Friday, November 1st **ALL SAINTS-Holy Day of Obligation***

- 9:30 am Mass offered for Catherine Prince (RIP)
Requested as a Special Intention
- 6:00 pm **Holy Hour**
- 7:00 pm Mass



Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

Saturday, November 2nd **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***


- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Virginia Schmitz (RIP)
Requested by Marguerite Sturtz
and offered for Catherine Prince (RIP)
Requested as a Special Intention

Sunday, November 3rd **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)
Requested by Phil & Karen Liberato
and offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)
100th Day of Anniversary of Death
Requested by Quan & Sandy Dinh
- 10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School
Celebrating All Saints Day
- 10:15 am Adult Sunday Bible Classes (Boogaard Hall)

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

Note: All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated at two masses on Friday, November 1st.



Eucharistic Revival

The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover, that is, of the work of salvation accomplished by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, a work made present by the liturgical action. (CCC 1409)

**NEVER
STOP
LEARNING**

Jesus' Ascent to Jerusalem

"As Lord, Christ is also head of the Church, which is his Body. Taken up to heaven and glorified after he had thus fully accomplished his mission, Christ dwells on earth in his Church. The redemption is the source of the authority that Christ, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, exercises over the Church. "The kingdom of Christ [is] already present in mystery", "on earth, the seed and the beginning of the kingdom" (CCC 669)

Religious Education

Religious education classes have begun!
Classes run from 10:15 to 11:15 am.

For All the Saints



On October 27th, our religious ed. classes will celebrate All Saints / All Souls Day. Please have your child research and dress up as a Saint for this day. They can wear their saint's costume to Church and Father Oscar usually gives a special blessing to our little saints at Mass.

Safety Issue!

We want to keep our children safe! Please stay with your children, if you arrive at the hall before 10:15 am.

Pro-life Essay Contest!

Stand True, the youth outreach of Priests for Life, is excited to announce our first annual pro-life essay contest! We invite students to apply their writing skills to galvanize and educate others about the pro-life cause across the country!

There are 3 age groups and cash prizes for all three, Junior High, High School and College. Essays should be between 500 and 800 words.

Deadline: Submissions must be received by November 15, 2024 (snail mail must be postmarked by November 15). Award winners will be announced at the start of January 2025!

More information can be found on our website at StandTrue.com/EssayContest/form.aspx

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Sunday Bible Study- during religious ed. class time, we will meet in the front foyer of the hall. The study will be, "Lectio Eucharist." Find out how the Eucharist had been foreshadowed since the beginning of Genesis and shown throughout the Bible.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study – 4:30 pm.– studying the Book of Job. Newcomers are welcome to join! Our group has grown, and we are now meeting at the Church Hall. Bring your Bible, notepad and pencil.



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.

No Youth Group on October 27th

October is Respect Life Month

During this month we should reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life, from the moment of conception to Natural death. We would like to help young mothers provide small items for their unborn child and our older residents with items to bring joy.

There will be tags placed at the back of church. Please help by taking a tag of choice, go shopping and then return the items to the bin or crib provided.

Please return items no later than November 3rd.

Items will be dropped off at Williamsburg House of Mercy and Three Rivers Health and Rehab.

Thank you for making a difference!

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Collection for October 19 & 20, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 6,103
Supplemental Collection	\$ 270
Votive Stand	\$ 9
Retired Religious	\$ 50
Parish Heating	\$ 225
Mass Requests	\$ 20
All Souls Day	\$ 100
Thanksgiving	\$ 50
Christmas Flowers	\$ 50
World Missions	\$ 525
Total received this week	\$ 7,402
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 532
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100
Maintenance Fund	\$ 25
Poor Box	\$ 65

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

September 19	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	89
September 20	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	109

Priests for Life

Where we begin...

"In protecting human life, we must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. We urge Catholics and others to promote laws and social policies that protect human life and promote human dignity to the maximum degree possible. Laws that legitimize abortion, assisted suicide, and euthanasia are profoundly unjust and immoral. We support constitutional protection for unborn human life, as well as legislative efforts to end abortion and euthanasia" (Faithful Citizenship, US Bishops, 2003).



October Wedding Anniversaries

Brandon & Gigi Jordan	October 3, 2009
Albert & Gloria Wajciechowski	October 10, 1970
(David "Charlie") & Jeanie Sturtz	October 11, 1968
Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf	October 19, 1963
Kevin & Deidra Kopacki	October 20, 2001
Mike & Nancy Pausic	October 29, 1960

November Wedding Anniversaries

Paul & Erin Borszich	November 3, 2007
Richard & Margaret Mountcastle	November 6, 1971
Shane & Donna Donahue	November 10, 2001
Jody & Bobbi Drexler	November 15, 2003
(Stanley) & Geraldine Thomas	November 22, 1959
Joe & Linda Drexler	November 23, 1968

Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

I desire that you live according to My will, in the most secret depths of your soul. I reflected on these words, which spoke very much to my heart (*Diary*, 443).

Jesus bent toward me, looked at me kindly and spoke to me about the will of the Heavenly Father. He told me that the most perfect and holy soul is the one that does the will of My Father, but there are not many such, and that He looks with special love upon the soul who lives His will. And Jesus told me that I was doing the will of God perfectly ... and for this reason I am uniting Myself with you and communing with you in a special and intimate way (*Diary*, 603).

I was left alone with Jesus, and I said, "Jesus, take me now, for Your will has already been accomplished." And Jesus answered, **My will has not yet been completely accomplished in you; you will still suffer much, but I am with you; do not fear** (*Diary*, 675).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I desire what You desire for my life. May I live Your will in the depths of my soul.



*Whoever does the
will of God is my
brother and sister
and mother.*

Mark 3:35, NRSV



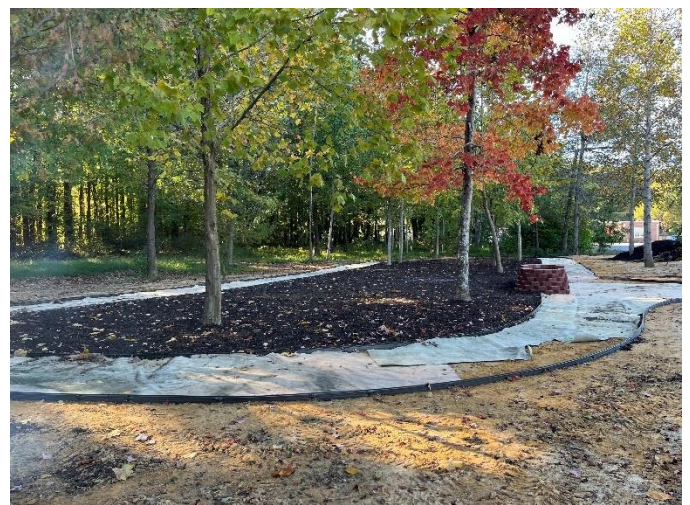
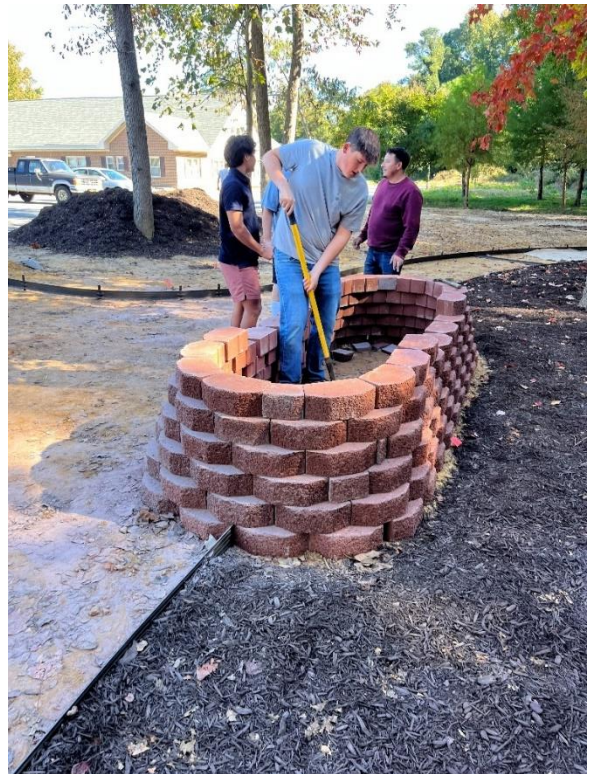
Stations Path & Cultural Prayer Gardens

Please check out the progress on Mason Kopacki's Eagle Scout project "Stations of the Cross Outdoor Path" and the work that was completed last Saturday behind the parking area.

Also, the cultural prayer garden paths have been marked with red flags behind the Boogaard Hall subject to change. A map of the garden area layout is on display in the Church foyer.

Amazing Progress on "Stations of the Cross" Outdoor Path

Mason Kopacki and members of the Parish and his Scout troop have been working on weekends and are making good progress on the Eagle Scout project!





IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

October 2024 Prayers for Healing & Good Health

Elizabeth Alley
Cheryl Antal
Chris Berberich
Danielle Berberich
Jean Berkey
Beatrice Blacher
Linda Blevins
George Bowman
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
Karen Haney
Donna Harris
Tom Hollowack
Jim Houser
Gigi Jordan
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Racheal Lafferty
Arlene Lasch
Melissa Leger
Karen Liberato
Philip Liberato
Paul Morris - Addition
Joe Murphy
Jay Nicolata

Linda Paul
Rich Perry
Lenny Ramlano
Margaret Robbins
John Ross
Barbara Schaffer
Margaret Silvia
Bernard Soles - Addition
Bob Sprigg
Vicki Sprigg
Jackie Via
Margaret Via
Gloria Wajciechowski
Pam Watkins
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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