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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 21st & 22nd, 2024

Saturday, December 21st **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
 Requested by Jim & Pattie Vadas

Sunday, December 22nd **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

9:00 am Mass offered for Thomas A. Trudeau (RIP)
Anniversary of Death 12/23/2006
 Requested by Edna Trudeau

Monday, December 23rd **Saint John of Kanty, Priest***

No Mass
 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, December 24th **CHRISTMAS EVE: Vigil of the
 Nativity of the Lord***

5:30 pm Mass offered for Thomas Sturtz, Sr. (RIP)
& Thomas Sturtz, Jr. (RIP)
 Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family
 9:00 pm Mass offered for John & Gloria Bonatti (RIP)
 Requested by Pattie & Jim Vadas

Wednesday, December 25th **CHRISTMAS DAY: The Nativity of
 The Lord***

9:00 am Mass offered for Catherine Prince (RIP)
 Mass offered for Patricia Seckora (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday
 Requested by Donna Geron

Thursday, December 26th **Saint Stephen, the First Martyr***

No Mass

Friday, December 27th **SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST***

No Mass

Saturday, December 28th **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
 MARY, AND JOSEPH***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass offered for Henry & Marian Kopacki
(RIP) & Billy & Patrick McGowan (RIP)
 Requested by Janice, Jonathan, Eugene
 & Family
 and for (Monty) & Jeanne Baskin
in Recognition of their 61st Anniversary
 Requested by Phil & Karen Liberato
 & Family

Sunday, December 29th **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
 MARY, AND JOSEPH***

9:00 am Mass offered for Cliff Anderson (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday
 Requested by Judy Anderson Dick

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



Times for Christmas, New Year's, & Holiday Events

Christmas Masses and Activities for the upcoming Christmas
 holidays, as follows:

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Saturday Dec. 21 5:30 p.m. Mass
 Sunday Dec. 22 9:00 a.m. Mass

Christmas Masses:

Tuesday Dec. 24	5:30 p.m. Mass	Christmas Eve
	9:00 p.m. Mass	Christmas Eve
Wednesday Dec. 25	9:30 a.m. Mass	Christmas Day
Thursday, Dec. 26	No Mass	
Friday, December 27	No Mass	
Saturday Dec. 28	5:00 p.m. Reconciliation	
	5:30 p.m. Mass	
Sunday Dec. 29	9:00 a.m. Mass	

New Year:

Wednesday Jan. 1	9:00 a.m. Mass	New Year's THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday Jan. 2	8:30 a.m. Mass	Daily Mass *
Friday, Jan. 3	4:30 p.m. Reconciliation	
	5:00 p.m. Mass	Daily Mass *
	5:30 p.m.	1 st Friday Holy Hour
Saturday, Jan. 4	5:00 p.m. Mass	Weekend Mass *
Sunday, Jan. 5	9:00 a.m. Mass	Sunday Mass
	4:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass

- Note that these are changes in Mass times

Parish Offices Holiday Closures:

December 23-27 Closed for Christmas Holiday
 No Bulletins for Jan. 1 week
 January 1st Closed for New Year's Day

We wish all of our wonderful Parish family a Very Merry
 Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



Christmas Play & Pot Luck Dinner

On Sunday evening, December 15th, parishioners and families were entertained by the production of "The Savior's Birth," beautifully done by the youth of the parish. A delicious pot luck dinner preceded the play.

Religious Education

Religious education classes will return January 12th!

Parent Meeting! – For second grade class and older kids receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist. We will meet at the hall following Religious ed. class, 11:15 am. to 12:00 pm. on January 12th.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study: We will return to our regular schedule on January 7th!

Sunday Adult Bible Study: January 12th will be the next meeting. Start the New Year off right, join a Bible Study!



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.

No Youth Group until January.



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Catholic Charities	\$ 25
Poor Box	\$ 69
Food Basket	\$ 50
Giving Tree	\$ 50
Religious Goods	\$ 139

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

December 14	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	90
December 15	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	175

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OLBS Adorned with Christmas Lights

To most of the "long-timers" of the Parish, our church has never had the festive lighting that has made the corner of King William Avenue and Euclid Boulevard one of the brightest spots in town. Thanks to the Nguyen family for the lighting and Joe Drexler for setting up the manger scene.



Collection for December 14 & 15, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 5,234
Supplemental Collection	\$ 2,895
Christmas Flowers	\$ 195
Christmas Day	\$ 95
Solemnity of Mary (January 1 st)	\$ 25
Votive Stand	\$ 12
Total received this week	\$ 8,456
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 230
Facilities, Repairs, & Maintenance	\$ 100
Haitian Ministry	\$ 1,150
Cemetery Fund	\$ 100



donating to our Coats effort!

Certified Nursing Assistant available as a companion for a loved one. Will provide small meals and assistance with medications. Also happy to provide transportation to appointments and other small errands. If interested, please call Cathy at 804-514-5187.



December Wedding Anniversaries

Glenn & Kay Shaw	December 1, 1972
Craig & Danielle Smith	December 1, 2007
Wayne & Carole Beasley	December 12, 1980
(Francis) & Cathy Fudella	December 13, 1971
Michael & Jan Bellanca	December 28, 1963
Chris & Paula Polcyn	December 30, 1988

Mason Kopacki's Project Complete!

It's been a many-month project with many helping hands, but Mason's Eagle Scout Project, the Stations of the Cross path, is now complete. What a beautiful enhancement to our Parish grounds! Please take a moment to walk to the rear of the parking lot and view the results.



Knights of Columbus

Coats for Kids: We wish to thank all those who helped by



with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. *The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel*" (Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, n.2).

**NEVER
STOP
LEARNING**
Jesus' Ascent to Jerusalem

The glorious Messiah's coming is suspended at every moment of history until his recognition by "all Israel," for "a hardening has come upon part of Israel" in their "unbelief" toward Jesus. St. Peter says to the Jews of Jerusalem after Pentecost: "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for establishing all that God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old." St. Paul echoes him: "For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?" The "full inclusion" of the Jews in the Messiah's salvation, in the wake of "the full number of the Gentiles," will enable the People of God to achieve "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ," in which "God may be all in all." (840, 58) (CCC 674)



Eucharistic Revival

Anyone who desires to receive Christ in Eucharistic communion must be in the state of grace. Anyone aware of having sinned mortally must not receive communion without having received absolution in the sacrament of penance. (CCC 1415)

Priests for Life

The Incarnation

"By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II, GS 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the *incomparable value of every human person*. The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Jesus: My child, all your sins have not wounded My Heart as painfully as your present lack of trust does — that after so many efforts of My love and mercy, you should still doubt My goodness.

Soul: Your response.

Jesus: Here, soul, are all the treasures of My Heart.

Take everything you need from it (*Diary*, 1486).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, draw souls in despair to trust in You and not to doubt Your goodness. Share with them all the treasures of Your Heart.

CHRISTMAS 2024

My Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On this Christmas day, our heart is filled with compassion for the ones with weary hearts. 2024 has been a devastating year for many people around the world. There is indescribable turmoil in Israel after the October 7th terrorist attack last year and is carried over to 2024. Tragedies and calamities continue on to plague people over the world. Weary souls are filled with uncertainty about the future.

But even amidst a world filled with chaos, we can rejoice because we have our beloved SAVIOR—the ONE who was born to save mankind. We can rejoice because Christ is our peace and hope. We can rejoice because we have faith that Christ will return and make all the wrong things right.

If you're feeling weary and have a troubled heart, may the reality of Christ's birth and healing presence lift your spirit. May you experience the peace of Christ that surpasses all understanding today and always.

As we celebrate Christmas this year let us all pray:

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of Your SON, JESUS CHRIST. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our SAVIOR and eternal PEACE-GIVER. Help the ones who are feeling weary today. Help them take hold of the peace that surpasses all understanding. Guard their hearts and minds with Christ's perfect peace. Help their hearts not to be troubled or afraid. Help them to trust You more, walk closely with You, and rest in knowing You do impossible things. Help them take hold of Your hand and live with strong faith until the day of Christ's return. I pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Merry Christmas! Chúc mừng Giáng Sinh. Feliz Navidad. Maligayang Pasko.

One in the service of the Lord,

**Fr Oscar P. Paraiso
Pastor**



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

December 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
Franklin Garlick - **Addition**
Karen Haney
Donna Harris
Jack Heller - **Addition**
Tom Hollowack
Jim Houser
Gigi Jordan
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Racheal Lafferty
Arlene Lasch
Melissa Leger
Karen Liberato
Philip Liberato
Paul Morris
Joe Murphy
Jay Nicolata

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

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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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