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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 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass 4:00 p.m.
(first Sunday of the month)

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday – Thursday 8:30 a.m.
Friday 5:00 p.m.
(followed by the Rosary —
first Friday of the month
is followed by a holy hour)

HOLIDAYS

8:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Parish Offices

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
February 8th & 9th, 2025

Saturday, February 8th **FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday
 Requested by Carole Beasley &
 Joan Applegate

Sunday, February 9th **FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass offered for Families of Butler Ellred
 Requested by Edna Trudeau
 10:15 am Religious Education Classes
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study

Monday, February 10th

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, February 11th

8:30 am Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
 Requested by Rose Marie Jesion

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)

Wednesday, February 12th

8:30 am Mass offered for James H. Geron (RIP)
 Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

5:00 pm **Facilities Committee Meeting (VDB)**

6:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, February 13th

8:30 am Mass for Joe, Sr., Elsie & Johnnie
Drexler (RIP)

Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Friday, February 14th

5:00 pm Mass for Ralph "Tripp" Racioppi (RIP)
 Requested by Pat & Wini Barron

5:30 pm First Friday Holy Hour

Saturday, February 15th **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass offered for Deceased Members of
the Sturtz Family
 Requested by Virginia Kopacki

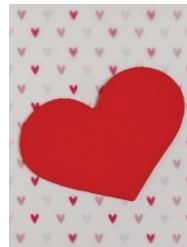
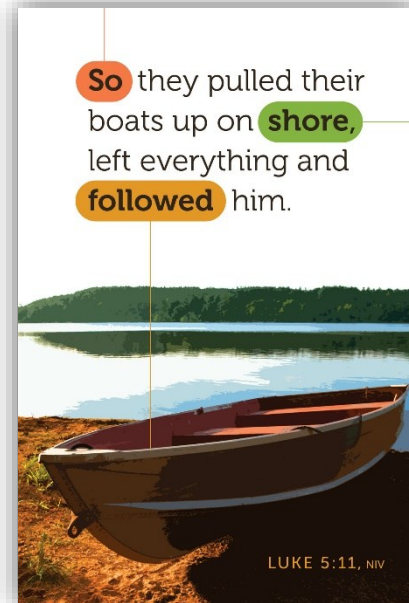
Sunday, February 16th **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)
 Requested by Pat & Wini Barron

10:15 am **Valentine's Pot-Luck Brunch (VDB)**

(MC) Mercy Center (VDB) van den Boogard Hall (Parish Hall)

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



**Save The Date: Valentine's
 Pot Luck!!**

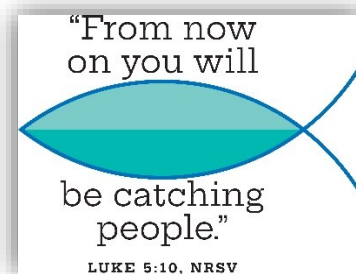
A Pot Luck Brunch is planned for Sunday, February 16 after the Sunday morning Mass at the van den Boogaard Hall. Please think about your favorite brunch item (s)!

Daily Mass & Senior Lunch

The Senior Luncheon will be held at El Ranchero Mexican Restaurant, King William Ave. in West Point on Wednesday, February 19th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Call Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by Monday, February 17th to reserve a seat.

Old Palm Branches Needed

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, March 5 this year, old palm branches are being collected which will be burned to produce the ashes used that day. Please drop off your old palms in the basket in the foyer.



Religious Education



*****No Religious education on Sunday February 16th.**

Tuesday Adult Bible Study: Join us at 4:30 pm (MC). We are studying the book of JOB.

Sunday Adult Bible Study: Join us for our next Bible Study, "Mary" with Dr. Edward Siri. There is so much to know about our heavenly mother; we invite you to come learn. We meet after the 9 a.m. Mass in the front foyer of the hall.



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.

Our next Youth Group will meet **March 2nd.**

Christ is Alive!! 6th Annual Essay Contest-
Open to children in grades 3-8th grade! You or your child may pick up a detailed information with rules from their religious ed. teacher or Mrs. Hayden. The topic: Describe a moment in the last year when you felt close to God? Deadline for turning the essay in will be by Sunday, March 23rd. Two winners will be selected from each grade level across America! Prizes to be awarded.

Update on Logan Chestnutt-

Logan is back home all done with Chemo treatments! He responded well to all his treatments with a few bumps in the road. The next phase to Logan's treatments is radiation. The family is so thankful for all of the parishioners' prayers and generosity. The light is starting to show at the end of the tunnel.

Jubilee Year of Hope

"Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion." [CCC 980]

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Hello church families, greetings from OLBS preschool! We hope everyone can see Spring in the near future 😊 We are having a great year at preschool and are enjoying even some winter fun. Our Fall registration has opened to our current families and alumni and is now open to the church parish. If you have a child or family/friend that may be interested in our 3 or 4 year old preschool program for the next school year, please reach out. The preschool office is 804-843-4177, please leave detailed message and I will return your call and get a form to you. There are very limited spots in the 4 year old class but many in the 3 year old class. Please get a registration form and get it back to us **before March**. In March our registration will be open to the community 😊 Blessings, Miss Vangy



I Believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son Our Lord –

In catechesis "Christ, the Incarnate Word and Son of God, . . . is taught - everything else is taught with reference to him - and it is Christ alone who teaches - anyone else teaches to the extent that he is Christ's spokesman, enabling Christ to teach with his lips . Every catechist should be able to apply to himself the mysterious words of Jesus: 'My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.'" [CT 6; cf. Jn 7:16] [2145, 876] (CCC 427)



New Church Sign Installed!

Thanks to Tuan (Eston) Nguyen and the Knights of Columbus for their generous donations to make a new sign possible!

<u>Collection for February 1 & 2, 2025</u>	
Total Offertory	\$ 3,930
Debt Supplemental Collection	\$ 25
Mass Intentions	\$ 30
Hall Rental	\$
Christmas Donation	\$ 100
Church Cleaning Fund	\$ 600
Parish Heating	\$ 25
Votive Stand	\$ 31
Religious Goods	\$ 40
Total received this week	\$ 4,781
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,375
Respect Life	\$ 440
Facilities, Repairs, & Maintenance	\$ 843
Haitian Ministry	\$ 1,000
Maintenance Fund	\$ 25
Cemetery Fund	\$
Religious Education	\$ 25
Poor Box	\$ 70
Thank You for Supporting our Parish	

Statements Will be Coming Soon: from Pam Watkins

I wanted everyone to know that Parishioners' Statements should be going out this week. Please review when you receive your statement so that you can check for accuracy. If you have any questions about your statement, please do not hesitate to contact me either at the office or on my cell phone at 919-820-1986. Thank you so much for all your care, love and patience.

Attendance

February 1	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	65
February 2	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	147
		Spanish Mass 4:00 pm Mass	37

A Message from Finance Council Chair Rich Duke

Unfortunately, our parish was recently the victim of check fraud. Someone created 11 fraudulent checks, totaling approximately \$37,000, that were drawn on our parish account. The checks were not from our supply of paper checks. Rather, someone created checks using our account information. None was payable to a parishioner or anyone in our community.

We have reported the fraud to the authorities and a police investigation is underway. We also reported the situation to the Diocese, and we plan to initiate an insurance claim once the police investigation is done.

The bank has advised that we should recover approximately half through their efforts. We expect to be made whole as the investigation and insurance claim moves forward. We have taken steps with the bank to mitigate the risk of this happening again in the future. We will share more information as it becomes available.



February Wedding Anniversaries

(James) & Donna Geron	February 7, 1970
(Robert) & Cheryl Servonsky	February 10, 1973
Sol & Annabelle Vidal	February 10, 2001
(Henry J, Jr.) & (Marian Kopacki)	February 13, 1949
(Charles) & Margaret Varboncoeur	February 23, 1957
(Ed) & Virginia Kopacki	February 24, 1952

A Message from Pam Watkins

Again, I want to thank all our parish family for the prayers, phone calls, visits, meals, cards, gifts, helping with the move, and well wishes and all the "little" things our parish did for me and Scotty. Nothing was little, everything meant so much! I also very much appreciate the patience people have shown me while I have worked to catch up on my tasks.

Help With Hall Rentals Requested

We are seeking a Parish Hall Rental Manager to replace Janice McGowan who has faithfully filled this role for several years and would like to step down.

This position maintains a schedule of rentals for the van den Boogaard Hall (parish hall) and coordinates all uses of the facility. Some of the duties include:

- Meet with and prepare contracts for renters of the hall
- Coordinates paperwork for hall rentals in conjunction with Diocese rules and requirements
- Insures that the hall is cleaned after each use by the renters
- Processes payments and refunds for the renter in accordance with Parish/Diocese requirements

Additional information can be obtained from Janice

If interested, please contact the Parish Offices at 804-843-3125 and let us know of your willingness to serve in this role for the Parish.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

In the evening, the Lord said to me, **My daughter, let nothing frighten or disconcert you. Remain deeply at peace. Everything is in My hands. I will give you to understand everything through Father Andrasz. Be like a child towards him** (*Diary*, 219).

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Lord, for Father Andrasz who would not allow St. Faustina to turn away from her interior inspirations and her work of promoting the message of Divine Mercy (see *Diary*, 52-53). He insisted on humility, humility, humility (see *Diary* 54-55). Through a good spiritual guide, Lord, teach me humility.



Eucharistic Revival

Through the sacraments of Christian initiation, man receives the new life of Christ. Now we carry this life "in earthen vessels," and it remains "hidden with Christ in God."¹ We are still in our "earthly tent," subject to suffering, illness, and death.² This new life as a child of God can be weakened and even lost by sin. (CCC 1420)



Knights of Columbus

Council 8116 (the "Father Jakubowski Council") Knights of Columbus meets on the first Monday of each month for their business meeting. If you have an interest in the Knights, just ask one of the members for information.

Lenten Dinners Planned

Once again, the Knights of Columbus are planning Lenten Fish Dinners. Tickets will soon be available.

Save the dates:

March 7

March 21

April 4

Help Wanted

Retired gentleman (Catholic parishioner) in Colonial Heritage Club subdivision between Norge and Williamsburg is looking for a reliable housekeeper to clean 1 bedroom, 1 bath home approx. once per month. Call Carl 910-967-3199.

Priests for Life

From Sinners to Apostles

Saint John Paul II wrote the following words to all women who have had abortions: "The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life."

(The Gospel of Life, n.99)



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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