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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
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

March 1st & 2nd, 2025

Saturday, March 1st EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

- 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm Mass offered for David Seckora (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Joe and Linda Drexler

Sunday, March 2nd EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Mike Pausic (RIP)
Requested by Rose Marie Jesion
- 10:15 am Religious Education Classes
- 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
- No Spanish Mass (Father is away)**
- 6:30 pm Youth Group Meets (VDB)

Monday, March 3rd Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin (USA)*

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

Tuesday, March 4th Saint Casimir, Patron of Poland & Lithuania*

- 8:30 am Mass for Richard & Anna Kozlowski (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel
- 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (MC)

Wednesday, March 5th ASH WEDNESDAY*

- 8:30 am Mass for Joe, Jr. & Peggy Fostek (RIP)
Requested by Mary Ann Fetterolf
- 7:00 pm Mass

Thursday, March 6th

- 8:30 am Mass offered for Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)
Requested by Michele & John Rouse

Friday, March 7th Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs*

- 5:00 pm Mass offered for Patrick McGowan (RIP)
Requested by Michele & John Rouse
- 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross – Liturgy Committee

Saturday, March 8th FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

- 4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm Mass offered for Ralph Racioppi (RIP)
Requested by the Hayden Family

Sunday, March 9th FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

- 9:00 am Mass for Mike Pausic (RIP)
Requested by Victoria Roane
- 10:15 am Religious Education Classes
- 10:15 am Adult Bible Study

(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.



Father Oscar To Philippines for Brother's Funeral
Father is returning this weekend, flying back from the Philippines.

There will be no Spanish mass on March 2nd.

Old Palm Branches Needed

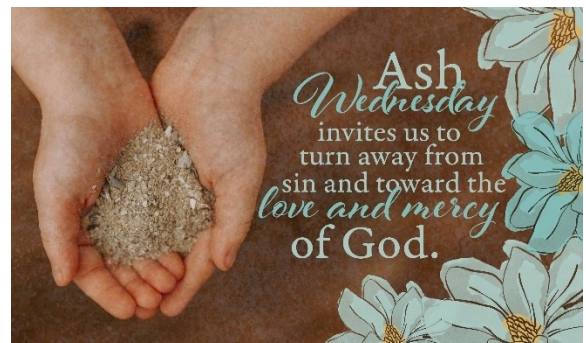
In preparation for Ash Wednesday, March 5 this year, old palm branches are being collected which will be burned to produce the ashes used that day. Please drop off your old palms in the basket in the foyer.

Lenten Dinners Planned

Once again, the Knights of Columbus are planning Lenten Fish Dinners. Tickets are available after all masses for \$15 each or call 804-512-9701.

Save the dates:

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| March 7 | Fried flounder |
| March 21 | Fried shrimp |
| April 4 | Flounder, shrimp, & crabcake |



Religious Education



Religious Education Classes are held Sundays at 10:15 am.

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, and this study will reveal so much. 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.

Please Pray for our Elect as they prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation into the church at Easter Vigil:
Bob George, Reece Kirkland, Chris Sutton, and Lajla and David Sloniker. May the Holy Spirit guide and enlighten your hearts with the fullness of faith!

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.

Vote for Our Parish!

Please vote for our parish! Share the Love Giveaway, and we need YOUR help! One Catholic school or parish will win an **amazing collection of faith-based educational toys**—a prize worth over \$500! That means one lucky community will receive **almost one of everything** to help kids **learn and grow in their Catholic faith**. Please type in the link:

<https://www.saintlyheartco.com/pages/share-the-love>

Put in your name, email and vote by putting in our parish name.

👉 **Spread the word** - The more votes, the more chances.

🕒 **Hurry! Voting closes on March 4th**



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. The preschool office is 804-843-4177, please leave detailed message and I will return your call and get a form to you. In March our registration will be open to the community 😊 Blessings, Miss Vangy



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

Jesus means in Hebrew: "God saves." At the annunciation, the angel Gabriel gave him the name Jesus as his proper name, which expresses both his identity and his mission. [Cf. Lk 1:31] Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, "will save his people from their sins". [Mt 1:21; cf. 2:7] in Jesus, God recapitulates all of his history of salvation on behalf of men. (CCC 430)

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Be at peace, My daughter, it is precisely through such misery that I want to show the power of My mercy (*Diary*, 133). My daughter, all your miseries have been consumed in the flame of My love, like a little twig thrown into a roaring fire. By humbling yourself in this way, you draw upon yourself and upon other souls an entire sea of My mercy (*Diary*, 178).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, consume our miseries in the flame of Your merciful love. May our humble submission to You draw upon us and upon other souls an entire sea of Your mercy.

Divine Mercy Retreat- Sign up at the entrance of the church and save the date! **Saturday, March 29th, 9 am-12 pm.** Breakfast and a powerful message of Mercy for ALL!

Help with Upcoming International Dinner

An International Dinner parish fundraiser is being planned for April 26, the Saturday after Easter. If you would like to jump in and help cooking or setup, we would love to hear from you. **A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer of the church.** Anyone of any heritage can sign up to help with any one of the ethnic foods or to help with anything needed. Also, our next meeting of the planning committee is March 15th.

The revised Prayer List in this weekend's bulletin shows it is starting over. It lists those who have been added recently or who have been requested to remain on the list. It removes names on the list that have been there for some time. If you wish to add or reinstate the name of someone to the Prayer List, please contact the Parish office and leave a name or names.

Collection for February 22 & 23, 2025

Total Offertory	\$ 3,047
Debt Supplemental Collection	\$ 200
Parish Heating	\$ 428
Supply-Music	\$ 1,440
Total Received This Week	\$ 5,115

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 103
Maintenance Fund	\$ 200

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Attendance

February 22	Saturday	5:00 pm Mass	64
February 23	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	154



STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross assigned leaders for the following Fridays of Lent:

- March 7 Liturgy Committee
- March 14 Knights of Columbus
- March 21 Hispanic Community
- March 28 Facilities Committee
- April 4 Parish Council
- April 11 Cemetery Committee
- April 18 Finance Committee



March Wedding Anniversaries

Shawn & Erin Lazar	March 6, 2004
David & Donna Haviland	March 7, 1998

Help With Boogaard Center Hall Rentals Needed

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
- Coordinate paperwork for hall rentals in conjunction with Diocese rules and requirements
- Ensure that the hall is cleaned after each use by the renters
- Process payments and refunds for the renter in accordance with Parish/Diocese requirements

Additional information can be obtained from Janice at 804-366-4124, if interested. Contact the Parish Offices at 804-843-3125 and let us know of your willingness to serve in this role for the Parish.



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 the first Monday of every month at the Columbian Club Hall at 312 7th Street in downtown West Point. If you have an interest in the Knights, just ask one of the members for information.

The Knights are also renting the Columbian Club Hall once again for events such as family gatherings, birthday parties, etc. Contact Craig or Danielle Smith at 804-398-8374.

Jubilee Year of Hope

The theme of the Holy Year is "Pilgrims of Hope." The papal bull, issued May 9, that introduced the coming Jubilee Year is titled "Spes Non Confundit," or "Hope does not disappoint," drawn from Romans 5:5. "Everyone knows what it is to hope," Pope Francis wrote. "In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. "Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt," he continued. "Often, we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope." Pope Francis also hopes the year draws Catholics toward patience, which he described in "Spes Non Confundit" as a "virtue closely linked to hope," yet can feel elusive in "our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now."

Catechesis strives to awaken and nourish in the faithful faith in the incomparable greatness of the risen Christ's gift to his Church: the mission and the power to forgive sins through the ministry of the apostles and their successors: (CCC 983)



Priests for Life

Be the Voice of the Voiceless

"Today we stand before new challenges that call us to be the voice of the voiceless. The child growing in its mother's womb and people who are in their declining years are a claim for dignified life that cries out to heaven and that cannot but make us shudder. The liberalization and routinization of abortion practices are abominable crimes, just as are euthanasia, genetic and embryonic manipulation, unethical medical testing, capital punishment, and so many other ways of assaulting the dignity and life of the human being. If we want to maintain a solid and inviolable basis for human rights, we absolutely must recognize that human life must always be defended from the very moment of conception. Otherwise, the circumstances and conveniences of the powerful will always find excuses for abusing persons." -- From n. 467 of the "Aparecida Document" of the Bishops of Latin American and the Caribbean, 2007, presented by Cardinal Bergoglio of Buenos Aires (now Pope Francis).



It is that time of year, again, Lent will be here soon, along with the West Point Ministers Association Soup & Sermon Series. The series will run from Wednesday, March 12th through April 9th. The Soup & Sermon is every Wednesday. Father Oscar has agreed to work with the pastor at St. John's Episcopal Church on April 9th this year. We need one or two parishioners to take the lead for working with their contact to plan, set up, serve, and clean up the luncheon. We will also need to have some parishioners to cook and supply some soups and desserts. Please call the parish office if you can help in any way. We would also like as many parishioners as possible to come out join us in representing our Parish. Maybe those who are able might invite one of our parishioners who struggle to make it to Mass for a great sermon and luncheon.

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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