

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

3570 KING WILLIAM AVENUE, WEST POINT VA 23181

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS: SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

11:30 A.M. (SPANISH MASS)

WEEKDAYS: 8:30 A.M. Tuesday - Friday

HOLIDAYS: 8:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.



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SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Also by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday and Tuesday

Mercy Center Chapel

First Friday Adoration in the church

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

RECITATION of the MOST HOLY ROSARY

6:30 p.m. Every Friday in the church

OUTREACH

A food basket and donation box are in the church entry. Your donations provide the means to give direct help to the needy. We collect food on the first weekend of the month.

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.

The mission of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, centered in the Eucharist, is to love God and His people and to extend His love to others through service and prayer.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10th & 11th , 2022



Saturday, December 10th

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Paul McDonald (RIP)
Requested by Virginia Kopacki

Sunday, December 11th

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Paul McDonald (RIP)
Requested by the Knights of Columbus
10:15 am Religious education classes for
Children & Adult faith formation
11:15 am Christmas Play practice

Monday, December 12th

- No Mass
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, December 13th

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Eric Crump (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
4:30 pm Adult Faith Formation (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, December 14th

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)
Anniversary of Birthday
Requested by Daily Mass Friends

Thursday, December 15th

- 11:00 am Mass Offered for Paul McDonald
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
Senior Luncheon at Nicks in King & Queen

Friday, December 16th

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Paul McDonald
Requested by the Knights of Columbus
6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

Saturday, December 17th

- 10:00 am Food Basket Shopping & Packing (VDB)
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Eric Crump (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, December 18th

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Billy McGowan & Henry
J. Kopacki, Jr. (RIP)
Requested by Janice McGowan & Marian
Kopacki & Families
11:30 am Spanish Mass
5:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner & Christmas Play "What
Can I Give Him?" at VDB Hall

The Season of Advent

"Behold." This word means to see, to gaze upon, to observe, to have vision. What is it that we really need to open our eyes and heart to? Are we prepared?

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). [Matthew 1:23]

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus." (Luke 1: 30-32.)

"Behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." [See Luke 1:36-37.]

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." [See Luke 1:38.]

"Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. [See Luke 2:7-11.]

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" [See John 1:29.]

The book of Revelation delights in the Incarnation, God becoming Man: "and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, *'Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them'...* And he who sat upon the throne said, *'Behold, I make all things new.'*" [See Revelation 21: 3, 5.]

Revelation also declares, even now, that a New Advent still waits: *"Behold, I am coming soon."* [Revelation 22:7.]



FAITH FORMATION

A reminder, December 11th is our last classes before Christmas break! Thank you to our teachers for sharing their time and talents to teach our parish kids. You are appreciated so much!

No Sunday Bible study after December 11th. We will return to all activities and classes on January 8th. May God Bless you all!

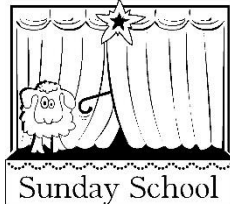


Program Practice

Christmas Play Practice

Christmas play practice will be after religious ed.

@ 11:15 am till 1:00 pm.



Christmas Program

Parish Christmas Play & Potluck dinner

Want to get in the spirit of the Christmas?

This is how!!

Make your favorite dish and gather on **December 18th**, at **5:00 pm**. We will have a Potluck dinner and show our Christmas Play "What Can I Give Him?" All Parish family is invited to come gather and enjoy the fellowship!

FORMED – This is FREE!!

FORMED is a Catholic digital platform. It has over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you! It has been gifted to our parish from the Augustine Institute. Thank the Lord! The Augustine Institute also gifted the digital platform for our new curriculum "Word of Life." We hope everyone takes advantage of these resources while they are available to us. We would love to have your feedback to share with the Augustine institute. Sign up as a parishioner, under our church @ www.FORMED.org. Email your feedback to: dre@olbs-Catholic.org



Bible Study is held at the church hall on Sunday's, following the 9 am. Mass. All are invited to join! It's a great opportunity for parents, while kids are in Sunday school class.

There is also a Bible Study on Tuesday's, held at the Mercy Center conference room @ 4:30 pm.

Come join us!



JAMES 5:7, NIV

Altar Flowers

If you are interested in ordering flowers for the altar, please call the parish office to let Pam know what weekend and whether or not you will be bringing the flowers in or need her to order for you.

You can do either the flowers on both sides of the Tabernacle or those in front of the Altar or both.

The Parish office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm.



Christmas Food Baskets

We are still collecting Funds for Christmas Food Baskets again this year! If you wish to contribute, please place your donation in an envelope clearly marked "Food Baskets", along with your envelope number so you can get credit for your donation.

You can either place your donation in the offertory basket or see Sandy Lam, Deidra Kopacki, Erin Hayden, Tiffany Smith, or Pam Watkins after one of the Masses.

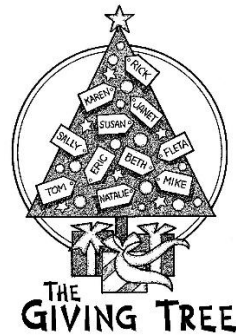
If you know of someone in need of a Food Basket, please contact Pam Watkins at the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays between 9:00am and 4:30pm or you can call 919-820-1986.

We will be shopping for and packing the Christmas Food Baskets on Saturday, December 17th. We will be meeting in the Hall/Church Parking Lot at 10:00am and will leave from there to shop at the Aldi in Williamsburg. All ages are welcome, we just ask that any children under high school age be accompanied by a parent.

Please call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays between 9:00am and 4:30pm to RSVP by so that we can get an accurate count for lunch. **CORRECTION:** Lunch for those shopping for and packing the Food Baskets **WILL NOT** be provided by the parish. No funds collected for the Food Baskets **have ever or will never** be used to feed the crew of volunteers. We apologize for any misconception this may have caused.

Please come out and get that feeling that only helping someone else can give you!

Thanks to all for your Generosity!



The love of Christ is alive and flowing through our parish community! When all is said and done 50 children will have been helped through our parish Giving Tree.

Thanks so much to all those who contributed to the Giving Tree and made Christmas brighter for these children!

Rise Against Hunger

Our Meal Packaging Journey:

At this moment, healthy meals are on their way to a community in urgent need of nutrition. We're excited to share that destination with you.

The meals from your Rise Against Hunger Experience on 5/28/2022 have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Richmond warehouse.

The meals will be received by our in-country partner, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)- SASFI in Madagascar.

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Complete this proverb: "Like snow in _____ or rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool."

- A. springtime
- B. summer
- C. seedtime
- D. autumn

Answer: B (See Proverbs 26:1, ESV)

DECEMBER



ANNIVERSARIES

Glenn & Kay Shaw	December 1, 1972
Craig & Danielle Smith	December 1, 2007
Wayne & Carol Beasely	December 12, 1980
(Francis) & Cathy Fudella	December 13, 1971
Michael & Jan Bellanca	December 29, 1963
Chris & Paula Polcyn	December 30, 1988

The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy From the Diary of St. Faustina

My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of My goodness? For you I descended from heaven to search; for you I allowed Myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let me Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart. Your misery has disappeared in the depths of My mercy. Do not argue with me about your wretchedness. You will give Me pleasure if you had over to Me all your troubles and griefs. I shall heap upon you the treasures of My grace (Diary, 1485).

My Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, reveal to souls that Your mercy is greater than all the sins of the world. Draw us to You Sacred Heart, so our miseries may disappear in the depths of Your mercy. Have mercy on us all.

Collections for December 3rd & 4th, 2022 Week's Amount

Parish Operations	\$ 5,362
Christmas Flowers	\$ 200
Christmas Day	\$ 25
Votive Candles	\$ 6
Thanksgiving	\$ 10
Total	\$ 5,603
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,341
Food Baskets	\$ 265
Religious Education	\$ 110

Thank You for Supporting our Parish



Knights of Columbus

Coats for Kids

The Father Jakubowski Council 8116 has started its annual campaign for Coats for Kids. Last year, the local council provided coats to children at West Point elementary, King William's Cool Springs & Acquinton elementary, and Lower King and Queen elementary. You can give a donation to any Knight or mail to K of C Council 8116, PO Box 707, West Point, 23181.

Attendance

December 3 rd	Saturday 5:30 pm Mass	60
December 4 th	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	112
	Spanish Mass 11:30 am Mass	45



K of C Christmas Card Sales

The Knights are once again selling religiously-based Christmas cards as part of its "Keep Christ in Christmas" program. Please visit the display in the church foyer.

Christmas Holiday Parish Office Closing

The office will close Thursday, December 22nd through Tuesday, December 27th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. The Staff wishes all our parish family a very warm, wonderful and Blessed Christmas filled with family and friends.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place each day at 6:30 pm, having begun last Saturday, December 3rd, and conclude on Monday, December 12th with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass at 6:00 pm. We will begin with a procession about 5:45pm, weather permitting.

The Blessing of Oplatki – An Old Tradition

Father Oscar will be Blessing the Oplatki this weekend, December 10th & 11th. Please see the insert this week for more information on this beautiful family tradition. Be sure to take one to share with your family, carrying on an old tradition or starting a new one!

Senior Luncheon Thursday Dec. 15th

Following the 11:00 am Mass, the monthly Senior Luncheon will be at Nick's Spaghetti & Steak House in King & Queen. Please call or text Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by noon on Tuesday, December 13th to reserve a place.

Preschool Annual Christmas Program

The preschool will have their annual Christmas Program on Thursday, December 15th at 9:00am. All are welcome to come watch the children sing. We will follow with refreshments and fellowship. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the children in this community.



Thank You, Alfred

Have you noticed the landscaping under the church sign? Thanks to Alfred Jones for the plantings and mulching that helps the parish sign stand out!



Priests for Life

Advent and Pregnancy

As we enter the second half of Advent, the liturgy focuses more specifically on the Incarnation and birth of Jesus at the first Christmas. We think about Mary's initial fear and uncertainty in the face of her unexpected pregnancy. Then, in every Church in the world, believers spiritually rush to her side to eagerly await with her the birth of the Savior.

Every birth reflects the joy of the birth of Christ.

Nationwide, pregnancy centers providing alternatives to abortion can be reached through the "Option Line," 1-800-712-HELP, or at www.pregnancycenters.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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