

# OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 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.*



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> , 2022

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 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 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 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

**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Lencie McCloud (RIP)  
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

**Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 11:00 am Mass Offered in Loving Memory of Kathy Webster (RIP)  
Requested by Bill Webster

**Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 8:30 am Mass Offered for Thomas Trudeau (RIP)  
Anniversary of Death  
Requested by Edna Trudeau
- 6:30 pm Most Holy Rosary

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE**

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass Offered for Thomas Sturtz, Sr. & Thomas Sturtz, Jr. (RIP)  
Requested by Marguerite Sturtz
- 9:00 pm Mass Offered for Roland, Jr., JoAn & Roland III Klisiewicz (RIP)  
Requested by the Watkins Family
- Mass Offered for Charlie Sturtz (RIP)  
Requested by Jeanie Sturtz
- Mass Offered for John Bonatti (RIP)  
Anniversary of Death (12/25)  
Requested by Jim & Pattie Vadas

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY**

- 9:00 am Mass Offered for Paul McDonald (RIP)  
Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic

The Season of Advent

When trying to find the perfect reflection / message to put here for Advent, I could find nothing that really said, "This is the one to use." We look forward to His coming in our liturgical preparation of Christmas, but the truth is...we have Him, Jesus the Messiah with us! Let's not get distracted this Advent with all the commercial, but sit down and meditate on Him. Who is Jesus who came into this world for me? Who thought so much of me, that He gave himself?

The Magi traveled a journey...like the Holy family, the road they traveled was long. They didn't stop searching and traveling because the nearest store was selling the finest cloths or foods. They continued to stay focused, bringing their finest gifts for the God-Man. What can we bring Him this Christmas and Year? What are the finest gifts that He has given us? How can we use these gifts to serve Him?

Our church is the body of Christ and the fruit are the gifts we bare in His name. Maybe there is a place we can serve Him right here? Sharing our best time and talents so that others may see Him in us. He is born in us the moment we choose surrender. Let the light shine forth like the star of Bethlehem, so others may follow. Merry Christmas!

"THE VIRGIN WILL  
conceive  
and  
GIVE BIRTH  
to a  
son,  
AND THEY WILL  
call him  
IMMANUEL"  
(which means "God with us").  
MATTHEW 1:23, NIV



## FAITH FORMATION

### Religious Education

No Religious Education from December 18<sup>th</sup> - January 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Classes will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to our teachers for sharing their time and talents to teach our parish kids. You are appreciated so much! May God Bless you all!

### Church Christmas Decorating

We need help for Christmas decorating on December 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10 am. This work is perfect for teens needing community service hours and also perfect for adults. If you are able to help, please call: Erin Hayden 804-366-4435 Thank you!



### 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 18<sup>th</sup>**, at **5:00 pm**. We will have a Potluck dinner and show our Christmas Play "What Can I Give Him?"

All Parish families are invited to come gather and enjoy the fellowship!



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

*Matthew 1:22, ESV*

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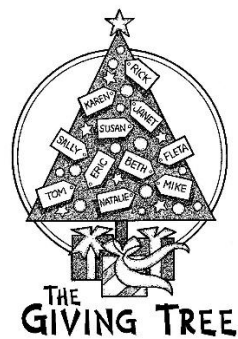
### Altar Flowers

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.

Thanks to all for your  
Generosity!



The love of Christ is alive and flowing through our parish community! The final count is in! A total of 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!

**Collections for December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Week's Amount**

Parish Operations	\$ 2,994
Supplementary Collection	\$ 2,500
Christmas Flowers	\$ 140
Votive Candles	\$ 7
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 183
Immaculate Conception	\$ 50

**Total** \$ 5,874

**Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:**

Capital Campaign	\$ 872
Food Baskets	\$ 112
Haitian Ministry	\$ 150

\*\*\*Thank You for Supporting our Parish\*\*\*

**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.

**Attendance**

December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Immaculate Conception	
	8:30 am Mass	33
	7:00 pm Mass	40
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 5:30 pm Mass	65
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 9:00 am Mass	127
	No Spanish Mass	

**The Year of Grace, with Divine Mercy**

From the Diary of St. Faustina

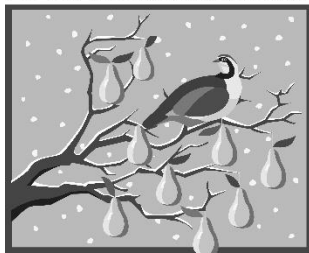
Tell Me all, My child, hide nothing from Me, because My loving Heart, the Heart of your Best Friend, is listening to you.

-Your soul's response-

**Jesus (interrupting):** Do not be absorbed in your misery- you are still too weak to speak of it- but, but rather, gaze on My Heart filled with goodness, and be imbued with My sentiments. Strive for meekness and humility; be merciful to others, as I am to you; and, when you feel your strength failing, if you come to the fountain of mercy to fortify your soul, you will not grow weary on your journey (Diary, 1486).

**My Prayer Response:** Lord Jesus, draw souls overwhelmed by their miseries to gaze at Your Heart filled with goodness. Draw them to the fountain of mercy to strengthen them on their journey. Teach them to be meek and humble. And teach them to be merciful as You are to them.

**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



## 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.

### Knights' Blood Drive January 10, 2023

As a flyer in this weekend's bulletin, please note that the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive for January 10, 2023 at the Boogaard Hall. Please make an appointment by visiting the Red Cross web site.

### 2023 Parish Calendars

The Knights have once again generously donated the parish calendars. Although they were ordered on October 4<sup>th</sup>, the company has been experiencing some logistical delays in getting them to us. They are scheduled to ship between December 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. As soon as they arrive, you will find them at the back of the church. Thank you for your patience.

### Church Christmas Decorating

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### Hearing Assistance

If you are having difficulty hearing the Mass in Church, speak with one of the ushers, as the parish has purchased hearing assistance devices for our parishioners.

### Christmas Holiday Parish Office Closing

The office will close Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> through Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Blessed Oplatki – An Old Tradition

You can find the Oplatki at the back of the church. Father Oscar blessed the Oplatki last weekend, and there was an insert in that bulletin with 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!

### Update on Capital Campaign

The total raised to date - \$440,131.00, which includes pledges in the amount \$381,250.00 and one-time gifts of \$58,881.00. We have received \$196,071.89 in payments on pledges, leaving \$185,178.11 to receive.

### Priests for Life

#### All Oppression Shall Cease

The Christmas song "O Holy Night" includes the following words: "Truly he taught us to love one another. His law is love, and his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease."

This is a reminder that as we celebrate Christmas, we renew our commitment to ending all oppression, particularly of those who are most oppressed, the children living before birth within their mothers...children who have been deprived of legal protection, and are oppressed by the mythology of choice.

In the name of the newborn Christ, the oppression of our unborn children will cease. May Christmas give us the strength to be silent no more, and more active than ever in the pro-life cause.



## DECEMBER 2022 PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Sharon Adams  
Elizabeth Alley  
Jerry Armstead  
Camb Ashley  
Candace Barefoot  
Virginia Becker  
Paulette Berberich  
Tom Berberich  
Linda Blevins  
Ron Blevins  
Vuong Bui  
Linda Burch  
William Bush  
Katherine Carson  
Kevin Carson  
Lucy Carson  
Jose Castaneda  
Tim Collier  
Meredith Crowe  
Vincent D'elia  
Denise DePompeo  
Dexter Dix  
Larry Dzula, Jr.  
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Karen Fischer  
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Margaret Geron

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Ron Hebrank  
Kelly Hipple  
Laurie Hite  
Ellen Horseman  
Carol Houser  
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Betty Johnson  
Gail Justin  
Bob Kay  
Bill Kessler  
Gloria Kojcsich  
Bonnie Kopacki  
Joyce Kostrzewa  
Gordon Langston  
Helene Lawrence  
Richard Lawrence  
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Jackie Mierle  
Clara Morrow  
Randy Morrow  
Specialist Mullins  
Larry Newtzie

Andrea Payton  
Ka'varus Penticolas  
Brett Pickens  
Patricia Pilog  
Lenny Ramlano  
Pam Rigsby  
Mark A. Roane  
Vickie Roane  
Leonard Romano  
John Ross  
Debbie Royals  
Jack Scaife  
Barbara Schafer  
Kay Shaw  
James Simmons  
The Solak Family  
Levi Sturtz  
Jim Tokarz  
Mae Touray  
Edna Trudeau  
Gloria Wajciechowski  
Frank & Beverly Watkins  
James Wills  
Bill Webster  
Andrea Berberich Wilson  
Mary Wilson  
Lois Wilson  
Robert 'Bobby' Wilson  
Leda Zaginaylo  
Jody Zogran

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson  
Specialist Sydney Gay

Please note that in January, the list will start anew. If you wish to put someone on the list, for the year 2023, you will need to call the office to have that person's name put on the prayer list. In this way we will be able to remove those who should no longer be on the list.



# 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  
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