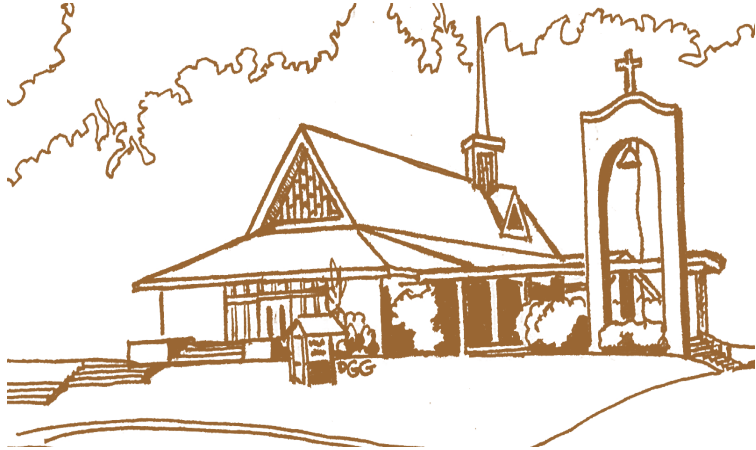


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS: SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

WEEKDAYS: 9:30 A.M. Tuesday - Friday

HOLYDAYS: 9:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

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By Appointment

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.
followed by the Most Holy Rosary - 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

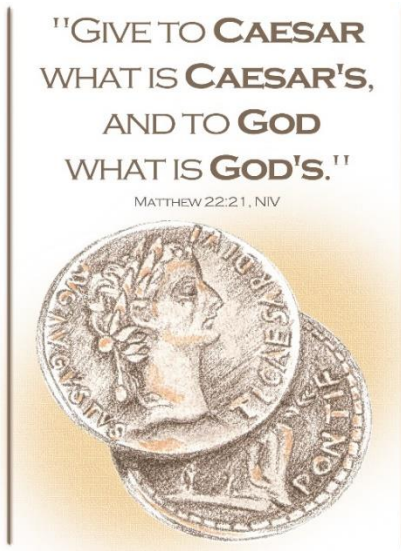
OLBS sponsors a preparation program for couples who intend to marry. The Pastor must be contacted at least six months prior to the date of the wedding.

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.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

October 21st & 22nd, 2023



Saturday, October 28th **THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass offered for David Seckora (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, October 29th **THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass offered for Mike & Nancy Pausic
On Their 63rd Wedding Anniversary
Requested by Nancy & Mike Pausic
and for a Special Intention
Requested by Pam Watkins
10:30 am **All Saints/All Souls Parish Celebration**
at Boogaard Hall & parking lot

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

Saturday, October 21st **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am VIRTUS Training "Empowering God's
Children" at VDB Hall
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass offered for Paul McDonald (RIP)
Requested by Jim & Pattie Vadas

Sunday, October 22nd **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass offered for Roger Staskiel (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
10:15 am Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School

Monday, October 23rd **Saint John of Capistrano, Priest***
No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, October 24th **Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop***

9:30 am Mass offered for David Seckora (RIP)
Requested by Jim & Pattie Vadas
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel
4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)
6:30 pm **Parish Finance Council meeting (MC)**

Wednesday, October 25th

9:30 am Mass offered for Marie Gawlik (RIP)
Requested by Arlene Lasch & Rick Perry
6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, October 26th

9:30 am Mass offered for Larry Dzula, Jr. (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

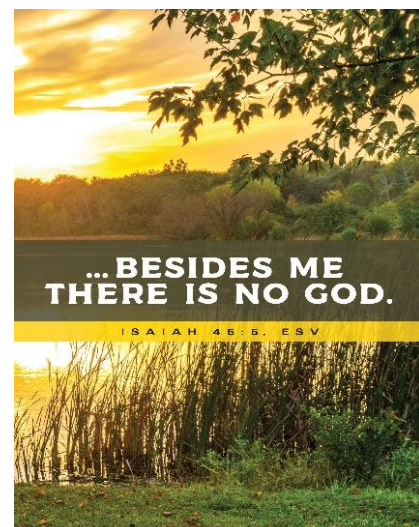
Friday, October 27th

9:30 am Mass offered for Melvina Gooch (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler
6:30 pm **Most Holy Rosary**

Holy Hour Starts in November

Beginning on the First Friday in November, November 3, from 6 pm to 7 pm, we will have a Holy Hour devotion in the church. This will include Benediction and the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary. There will then be a Holy Hour on every First Friday of every month.

A holy hour is a period of devotion in which we spend time with Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament. We praise Him; we thank Him for all He has done for us; we tell Him what is on our minds. It is a time to draw closer to Jesus who gave His life for us.



Religious Education & Adult Bible Study



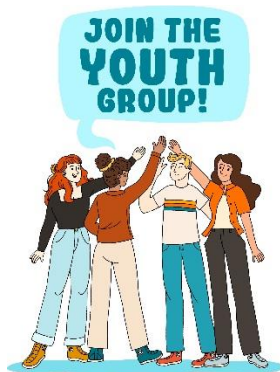
**** Religious education classes began on September 24th at 10:15 am. Registration is still available. ****

Tuesday night Bible Study meets at 4:30 pm. in the Mercy Center. Studies from the Augustine Institute: Eternal Rest-The Art of Dying Well. You will find answers to questions like: What happens when we die? What does scripture teach? How do we prepare for the life to come? If you are interested in joining or have questions, please call the office, so we can have your materials.

We are looking a for part time 5th grade Sunday school teacher to share responsibilities teaching, every other week. Lesson materials are provided...it just needs a willing heart. Please prayerfully consider.

Sunday Adult Bible Study will be during Religious Education time, at the VDB hall. The Book of Matthew! We hope you will join us!

The Youth Group will next meet on **Sunday November 5th at 6:30 pm** at the Boogaard Center! This is for young people from 6th Grade to High School.



Altar Flower Donations

October is the month of Mary! We will have flowers the entire month in loving honor of our Blessed Mother Mary. You can donate flowers for beside the Tabernacle and/ or in front of the Altar in honor of or in loving



ALL SAINTS' DAY

**October 29th- ALL SOULS / ALL SAINTS DAY
PARISH CELEBRATION!**

Religious ed. classes and parishioners will participate in an All Saints - All Souls Day event. Parish council and religious ed are inviting all for lunch and to participate.

Sign-ups to attend or help will be in the back of church.

We will have many fun learning activities and a lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus are planned from 10:30 am. to 12:30 pm.

We will be looking for help with stations, setting up, Kitchen help, "Saints" Trunk or Treat (decorations and activity provided) and Parish fellowship time!

Saint "dress-ups" are encouraged for all kids and anyone wanting to participate. Please mark your calendar and get your treats together 😊 Questions, please contact the office: 804-843-3125

Respect Life Month

In honor of Respect Life month, we have set up a display in the back of church to help the unborn and the elderly.

Please consider taking a tag and shopping for that item, returning it to the back of the church **by October 29th**.

The items will be distributed to the House of Mercy and 3 Rivers Health & Rehab.



**A Special Occasion at
Poor Clares Monastery**

On Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., you are invited to attend Mass and the Solemn Profession of vows of *Sister Mary Laetitia of the Merciful Heart of Jesus*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Zischkau. Bishop Knestout will be the main celebrant for the Eucharistic Liturgy.

Attendance

October 14 th	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	89
October 15 th	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	118



**Knights of
Columbus**

Crab Carnival a Success

Thanks to so many Knights who turned out to help at the crab cake sandwich booth during both days of the Carnival. And thanks to parishioners who supported us by sampling our delicacies, which included shrimp, fries, and shrimp egg rolls. This was the Knights' big fundraiser and will give us the opportunity to support Parish projects and charitable causes.

*****We still have a limited amount homemade shrimp egg rolls for sale at \$12/dozen.**

These were made and frozen for the Crab Carnival.***

➤ **Call Phil Liberato at 804-512-9701**

Collections for October 14th & October 15th, 2023
Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 6,772
Supplemental Collection	\$ 443
Parish Heating	\$ 150
Votive Stand	\$ 15
Flower Donation	\$ 100
Total	\$ 7,480
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 750
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100
Poor Box	\$ 45

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



October Wedding Anniversaries

Brandon & Gigi Jordan	October 3, 2009
Albert & Gloria Wajciechowski	October 10, 1970
(David "Charlie") & Jeanie Sturtz	October 11, 1968
Frank & Mary Ann Fetterolf	October 19, 1963
Kevin & Deidra Kopacki	October 20, 2001
Mike & Nancy Pausic	October 29, 1960

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October: Month of the Most Holy Rosary

Praying for the Dead

St. Gertrude the Great was a holy mystic of the 14th century, who began receiving heavenly visions at age 25 while living in a Benedictine community. **Among her mystical visions was a glimpse into Purgatory.** There she saw a man she was praying for and his soul appeared as a toad, suffering from the sins he committed on earth. After reciting a short prayer for him, she asked Jesus if it had any effect. He replied by saying, **“Certainly, the souls in Purgatory are lifted up by such supplications, but also brief prayers that are said with fervor are of even greater benefit for them.”**

The Church has always taught that it is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the souls of the faithful departed, imploring God to purify the souls of the dead “by the fire of his charity” and to bring them at last to their Heavenly Home.

During one of these visions Gertrude was given a prayer by Jesus for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. **It is piously believed that 1,000 souls are released from purgatory by praying this prayer with the heart.** Below is this powerful prayer, one that trusts in the unfathomable mercy of God, poured out for us on Calvary.

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Eucharistic Revival

This year is a National Eucharistic Revival movement for all parishes. This is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Fact on the Eucharist- Where is the Eucharist mentioned in the Bible?

Matthew 26:26-30-While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.”²⁶ Then he took a cup, gave thanks,²⁷ and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.²⁸ I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.”³⁰ Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Year of Grace and Divine Mercy

(From The Diary of St. Faustina)

Meditation:

Today toward evening, the Lord said to me, **Entrust yourself completely to Me at the hour of death, and I will present you to My Father as My bride. And now I recommend that you unite, in a special way, even your smallest deeds to My merits, and then My Father will look upon them with love as if they were My own** (Diary, 1543).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I entrust myself to You at the hour of my death. May I be completely united to You in love at that hour. Present me to the Father with love as You own.

Priests for Life

Our participation at Mass is meant to spur us on to create a better world, in which all life, including the unborn, is protected. In his encyclical letter on the Eucharist, Pope John Paul II wrote the following:

“Certainly the Christian vision leads to the expectation of “new heavens” and “a new earth” (Rev 21:1), but this increases, rather than lessens, our sense of responsibility for the world today. I wish to reaffirm this forcefully at the beginning of the new millennium, so that Christians will feel more obliged than ever not to neglect their duties as citizens in this world. Theirs is the task of contributing with the light of the Gospel to the building of a more human world, a world fully in harmony with God’s plan” (n.20).



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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