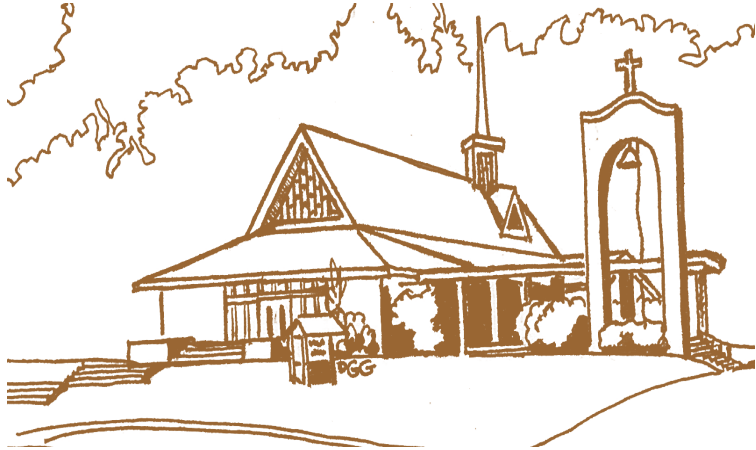


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

October 28th & 29th, 2023



LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR heart
& WITH ALL YOUR soul
AND WITH ALL YOUR
mind.

MATTHEW 22:37

Saturday, November 4th **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

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

Sunday, November 5th **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass offered for Larry Dzula, Jr. (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
10:15 am Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School
6:30 pm Youth Group at VDB Hall

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

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

Monday, October 30th

No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, October 31st

9:30 am Mass offered for Roger Staskiel (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, November 1st **ALL SAINTS- Holy Day of Obligation**

9:30 am Mass offered for Anthony Gintout (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

7:00 pm Mass

Thursday, November 2nd **ALL SOULS' DAY ***

9:30 am Mass offered for Melvina Gooch (RIP)
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

Friday, November 3rd **Saint Martin de Porres, Religious***

9:30 am Mass offered for Donnie & Mildred Hite
Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler

6:00 pm **Holy Hour – Benediction**

6:30 pm **Most Holy Rosary**

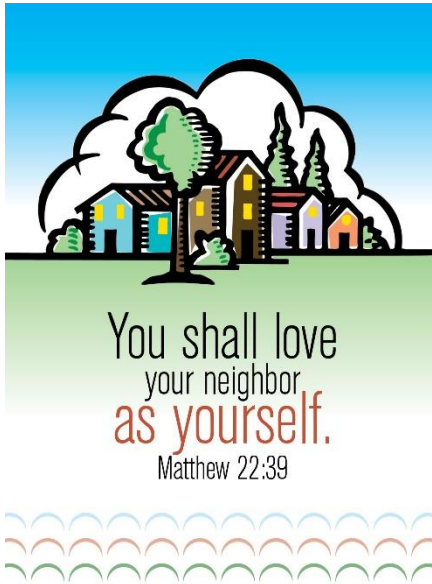


Holy Hour Starts First Friday in November

First Friday Holy Hour has begun. The next First Friday observation will be December 1st from 6 pm to 7 pm. This will include Benediction followed by the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary.

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.

A visit to the Blessed Sacrament is an opportunity to sit quietly and speak our heart to His heart, praying for ourselves and those dear to us; also praying for peace and salvation of the world. We should spend time sitting quietly and just be in the presence of the Lord. Not only do we speak to Him of our concerns, we should also try listening to what He wants to tell us. Spending time with the Blessed Sacrament will enhance our belief in the Real Presence and bring Jesus more fully into our lives.



It's that time of Year, again! Our Giving Tree will be up in the back of the Church by November 11th. With the state of the current economy, the need is greater than ever. Please plan to take a tag (or even two) and shop for a child whose parent is unable to do so. Gifts need to be back under the tree by the weekend of December 2nd & 3rd so they can be distributed. Please return the gifts unwrapped in a black trash bag with the Tag attached and a list of what is enclosed. If you would like to include wrapping paper and tape, please do. When we meet some of these parents they are so very grateful for all you do! And, we are spreading Christ's love as is requested of us!

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

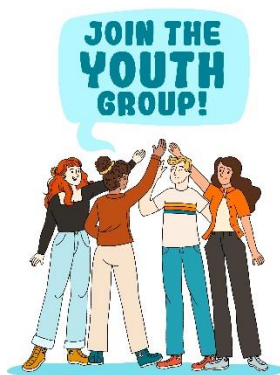
Religious Education Sunday School is held every Sunday at 10:15 am in the classrooms at the Boogaard Hall.

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!

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.

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.



In December, we will once again, be collecting money and grocery shopping for needy families. You can include an envelope marked Food Baskets in the offertory basket with your envelope number on it so it can be recorded correctly. Or, you can give it to Sandy Lam Dinh, Deidra Kopacki, Erin Hayden or Pam Watkins after one of the Masses. The tentative date for shopping is Saturday, December 16th. All are welcome to come and help. We just need a good head count by Wednesday, December 13th. All children not yet in high school will need to be accompanied by a parent.

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 memory of a loved one.



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.



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



**Knights of
Columbus**

Crab Carnival a Success

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

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

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- In-Home Respite Care for Seniors

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Collections for October 21st & 22nd, 2023

Week's Amount

Total Offertory	\$ 3,319
Supplemental Collection	\$ 100
Total	\$ 3,419
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 488
Learning to Lead Collection	\$ 20
World Missions	\$ 182

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

Attention Seniors!

Medicare Open Enrollment runs through Dec. 7, 2023. During this time, you can review and compare options for health and prescription drug coverage. After checking your options, you can enroll or switch plans for the coming year. Changes will take effect on Jan. 1, 2024. If you are satisfied with your current health care coverage, and it will be available in 2024, then you do not need to take any action.

Attendance

October 21 st	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	73
October 22 nd	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	125



October: Month of the Most Holy Rosary

Why do Catholics celebrate All Souls Day?

The Church is composed of the faithful living upon the earth and those who have gone before us. The latter includes the Saints in Heaven and the faithful Souls being purified in Purgatory. Just as on November 1st we honor those who are with God, on November 2nd Catholics celebrate a Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Also known as All Souls Day, on this day we honor them for their fidelity in life, as well as pray for them, since they are being purified before entering the All-Holy Presence of God. As Revelation 21:27 says of the Heavenly Jerusalem, "... nothing unclean shall enter in."

Year of Grace and Divine Mercy

(From The Diary of St. Faustina)

Meditation:

Today after Holy Communion, the Lord told me, **My daughter, My delight is to unite Myself with you. It is when you submit yourself to My will that you give Me the greatest glory and draw down upon yourself a sea of blessings. I would not take such special delight in you if you were not living by My will.** (Diary, 954). February 15, 1937. Today I heard these words in my soul: **Most pleasing to My Father, know, My daughter, that the entire Holy Trinity finds it's special delight in you, because you live exclusively by the will of God. No sacrifice can compare with this** (Diary, 955).

My Prayer Response:

O my sweet Guest, I am prepared for all sacrifices for Your sake, but You know that I am weakness itself. Nevertheless, with You I can do all things. O my Jesus I beseech You, be with me at each instant (Diary, 954).



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.

Priests for Life

Healing after Abortion

Every day, women who have had abortions are coming to the healing of the Lord. One such person has shared the following: "[My husband] convinced me to get an abortion. I was of the feeling (although I knew better) that this wasn't really a baby. It was a 'mass of tissue' I was getting rid of. I grieved for a long time when I faced what I had really done. It made me a much sadder person for a while. I made a confession to a Priest, [and] followed his advice to become involved in letting people know that they are carrying a life inside of them. I feel very good about myself now. I am involved in the Pro-Life Movement." For more info, visit www.SilentNoMore.com.



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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