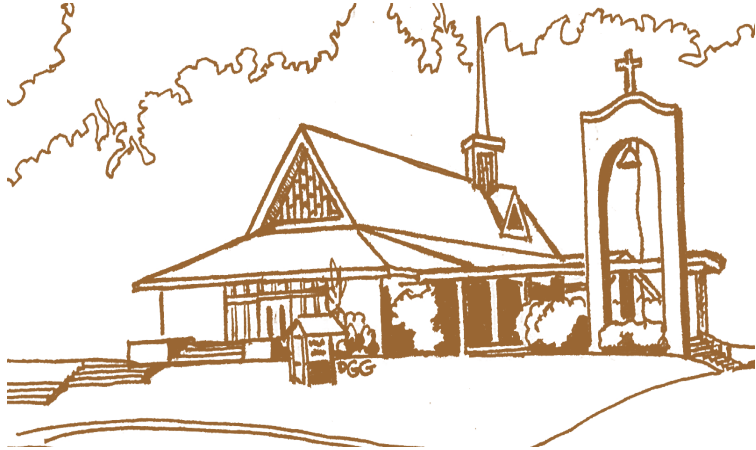


# OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME\***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass offered for **Frank Watkins (RIP)**  
Requested by The Watkins Family

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME\***

9:00 am Mass offered for **Karen & Phil Liberato**  
For Healing  
Requested by Janice McGowan & family  
10:15 am **No** Adult Bible Study  
10:15 am **No** Religious Education Sunday School

Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> *Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin\**  
No Mass  
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary\**

9:30 am Mass offered for **Mass of Thanksgiving**  
Requested by Marguerite Sturtz  
12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel  
4:30 pm **No** Adult Bible Study (Mercy Center)

Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> *Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr\**

9:30 am Mass offered for **H. Lynn Hopkins (RIP)**  
Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic  
6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> **THANKSGIVING DAY**  
*Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot  
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr (USA) \**

9:30 am Mass offered for **Charles "Brownie" Downey**  
(RIP)  
Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic

Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> *Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and  
Companions, Martyrs\**

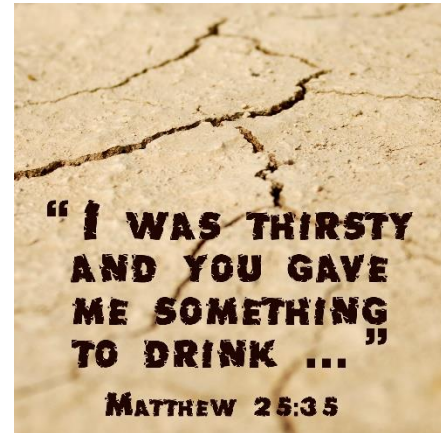
9:30 am Mass offered for **Ann Kolar (RIP)**  
Requested by Mike & Nancy Pausic  
6:30 pm **Most Holy Rosary**

Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE\***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass offered for **Rosa Gooch (RIP)**  
Anniversary of Death  
Requested by Edna G. Trudeau

Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE\***

9:00 am Mass offered for **Paul McDonald (RIP)**  
Requested by Paul's Sister Luciene &  
John Lazaro  
10:15 am **No** Adult Bible Study  
10:15 am **No** Religious Education Sunday School  
10:15 am **Parish Council Meeting (Mercy Center)**



### Monthly Spanish Mass to Begin

On Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, Father Oscar will be offering a Spanish Mass at 4 pm. Spanish Masses will be offered once a month on the first Sunday. This will continue as long as Father remains assigned as Chaplain at the Poor Clares Monastery due to the additional masses he has there.

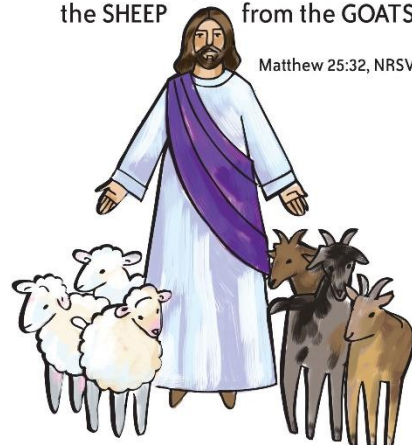
### Parish Still Seeking a Volunteer

Anyone interested in helping with the Committee for the Poor, please call the office.

There remains a need for someone to work with Janice McGowan and learn about Boogaard Hall rentals.

“He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the SHEEP from the GOATS.”

Matthew 25:32, NRSV



## Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

### Sunday Adult Bible Study

No Bible Study on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>.

**No Religious Ed., Bible Study or Christmas play practice on the weekends of November 19<sup>th</sup> or November 26<sup>th</sup>. Classes, Bible study and practice will resume on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



We will once again be collecting money to grocery shop 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 16<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to come and help. We just need a good head count by Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. All children not yet in high school will need to be accompanied by a parent.

If you know of a family in need a food basket please call the Parish Office at 804-843-3125 or Pam Watkins at 919-820-1983 to let us know.



### Christmas Pageant

### Christmas Play & Potluck

Save the date!

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm

Save the date and Join us for Christmas fellowship on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm. Bring your favorite dish to share! We will have our Christmas Play showing, "The Perfect Christmas Tree."

### Altar Flower Donations

The flowers on the altar this weekend are donated by Linda and Joe Drexler in honor of Bubba J's Birthday! Happy Birthday Bubba!

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.



It's that time of Year, again! Thanks to Sandy Lam Dinh, our Giving Tree is actually up in the back of the church which gives us extra time to shop for these children! 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!



### 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-** By celebrating The Last Supper with His apostles, in the course of the Passover Meal, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover it's definitive meaning. Jesus' passing over to His Father by His death and resurrection is anticipated in the Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the Church in the Glory of the Kingdom. (CCC 1340)

**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.

**Things We Need to Know About the Catholic Church:  
"Communion with the Dead"**

The Church is a "communion of saints": this expression refers first to the "holy things" (sancta), above all the Eucharist, by which "the unity of believers who from one body in Christ, is both represented and brought about "(LG3). The term "communion of saints" refers also to the communion of "holy persons" (sancti) in Christ who "died for all," so that what each one does or suffers in and for Christ bears fruit for all. (CCC 960-961)

**Year of Grace and Divine Mercy  
(From The Diary of St. Faustina)**

**Meditation:**

Daughter, I need sacrifice lovingly accomplished, because that alone has meaning for Me. Enormous indeed are the debts of the world which are due to Me; pure souls can pay them by their sacrifice, exercising mercy in spirit. (Diary, 1316).

**My Prayer Response:**

Jesus, teach me to lovingly make sacrifices for souls that I may exercise mercy in spirit. May I always remember that only what is accomplished in love has meaning for You, Lord.

**Priests for Life**

In 1973, the Supreme Court's Doe vs. Bolton decision was the companion case to Roe vs. Wade, making abortion legal throughout pregnancy. Sandra Cano, the "Mary Doe" plaintiff of Doe vs. Bolton, technically won the case and the right to have an abortion – except that she never wanted one. Sandra was always a pro-life Christian until her death in 2014. On March 23, 1997, she declared these memorable words: "I am Sandra Cano. I became known as Mary Doe when the U.S. Supreme Court released Doe v. Bolton, which allowed abortion for virtually any reason. I am against abortion; I never sought an abortion; I have never had an abortion. Abortion is murder. For over twenty years, and against my will, my name has been synonymous with abortion. The Doe v. Bolton case is based on deceit and fraud. I stand today in this place of healing, the National Memorial for the Unborn, and pledge to the memory of these innocent children, that as long as I have breath, I will strive to see abortion ended in America."

**Collections for November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Week's Amount**

Total Offertory	\$ 4,996
Supplemental Collection	\$ 25
Votive Candles	\$ 10
Christmas Flowers	\$ 190
Religious Education	\$ 25
Thanksgiving	\$ 25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,271</b>
<b>Budgeted weekly average parish need</b>	<b>\$ 4,596</b>
<b>Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:</b>	
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,033
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 370
Archdiocese of the Military	\$ 497
Poor Box	\$ 20
Cemetery Fund	\$ 310

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

**Attendance**

November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	86
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	137



**November Wedding Anniversaries**

Paul & Erin Borszich	November 3, 2007
Richard & Margaret Mountcastle	November 6, 1971
Shane & Donna Donahue	November 10, 2001
Jody & Bobbi Drexler	November 15, 2003
Joe & Linda Drexler	November 23, 1968

**Cardinal Newman Academy Christmas Craft Fair**

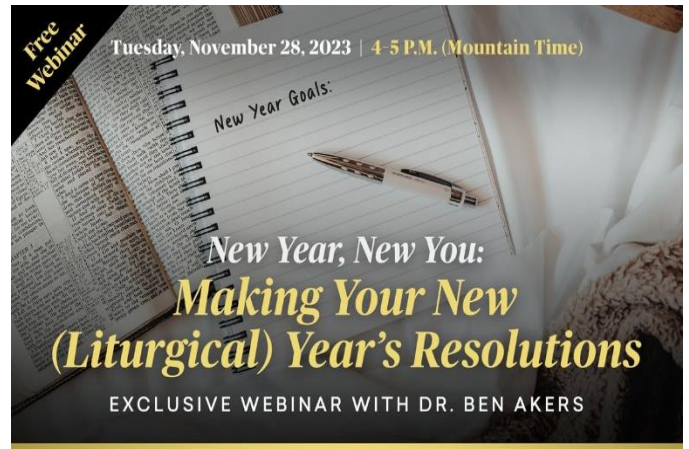
**Church of the Epiphany  
11000 Smoketree Drive, North Chesterfield**

**Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9am-3PM.**

*There will be several local Catholic artisans with both religious and non-religious items for sale. For info or vendor application, contact [cnacraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:cnacraftfair@gmail.com).*

*supporting local artisans! We hope you can make it out and bring the whole family! Concessions will be available for purchase and there will be several items being raffled off.*


*Items available will include: saint dolls, rosaries, jewelry, canned jam, baked goods, wood crafts, Christmas ornaments and decor, and much more!"*



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**Friday  
December 1, 2023  
7:00pm**



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**Register Today: FREE Advent Webinar!  
New Year, New You: Making Your New  
(Liturgical) Year's Resolutions  
with Dr. Ben Akers  
November 28, 2023 | 4 P.M. (Mountain  
Time)**

At the start of the calendar year, we often take stock of the previous year and set new resolutions. Do we do the same for our spiritual lives? Join Dr. Ben Akers for a webinar about entering Advent—the beginning of the liturgical year—with practical suggestions to grow closer to Christ.

This Advent study is a free sneak peek of our monthly Mission Circle webinar series. Join us on Tuesday, November 28, at 4 P.M. (Mountain Time). Register for free today to secure your spot or to receive a recording of the webinar later.



# 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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