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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
(also by appointment)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday and Tuesday in the
Mercy Center Chapel

FIRST FRIDAY BENEDICTION AND ADORATION

In the church at 6:00 p.m.
(followed by the Most Holy Rosary
at 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.

HOME VISIT WITH FATHER OSCAR

To schedule, please call the church
office at the number below.

Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass 4:00 p.m.
(first Sunday of the month)

WEEKDAYS

Tuesday – Thursday 9:30 a.m.
Friday 5:30 p.m.
(followed by the Rosary —
first Friday of the month
is followed by a holy hour)

HOLIDAYS

9:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Parish Offices

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 6th & 7th, 2024

Saturday, April 6th DIVINE MERCY VIGIL MASS*

- 5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 pm Mass offered for Mark Drexler, Jr. (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler

Sunday, April 7th DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY*

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Roger Staskiel (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 4:00 pm **Spanish Mass**

Monday, April 8th THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD*

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

Tuesday, April 9th

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for David Seckora (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 4:30 pm Adult Bible Study
- 12pm-10pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, April 10th

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for James Geron (RIP)
Requested by Donna Geron
- 6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday April 11th *Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr**

- 9:30 am Mass Offered for Special Intention
Requested by. Edna Trudeau

Friday, April 12th

- 5:30 pm Mass Offered for Eddie Tate (RIP)
Requested by Lorraine & Bob Ryalls
- 6:00 pm **Most Holy Rosary**

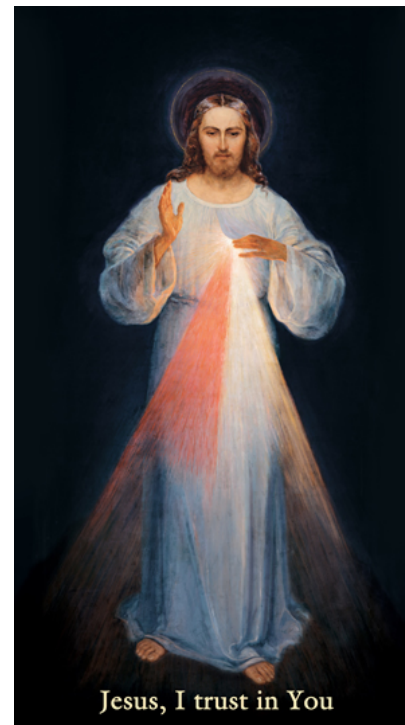
Saturday, April 13th THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER*

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

Sunday, April 14th THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER*

- 9:00 am Mass offered for Anthony Gintout (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
- 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
- 10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School
- 6:30 pm **Youth Group**

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



Divine Mercy Sunday

The first Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th, following the 9 am. Mass, we will have the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and an opportunity to venerate the image of Divine Mercy. Take advantage of the graces given. This gift does not take away from Easter, but fulfills the message of Easter. Take advantage of the Sacraments, reconcile with God and Receive Him in Holy Communion, and start life in the newness of His 9th Divine Will. [More information on the table at the entrance.](#)

Spanish Mass

This Sunday is the first Sunday in April and the Spanish Mass will be held at 4:00 pm, April 7th.

If You Need a Visit from Father Oscar

With Father Oscar's added responsibilities serving as Chaplain for the Poor Clares Monastery, his availability has been more restricted. If you or a parishioner or family who is in need of a visit from Father Oscar, please call the parish office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 9:00am until 4:30pm to give us the name, phone number, address, and the best time to visit.

Change in Friday's Daily Mass Schedule

Each Friday Daily Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Most Holy Rosary.
Each FIRST Friday Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Holy Hour.

Hearing Assistance

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

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Religious Education: No Classes on Easter, March 31st or April 7th. Enjoy your family time.

A Big thank you to our parishioners who filled eggs, teens who hid the eggs and helped with activities and teachers who are always so generous in giving of their time and talents with our parish kids. Thank you to those who helped to clean up Palm Sunday. Our kids had a wonderful time and they learned a message of Love.



Thank you!- to all our parishioners, teachers, teens and volunteers for our helping or leading our Easter activities during religious ed. on Palm Sunday. The kids were able to enjoy an egg hunt, plant flower seeds and make cards for our friend, Logan. Older kids were able to play some Lent 'Scattergories' and 'Trivia' games. A good time for bonding and sharing the message of love with each other.

Adult Bible study No Adult Bible study on March 24th, 31st or April 7th.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study – No Adult Bible Study on March 26th or April 2nd. We will resume with our Session, Lectio Salvation on April 9th.



Open to all 6th -12th Grade. No Youth Group on March 31st or April 7th. We will meet again on April 14th @ 6:30 pm.

"The Kingdom of God is at hand"-

Christ stands at the heart of this gathering of men into the "family of God." By his word, through signs that manifest the reign of God, and by sending out his disciples, Jesus call all people to come together around him. But above all in the great Paschal mystery- his death on the cross and his Resurrection – he would accomplish the coming of his kingdom. "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself. "Into this union with Christ all men are called. (CCC 542)

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

Today bring to Me All DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. These souls brought Me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were that drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness. (Diary, 1214).

My Prayer Response:

Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasure of Your mercy, You impart Your graces in great abundance to each and all. Receive us into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart and never let us escape from it. We beg this grace of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely (Diary, 1215).

preschool registration



From the Preschool

Registration is now open to the Parish. If there are any families looking for a program for 3-year olds, we have open spots. Thank you again for all your support over the years and your prayers. We appreciate them.

Join the Lawn Mowing Crew!

As you may know, those mowing the Parish grass each week are volunteers. We are now down to two teams and need one or two more. Volunteers can use their own mower or one of the church's mowers. Four crews would mean each team would mow once a month! **Call Chris Polcyn to learn more at 804-366-5316.**

Congratulations to Isaac Velazquez on receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. May you continue to be led by the Holy Spirit and lead souls to follow!



April Wedding Anniversaries

Paul & Valeria Seckora	April 5, 1997
Thomas & Paulette Berberich	April 11, 1964
(Thomas, Sr.) & Marguerite Sturtz	April 15, 1945
Billy & Katie Fudella	April 25, 2015

Attendance

March 27	Tenebrae	44
March 28	Holy Thursday.	93
March 29	Stations of the Cross	31
	Good Friday	113
March 30	Easter Vigil	130
March 31 st	Sunday Easter Mass	159

Collection for March 30th & 31st, 2024

Total Offertory	\$5,075
Holy Thursday	\$ 160
Good Friday	\$ 90
Total received this week	\$5,374
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 696
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance Fund	\$ 100
Cemetery Fund	\$ 95
Poor Box	211

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

Update for Capital Campaign: As of 4/2/2024, we have raised a total of \$471,605.41 which includes \$381,250.00 in Pledges and One-Time Gifts in the amount of \$90,135.41. We have received \$274,406.16 in Payments on Pledges which leaves \$106,841.84 to receive. We are so Blessed to be a part of this most generous parish family!

Announcement about Announcements!

If you have any announcement that needs to be made at the end of Mass, you can type your announcement and place in the Orange Folder on the Cantor's Stand. The Second Lector will make announcements at the end of Mass. (If you need help typing your announcement, please send an email to adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org with your announcement no later than Wednesdays at 4:00pm). For those who wish to make their own announcements, please be on the side waiting after Holy Eucharist so Father knows you need to make an announcement.



Knights of Columbus

Becoming a Knight!!

Charitable causes are the reasons for who we are. We are there to assist our Parish Church and the worldwide Church. The Father Jakubowski Council 8116 always welcomes practicing Catholic men (18 and older) to join. You can either talk to one of the Knights or simply complete an online application. Go to www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html.

Please consider joining the Committee for the Poor. There are funds available, but we need someone willing to meet and assess the needs of those seeking help. Please pray on this and if you are interested in helping those in need, please contact the Parish Office @ 804-843-3125 Tuesdays-Thursdays 9am to 4:30pm for further information



Eucharistic Revival

"Take this and eat it, all of you": Communion

To prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church. Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest. **(CCC 1386)**

***"Blessed are those
who have not seen
yet Believe"***

John 20:29

Priests for Life
Easter is a Season

Just as Sunday is one day out of seven, so the Easter season, a period of 50 days, is approximately one-seventh of the year. The Easter season, a time of special rejoicing and celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, is the "Great Sunday" of the year. The liturgical prayers and readings focus on the Resurrection and the effects that it has on believers and on the world. The Acts of the Apostles is a book of Scripture that provides the source of most of the readings of the Easter Season, and it shows the vigor with which the apostles proclaimed the Resurrection and brought many to the waters of baptism to share the new life of Christ. This season is a celebration of life, and leads us all to a deeper commitment to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gift of human life.



THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE



Tuesday, April 2, 8:00 pm

<http://tinyurl.com/KofCApril2>

Knights of Columbus, your premier Catholic partner for financial services, is pleased to invite you to an informational webinar. This special live webinar, "Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning," features nationally recognized speaker, television personality and best-selling author, Ed Slott.

Don't miss out on this education opportunity – [register](mailto:knights@kofc.org) knights@kofc.org. to save your spot today!



be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV

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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