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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)

HOLYDAYS

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.

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:
CORPUS CHRISTI
June 1st & 2nd, 2024**

**Saturday, June 1st THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:
CORPUS CHRISTI***

2:00 pm **Spanish Mass (Note – today, not on June 2)**
5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass offered for Joseph Ripchick (RIP)
Requested by Marguerite Sturtz

**Sunday, June 2nd THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:
CORPUS CHRISTI***

9:00 am Mass offered for Jennifer Jordan for Healing
Requested by Janice McGowan & Family
10:15 am Adult Bible Study

Monday, June 3rd *St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs**
No Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, June 4th

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

Wednesday, June 5th *St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr**

9:30 am Mass Offered for James Geron (RIP)
Requested by Joe & Linda Drexler
6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Thursday, June 6th *Saint Norbert, Bishop**

9:30 am Mass Offered in Honor of the Bedford Boys
on D-Day

Friday, June 7th THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS*

First Friday Holy Hour
5:30 pm Mass Offered for Logan Chestnutt for
Healing
Requested by Janice McGowan & Family
6:00 pm Benediction & Rosary

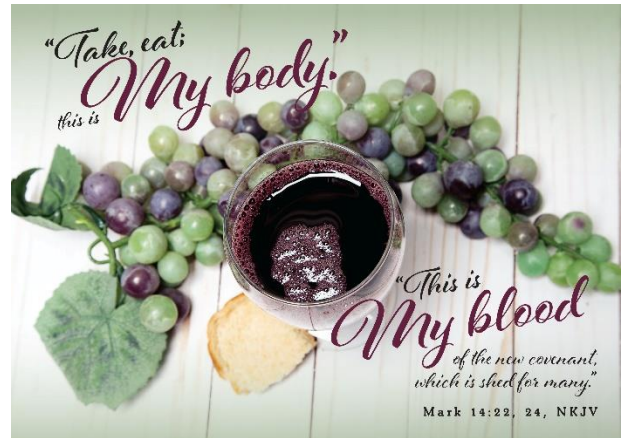
Saturday, June 8th TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass Offered in Honor of Mark & Carolyn
Drexler
For their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Requested by Jennifer Drexler Jones &
Mary Haston
& Mass Offered for Ralph Racioppi (RIP)
Requested by Quan & Sandy Dinh

Sunday, June 9th TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

9:00 am Mass offered for Rev. John Brieffies (RIP)
Anniversary of Death
Requested by Donna Geron
& Mass Offered for the Healing of the
Racioppi Family
Requested by Quan & Sandy Dinh

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



If You Need a Visit from Father Oscar

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. Father's time has been limited because he is also temporary Chaplain at the Poor Clares Monastery.

Daily Mass is said at the Poor Clares Monastery at 8:00 am.

Each Friday Mass will be at 5:30pm followed by the Rosary.
First Friday is this week, June 7th with Mass & Holy Hour.



Condolences are offered to the Racioppi family on the passing of Ralph "Tripp" Racioppi. We thank him for his service and dedication to the Country, the Knights of Columbus, the Town of West Point, the VFW, and his family.

Hearing Assistance

If you are having difficulty hearing the Mass in Church, please arrive a few minutes early and speak with one of the ushers, as the parish has purchased hearing assistance devices for our parishioners. Just ask one of our ushers how it works. You can even use your own earphones to plug into the device.

Religious Education & Adult Bible Study

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion- will be on June 1st and June 2nd.

Congratulations!! Cassidy Beahr, Maximus Brown, Hunter Fudella and Ezekiel Gibbs, on receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. May you know God's love and Mercy always!

Adult Bible Study- With religious education being out, Adult Bible study for Sundays will resume after the Summer. Keep on studying!

Tuesday Adult Bible Study – 4:30 pm. Join us for a Bible study on Lectio Salvation.



Coming up in July!! Our dates will run **July 22nd to July 26th, from 6-8 pm.** **We will need volunteers, please consider helping.** If you have the recyclable items below, please save them for our VBS: They can be dropped by the office or left by the back table at church. Contact: Erin 804-366-4435.

– toilet paper rolls, brown packing paper from your amazon orders & Gold or silver metal lids from jars.



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.

Youth Group outing on **Thursday, June 6th** see the movie "Jesus Thirsts." We will meet to **leave in the parking lot @ 3:00 pm.** Cost is \$13. If you have questions please call: Erin 804-366-4435. The movie shows @ 4:00 pm.



Movie Night! JESUS THIRSTS: THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST, a feature documentary by Executive Producer Deacon Steve Greco and producers James Wahlberg and Tim Moriarty. The powerful film is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Orange and puts Jesus on the big screen during the national Eucharistic Revival movement within the U.S. Catholic Church. **Tickets are on sale now** for *Jesus Thirsts*, which will be released in theaters nationwide on **June 4, 5, and 6** (in Spanish) at **4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** With two showtimes making the film more accessible for families, schools, and religious education, the movie includes a special bonus feature, *Our Lady of Guadalupe: Woman of the Eucharist*, produced by the Knights of Columbus.



Also, our preschool **Afterschool program** will be offering a week long **Summer Bible day camp** this Summer.

The church will host an evening VBS later in July.

If you have a child interested in our **all-day camp**, please contact the preschool at **804-843-4177**. The camp will be **June 10-14 Mon -Fri** at the preschool 7am – 5:30pm. The cost for the camp is \$150 per child. A second camp will be offered **July 15-19 Mon - Fri** with the same times and cost. Registration is limited.



June Wedding Anniversaries

Jeffrey & Melissa Pitts	June 1, 1985
Terry & Brenda Frederick	June 16, 1973
John & Victoria Kurdziel Roane	June 26, 1960
(Paul) & Mary Leigh McDonald	June 30, 1973

Attendance

May 25	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	80
May 26	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	162

Collection for May 25 & 26, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 4,342
Total received this week	\$ 4,342
Budgeted weekly average parish need	\$ 4,596
Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:	
Capital Campaign	\$ 747
Parish Maintenance Fund	\$ 370
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50

Thank You for Supporting our Parish

Capital Campaign Status

Capital Campaign Update: To date, we have raised a total of \$473,561.51 which includes \$381,250.00 in Pledges and One-Time Gifts in the amount of \$92,311.51. We have received \$277,485.16 in payments on pledges, leaving \$103,764.84 in payments to be received.

Announcements After Masses

If you have any announcement that needs to be made at the end of Mass, place it in the Orange Folder on the Cantor's Stand, or call the office with your announcement. For those who wish to make their own announcement, please be on the side following the Eucharist.



Knights of Columbus

Knights' Next Blood Drive

The next blood drive held by the Knights of Columbus at the van den Boogaard Hall will be on Wednesday July 3. The drive will take place from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm because the nursing crew needs to travel back home during the mad holiday rush.

Upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive at Boogaard Hall on Wednesday, July 3rd. Go to Red Cross Blood.org or call 1-800 Red Cross.

We request two or more parishioners volunteer to be "on call" for the Committee for the Poor within our Parish. There are funds available, but we need parishioners to meet and assess the needs of those seeking help. The Committee would only meet when there is a need.

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

What you see in reality, these souls see through faith. Oh, how pleasing to Me is their great faith! You see, although there appears to be no trace of life in Me, in reality it is present in its fullness in each and every Host. But for Me to be able to act upon a soul, the soul must have faith. O how pleasing to Me is living faith! (Diary, 1420).

My Prayer Response:

Jesus, I do believe, but increase my faith that I may please You even more in each reception of Holy Communion. May I see with the eyes of faith that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



Eucharistic Revival

As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins. By giving himself to us Christ revives our love and enables us to break our disordered attachments to creatures and root ourselves as crucified (CCC 1393).

Priests for Life

The Eucharist and Unity

Imagine a person who receives Communion, accepts the Host when the priest says, "The Body of Christ," says "Amen," and then breaks off a piece, hands it back, and says, "Except this piece, Father!" This is what the person who rejects other people may as well do. In receiving Christ, we are to receive the whole Christ, in all his members, our brothers and sisters, whether convenient or inconvenient, wanted or unwanted, born or unborn.

As St. John remarks, Christ was to die "to gather into one all the scattered children of God." Sin scatters. Christ unites. The word "diabolical" means "to split asunder." Christ came "to destroy the works of the devil" (1Jn.3:8). The Eucharist builds up the human family in Christ who says, "Come to me, feed on My Body, become My Body." Abortion, in a reverse dynamic, says, "Go away! We have no room for you, no time for you, no desire for you, no responsibility for you. Get out of our way!" Abortion attacks the unity of the human family by splitting asunder the most fundamental relationship between any two persons: mother and child. The Eucharist, as a Sacrament of Unity, reverses the dynamic of abortion.

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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