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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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

November 9th & 10th, 2024

Saturday, November 9th **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass offered for Billy Lemmikson
Mass for Healing
Requested by Bob & Jennifer George

Sunday, November 10th **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME***

"HONORING OUR VETERANS"

9:00 am Mass offered for Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Trudeau
(RIP)

Requested by Edna Trudeau

10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School
10:15 am Adult Sunday Bible Classes (Boogaard Hall)
11:15 am Christmas Play practice

Monday, November 11th *Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**
No Daily Mass

12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Tuesday, November 12th *Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr**

9:30 am Mass offered for Philip & Anna Fostek (RIP)
Requested by Mary Ann & Frank Fetterolf

4:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Boogaard Hall)
12 pm-10 pm Adoration in Chapel

Wednesday, November 13th *Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

9:30 am Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)
Requested by Mary Ann & Frank Fetterolf

6:00 pm **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, November 14th

9:30 am Mass offered for Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)
Requested by Mary Ann & Frank Fetterolf

5:30 pm **Movie night & dinner hosted by Youth
Group as fundraiser**

Friday, November 15th *Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of
the Church**

5:30 pm Mass offered for Bill & Joan Sockey (RIP)
Requested by The Hayden Family

6:30 pm **Holy Rosary**

Saturday, November 16th **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME***

5:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass offered for Marguerite Sturtz (RIP)
Requested by Tracey & Michael Kopacki

Sunday, November 17th **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME***

9:00 am Mass offered for Marian Kopacki (RIP)
Requested by Tracey & Michael Kopacki
10:15 am Religious Education Sunday School
10:15 am Adult Sunday Bible Classes (Boogaard Hall)
11:15 am Christmas Play practice



*Note: Changes to our Giving Tree this year

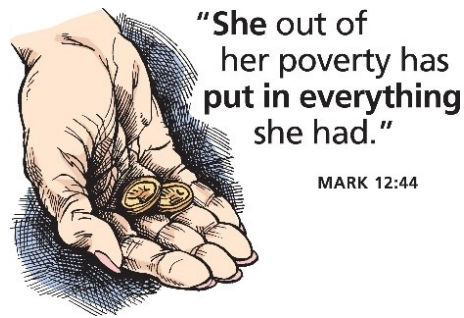
Our Giving Tree is up and we need your help! Please consider being a sponsor for a child in need. If you wish to participate, grab a tag, sign it out, go shopping and return gifts back under the tree with the tag attach no later than Sunday, December 8th. Gifts must be unwrapped and place in a large trash bag. Still have questions? Contact Sandy Dinh at 562-607-1422. Together we can keep the tradition of "The Giving Tree" alive.

Christmas Decorating Help!

Who doesn't like decorating for Christmas? Here's your chance to join in to help decorate the church! The weekend of November 30/December 1 is the First Sunday of Advent. This being said, we are looking for volunteers to assist with decorating in the church for that weekend to prepare for the Christmas season. Call Erin Hayden at 804-366-4435 or the church office 804-843-3125 and leave a message.

Daily Mass & Senior Lunch

The Senior Luncheon will be held at Lucanos Restaurant in Eltham on Wednesday, November 20th following the 11:00 am Mass. Call Jeanie Sturtz at 804-370-5821 by Monday, November 18th to reserve a seat.



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

Religious Education

Religious education classes run from 10:15 to 11:15 am.

Our Christmas Play practice has begun. We will be practicing till 12 noon after Sunday School. Save the Date of Sunday, December 15th at 5:30 pm. There will be a Pot Luck along with the showing of "The Saviors Birth"

Safety Issue!

We want to keep our children safe! Please stay with your children, if you arrive at the hall before 10:15 am.



Open to all 6th -12th Grade.

This movie "For Greater Glory" fundraiser is to help our Youth pay for the Diocesan Youth Conference and other activities during the year. Thank you for your support.



Sunday Bible Study- during religious ed. class time, we will meet in the front foyer of the hall. The study will be, "Lectio Eucharist." Find out how the Eucharist had been foreshadowed since the beginning of Genesis and shown throughout the Bible.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study – 4:30 pm.– studying the Book of Job. Newcomers are welcome to join! Our group has grown, and we are now meeting at the Church Hall. Bring your Bible, notepad and pencil.

Pro-life Essay Contest!

Stand True, the youth outreach of Priests for Life, is excited to announce our first annual pro-life essay contest! We invite students to apply their writing skills to galvanize and educate others about the pro-life cause across the country!

There are 3 age groups and cash prizes for all three, Junior High, High School and College. Essays should be between 500 and 800 words.

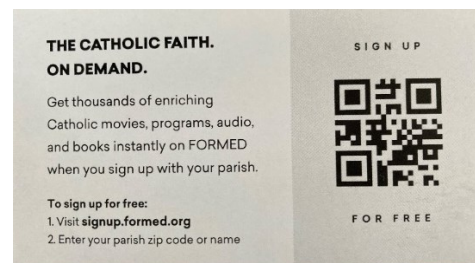
Deadline: Submissions must be received by November 15, 2024 (snail mail must be postmarked by November 15). Award winners will be announced at the start of January 2025!

More information can be found on our website at StandTrue.com/EssayContest/form.aspx

Deadline: Submissions must be received by November 15, 2024 (snail mail must be postmarked by November 15). Award winners will be announced at the start of January 2025!

Got FORMED?

What is FORMED? A Catholic platform with thousands of things to choose from for all ages; Talks, Bible Studies, Catechesis, Prayers, Movies, Documentaries, Audio Books, Music and so much more. Formed is paid for and gifted by our parish so you can have it for FREE!



**NEVER
STOP
LEARNING**
Jesus' Ascent to Jerusalem

Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the King's return to earth. This reign is still under attack by the evil powers, even though they have been defeated definitively by Christ's Passover. Until everything is subject to him, "until there be realized new heavens and a new earth in which justice dwells, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and she herself takes her place among the creatures which groan and travail yet and await the revelation of the sons of God." That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ's return by saying to him: *Marana tha!* "Our Lord, come!" (CCC 671)

Collection for November 2 & 3, 2024

Total Offertory	\$ 3,371
All Saints Collection	\$ 610
All Souls Collection	\$ 495
Votive Stand	\$ 13
Total received this week	\$ 4,489

Budgeted weekly average parish need \$ 4,596

Restricted, Special Use, or Sent Out of Parish:

Capital Campaign	\$ 1,180
Hurricane Relief (Hurricane Helene)	\$ 100
Facilities Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,585
Cemetery Fund	\$ 585
Poor Box	\$ 40

Thank You for Supporting our Parish



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
(Stanley) & Geraldine Thomas	November 22, 1959
Joe & Linda Drexler	November 23, 1968

Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher.

Attendance

November 1	Friday – All Saints Day		
	9:30 am Mass	32	
	7:00 pm Mass	83	
November 2	Saturday	5:30 pm Mass	86
November 3	Sunday	9:00 am Mass	127
	Spanish Mass	4:00 pm Mass	31

Priests for Life

Rededication to the Cause of Life

“In this Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life we renew our call for individual Catholics and the many institutions and organizations of the Church to unite in an unprecedented effort to restore respect and legal protection for every human life—to be what the Holy Father asks us to be: a people of life and a people for life (The Gospel of Life, no. 78). It is our hope and expectation that in focusing on the need to respect and protect the lives of the innocent unborn and those who are disabled, ill, or dying, we will help to deepen respect for the life of every human being.” (US Bishops, 2001).

From The Diary of St. Faustina

Meditation:

February 7, [1937]. Today, the Lord said to me, I demand of you a perfect and whole-burnt offering; an offering of the will. No other sacrifice can compare with this one. I Myself am directing your life and arranging things in such a way that you will be for Me a continual sacrifice and will always do My will (*Diary*, 923).

My Prayer Response:

Jesus, raise up many souls like St. Faustina to live a perfect and whole-burnt offering of their will to Your will. May they bring many souls to You!



Eucharistic Revival

Only validly ordained priests can preside at the Eucharist and consecrate the bread and the wine so that they become the Body and Blood of the Lord. (CCC 1411)



Knights of Columbus

Coats for Kids Program

The local Knights of Columbus Council 8116 is once again seeking donations for its Coats for Kids program. Please note the flyer in the bulletin for more information.



Knights Supporting Vocations

In 1981, the Knights of Columbus started the [Refund Support for Vocations Program](#), which encourages K of C councils to provide moral and financial support to men and women in formation for the priesthood or religious life; it gives councils a refund of \$100 for every \$500 donated, up to \$2,000 per recipient. This week, as the Church in the United States celebrates [National Vocation Awareness Week](#), the Order is pleased to announce that RSVF recently passed an impressive milestone: more than \$100 million donated to individuals pursuing priestly and religious vocations. [Knightline Magazine](#), November 5, 2024



Honoring Heroes

Make Peace or Die: Honor the Fallen is a new documentary directed by Manny Marquez that follows the emotional journey of his brother, Marine Corps veteran and Knight Anthony Marquez. Haunted by the tragic loss of 17 men from his unit during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, Anthony found a new mission to honor his fallen comrades by carving battlefield crosses for the families they left behind. The film debuts on PBS's [Independent Lens](#) on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at 10 p.m. (check local listings). The film will also be available to stream on the PBS app.



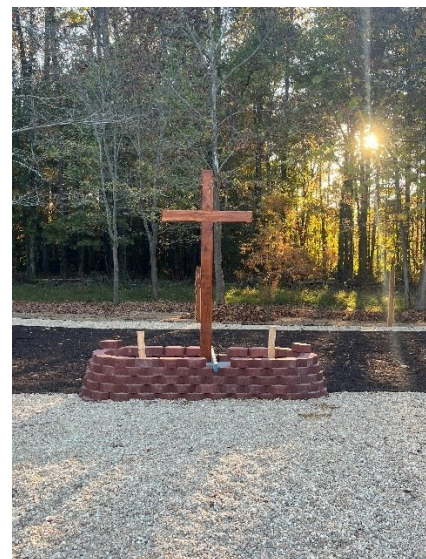
Stations Path & Cultural Prayer Gardens

Please check out the progress on Mason Kopacki's Eagle Scout project "Stations of the Cross Outdoor Path" and the most recent work that was completed last Saturday behind the parking area.

A map of the garden area layout is on display in the Church foyer.

More Pictures "Stations of the Cross" Outdoor Path

Mason Kopacki and members of the Parish and his Scout troop have been working on weekends and are making good progress on the Eagle Scout project!



November 2024

Annual Coats for Kids Campaign

For the fifth year in a row, the Knights of Columbus Council 8116 in West Point are raising funds for Coats for Kids, an international Knights of Columbus program helping children in need.

We are asking your help with any donation to help make this program a success for children in local schools.

Last year, the Knights supplied new coats to each of **West Point Elementary, Lower King & Queen Elementary, and Cool Springs/Acquinton Elementary (King William)**. These new coats are purchased in quantity from the Knights of Columbus' national organization. Administrators at these schools have been very appreciative of having coats available for many students.

Many children in our area don't have the basic necessity of a warm coat for braving the cold weather that is right around the corner. It is even more difficult this year for many families dealing with inflation and the high costs of everything.

Please help by sending a check payable to the Knights of Columbus Council 8116, c/o Financial Secretary, P.O. Box 707, West Point VA 23181 or giving it to any member of the Knights.

Donors will receive a letter from the Knights recognizing your contribution and thanking you.

Thank you for your support.

Coats for Kids Committee

Jim Vadas, chair

Sal Inga

Jonathan Kopacki



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

November 2024 Prayers for Healing & Good Health

Elizabeth Alley
Cheryl Antal
Chris Berberich
Danielle Berberich
Jean Berkey
Beatrice Blacher
Linda Blevins
George Bowman
Todd Brown
Beth Burch
Linda Burch
Robert Burch
Caroline Byrd
Chris Byrd
Katherine Carson
Kevin Carson
Lucy Carson
Jessica Cassidy
Jose Castaneda
Logan Chestnutt
Marianna Chestnutt
Marvin Croswell

Meredith Crowe
Angela Dart
John Davenport
Lydia Dehn
Denise DePompeo
Dexter Dix
Karen Haney
Donna Harris
Tom Hollowack
Jim Houser
Gigi Jordan
Gloria Kojcsich
Bonnie Kopacki
Racheal Lafferty
Arlene Lasch
Melissa Leger
Karen Liberato
Philip Liberato
Paul Morris
Joe Murphy
Jay Nicolata

Linda Paul
Rich Perry
Lenny Ramlano
Margaret Robbins
John Ross
Darelle Rowe - Addition
Barbara Schaffer
Margaret Silvia
Bernard Soles
Bob Sprigg
Vicki Sprigg
Jackie Via
Margaret Via
Gloria Wajciechowski
Pam Watkins
Janne Waxmunski - Addition
Bill Webster
Steve Weems
Gary Weil
James Wills
Herbert Wilkerson
Andrea Berberich Wilson
Mary Yassem
Leda Zaginaylo
Abby Zwerner

Prayers for those in the Military

Tracie Gates

If you wish to add someone on the list or remove a name from the list, please call the parish office (804) 843-3125 or email Pam Watkins at adminassistant@olbs-catholic.org

Honoring Our Veterans



Thank You for Serving God and Your Country!

Will Addison
U.S. Coast Guard
1975-1987

Pat Barron
U.S. Army
1965-1968

Dexter D. Dix
U.S. Army
6 Years

Joseph Drexler, Jr.
U.S. Air Force
4 Years

Col. James Duke
U.S. Army
30 Years

Richard Duke
U.S. Army
10 Years

Terry A. Frederick
U.S. Marines 1970-1974
U.S. Naval Air Reserves
Air National Guard
Army National Guard
1975-1995
24 Years

Tracie B. Gates
U.S. Air Force
13 Years (Still Active)

Richard Haviland
U.S. Navy
4 Years

Salvatore Inga
U.S. Army
2008-2014

Alfred Jones
U. S. Army

Walter W. Kacmarski
U.S. Air Force
World War II

H. Eugene Kopacki
U.S. Army
1970-1972

Shawn Lazar
U.S. Air Force
7 years

Ricardo Letada
U.S. Navy
20 Years

Bill Madigan
U.S. Army
1969-1972

Zachary A. McDonald
U.S. Navy
1994-2016
22 Years

Mike Pausic
U.S. Army
1957-1960

Richard Perry
U.S. Army
1955-1958

Robert S. Ryalls
U.S. Navy
8 years active
23 years reserves

Jackie Silvia
U.S. Air Force
10 Years

Herbert L. Sturtz, Jr.
U.S. Marines
2 Years

Robert L. Sturtz
U.S. Army
2 Years

Bill Webster
U.S. Army (Infantry)
27 Years

Honoring Our Veterans



Thank You for Serving God and Your Country!

DECEASED VETERANS

Charles J. Adams
U.S. Coast Guard
1950-1953

Steve Previs
U.S. Marines
WW II

Vince D'Elia, Sr.
U.S. Air Force
20+ Years

LTC Ralph 'Tripp' Racioppi
U.S. Army
29 Years

James Geron
U.S. Army
2 Years 1968-1970

Joseph Ripchick
U.S. Navy
4 years active
8 years inactive

Melvin Gooch
U.S. Navy
1943-1946

Theodore Skodzinski
U.S. Navy
3 Years

Donald L. Hite
U.S. Army
1953-1955

Barney Smart
U.S. Air Force
25 years

John Jones
U.S. Army
WW II

David 'Charlie' Sturtz
U.S. Army
3 Years

Victor Kaczmariski
U.S. Army (Infantry)
WW II 2 Years
Purple Heart, Bronze Star

Paul Tamulynas
U.S. Army
1971-1977

Henry Kopacki, Jr.
U.S. Marines
3 Years

Arthur West
U.S. Army
21 Years

Paul J. McDonald
U.S. Marines
1968-1971

Charles L. McGowan, Sr.
U.S. Air Force
1945

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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