

From Father Kirby...

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Happy Sunday, Team Grace! As we make our way through the summer heat, the Church uses Ordinary Time to remind us of the teachings of the Lord Jesus. As we once again hear his Gospel, we are invited to recommit ourselves to him. In the face of the world around us, we declare: “Jesus Christ is Lord!” Our mission in this life is to live a life worthy of this declaration!

Some things happening around the parish:

We have started our new fiscal year. Please note our revised “weekly need” on the weekly [Financial Report](#). The Finance Council has been reviewing our quarterly reports through the fiscal year. In addition, the council will review and provide any counsel on the new budget in early August. As is customary, we’ll issue summaries of our past fiscal year and of our new budget in mid-September.

As a reminder, the Parish Office is now open before and after every weekend Mass. The staff is available to assist you with anything you might need.

Don’t forget about our weekly Parish Holy Hour and Confessions on Monday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. All are welcome!

Please note that daily Confessions will now only be heard *after* the daily Masses, Monday – Wednesday. There are no set Confession times *before* the Masses.

Our weekly parish Bible Study is now on hiatus until August 4. As a reminder, all our Bible Study sessions can be found on our [Grace Lily](#) page.

This Friday (July 16), we’ll have a special Scapular Mass at 12 Noon in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Anyone who wants their scapulars blessed, or to be invested (or reinvested) in the scapular, is invited!

Since Elementary School Faith Formation will not resume until January, all of our registered young families will receive a free subscription to the magazine, [OSV Kids](#). The subscription will start in August. The magazine is meant to help parents explain our Faith to their children.

As my Priestly Anniversary approaches, I’m asking for your help on a project, [“What Makes a Good Priest?”](#) Please consider sending in some thoughts!

The building contractor has been delayed again and so the fence along the side and back of the rectory is on pause.

It's our hope to have the new carpet in the narthex and side hallways installed later this week. We are at the mercy of the carpentry contractor, however, and so things are more fluid than normal.

With the parish now formally owning [Catholic Land](#), we are initiating conversations with various architectural companies. Our goal is to find a company to assist us in formulating our vision and master plan for the land. More details to follow.

As we move through the summer, please note that our entire [parish calendar](#) is available on our website.

As a reminder, every Sunday, I write a spirituality column on Crux. If anyone is interested, [here is the link](#) to the weekly columns.

Please be sure to read and review our revised and updated [Security/Safety Protocols for Parishioners](#) and [Church/Holy Communion Protocols](#).

More updates next week! Oremus pro invicem (let's pray for one another)!