

From Father Kirby...

July 4, 2021

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! This weekend, we continue to walk through Ordinary Time. It's an opportunity for us to hear the Gospel again and allow our hearts to be moved by the love of God and dedicate our lives to the Lord Jesus. As you hear the Gospel again, make this re-declaration to the Lord. Go deeper in your discipleship!

As Americans, this weekend, we celebrate our Independence Day! We ask God to continue to bless and protect the United States of America!

This is the first weekend of the month, and so we'll have Confessions after all the weekend Masses. These extra Confession times are provided so that every believer can regularly receive the sacrament and its graces.

Some things happening around the parish:

Thank you to everyone who participated in our parish census. With our two weekends completed, we will now begin a process of phone calls to all households who did not confirm their information with us. *If you know of anyone who has left the parish, please ask them to call us and let us know.* This courtesy will reduce the amount of phone calls we'll have to make.

The closing on [Catholic Land](#) happened this past Thursday, July 1. I'm very happy to announce that with this land, and the small lot we bought last year, the parish is now the owner of a total of 56 acres down Highway 521! This land will provide us with the resources to launch and expand our spiritual and social outreach to our neighbors here in Lancaster County! Thanks be to God! Congratulations, Team Grace!

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.

This Monday, July 5, the church building and Parish Office will be closed in observance of Independence Day. There is also no public Mass. All daily events are cancelled, although we will still have our Holy Hour and Confessions in the evening from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

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.

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.

This week, the previously announced fence along the side and back of the rectory will be constructed. There was a delay with the contractor, but things are now moving forward.

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)!