

From Father Kirby...

August 29, 2021

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

Today, as we walk through Ordinary Time, we return to Saint Mark's Gospel. After completing the Bread of Life Discourse in Saint John's Gospel, we turn back to Saint Mark. Today, the Lord Jesus calls us to a sincerity of heart. He reminds us that our external actions must flow from our hearts, converted to God. If the external things are left by themselves, they serve no good.

Some things happening around the parish:

Come and join us this Sunday at 12:30 PM for our monthly parish Fellowship. We're having an Ice Cream Social in honor of the county proclamation of "Father Jeffrey Kirby Day"! All are welcome!

This weekend after all the Masses, we have our sign-ups for this month's Nocturnal Adoration (Sept 3-4). Please be generous with your time!

As previously announced, I am working to rebuild the staff of our parish. With this effort in mind, I'm happy to make the following announcements:

- Lisa Driggers is returning to staff as the Executive Assistant. Lisa has over two decades of experience in Human Resources and is highly skilled in administration and business organization. Lisa will be assisting our Director of Operations in the administrative needs of the parish.
- Melissa Mikulak will now serve as our Director of Pastoral Care. This position will oversee weddings, annulments, funeral preparations, social outreach, and the catechesis of the parish.
- Katie Jasinski is coming on board as the Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation (K-5). Katie will be working to build up our cadre of catechists, meal volunteers, and hall monitors for the children's program (which begins in January).

Welcome to all our new staff!

Registrations are open for our High School and Middle School Formation programs. [Registration forms](#) can be downloaded from our website. The programs begin on Wednesday evening, September 15, at 6:45 PM.

Our Saint Cecilia Girls' Choir is starting back up! If any girl or young woman of the parish is interested, please contact [Monty Bennett](#), our Director of Sacred Music.

Our weekly parish Bible Study is now on hiatus until September 15 (please note the adjusted date). As a reminder, all our Bible Study sessions can be found on our [Grace Lily](#) page.

Young Families: The subscription to [OSV Kids](#) will begin in September (not August). Please be on the lookout for the magazine in early September.

For [Catholic Land](#), the parish Finance Council endorsed my request that we select a particular architectural firm to help us draft our master plan. With their endorsement, the request now goes to the Bishop. Pending his approval, I will announce the company to the parish. More developments are forthcoming.

As we move through the year, 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)!

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