

From Father Kirby...

October 3, 2021

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

As we walk through Ordinary Time, we are invited to recommit ourselves to the Lord Jesus. As Christians, we are called to willingly accept the demands of discipleship and seek to grow in holiness every day.

Some things happening around the parish:

This weekend, please remember our fellow parishioner, Sister Therese Marie (Molly Rusciollelli) in your prayers. Sister has completed the novitiate of the [Franciscan Daughters of Mary](#) and will be making her First Vows on October 2! *Congratulations, Sister!*

Confessions will be available after every Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Please avail yourself of the graces of this powerful sacrament!

This Sunday, October 3, at 2:00 PM, we have our annual Blessing of Pets in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. All pets – large and small – are welcome! Ice cream will be served after the blessing.

This Monday – Thursday, October 4-7, I'll be away on the annual priest retreat. We will not have public daily Mass or Confessions on those days. The Rosary, Adoration, and devotions will still be held Monday - Wednesday. On Thursday, October 7, however, the church and Parish Office will be closed and no devotions or events will take place.

As we near the feast of All Souls on November 2, we are collecting the names of anyone who has died within the past year (November 1, 2020 – November 1, 2021). If you lost a loved one within this time frame, and would like their name to be read in the Reading of Names on the feast day, please email the names to Johnny Rusciollelli: jrusciollelli@charlestandiocese.org.

Melissa Mikulak is no longer a member of our professional staff. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Our Operations Director, Ryan Kubic, continues to work and interface with [Wagner Murray Architects](#) as we initiate our Master Plan for [Catholic Land](#). *Please be a part of this process!* We are holding two Parish Town Hall Meetings on October 19, one

at 1:30 PM and another at 7:00 PM. Please attend one of these sessions and voice your thoughts and ideas! This is the future of our parish!

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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