

From Father Kirby...

October 24, 2021

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

Each season of the Church's liturgical year has its own focus and theme. Ordinary Time is about a re-hearing of the Gospel and a repeated invitation to re-commit ourselves to the Lord Jesus. Be sure to use this Ordinary Time well. Draw close to the Lord for he loves you!

Some things happening around the parish:

This weekend, after all the Masses, there will be FREE copies of the book, *Seven Secrets of Confession*. The book is a masterful explanation of the Church's teaching on this important sacrament. Please be sure to pick up your copy!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our parish Town Hall meetings this past Tuesday. Your insights and ideas are a blessing as we discern what God is asking of our community. The various ideas are now being assessed by our operations staff and will be discussed with our architects, [Wagner Murray Architects](#), and our parish Finance Council. I'll give more updates as we walk through this process.

Our operations staff is busy preparing the logistics for the two Religious Sisters from the [Sisters of Saint Michael the Archangel](#) who will join our parish staff this summer. Please pray for these preparations!

As announced in our Weekly Briefing, the Sisters will come with vast expert knowledge in catechesis. I don't want to launch our elementary school program and then have the Sisters inherit it. I would prefer to let them build the program themselves. And so, we're going to push the launch of our elementary school faith formation to the Fall. During the Spring, I will continue to prepare the catechists for the Sisters. I know this is not ideal, but it is for the best.

With the change to our elementary school faith formation program, Katie Jasinski has resigned as the coordinator of the program and will be taking up a volunteer work in catechesis. Katie is launching a Women's Faith Study on Thursdays from 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM. It will begin on November 4. A nursery will be provided. *All women are invited to join in the study!*

Our parish Bible Study continues this Wednesday. We'll discuss Isaac and Abimelech in Chapter 26 of the Book Genesis. The study is done in-person and is livestreamed on Grace Lily.

Also on Wednesdays, I've started a new hour-long show on Patreon entitled, "[Father Kirby LIVE.](#)" The program is interactive and seeks to dynamically present the Faith, as well as address any questions that are sent in by patrons. Please consider joining the show! Since this is not a parish-based program, there is a small fee for participation.

As we resume our Formation Days, I want to announce the dates and topics of these events. On Saturday, October 30, from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon, we'll cover: "From Mother Eve to Mother Mary," and on Saturday, November 20, from 9:00 AM – Noon, we'll cover: "Discipleship and Redemptive Suffering." *Please note the change of theme on October 30.* There is no charge. There is no registration. The Formation Days will be in-person and will be livestreamed on Grace Lily. All are welcome!

Please note that the obligation for the feast of All Saints has been suspended this year since the Holy Day falls on a Monday.

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@charlestandioocese.org.

With our census recently completed, I want to remind everyone to please keep your information up-to-date. If you change your phone number, mailing address, or if you are leaving the parish, please let us know. We want to keep our census as current as possible.

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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