

*From Father Kirby...*

**August 28, 2022**

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

In the Church's liturgical year, the season of Ordinary Time is an opportunity for us to re-hear the Gospel and recommit ourselves to the Lord Jesus. What areas of our lives still need to be surrendered to the Lord? Now is the time to seek the graces of conversion. Now is the time to give everything to the Lord!

This weekend, we'll discuss #1340 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on the Eucharist. This is a part of our parish's observance of the [National Eucharistic Revival](#).

For some time, I've been promoting [FORMED](#), which is the Catholic livestream service our parish covers so that every household has free access to wholesome, faith-based content. As an encouragement, I'm going to start highlighting content I'm watching on [FORMED](#). This past week, I watched the series *Faithful Traveler in the Holy Land*. The series gave some beautiful video footage of the Holy Land and some insightful thoughts and reflections on the land where the Lord Jesus walked.

Some things happening around the parish:

This weekend in the narthex, we have sign-ups for our Nocturnal Adoration this coming Friday- Saturday (Sept 2-3). Please be generous and give an hour of prayer to the Lord and to your parish family!

Also in the narthex, we have additional Catholic emergency cards. Please take as many as you'd like.

This Sunday, August 28, we have our monthly Fellowship Sunday at 12:15 PM. All parishioners are invited to come for donuts and fellowship!

I'll be away for a couple of personal days this coming Tuesday-Wednesday, August 30-31. There will be no Mass or Confessions on these days. Our devotions and Adoration will all still take place.

This coming Friday, September 2, at 7:00 PM, we have our monthly Mass of the Sacred Heart. Confessions will begin after Mass and continue until Midnight.

This coming Saturday, September 3, we have Confessions from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM, followed by our monthly Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick.

Please note our new [calendar for the program year 2022/2023](#) is now posted on our parish website. The calendar describes all of our events and programs for the coming year.

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

Please note that on Labor Day, September 5, the parish campus will be closed in honor of the national holiday. All events are suspended. There is no public Mass or Confessions.

On Wednesday, September 7, our parish Formation Nights resume. Our Adult Formation Program (Bible Study), our High School Formation Program, our Middle School Formation Program, and our Elementary School Formation Program are all launching. Each program begins at 6:30 PM. Come and join your parish family as we learn about God!

On Thursday, September 8, we will begin to include the St Michael Chaplet in our morning Holy Hour. The chaplet is a powerful spiritual aide in living the Christian way of life and avoiding bad spirits and influences.

On Thursday, September 8, at 10:30 AM, our Women's Faith Formation will resume here at the parish. All women are invited! No registration is needed. Materials are provided at no cost. For more information, please contact Carole King: [carole.king@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:carole.king@charlestdioocese.org).

On Sunday, September 11, around 12:15 PM, we'll celebrate our Fall Festival. We'll have a Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Chick-fil-A sandwiches and nuggets, an ice cream truck, and other food and fun activities. All are welcome! The event is free – it has been paid for by our tithe and a few large donors. Please direct any questions to John Paul Ruscioelli: [jruscioelli@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:jruscioelli@charlestdioocese.org).

Beginning Monday, September 12, at 6:30 PM, the Spiritual Society of Saint Monica will host the praying of the Stations of the Cross for those who have left the faith every second Monday of the month. The Stations will be prayed in the church. The books are provided. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Angie Letourneau: [aletourneau@carolina.rr.com](mailto:aletourneau@carolina.rr.com).

Starting on Monday, September 12, from 1:00 – 2:00 PM, the parish Book Club will resume. The first book of the club this year is *The Gift of God: The Holy Spirit* by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR. For more information, please contact Deacon Doc: [bdonofrio@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:bdonofrio@charlestandioocese.org).

Deacon Doc will be hosting an information night on the RCIA process on Monday, September 12, from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. This RCIA is the process by which an adult is prepared for baptism or for a full reception into the Catholic Church. The event will be held in Room 1 of the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Deacon Doc: [bdonofrio@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:bdonofrio@charlestandioocese.org).

I'm happy to announce that next summer, June 2023, I'll be hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome. Here's an [invitatory video](#). And here's [the link](#) to the website with more information. Please note this is not a parish pilgrimage. I am taking this pilgrimage on vacation time and inviting others to join me. Other friends and supporters will come from other parts of the country and be a part of the pilgrimage.

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

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

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