

From Father Kirby...

September 18, 2022

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

As we walk through the season of Ordinary Time, we are called to reflect upon our discipleship and recommit ourselves to the Lord Jesus! Currently, at Our Lady of Grace, we are walking through the parts of the Mass and the portions of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on the Eucharist. These are being done in observance of our National Eucharistic Revival.

Some things happening around the parish:

Starting this Tuesday, September 20, from 10:30 AM- 11:45 AM, the Saint Philomena Fellowship will begin in the Parish Hall. This is a weekly fellowship for all children Pre-K through First Grade. It is an opportunity for young parents and their children to spend time together, play games, and learn biblical stories. For more information, please contact Mary Ellen Wolfe: mer102780@hotmail.com.

Our next prayer outreach at the local abortion facility is this coming Saturday, September 24, at 8:30 AM. The facility is located at 3220 Latrobe Drive in Charlotte. All parishioners are encouraged to come and join in this peaceful, prayerful protect against the horror of abortion and the preservation of all human life. A free bus is provided by the parish. Please contact the Front Office to reserve your seats.

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:

On September 22-24, there is a free digital conference on the National Eucharistic Revival. [Registrations can be done here](#). The conference is a great opportunity to learn more about this national effort to deepen Eucharistic belief and devotion. Among the speakers is your own pastor.

Please note that the annual diocesan Priest Retreat will be held on Monday-Thursday, September 26-29. I will be away with the Bishop and the priests of the diocese. We will not have public Mass or Confessions on these days. All other events – the Rosary, Novenas, Adoration, and formation sessions - will still take place.

On Sunday, October 2, we will have our annual Blessing of Pets at 2:00 PM. All pets – however large or small – are welcome!

On Sunday, October 9, the parish will have a Rosary Procession before our 11:00 AM Mass. All parishioners are invited to come. It's requested that everyone please come around 10:45 AM so that the procession can begin promptly at 11:00 AM. This is a beautiful way to honor Our Lady and her powerful rosary!

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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