

*From Father Kirby...*

**September 4, 2022**

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

In the Church's liturgical year, the season of Ordinary Time gives us an opportunity to renew our commitment to the Lord Jesus. We re-hear the Gospel and are invited to declare in our own lives, "Jesus Christ is Lord!"

This weekend, we'll discuss #1341 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 short video, *An Ordinary Martyr*. The video recounts the life and death of Blessed Stanley Rother, who was an American priest who was martyred in Central America. Blessed Stanley is our country's first martyr!

Some things happening around the parish:

Happy Labor Day! May God bless the American worker! In honor of the holiday, the parish campus will be closed this Monday, September 5. All events are suspended. There is no public Mass or Confessions.

This 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!

This Thursday, September 8, we will begin to include the [St Michael Chaplet](#) in our morning 10:15 AM Holy Hour. The chaplet is a powerful spiritual aide in living the Christian way of life and avoiding bad spirits and influences.

Also this 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@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:carole.king@charlestdiocese.org).

Next 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 Rusciolelli: [jrusciolelli@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:jrusciolelli@charlestdiocese.org).

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:

Beginning Monday, September 12, at 6:30 PM, the Spiritual Society of Saint Monica will host 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, our 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@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:bdonofrio@charlestdiocese.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@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:bdonofrio@charlestdiocese.org).

Our next Formation Day was scheduled for Saturday, September 17. The diocese intervened and asked if we could move the event to Cardinal Newman School and open it up to the entire diocese. Of course, we agreed. The event is now entitled, [“Born for This!”](#) All parishioners are invited to come and learn about the continued summons of the Gospel of Life in a post-Roe world.

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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