

***From Father Kirby...***

**June 11, 2023**

Happy Corpus Christi, Team Grace! Today, Mother Church calls us to pause and give thanks for the True Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Lord is with us! How is your Eucharistic faith and devotion going? What graces do you want from the Lord on this feast day?

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Food Drive this weekend. We'll bless the food at the end of each of our Masses. May God use the food we've brought as a help and consolation to those in need!

Thank you also to everyone who was able to sign up and give blood this weekend. What a joy to give blood on the feast of Corpus Christi! Thank you!

Here are some things happening at the parish this week:

This week, I'll be leaving for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome. I'll be away from June 12-23. While I'm away, [Father Colin Blatchford](#) will be here at the parish. *Welcome, Father Blatchford!* The parish's liturgical and devotional schedule will remain unchanged. All Masses and Confession times are the same.

This Monday evening, June 12, at 7:00 PM, we'll have our monthly Stations of the Cross for those who have left the Faith. All are welcome to come and walk the Stations!

As a reminder, our Thursday morning holy hours are now on hiatus for the summer. I encourage parishioners to come to Adoration on Monday evenings, or on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

On Friday, June 16, at 3:00 PM, the parish will participate in the Annual Global Rosary Relay. [Watch the promotional video here](#). Deacon Heath will lead a solemn rosary in the church. The rosary will also be livestreamed on Grace Lily.

On Wednesday, June 21, at 7:00 PM, Father Blatchford will give a talk on "Transgenderism and the Catholic Church." Father Blatchford is the associate national chaplain of [Courage International](#), which is the Church's outreach to those who have same-sex attractions and gender dysphoria.

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.

I'd like to encourage every household of the parish to register for [FORMED](#). This is a free digital platform with family friendly content.

Periodically, I'm asked for resources to find a good Catholic therapist. The best resource I can recommend is [Catholic Counselors](#), which is a group of Catholic therapists who give digital therapy and life coaching. I would direct any parishioner to this group. If any parishioner needs financial assistance for counseling, the parish is happy to provide whatever assistance is needed. Please email me directly: [Jeffrey.kirby@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:Jeffrey.kirby@charlestandiocese.org).

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

On Friday, June 30, at 7:00 PM, Father Gerald Murray will give a talk at the parish entitled: "Calming the Storm: Navigating the Crises Facing the Catholic Church and Society." A reception will follow the event and copies of Father Murray's book (of the same title) will be given out for free.

This coming October, 2023, I'll be hosting a pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain, and Lourdes. Here's the [link to the travel agency 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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