

From Father Kirby...

June 25, 2023

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! It's great to back! I'm grateful for the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome, but there's no place like home! The pilgrimage was spiritually and physically rejuvenating. It's an immense joy to be back, new and improved!

Some things happening at the parish that I'd like to highlight this week:

Our monthly Fellowship Sunday is this Sunday around 12:15 PM. Please come and join your fellow parishioners for donuts and conversation.

This Sunday, June 25th, at 12:30pm we will have a Home-school Co-op interest meeting for elementary grades. The meeting will be in the Mass Training Room. Anyone who has elementary age children and may have an interest in this program are welcome to come!

For July, our First Friday and First Saturday are separated (since July 1 is a Saturday). As such, we will only have a Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, July 8. I'd like for us to keep our usually first weekend celebrations together. As such, our sign-ups for Nocturnal Adoration will be next weekend.

This Monday, June 26, our weekly 5:30 PM Mass will be the feast day of Saint Josemaria Escriva. Our parish is blessed to have a relic of the saint, who is hailed as the "patron saint of ordinary life." Veneration of the relic will be done during the Mass. All are welcome!

This Wednesday, June 28, our daily Noon Mass will be a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by newly ordained Father Peter Rusciolelli. We have all watched this young priest go through his training and formation for the priesthood, and so what an honor and joy it will be to see him offer Mass at our parish altar. A reception will follow the Mass. All are welcome!

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.

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.

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

Some of you may already know, but I now co-host *Truth Be Bold*, which is a podcast on contemporary issues facing Christian disciples. Compliments of [Good Catholic](#), the podcast is free. Recent episodes have addressed the topics of cohabitation, transgenderism, divorce, the spiritual masters, and many other themes. The podcast is free and can be found in any of the following places: [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcast](#), and [Good Catholic](#).

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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