

From Father Kirby...

July 30, 2023

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! Ordinary Time continues to provide opportunities for us to re-hear the Gospel and re-commit ourselves to the Lord Jesus. Use this liturgical season well. Draw close to the Lord and deepen in your discipleship!

This weekend, we welcome Father John Luong to Our Lady of Grace. Father Luong is a priest of [FOCUS](#), which is a Catholic outreach to college and university students. Father will be celebrating our weekend Masses and preaching about his work among young people. *Welcome, Father Luong!*

While Father Luong is here, I'll be away at the [Defending the Faith](#) conference at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. I'll be speaking at the conference on the virtue of hope.

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

This weekend, we have sign-ups for our Nocturnal Adoration this coming Friday and Saturday, August 4-5. Please be generous with your time and give an hour of prayer to the Lord and your parish family.

This coming Friday, August 4, we will have our monthly Mass of the Sacred Heart at 7:00 PM. Confessions will follow the Mass and continue until Midnight.

This coming Saturday, August 5, we will have our monthly Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at 11:00 AM. Confessions will precede the Mass from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM. Our prayer teams and parish brunch will follow the Mass. All are welcome!

Our new Sacred Heart Homeschool Co-op begins this September 12 for elementary Grades K – 5. The Co-op will meet at Our Lady of Grace on Tuesdays from 10:15 AM – 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. If you are interested, please contact Mary Ellen Wolfe at mail sacredheartindianland@gmail.com

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 good Catholic, family-friendly content. I also want to

strongly encourage every household to join [EWTN OnDemand](#), which is another free digital platform whose content is supportive of our faith.

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

On August 12-13, the parish will host a School Supply Drive. All school supplies are needed. Please bring popular school supplies with you to Mass that weekend. You can drop off any items at the pavilion before Mass. Members of our Helping Hands ministry will be there to assist you.

On Sunday, August 13, the parish will once again host two blood buses. I ask that all parishioners please consider giving blood. As a pro-life people this is one of the important things we're called to do! Please do what you can. Sign-ups are required. [You can sign up here.](#)

The Solemnity of Our Lady's Assumption, August 15, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Masses here will be on Monday, August 14, at 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, and 7:00 PM, and Tuesday, August 15, at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Confessions will follow after each Mass.

On the weekend of August 19-20, the parish will host a [display on the Eucharistic Miracles](#). After all the Masses that weekend, parishioners are invited to visit the Parish Hall and peruse the display. The miracles can be a great help to deepening our belief in the Lord's True Presence in the Eucharist.

In observance of Labor Day, September 4, the parish campus will be closed. There is no public Mass or Confessions on that day. All other events are suspended.

On Friday, September 8, the parish will be hosting a one-day visit to Belmont Abbey. I've spoken about the witness and prayer routine of the monks before. This visit will be an opportunity to see it in person! Details are still being worked out. More information is forthcoming.

I'd like to give the parish an update on developments relating to Catholic Land and our current campus. I'd like for everyone to have the opportunity to ask questions and give comments. As such, the parish will host two Town Hall sessions on Wednesday, September 27. One Town Hall session will be at 1:00 PM and the other will be at 6:30 PM. The same content will be presented at each session. There are two sessions so that more people can attend.

Some general announcements for the good of the parish:

The Bishop would like to invite all medical doctors and nurses to spend October 21 with him in prayer and formation. [Here's the information.](#)

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.

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

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