



Catechetical Sunday

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children.

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.



THOUGHTS FROM FR. SCOTT

Today, Sunday, at the 9:30a.m. Mass, we will be formally blessing our catechists for the coming year in celebration of Catechetical Sunday. Anyone who formally teaches the faith to anyone else is considered a catechist in the Church. More than a fancy title, catechists are a vital part of the Church. They are ministers who inspire and direct faith in and for others. Without the many catechists who serve the universal Church we would be lost. I fondly remember the many folks that helped educate me over the years. Without their inspiration and dedication my own journey toward God would have taken a very different path to be sure. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who graciously give of their time to educate others. It takes a great deal of work, energy and prayer to be a catechist. So, let's pray and be thankful for everyone who gives of his or her time and talent to participate in this ministry. Thank a catechist this weekend, it may be the simplest yet most important thing you do all weekend!

Our RCIA group will begin to meet in October. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which we receive people formally into our Catholic Church. Any adult seeking to be received into the Church should contact the parish office directly to fill out the paperwork and receive further information. We have a wonderful team of people ready to help with catechesis and formation in our community. An invitation is extended to any and all who wish to formally become a member of the Catholic Church as it is still not too late to join in for this year.

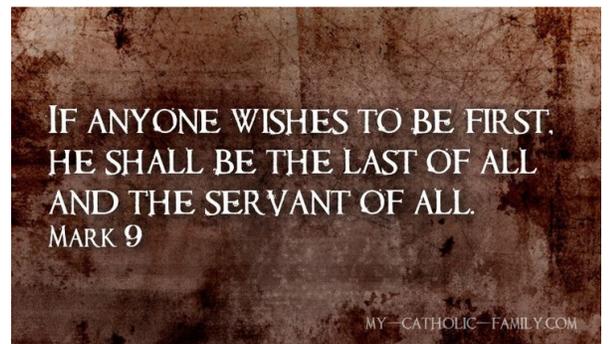
As you are aware we are in the process of returning people to active liturgical ministries in the Church. The Altar servers are now back serving Masses, the Choir and music ministries will return to full vigor shortly and the other liturgical ministries have returned and are accepting new members. Additionally, all the other ministries in our Church are beginning to meet in person again as we begin to find out who is still willing and able to help. So, I invite everyone to stop in St. Joseph's hall after all Masses on Sunday for a ministry fair. All areas of ministry and all groups will be represented. We invite everyone to stop in and find ways you may be able to help your parish to evangelize our neighborhood and help others grow in their relationship with Christ Jesus.

I guess you might say this article is asking everyone a very personal question. That is, would you please consider getting more involved with your parish family? Ministry of the lay faithful flows from baptism and your Church needs your help. Please take time to reflect upon these matters and decide where you might make the greatest impact in the life of the Church. And by the way, youthful exuberance is always welcomed and appreciated!

Unity, charity and humility are Christian attributes that we need to be reminded about often. These virtues should be very familiar to our Christian mindset and are often opposed to rugged individualism. To be a Catholic Christian means we do not live this life in isolation. Rather we understand that to live as the Body in Christ in the world we need Jesus and others. Together we proclaim the Love of God and draw others into the mystery of Jesus. Alone, we simply push others away and cease to be as the Lord desires. Thinking with charity and the mind of the Church, helps us to be truly humble as God desires. Therefore, we ought to strive for Christian unity and act with all genuine humility at every moment of our lives. After all, it is what God expects of us. Helping each other to live in charity, unified with our brothers and sisters and acting with great humility is the righteous path to the Kingdom of Heaven we are implored to follow now and always.

*God Bless and have a great week!
Fr. Scott*

Thought for the week: Faith formation requires more than simply teaching faith; it requires a total sharing of our lives in Christ!



VOILAND'S VIEW

Jesus says that the greatest person in the kingdom of heaven is humble like a little child. Indeed, little ones can teach us much. Yet, the idea of learning from a baby doesn't appeal to us, seems ridiculous. What can a child possibly offer when we have to provide everything for its very survival? Why should I model a weakling rather than press on toward progress and power? No, our entire culture is driven by a relentless demand to grow out of childhood so that we can "grab the bull by the horns" and live on our own, by our own rules! The American Dream comes through a life of "rugged individualism!" But, a healthy community is not made up of a bunch of folks who are obsessed with creating their own little islands. From a Christian perspective, greatness comes more genuinely to individuals who are rugged, yes, but who are childlike, too. Little kids are some of the toughest humans I know. They plow through or bounce back from adversity in remarkable fashion. They naturally reach out to others around them for help. They toddle quite happily through life. How do they do that?

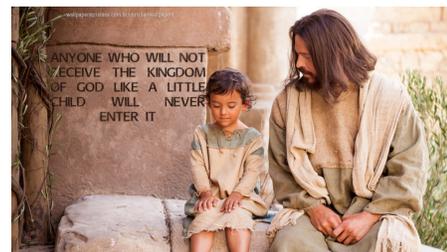
One could make the argument that children are so naïve that they simply "don't get it." They are just too inexperienced and happily ignorant of reality to know the difference. But from the moment they are born (actually well before birth), babies know if they are comfortable or hurting, hungry or full, cold or warm, close to someone or alone. They are happy or sad and they respond to love or aggression. Kind of sounds like adults! They just like their needs met. I remember years ago, my brother tossing pieces of bologna like little Frisbees on the kitchen table for his kid's lunch one day. [It was already a long day!] Once they got some ketchup, they were as happy as billionaires dining on steak and lobster (or whatever billionaires eat). The idea is that we are all basically the same. Everyone is always trying to fulfill his or her basic desires, be it with a tricycle or Lamborghini. Adults are just big kids, except that we forget about the beauty of being kids.

Little children excel at their trustworthiness, simplicity, and honesty. They delight in simple things like dancing, and singing, and playing . . . and the boxes stuff comes in. Even in their tantrums, they are being brutally honest. When they are hungry, or naked, or sick, they give themselves completely into the hands of their parents or family members to take care of them. They don't waste time worrying. They live in the moment. Children don't obsess over what has been or might come to pass. Children live in a spirit of faith. They let things be as they find them

and try to live as best they can in their circumstances.

Adults are different than little children because we know that we can affect our environment. But we think that we have more of an effect than we truly do. Children innately understand that somebody else is running the show. Adults seem to have forgotten that. For as much influence as we have on the world, God is the one who is really in control. Life is far more complicated than humans will ever figure out. With our advances in knowledge, humans have come to think that "we're all that." We're not. Kids naturally have gotten that message. We adults, including the billionaires and brainiacs of the world, could do with some childlike humility.

Always in Christ, Fr. Bob



Ministries Welcome Back!

Our Lady of the Lakes Welcome Back to Ministries Fair!

As we restart our ministries we need your help. If you already participate in or have any interest in joining a ministry, please join us on September 19, 2021. After all Masses enjoy coffee and donuts we ask that you reconnect and update your information with your chosen ministry. If you are not currently a part of a ministry we urge you to talk to our representatives and find the right ministry for you. Religious Education, Hospitality, Worship and Christian Service ministries will be represented as well as our new Youth and Young Adult Evangelization Ministry. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Catechist Altar Server Lectors Choir
Funeral Luncheon Team Ushers etc.**

This Week's Liturgies

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:15 AM Souls at All Saints Cemetary
† Judith Lalli

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:15 AM † Jerry Sowerby by Wife
† Dan Konczal by Mike Boyd

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:15 AM † Greg Stach by Mike Boyd
† Jeff Hotchkiss by Mike Boyd

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:15 AM † Felicia Betrus by Sunny Sky
† Gary Hendrick

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:15 AM † Phillip Lewis by Zednik Family
† Karen Boyd by Mike boyd

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5:00 PM Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes
† Ann & † Matthew Flynn by Webber Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 AM † Tom Moss by Family
† Teresa McEnrue by Tim & Kelly Murray
9:30 AM † Jacob Jarman by Fluegel Family
† Chuck Campbell by Margy
11:00 AM Bruce & Julie Jonik Anniversary
† Murray Glazer by Family
12:30 PM † Patrick Timulak by Family
† Christine Raiss by Kathy Lewis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8;
Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Monday

Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs
Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;
Lc 8:16-18

Tuesday

Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4be-fghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;
Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14;
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



THE CONVENIENCE OF AUTOMATED TITHING

Many families have already chosen to give one-time or recurring donations through our website. Explore the convenience of online giving at ollonline.org/donate, and be one of the families who set their tithes to automatically occur when, how often, and in the amount they'd like to give. And always have access to update your information, change gift amounts, enter new payment methods, or pause/cancel a gift at any time. With online giving, you can forget about writing checks or swinging by the ATM.

Our Parish Life Together

MISSION & MINISTRY

Young Adult Group: Thank you to all who attended our last event. It was a great time! Our next event's details will be released next week! Feel free to contact us and give any suggestions or express any hopes that you may have for future events

Come to this year's **Trunk or Treat on Tuesday October 26th from 6-7pm** put on by our school and parent volunteers. Dress up in your best halloween costumes for a great time and not to mention all of the yummy treats!



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 24th from 6-8pm!** Come and encounter Christ as a family in an evening of dynamic preaching with Fr. Adam Novak, amazing praise and worship music, and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This evening of worship will be located at St. Patrick's in White Lake.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle at 248-623-0274 or by email at michelle.konarzewski@ollonline.org

Wednesday Rosary
We invite all to join us each Wednesday at 6:30pm for a Rosary with our Blessed Mother.
We will be outside on the Cambridge side of the parish office.
Get Rosary how to's and more at ollonline.org/rosary



LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 3, 2021
From 2:00 to 3:30 PM

This year, members of our Congregation will be joining thousands of other pro-life people who will line the sidewalks along routes in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. All LIFE CHAIN participants will be holding uniform pre-printed signs such as: **Abortion Kills Children, Abortion Hurts Women, Pray to End Abortion, Life-The First Inalienable Right, Adoption: The Loving Option.** This is what is known as a "LIFE CHAIN". Our congregation will be participating in LIFE CHAIN on this route:

Our Lady of the Lakes will be meeting in Clarkston at: Southbound Dixie Hwy., south of White Lake Rd.

This event will provide a visual statement of solidarity by our local community that abortion is grievously wrong and that we are opposed to the killing of preborn children. It is a national tragedy that over 62,000,000 babies have been legally killed by abortion since 1973 in the United States.

- LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful visual statement
- Local LIFE CHAINS are sponsored by Right to Life - LIFESPAN.
- Stand and be counted with thousands of others
- Bring your whole family



INVEST AN AFTERNOON TO SAVE A LIFETIME

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US:



Janet Meyer



Emma "Jean" Zwolinski

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

Jean's Jottings | Faith Formation News

As I pray and meditate on this Gospel I am pulled in so many directions. I want to talk about how we as a parish receive our children but at the same time, my prayer goes towards how we need to walk together as a family of parishes without arguing and without comparing and placing ourselves against each other. Last night we gathered for the first time, face to face, as a family of parishes to pray, to get to know each other and share food. What a spectacular night we all had; so much energy, laughter and amazing food (thank you Neimans and all those that provided the physical nourishment). From those that held the doors open and greeted us into the church to the energy and response to prayer (thank you Fr. John and your team for prayer), the laughter as we played our "get to know you" scavenger hunts (thank you to the staff at St. Dan's) and the words of our moderator (thank you Fr. Scott) imploring us to pray and remain open and encouraged by this journey. Last night was a celebration of today's Gospel...we as a family and church are coming together for the greater good; to build His Kingdom not our worldly kingdom. Let us today commit/recommit to building His Kingdom here on earth by working together and as one. If you are not working towards that, then you are walking against it.

I share with you a little reflection I found on today's Gospel:

"They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest." This shows they were concerned with the things of this world. They were expecting Jesus to establish a worldly kingdom and were focused on who would be the greatest among them in that kingdom. They looked at greatness through the eyes of world, not through the eyes of God. The world says that greatness is defined by having a prominent position, being successful, having a lot of money, being powerful, and more. But those things don't

define greatness in God's eyes. Jesus used care for a child as an illustration. It is not in trampling over others and having a whatever it takes mentality that we become great. It is in how we treat the most vulnerable in society that truly defines our greatness. It is, in fact, in putting others before ourselves that we can become great. For the first shall be last and the last shall be first.

Taking it Home:

- Do you feel like there is disorder in your life? Take a step back and look at your priorities. What is at the center of your life? What is most important to you? Is it you, money, success, your job, or something else? All of these things are good, but they are not the ultimate good. Only in having God at the center of our lives can we find true happiness. <https://stjoesmarion.org/news/readings-reflections-for-the-25th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-1>



Priestly Vocations: Discernment Weekend

Thursday, September 23 -Sunday, September 26, 2021.

A Discernment Weekend is a unique experience for men (ages 18-55) who feel a call to the priesthood. Spending four days living at the seminary provides them with a first-hand opportunity to see what it's like from the inside and to discern with like-minded men. If you know any men who are interested and would like more information, please contact us: <https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discern-the-priesthood/discernment-weekend/>.

Those interested must have a meeting with Fr. Craig Giera, Director of Priestly Vocations, before they are allowed to register.

RIGHT TO LIFE CROSSES DISPLAY

The 1,560 Crosses in front of our church are a stark reminder of the babies aborted each day in America. Each cross represents 2 babies that die as a result of an abortion every single day. The crosses raise awareness for the truth of abortion for Our Lady of the Lakes and the Waterford Community. Praying that this crosses exhibit will be an opportunity to evangelize life issues. This display is made possible by the Oakland Chapter of Right to Life/Lifespan. The Knights of Columbus and Debbie Brenner coordinated the display and requested help from our secondary school. The varsity football team, varsity volleyball team, and many other student volunteers and staff helped pound in the crosses. Mary Zednik was generous with her time to photograph this event. I am grateful for all the volunteers that made this display possible. On September 22nd the crosses will be taken down and passed on to another church.



This project reflects the belief in the value of human life from conception to natural death. Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School is a Pro Life School. We respect life. This was demonstrated by the students assisting with the Crosses and more than 20 years of participating in the March for Life in D.C. They truly are a voice for the unborn. Consider sponsoring a student for the January 2022 March for Life. The cost is \$185 and a check can be made out to Our Lady of the Lakes. Thank you for supporting our youth.

Kathy Lewis, Campus Minister



Knights Korner



We Fight in All Eras!

Pictured left is Tom Kendziorski showing our presence at this year's Renaissance Festival. There we sold beverages to raise money to continue the great causes of today. Although we have different fights than knights of that era, like them we will defend and serve!

Wheelchair Mission

A wheelchair is truly an instrument of freedom and empowerment. As a wheelchair user myself, when I was younger, I wondered why Jesus didn't heal me like the paralytic in the Bible. Then God hit me in the head during prayer: "I gave you a chair, get going". That wasn't audible but something I could feel. A wheelchair doesn't just impact the user, but their friends, family, and caregivers. It is truly an unquantifiable gift and a prayer answered. Since 2003 the Knights of Columbus has participated in the American Wheelchair Mission and has provided 60,000 wheelchairs to people who need them

around the world.

Our local council will be hosting a can and bottle drive on weekends from September 18/19th until October 9/10 to raise funds for this program. We will have a trailer parked in the church parking lot after masses for you to drop off returnable cans and bottles. We look to raise \$1500 to buy at least 10 new wheelchairs. You can also drop off donations to the parish office, during normal hours, please have checks/envelopes made out to Knights of Columbus.

Thank you for your assistance with this program.

Ready to join the Knights?

For those men over the age of 18 interested in becoming a Knight, please contact:

Grand Knight Chris Scheuer GK5436@mikofc.org Deputy Grand Knight Michael Mandziuk MD5436@mikofc.org



**OUR LADY OF THE LAKES
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

HOMECOMING
SEPTEMBER 21ST-26TH, 2021



**Lakers are the life of the
MARDI! Come join us for
a fun filled week of
events!**

HOMECOMING PEP RALLY & BONFIRE - TUESDAY 6-8PM

MIKE BOYD ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Join Our Laker Community For The Annual Powderpuff Game Followed By A Pizza Dinner And Presentation Of Our Fall Sports Teams!

LAKER FRIENDS & FAMILY TAILGATE & CLAPOUT - FRIDAY 5-6:30PM

STAFF PARKING LOT

Cheer On Our Lakers With A Clap Out, While Wishing Them Luck!
Join The Team in Prayer in Front of the Blessed Mother.

FOOTBALL GAME VS. CARDINAL MOONEY - FRIDAY @ 7PM

HISTORIC WISNER STADIUM

Watch The Homecoming Football Game And Cheer On Our Lakers.
Pregame Alumni Handshake + King & Queen Reveal At Halftime

LAKER FAMILY MASS - SUNDAY

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES PARISH CHURCH

Wear An OLL Shirt And Celebrate Mass With Our Community of Parishioners,
Students, and Alumni.



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Prayer Requests

FOR OUR SICK

Michael Alisa
Mary Card
Bridgette Cichowicz
Rhonda Barron
Marie Kurczak
Kevin Adair
Suzette Zawifza
Michael Miles
Tresann Smith
Irene Delasko
Dorothy Deppen
Jon Boncella
Fred Alt
Gini Hoffman

To add someone to the prayer list please contact the parish office.

FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

CW3 Jacob Beno, Army
Capt Kelsey Beno, Army
† Jenna Beno died 10/15/12
AMN Stewart Blaquiere, Air Force
† PFC Damian Bushart, Army, died 11/22/03
SSGT Francisco Cantu Caceres, Marines
Eddy DeRocher
Jacob Dumont, Army
SFC Scott Emanuel
2LT William Gischia, Army
SSGT Dennis Haskins, Jr., Army
Dillan Johnson, Air Force
Jackson Jones, Army
Msgt Justin Jones, Air Force
Matt Koetting, Marines
Robert Maher & Crew, Navy
† Sgt. Joseph Martin, Army, died 8/16/18
Francesca Meno, Army
Karolyn Meno, Air Force
† PFC Joseph Miracle, Army, died 7/5/07
LCP Derek Monday, Marines
Gunnar Ottman, Army
Amanda Paczynski, Army
Capt. Matthew Richards, Army
Katie Rounds
CPTN Daniel Schasser
Anthony Schmidt, Marines
Lt. Col. Nick Strelchuk, Air Force
Cory Vaught, Army
James Whitlow, Navy



Oktoberfest

OUR LADY of the LAKES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Est. 1956

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
6 - 11 PM

LIVE MUSIC | FOOD | GAMES | RAFFLE | 21+



Please join the OLL Widows group on Sunday, **September 19, 2021** at the 12:30 Mass. They will gather together to pray for and remember their spouses. Please look for the reserved seating. They look forward to you joining them.



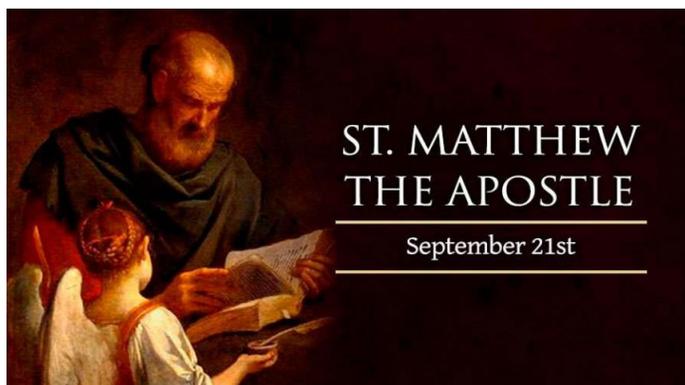
The next Eucharistic Adoration is Tuesday, **September 21st** after the 8:15 am mass. Rosary and Benediction will be at 7:00 pm.

*Please note the next Eucharistic Adoration will be **OCTOBER 12th**, which is the second Tuesday of the month as the church is not available on the 19th.*

There are free Spiritual Bouquet Cards in the lobby during the day. The Sign-up Genius is online now at: [tinyurl.com/ollexposition8](https://www.tinyurl.com/ollexposition8)

If there is a problem with the Sign-up Genius, please call or text me.

Patrick Allsteadt 248-623-7880
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ST. MATTHEW
THE APOSTLE

September 21st

Next Weekend September 25 & 26

| <i>Time</i> | <i>Presiders</i> | <i>Servers</i> | <i>Lectors</i> | <i>Sacristans</i> |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Saturday, 5:00 pm | Fr. Bob | | Tim Gabrys | Karen Romkema |
| Sunday, 8:00 am | Fr. Scott | | Joje Luginski | Jean Kempf |
| Sunday, 9:30 am* | Fr. Scott | | Jason Wayman | Kristen Suran |
| Sunday, 11:00 am* | Fr. Bob | | Evelyn Clark | Ray Hedding |
| Sunday, 12:30 pm | Fr. Bob | | Doug Ritter | David Tardiff |

Altar Help

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| September 23 | Group 3: Theresa Johnson, David & Deborah Tardiff |
| September 30 | Group 4: Marilyn Golding |

 **LIVE** 9:30am & 11:00am Masses streamed live at ollonline.org/live and facebook.com/ollwaterford/live

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Masses
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm
Monday through Friday 8:15am

Baptisms
Parents must pre-register and attend a Baptism Class.
Contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays from 3:30pm until all are heard.

Eucharistic Exposition

3rd Tuesday of the month after 8:15am Mass until Rosary and Benediction at 7:00pm

Faith Formation

Ages 4/5.....Sundays | 9:30am
Mondays..... Grades 1-8 | 6:15pm
Family Catechesis.....One Sunday of Each Month | 11:00am
RCIA.....Tuesday | 7:00pm

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.
Couples must attend the Pre-Marriage Workshop.

Registration

Register online at ollonline.org/join or stop by the office
Please notify the parish of all address, phone, email changes by phone or online at ollonline.org/update

Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry..... 1-888-722-4355
National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233

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