



OUR LADY OF THE LAKES
Catholic Church
WATERFORD, MICHIGAN

6th Sunday of Easter

THOUGHTS FROM FR. SCOTT



Congratulations to all of those graduating from any level of education this year. On behalf of the entire community I extend our deepest congratulations. Times like these make "Pastoring" a community truly joyful and exciting. I recognize and honor everyone for working hard and accomplishing something special. I mean this appreciation for all who are "graduating" whether from elementary or high school, university or college, undergraduate, graduate or post graduate level. As a man with multiple degrees, I can appreciate all the work necessary to achieve your level of success and this should not to be diminished. We have parishioners who attend many different schools and are a tremendous part of our parish family. I congratulate all of you. Without question you are a vital part of our parish family and I wish you many years of joy by using what you have learned for the glory of God. May the Lord be with all of our graduates and bless all of your future endeavors!

Our CSA campaign is progressing along nicely this year. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the campaign. We are nearly a third of the way to our goal of \$161,084 and with a generous response from our entire parish family I am confident we can meet and even exceed our goal. If you have not yet contributed to the CSA please consider doing so as soon as possible. We are responsible for our entire goal. So, please help us attain our goal by making a donation in any amount according to your ability. Thank you in advance for your kind attention to the campaign this year.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the feast of the Ascension. In years past, many have referred to the feast as "Ascension Thursday." Of course, it was appropriately named because the feast was always celebrated on a Thursday, forty days after

Easter. A number of years ago the National Conference of Bishops for the United States petitioned Rome and asked if the celebration of this feast could be moved (transferred) to the Sunday before Pentecost. The request was granted and the feast is now perpetually transferred to the seventh Sunday of Easter; it occurs this way in many countries. So, please note: Thursday is not a day of obligation and our celebration of the Ascension will be held next Sunday.

As we celebrate the sixth Sunday of Easter this weekend our readings turn our focus to the coming feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. As Jesus returns to the Father He sends the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to motivate and inspire us in living the Christian faith. We are treated to an awesome vision of Heaven in our reading for the Book of Revelation. This Heavenly vision is our hopeful destination after our earthly lives are finished. Gaining Heaven is our goal as we live in this world with our hearts set on the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us then be vigilant as we grow in faith and through His Mercy receive the necessary Graces to attain eternal life with Christ Jesus. We will not be disappointed if we constantly grow in love for God and neighbor; attempting to create just a little bit of Heaven here on our earthly journey.

God Bless and have a great week!
Fr. Scott

Thought for the week: Knowledge in the light of the Lord is truly referred to as Wisdom!



VOILAND'S VIEW

As I looked at a tiny baby in her carrier the other day, she looked back. I was all smiley and happy while she remained pretty serious. And the more she studied me, the more somber she became . . . until finally she realized . . . I don't know this guy! And where's mom?! As her cute face scrunched up to break into a cry, mom came to the rescue and everything was alright. (She was two feet away.) But the little one had lost her sense of stability. Her world wasn't right without mom or dad nearby. She was like youngsters who wander too far from mom or dad, brother or sister, in the clothing department, and are overcome with a sense of panic at realizing they have somehow let go of their lifeline. What happened to the people who keep me safe?

It is not just babies and children who need a sense of stability, though. If you think about it, we all need a place to anchor in life. Obviously, as we age, we wander farther from home base. Our comfort zone expands and we venture deeper into uncharted territory. But we always need to know that we can fall back on something dependable and solid when the going gets rough. Even die-hard world travelers know where home is (even if they have more than one). Daredevil skydivers need contact with the earth for their heartbeats to return to normal. Adventure-seekers stop at some point to take stock of what they are doing so they can share those experiences with someone who will listen.

Common to us all, though, is the need to have some kind of a reference point that gives everyday life meaning. That is what faith is about. And the Catholic faith is the most solid reference point there is. Without God, we have wandered too far from home, no matter how far that might be. We have no true footing, no stability, no way to maintain balance in life. Without God, life is like that baby girl looking for mom or dad and only seeing me. It is like us seeking out a trusted family member for advice, only to turn and see ourselves in a mirror. What help. Without faith in God, we flounder through life, either fearful or ignorant.

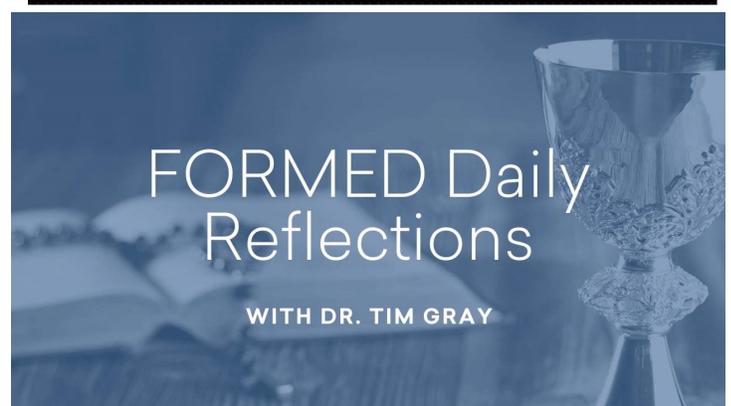
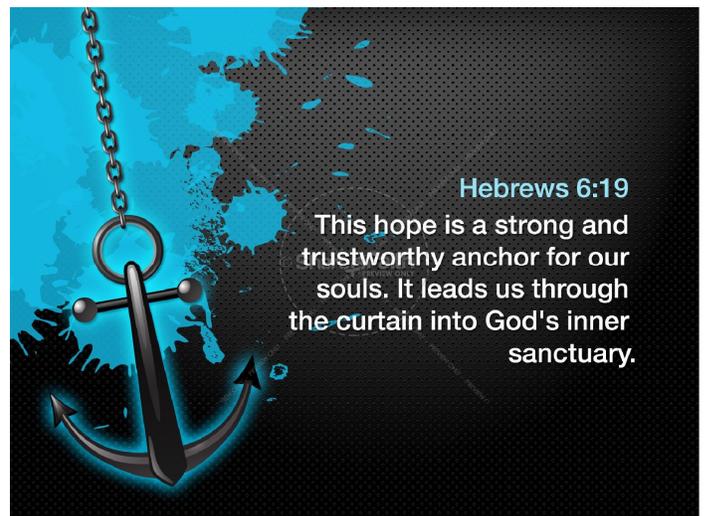
Sadly, many people are lost in a sea of faithlessness. The absence of faith leaves countless people of every age with the panicky feeling of a young child lost in a store. And, regardless of our age, we still need something greater than us as solid support for our humanness. We are more than just bodies.

Human beings share in the mystery of God. And we know we remain vulnerable. An end is coming, over which we have no control. Fear of that end is the same for the baby, the toddler, the child, the teenager, the adult, and the senior citizen. So, everyone wants to cling to something to stay safe. The Rock to cling to is Christ.

Yet, the rock of Jesus Christ is cast off by many. He is an obstacle and a stumbling block to those who won't see him. Many people are content with looking to themselves for all of the answers, even in the face of the inevitable – death. It's fool's game. And the payoff of that game is eternal. Still, many people are also lost at sea, or lost in the crowd, or lost in a seemingly hopeless relationship, and they don't even know about the Rock. That's where we come in. While we ourselves hold tightly to Christ, we reach out. We throw them a line. Do whatever we can to help them see the face of Jesus looking at them . . . so they can breathe . . . and maybe smile again.

Peace to you in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bob



This Week's Liturgies

MONDAY, MAY 23

8:15 AM Fr. Brian Meldrum Ordination
†Harry Miller by Oliver Family

TUESDAY, MAY 24

8:15 AM †Maria Mauro by Family
Ted Rodzik by Michael & Kathy Sabol

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

8:15 AM †Nancy Galbraith by Daughter
†Rose Lalli by Family

THURSDAY, May 26

8:15 AM †Herman & Theresa Junglas by Vi Kravetz
†Ken Rogers by Family

FRIDAY, MAY 27

8:15 AM †Tom McMahon Sr. by McMahon Family
†Dorothy Rodzik by Ted Rodzik

SATURDAY, MAY 28

5:00 PM †Jerry Moore by Sue Moore
†Jim Moore by Sue Moore

SUNDAY, MAY 29

8:00 AM Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes
Living & Deceased Members of the Blust &
Hull Families
9:30 AM †Jim Case by Ray & Joyce Felice
†Bill & MaryAnn Newcombe by Mike &
Nancy
11:00 AM †Donna Foran by Debbie & Dave Nuss
†Andrew Clark by Elaine Konczal
12:30 PM †Ernistine Koontz by Susan Becker
†Maralyn Ann Julius Hock by Family

“PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU;
MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU.”



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22, 2022

Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Monday

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 18:1-8; 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday

Memorial of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

We invite all to join us
each Wednesday at
6:30pm for a Rosary with our
Blessed Mother.

We will be Outside weather
permitting or In the Chapel

Get Rosary How to's and more
at:
ollonline.org/rosary



Welcome New Parishioners

Christopher & Karina Eagle & Family
Rachel Maes & Family
Carol Scola

Nicholas Williams & Megan Leichtnam
Sarah Nuss

Nicholas & Tiffany Loeffler & Family
Jeremy Parise & Heather Lawrence

Anthony Tristani & Hannah Frazer & Family
Janet Tessmer

Richard & Colleen Lyden & Family
Peter & Gretchen Sans & Family

*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has
welcomed you, for the glory of God."
Romans 15:7*



Baptism

WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Grady Smith

Mila Gener

Oz Link

Mackenzie May

Emilia Stolarski

Lucille Fincannon

Kathryn Forton

Tanner Johnson

Elsie Degen

Madeleine Opdenhoff

*You are a child of God, you are
wonderfully made,
dearly loved and precious in His sight.*

-Psalm 139

Stewardship Thoughts

Sixth Sunday of Easter (May21/22, 2022)

Today's Scripture readings from the Acts of the Apostles and Book of Revelation emphasize the disciples' commitment to Jesus' cause and the glory of God. In the Gospel from St. John, Jesus blesses His disciples: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Our Lord's peace-blessing still applies to us today. As disciples of Christ, we attain this gift of peace when we personalize Jesus in our lives and seek to find and do God's will. In turn, we express His will through generous stewardship acts of giving in prayer, service, and generosity to our parish, the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Church universal, and our less fortunate brothers and sisters. In your daily prayer, please offer petitions of peace for those Christian brothers and sisters who are being persecuted, not only in our country, but throughout the world.



Support more than 170 ministries, services, and programs by giving your gift today!

Please pray for the success of the CSA Campaign.

Online: WWW.GIVECSA.ORG
Phone: 1-888-3318695

Our Lady of the Lakes

Girls' Retreat

Exploring Authentic Femininity

MAY 28, 2022

Girls 8th-12th grade— Join us for a one-day retreat including speakers, games, Adoration and Mass all together! We will discuss the beauty and importance of womanhood, plus practical tips to face the identity battle our society presents us with.

10am-6pm
Admission \$10, Lunch Provided
Meet in Parish Office Basement

RSVP or Questions—
Parish Office (248) 623-0274
michelle.konarzewski@ollonline.org
or (248)-623-0274 ext. 230

Graduates: Prepare yourself for the challenges you will face in college by connecting with your school's campus ministry and faith groups. By going to signupnc.newmanministry.com or scanning the barcode, Newman ministry will help you find groups on your campus that you can go to.

FAITH THAT SURVIVES COLLEGE
STARTS HERE



signupnc.newmanministry.com



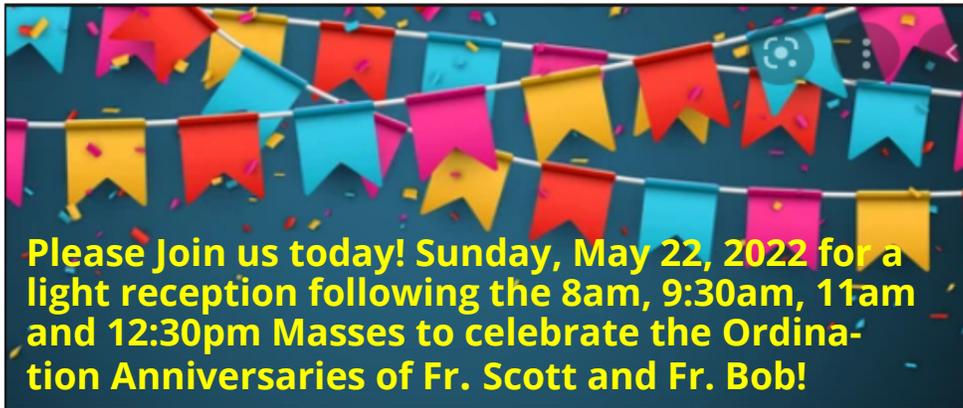
Holy Communion for the Homebound

If you or someone you know is a homebound Our Lady of the Lakes parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion OR if you are currently taking Communion to homebound members, please reach out to us and let us know so that we can provide you with the resources and help that you need. Please contact Michelle with any questions michelle.konarzewski@ollonline.org or 248-623-0274 ext. 230.



Saintly Stitchers

Same great group, fancy new name. Calling all knitters & crocheters, beginner or experienced, young and young at heart. We have started a yarn ministry at Our Lady of the Lakes. We will meet monthly to enjoy fellowship and create prayer shawls & blankets, baby blankets, booties and more to bless our community with. Our next meeting will be June 8, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Please contact Dawn Suttle at saintlystitcher@gmail.com with any questions.



Search for **myParish** on the App Store or Google Play to download our app today!



Bann III- Kateri Mills & Steven Olah

Bann III- Maria Veloz & Juan Gutierrez



Knights Korner

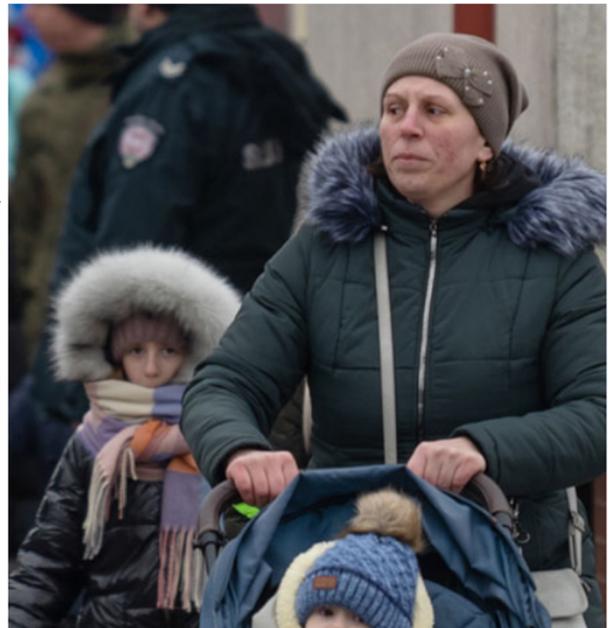
Pray a Rosary with the Knights after Sunday 12:30 Mass on May 29 for the Ukrainian people.

Please join us as we pray a Rosary in church following Sunday 12:30 Mass next weekend on May 29th.

We will offer this Rosary for "All Ukrainian people everywhere in the world, wherever they are now living their lives, and those that are casualties of the war"

More than ever, our prayers are needed for the victims of this war. What better way to pray than in church? The Knights will lead the Rosary and pray to Mary our intercessor for this intention.

We hope you will be able to join us in prayer.



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

Parish School

Kindergarten Readiness took a visit to Church this week where Fr. Bob shared special things about their Catholic faith and the Church itself.



OUR LADY OF THE LAKES PREK-12 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enroll Today!



5495 DIXIE HIGHWAY • WATERFORD • MI • OLLONLINE.ORG/SCHOOL    @OLLONLINE

Prayer Requests

FOR OUR SICK

Luke Ells
Mary Ann Rock
Beverly Mercer
Jaime Hulse
Ken Naski
Kevin Tersigni
Michael Morey
Sheree Edmunds
Joseph Cifani
Joy Higdin
Marie Wilmot
Jodi Myers
Kristine Hammond
Joan Valent
Pam Hayes
Carol Smith
Dennis Hosang

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, A F
† 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
SGT. 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
Max Kravetz, National Guard
SR. Samantha Sharpe, Navy

To update an individual's rank or to add someone to the list, please contact us at the parish office.

THE DEADLY PETITION-REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM FOR ALL-WILL HARM WOMEN

You will soon see abortion supporters and promoters in public places asking people to sign a petition to assure that all women in Michigan have access to “good, safe health care,” especially as it relates to “reproductive health care.”

[Reproductive Freedom for All](#), a coalition of the ACLU of Michigan, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan, and Michigan Voices, has begun a ballot petition drive to protect so called “reproductive freedom”, including [unlimited](#) access to abortion, in Michigan.

This proposal would amend Michigan’s Constitution to explicitly affirm Michiganders’ fundamental right to reproductive freedom. This includes the unlimited right to make and carry out decisions without interference in all matters relating to pregnancy, including abortion, birth control, prenatal care, and childbirth. To those who support abortion, this sounds like a wonderful proposition.

However, a closer reading of the measure and its enabling language tells a different story. The new amendment would remove any and all protective laws passed by Michigan citizens including, but not limited to, Born Alive Infant Protection Act—assured care for a child born alive in an abortion, Parental Consent for requirement for children seeking abortions—protecting children from exploitation by others and allows parents to counsel with their children, waiting periods and informed consent measures for women seeking an abortion—assuring that a woman seeking an abortion knows of the procedure’s effect on her unborn baby and herself., health and safety regulations for abortion clinics—assuring that the site of the abortion is meets minimal requirements for cleanliness and safety..

Michigan would join the ranks of Alaska, Colorado, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, and Vermont, along with Washington, D.C that have no gestational limits on abortion.

This amendment would place no value whatsoever on the life of the child or his/her ability to survive a congenital condition or premature birth.

It provides no protection to women or girls who may be compelled to abort by others.

It would impact EVERY SINGLE DECISION regarding pregnancy, removing EVERY SINGLE SAFEGUARD OR ALTERNATIVE TO ABORTION.

Organizations such as these fear that the United States Supreme Court may rule in Dobbs v Jackson in such a way as to negate the 1973 Roe v Wade decision. For decades, legal scholars have criticized Roe v Wade as wrongly decided and unconstitutional. The paradox here is that before Roe v Wade, abortions supporters wanted safety and protection for desperate women. Now, they want to remove any safety or protections for desperate women.

For more information, please call the Right to Life-LIFESPAN office, 248-816-1546.

PROTECT LIFE—

DO NOT SIGN THE “REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM FOR ALL” PETITION

Next Weekend May 28 & 29

| <i>Time</i> | <i>Presiders</i> | <i>Servers</i> | <i>Lectors</i> | <i>Sacristans</i> |
|-------------------|------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| Saturday, 5:00 pm | Fr. Bob | Z. Campbell L. Romkema A. Voto | John Arzenti | Tom Brown |
| Sunday, 8:00 am | Fr. Scott | B. Asai E. Asai M. Gallmeyer | Vivian Steinhilper | Rob Ratz |
| Sunday, 9:30 am* | Fr. Scott | D. Comerford G. Drouin Kasen Koshorek | Ann Mauro-Vetter | Brad Hasenfratz |
| Sunday, 11:00 am* | Fr. Bob | R. Bonnivier R. Luptoswski H. Schneider | Conrad Calvano | Phil Nickerson |
| Sunday, 12:30 pm | Fr. Bob | B. Burton L. Jasinski J. Soliman | George Vince | Kristen Suran |

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

Altar Help

| | |
|--------|---|
| May 28 | Group 5: Pat Hannum, Josie Slupek, Suzanne Navarre, Lauren Erdman |
| June 2 | Group 1: Felice Schneemann, Annette Kobylarz, Caron Rolinski |

Our Lady of the Lakes Parish

5481 Dixie Highway
Waterford, Michigan 48329
(248) 623-0274 | Fax: (248) 623-2723
ollonline.org | Social Media @ollwaterford

Pastor Rev. Scott Thibodeau

Associate Pastor Rev. Robert Voiland

Permanent Deacon Deacon Paul Nickels

Director of Christian Service Artha Horowitz

Director of Music Ministry Tim Smith

Director of Faith Formation Jean Hartman

Youth Evangelization Michelle Konarzewski

Bulletin Deadline Fridays, Noon

Bulletin Email bulletin@ollonline.org

Parish Email ParishOffice@ollonline.org

Prayer Requests ollprayerteam@ollonline.org

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

Please sign up @ [Tinyurl.com/Adoration1](https://tinyurl.com/Adoration1)

Choir Wednesday's at 7:30pm

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

PARISH SCHOOL

5495 Dixie Highway

Waterford, MI 48329

(248) 623-0340 | Fax: (248) 623-2274

admissions@ollonline.org

ollonline.org/school | Social Media @ollonline

Principal & Head of School.....Jeanine Kenny

Vice Principal & Athletic Director.....Jared Kullman

Admissions DirectorNichole Campbell