

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

THOUGHTS FROM FR. SCOTT

This week will bring the beginning of a new school year. This year we welcome new teachers to our staff and our administrative team returns to lead our students in the ways of knowledge, faith and hope. I am most grateful to our entire team for accepting the challenge to lead and educate our students especially during these days. Still, it is great to have everyone back in the fold and growing in knowledge of the Lord and our Catholic faith. This is simply the very best time of the year for us at the parish. I am anxiously looking forward a wonderful year of learning and teaching. So, welcome back everyone, you have been missed.

Additionally, we are registering children for our faith formation programs. These programs are specifically design to foster spiritual growth in the hearts of our young. If you are interested in taking advantage of these programs, please consult the bulletin and contact the parish office to register. This time of year brings the beginning of many programs. We hope to be as prepared as possible to receive everyone with great hope and joy but need your help by registering for these different programs. Please let us know of your intentions when you have a moment.

Soon we will be starting up our OCIA group for the year. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which we receive people formally into our Catholic Church. Folks who want to become Catholic from another faith or Catholics needing to complete full initiation in the Church, through Confirmation or First Eucharist, are encouraged to join the OCIA and learn about the faith. Any adult seeking to be received into the Church should contact us to fill out the paperwork and receive further information. A number of people have already expressed an interest in the group for the coming year. An invitation is being extended to any and all who wish to formally become a member of the Catholic Church. Through this process we learn about the major tenets of our faith in inspiring and well-founded ways. If you are interested, or know someone else who is, I encourage you to contact the parish office and we can discuss it from there.

This week our Lord instructs us to strive for perfection in our spiritual lives. His wording: "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Clearly, the Lord would like us to aim high. Unfortunately, we often aim too low in many areas of our spiritual and moral lives. Of course, by keeping our personal expectations low, it seems as if we are accomplishing a great deal. However, by acting in this way we too often sell ourselves short and do not realize our greatest potential. The only way to realize our greatest potential is to aim for the greatest spiritual gifts. Therefore, the Lord asks us to strive for grand expectations; meaning spiritual perfection.

It is simply not enough for us to be considered good people. We must be truly faithful people exercising the Spirit's gift of understanding. In this we please our Heavenly Father and make those around us better. We accomplish this by taking the narrow path and being disciplined in our lives. Often times this does not seem "fun." Yet, we must consider the long term. Do we always want to have "fun" and lose the Kingdom, or should we strive for the right and gain true salvation in the process? Our answer to this question will indeed reveal a great deal about us personally. So, let us heed our Lord's advice and strive to enter through the narrow gate. After all, our eternal lives depend upon our earthly choices!

God Bless and have a great week!
Fr. Scott

Thought for the week: Possessing the ability to pass through the narrow gate requires humility, sacrifice and love, not a good exercise routine!

*"Strive to
enter
through
the narrow
door..."*

Luke 13:24



VOILAND'S VIEW

The parish and school grounds are starting to swirl with activity as the new school year bears down upon us. It's hard to believe that the children will be back in class this week – but it's true! As much as I am shocked at how quickly this summer break has gone by, I'm pleased to see the students again and to be a part of their spiritual formation as young Christians. Their education here at Our Lady of the Lakes is important not only to them, but is vital to the health and well-being of our society. We are all on a mission together. And the focus and strength of our mission is God himself. In the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy (6: 4-7) we read:

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Teach *diligently* these words to your children, *everywhere*, and *all* the time! Wow! Almost seems like a bit much, doesn't it? But it's not! Being aware that God is the starting point and end goal of our lives is of utmost importance. Consideration for God must affect every single thing that we think or do. Now, this constant awareness of God does not mean that we always think *explicitly* about God. But, when we have the Lord "upon our hearts," we think and do things in a Godly way. Yet, to have God upon our hearts, we need to be trained in his ways. That's called education. This education happens here at Lakes and in our homes.

The commitment of moms and dads to bring their children to Our Lady of the Lakes for school or religious education/formation is truly praiseworthy. They see the need to diligently teach their beloved sons and daughters about God. They make sure that their children are nourished not only in body but in spirit. So, I'm always confounded (and saddened . . . and angered) by those parents who say that they are not going to raise their children in any religion. They are going to "let them decide for themselves." What a pathetic copout. Why then, not let the little ones forage for their own food? And learn to speak on their own? And figure out how to add and subtract? And how to ride a bike with no help? And everything else – on their own? Somehow, faith in God is supposed to seep in magically – "They'll decide for themselves" – while all of the other "essentials" in life require guidance – "diligent teaching." Hmmm. Really?

Truly diligent teaching of the Word of God to our children is entrusted to all of us: parents, grandparents, single people, young and old, affluent and lacking. Our teachers at Lakes are committed to educating our young people with the love of God in their hearts. But the Lord says that this teaching must be constant. Parents and other family members, and

we as family at Our Lady of the Lakes, are all part of bringing each other up in the faith. Our common practice of worshiping together at Mass *every* Sunday is crucial to teaching our children well. They *want* to come to Mass, but most of them cannot get here on their own. Teaching by doing, by example, is powerful. Whatever we can do to make Christ real for our brothers and sisters – our *children* – are things we *must* do.

If faith in God means more to us than food, or sports, or shopping, or cell phones, then God deserves attention. We have a great school that makes God a part of all we do. But God needs to get outside the school doors, too. We all have a part in making that happen.

Abundant Blessings,
Fr. Bob

Mission Collection Scheduled

Fr. Pat Brennan C.P., a Passionist Missionary, will preach the annual mission appeal at all of the Masses on the weekend of August 27/28. Father will present the needs of the Passionist Missions of Holy Cross Province. The American Passionists support missions in India, Haiti and in Alabama. This annual collection gives us the opportunity to participate in the Missionary Work of the Church. Please be generous. Checks should be made out payable to the parish because the collection will be counted in the parish and a single check will be forwarded to the mission office.



Fr. Pat Brennan C.P. has been a vowed Passionist religious for over fifty-six years and a priest for forty-eight years. During this time he has served as a seminary formation director, master of novices, and retreat director at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit, and over nineteen years as retreat director at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, California. In addition, Fr. Pat has completed graduate studies in Clinical Psychology, as well as D. Min. studies at the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago, specializing in preaching in a multi-cultural setting. At the present time he is currently in his second stint of serving as Director of Mission and Ministry at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center in Detroit, Michigan

This Week's Liturgies

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

8:15 AM †Kelly Scheuer by Mom & Dad
Cecilia Kreski by Mercer Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

8:15 AM Dorothy D'Angelo by Mercer Family
Frank Tenuta by Tenuta Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

8:15 AM Tonya Ferguson by Mercer Family
†James Radich by Anne Zubalik

THURSDAY, August 25

8:15AM Kathy Jones by Mercer Family
Theresa Radich by Anne Zubalik

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

8:15 AM Living & Deceased Members of Tom & Hazel
McMahon Families
Carol Stanich by Mercer Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

5:00 PM Bernie Tomko by OLL Parish Staff
†Emily Zubalik by Anne Zubalik

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 AM Ted Rodzik by Michael & Kathy Sabol
†Fr. Leon Page by Pat Lasinski
9:30 AM Paula Heisler by OLL SVDP Conference
†Garry Pokley by Sue Pokely
11:00 AM †Victor Tatu by Cook Family
†Leo Gawecki by His Wife Emily
12:30 PM Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes
Donna Dick by Theresa Kulik

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2022

Sunday

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Monday

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

Fest of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Louis of France

1 Cor 1:1-9; PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

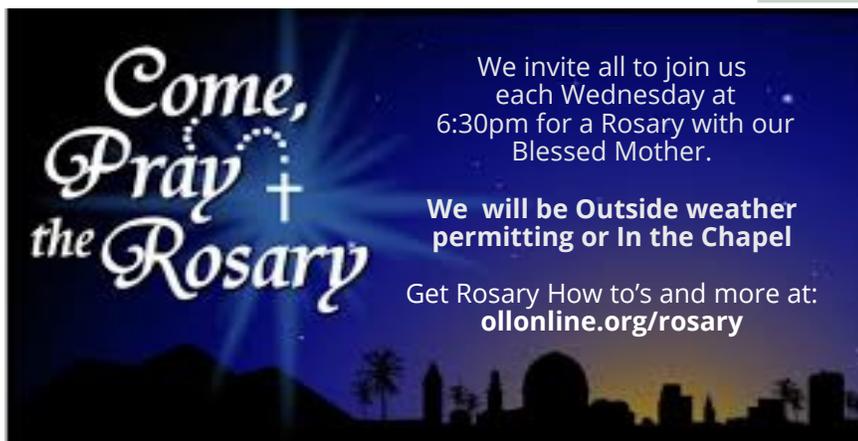
Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



**Come,
Pray +
the Rosary**

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



Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Prayers

- List of Traditional Prayers
- Set Prayer Reminders
- Submit Prayer Requests to the parish

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

Jean's Jottings | Faith Formation News

Are you, or someone you know, standing "outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.'"? Every year the Catholic Church welcomes thousands of new members through a process known as RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults\OCIA order of Christian Initiation of Adults, and through the OCIA process members ask, learn and discern the traditions and teaching of the faith.

If you, or someone you know, would like to become a Catholic, or if you were baptized Catholic but have never celebrated Eucharist or Confirmation, contact the parish office for more information.

*At this time of the year, many Catholics find themselves considering an invitation to become a catechist in their parish. Directors of Faith Formation, Pastoral Associates, Priests, and Deacons are all "on the prowl" seeking out those who have the potential to serve in this role. Perhaps **you've** been invited to be a catechist. Perhaps you know someone who is thinking about becoming a catechist. Or, perhaps you are the one doing the inviting. Whatever the case may be, I'd like to offer the following*

Top Reasons to Become a Catechist

- 1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus*
- 2. Your baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry*
- 3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus*

4. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith

5. You have much to share with those you'll teach and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists

6. Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support

7. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends

8. You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus (you'll be evangelizing!)

9. You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives

10. It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations"

<https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2007/06/top-reasons-to-become-a-catechist/>

Please consider being a catechist, classroom aide, hall monitor or office aide so that you can "go out and tell the world the Good News"
Peace and prayers,
Jean, DRE



If you, or someone you know are looking to find out more about the Catholic teachings, faith and beliefs then accept His invitation to "come and see."

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults – formerly RCIA) process will begin in the fall. OCIA is for anyone who has not been baptized or who has been baptized in another faith and who wants to become Catholic. It is also for anyone who was baptized Catholic but has not celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist and or Confirmation. If you, or someone you know, is interested please call the parish office or complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or the parish office.

OCIA Interest Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Not Baptized Baptized in another faith

Baptized Catholic and want to complete sacraments

Any additional information you wish to share: _____

Our Parish Life Together



Altar servers needed!
 If you are in the 4th grade and up and you are interested in serving in this important ministry please email michelle.konarzewski@ollonline.org. New altar server training will be coming soon.



OUR LADY OF THE LAKES
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1997 REUNION

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS ON OCT 1ST
 7PM-11PM - INDIVIDUAL TABS
 MR. B'S ROADHOUSE - CLARKSTON
 RSVP/ QUESTIONS: JENNA FELICE
 JAFELICE21@AOL.COM

FINANCIAL REPORT WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Amount Needed to Fulfill Budget	\$28,500
Actual Weekly Collection	\$25,390
Actual Under Budget	\$3,110

Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/2022--8/16/2022

Fiscal Year Budget - Wk 6	\$199,500
Actual Year to Date	\$175,126
YTD Amount Under Budget	\$24,374

Thank you for your generosity!

Again we wish to thank all of you who continue to give so generously to our Parish. May God bless each of you for your gift of sharing.



Our next Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study – Ordering Your Priorities; building a life well lived is now open for registration by calling the parish office.

NOW WITH TWO OFFERINGS TO CHOOSE FROM

Starting Wednesday September 14th – November 2nd
 choose morning or night;

10:00 – 11:30am or 6:30-8:00pm in the parish center

To order your book go to

<https://walkingwithpurpose.com> and hit the "shop" tab at the top to order your book. Books are \$20.00

TEN **10** YEARS **PLANNING A** **20** YEARS
High School
REUNION? **30** YEARS **50** YEARS



ALUMNI

contact us at alumni@ollonline.org



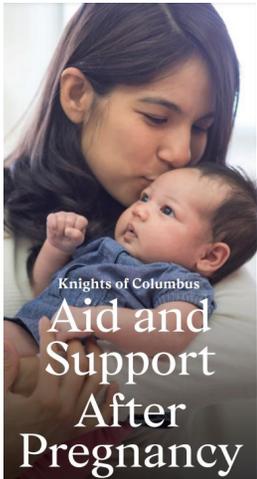
Front row: Lynne (Serra) Parker-Farms, Chy (Councilor) Morris, Elaine (Clinton '73) Delke, Peggy (Baumgartner) Slater, Barb (Knott) Washburn, John Dean, Jeff Wise, (Squatting in front)-Ed Umscheid

Second row: Diane(Johnston) Fisher, Terry (Mauro) Schmidt, Lori (Sauve') Huang, Nancy (Newcombe) Flynn, Theresa (Single) L'Hommedieu, Tom Delke, Jim Blust, Dennis LaBrie, Steve Tersigni

Back row: Theresa (Bishop) Richards, Chuck Henwood, John Rein, Mike Schmidt, Trudy (Shotwell) Lentini



Knights Korner



New K of C Program - ASAP Supporting MAUBC

The new Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program from the K of C is direct support to pregnancy centers by added funding from global K of C Supreme. Here at OLL, K of C Council 5436 just made a contribution to Mother and Unborn Baby Care (MAUBC) as part of this program in the amount of \$2750! These funds came from your donations collected at the May and June breakfasts. Thank You!

If you'd like to contribute further, please visit the link below!

<https://www.kofc.org/donate>

Renaissance Festival Fundraiser

The Renaissance Festival Fundraiser is on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of Labor Day weekend. This is the largest source of funds for charitable works in our K of C Council, but only when we fill as many of the volunteer spots as possible! Strong volunteer participation from our church and council members allows us to continue supporting dozens of projects throughout the year. **Please sign up today and be sure to enter "5436" as your council number!** The work is lots of fun, the days go by quickly, and all adults are invited to volunteer!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2022renfen>

Ready to join the Knights?

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

Michael Mandziuk GK5436@mikofc.org or
 Membership Director Joe Scarpelli MD5436@mikofc.org



Parish School

FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION



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Football

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CLASSIC CAR SHOW



OUR LADY OF THE LAKES

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH

COME CHECK OUT CARS FROM THE FLAMING
PISTONS FOLLOWED BY THE 11TH ANNUAL
WATERFORD OUTLAWS ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME
1:00PM-2:00PM

Enjoy
Refreshments

Vote
Best Car

Prayer Requests

FOR OUR SICK

Luke Ells
Beverly Mercer
Ken Naski
Kevin Tersigni
Sheree Edmunds
Joseph Cifani
Dan Mitchell
Frank Tenuta
Francine Bailey
John Candiloro
Declan McCaffrey
Jim Jacques
Pam Lesner
Jacqui (Bell) Al-Guweiri
John Howie
Vi Kravetz
Tim Wolowiec

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

FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

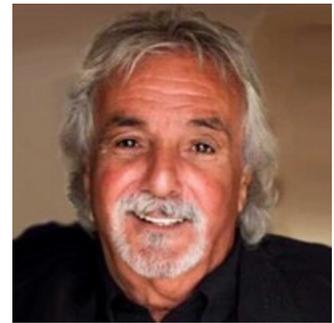
CW3 Jacob Beno, Army
Capt Kelsey Beno, Army
† Jenna Beno died 10/15/12
AMN Stewart Blaquiere, A F
† PFC Damian Bushart, Army, died 11/22/03
SSGT Francisco Cantu Caceres, Marines
Eddy DeRocher
Jacob Dumont, Army
SFC Scott Emanuel
2LT William Gischia, Army
SSGT Dennis Haskins, Jr., Army
Dillan Johnson, 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
SPC Vito Salvaggio, National Guard

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

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US. PLEASE KEEP THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS.



Maryann Rock



Anthony Incammicia

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.

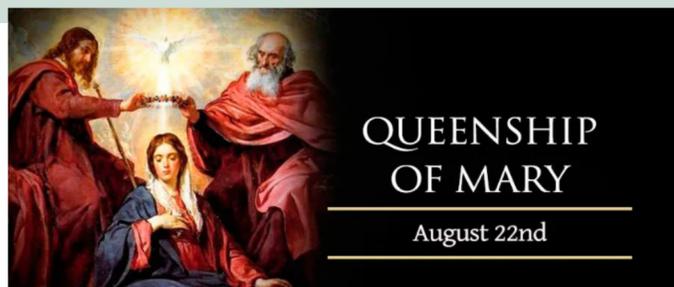
Amen



Ryan & Rachel Eshkanian & Family
Timothy & Lindsey Dluzynski & Family
Kayla Bauer
Matthew & Laura Martin & Family
James & Alva Weninger
Claire Lasceski
Kevin Boyne
Jeffrey & Shannon Stanbury & Family
Alexander & Brooke Grix
Philip & Christy Ison
Dennis & Colleen Listh
Daniel & Yaneth de la Cruz & Family

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Romans 15:7



Next Weekend August 27 & 28

<i>Time</i>	<i>Presiders</i>	<i>Servers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Sacristans</i>
Saturday, 5:00 pm	Missionary	G. McCarthy S. McCarthy B. McCarthy	Lynn Pomerleau	Karen Romkema
Sunday, 8:00 am	Fr. Bob	A. Asai N. Asai B. Chestnut	Mark Blaszkiewicz	Jean Kempf
Sunday, 9:30 am*	Missionary	E. Luther O. Miller L. Romkema	Jason Wayman	Paul & Sandra Cloutier
Sunday, 11:00 am*	Missionary	B. Barthel N. Neiman J. Valdovinos	Ben Schneider	Phil Nickerson
Sunday, 12:30 pm	Fr. Bob	A. Melicor M. Schlaud V. Soliman	Mark Keener	David Tardiff

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

Altar Help

August 18	Group 2: Theresa Johnson, David & Deborah Tardiff
August 25	Group 3: Marilyn Golding, Jody McNeill

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Permanent Deacon Deacon Paul Nickels

Mission Support Director FOP....Maureen Burton

Director of Christian Service Artha Horowitz

Director of Music Ministry Martin Zaporski

Director of Faith FormationJean Hartman

Youth Evangelization.....Michelle Konarzewski

Bulletin DeadlineFridays, 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/Adoration3

Choir Wednesday's at 7:30pm

Faith Formation

Ages 4/5Sundays | 9:30am

Mondays..... Grades 1-8 | 6:15pm

Family Catechesis.....One Sunday of Each Month | 11:00am

RCIA.....Sundays | 9:30am

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

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

Admissions Director Nichole Campbell