





# 24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation** SAT 14

3:00 - 4:30 pm | Confessional

**Holy Mass** 

5:00 pm | In the Church

**Holy Mass** 

7:00 pm | In the Church | Spanish

### **SUN 15 Catechetical Sunday**

**Holy Mass** 

8:00 am | In the Church

**Holy Mass** 

10:30 am | In the Church

**MON 16 Daily Mass** 

9:00 am | In the Church

# TUES 17 Larry Spittler - Mass funeral

In the Church

9:00 am | Visitation 10:00 am | Funeral Mass

Luncheon after Mass | In the Parish Center

### **Centering Prayer**

3:00 pm | In the Heritage Room

# WED 18

### **Stitchers**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm | St. Francis Room

**Taney County COAD Meeting** 

1:00 pm | In the Faith Formation Room

Daily Mass

5:30 pm | In the Church

**PSR Dinner** 

6:00 pm |In the Faith Formation Room

PSR

6:30 - 7:30 pm |In the Classrooms

RCIA/OCIA

6:30 pm | In the Heritage Room



## THURS 19 Daily Mass

9:00 am | In the Church

**OLL Games** 

1:00 pm | In the Faith Formation Room

**OLL Bereavement** 

3:00 pm | In the Heritage Room



# FRI 20 Red Cross Blood Drive Hosted by the KofC

Noon to 5pm | In the Parish Center

Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group

6:00 pm | In the Faith Formation Room

### SAT 21 Welcome Women retreat meeting - Heritage Room

9:00 am | In the Heritage Room

# MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 pm 9/14 Taney County Parish Family(L) 7:00 pm 9/14 Luis Galvan Camacho + 8:00 am 9/15 Robert and Dorothy Chapman + 10:30 am 9/15 Keith Brenny + 9:00 am 9/16 Josep Nguyen + 9:00 am 9/17 Ma Mau + 5:30 pm 9/18 Charley stennett + 9:00 am 9/19 Sue Ellen Krick +

# AT A GLANCE

- **Catechetical Sunday** • 9/15
- 9/17 Larry Spittler - Mass funeral
- **Centering Prayer** 9/17
- 9/18 **Stitchers**
- **COAD** meeting 9/18
- 9/18 RCIA/OCIA
- 9/18 **PSR**
- **OLL Games** 9/19
- 9/19 **OLL Bereavement**
- **Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group** 9/20
- Red Cross Blood Drive Hosted by the KofC 9/20
- 9/21 Welcome Women retreat meeting

# IMPORTANT LINKS

click here for **PARISH CALENDAR** 

click here for MASS INTENTIONS

click here for FLOWER INTENTION

# PSR 2024-2025 Registration is now open!

Any current PSR students that are looking to be Confirmed in 2025, need to schedule a one on one meeting with Nickie Rivera.

Parents must attend.



Please call, text, or email 417-251-1819 Cell NickieRivera@ollbranson.com
Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministry



https://ollbranson.com/psrregistration

Scan QR Code or go directly to our website to register.

First PSR Class
This Wednesday Sept 18th
6pm Dinner
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Classes



We are in need of Adorers,
especially for the following hours:
Tuesday from 10-11 am
Thursday from 10-11am, 1-2pm, and 2-3pm
Wednesday from 1-2pm



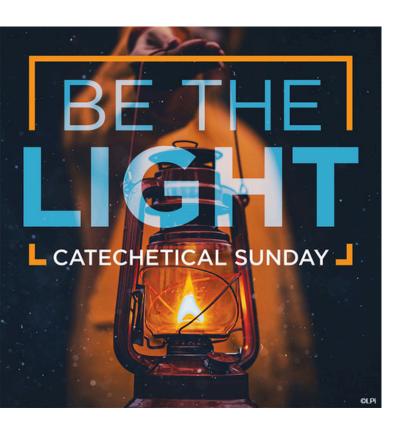


Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (formerly RCIA, now OCIA)

RCIA/OCIA is a program designed to help those who want to know more about the Catholic faith through weekly sessions.

Sessions are held once a week in the Heritage Room, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm until May.

All are Welcome







Haga clic aquí para el boletín en español

Click here to Make a Prayer Request

Click here to Contact Parish Staff Click <u>here</u> to Donate online

# Collection through September 8th 2024

Envelopes:	\$21,193.51
Plate:	\$4,225.00
Green Envelopes:	\$7,136.00
Total:	\$32,554.51



# **WORSHIP WITH US**

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# PSR Confirmation Schedule

SEPT 18TH Confirmation Class 1
SEPT 25TH Confirmation Class 2

OCT 16TH Confirmation Class 3
OCT 23RD Confirmation Class 4

NOV 3RD Confirmation Retreat NOV 13TH Confirmation Class 5 NOV 3RD Confirmation Class 6

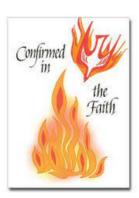
DEC 11TH Confirmation Class 7
DEC 15TH Confession

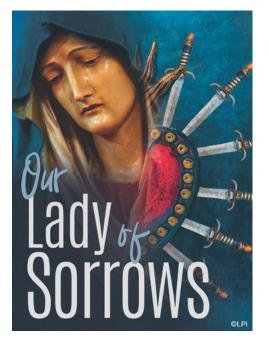
JAN 8TH Confirmation Class 8

JAN 15TH Confirmation Rehearsal

JAN 18TH sacrament of Confirmation

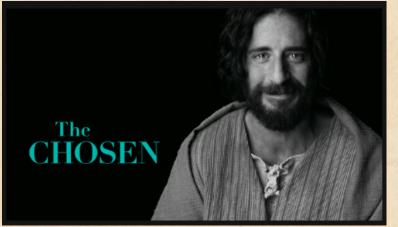








Blessed Virgin Mary, Our lady of Compassion, I turn to you with filial confidence. You shared fully in the work of our lord Jesus Christ, whose Death brought life to the world. Help me now to understand the truth about the divine compassion. Teach me to accept the sufferings that come into my life as you accepted obediently your own deep sorrows. Loving Mother of the Redeemer, you consecrated yourself by submitting to the divine plan. Obtain for me the grace to make my own submission to the same wise providence, now and at the hour of my death. Amen.



# Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study meets at 10:00am in the Faith Formation Room

No Class this week, Will resume next week,

# Annual Code of Conduct Form for 2024-25 Diocesan Safe Environment Acknowledgment



As we do every year, the Diocesan Code of Conduct is required as part of the ongoing training and awareness under the diocesan Safe Environment Policy and Procedures. The Code of Conduct from is updated annually to keep current with recommendations by the USCCB and the Vatican. The Diocese also recently updated its background form.

All diocesan personnel, clergy, parish staff, paid employees, and volunteers who regularly engage in activities involving minors or vulnerable adults are required to review and submit this Code of Conduct form and updated Background form.

Please read, sign, and return the signature page (page five) to the parish office or you can email it to Nickie Rivera at <a href="mailto:nickierivera@ollbranson.com">nickierivera@ollbranson.com</a>

You can download the forms online or pick up a copy in the gathering space. Return by August 30. The link is:

2024-2025 Code of Conduct English
2024-2025 Code of Conduct Spanish
Background Authorization Form

# Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection – This Sunday, September 15



Your gift will directly impact a senior religious by helping provide them with care. We can't do this without you. Please give to those who have given a lifetime of service. Donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious at Mass. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.



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Memorial Flag Pole - The pole

displays our American Flag and the Papal Flag. The flag pole is lit at all times.

We have two locations to choose from:

 Meditation Garden and Labyrinth -This area cultivates the beauty of God's creation around our House of Prayer so that an appreciation and enjoyment of that gift may be shared by the entire community. The Gardens are always open and available for anyone to visit.

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or call the parish office 417-334-2928

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# OLL Games

# Join us on September 19th for a fun time!!!

Thursday is OLL Game Afternoon at 1:00pm lower level of the church Faith Formation Room

And the Bragging Rights belong to the following...



OLL Train - 3 Less Eva
Remey is the BIG Winner -94 ... is
that the same total as last week?
Anne Marie is the Lil Winner -207
Eva -132 Marty -175

SWOOP - Brenda's Brigade Harry is the BIG Winner -177 Butch is the Lil Winner -341 Brenda -197 Judy H -250 Dan -321



OLL Train - Whatevers
Judy is the BIG Winner -174 Total!
Pam is the Lil Winner -293
Kathy -196 Sandy -223

SWOOP - Fived Babes
Sharron is the BIG Winner -128
Carol is the Lil Winner -481
Sharon S -246 Julie -286 Karen -329

Come... See.... Take Home Bragging Rights...
could be a great afternoon of fellowship and relaxation!
Please take this as Your Personal Invitation to join fellow parishioners!



# Every Bit of Life is Touched by a Bit of Death

Joy and sadness are as close to each other as the splendid colored leaves of a New England fall to the soberness of barren trees. When you touch the hand of a returning friend, you already know that he will have to leave again. When you are moved

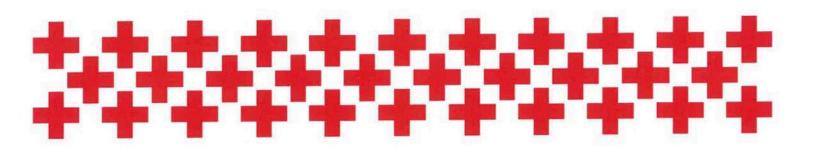
by the quiet vastness of a sun-colored ocean, you miss the friend who cannot see the same. Joy and sadness are born at the same time, both arising from such deep places in your heart that you can't find words to capture your complex emotions.

But this intimate experience in which every bit of life is touched by a bit of death can point us beyond the limits of our existence. It can do so by making us look forward in expectation to the day when our hearts will be filled with perfect joy, a joy that no one shall take away from us. Heni Nouwen

"Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Isaiah 40:4,5

# **American Red Cross**

Give blood. Help save lives.



# Blood Drive Our Lady Of The Lake Catholic Church

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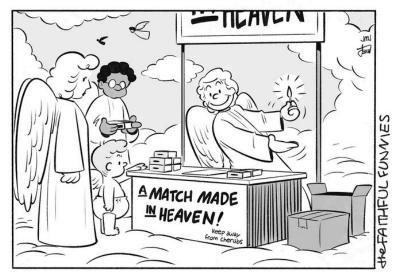
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Sept 26 7am to 4pm Sept 27 8am to 4pm Sept 28 8am to Noon

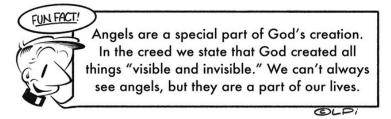


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"He called it: a match made in heaven."



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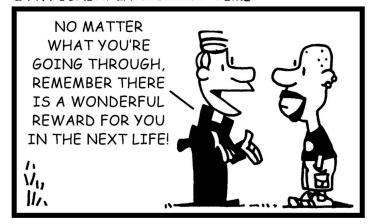


# **CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN**

Question: Name the prayer typically recited as the final prayer of the rosary.

Answer: Hail Holy Queen.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





# **Weekly** Prayer

# **Sunday's Readings**

# First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116) Or: Alleluia.

# Second Reading:

So also faith of itself,

if it does not have works, is dead. (Jas 2:17)

# Gospel:

"But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." (Mk 8:29)

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# **Live The Liturgy** Inspiration of the Week

"Take up your cross and follow me," Jesus tells us. We are called to have a faith that is defined by the willingness to go where Christ has gone, and to do what Christ has done, to see Christ in others and to love them as he loves us.

# Observances for the week of September 15, 2024

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Catechetical Sunday

Monday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,

Bishop, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of

the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen,

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

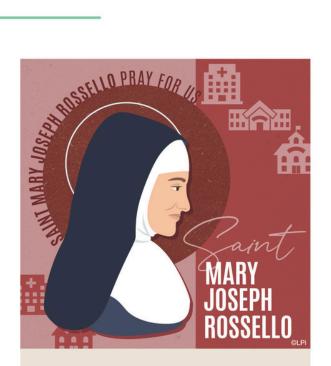
Friday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul

Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# Saint of the week

St. Mary Jospeh Rossello (1811-1880) was born to a poor family in Liguria, Italy. She was prevented from entering established religious orders because she lacked a dowry. However, the bishop of Savona helped her open a school and establish her own order, which never required a fee to enter.

# **Prayer for Catechism Students**

Dear God.

You never stop drawing us

closer to You.

Pour Your grace upon these young disciples as they learn

about You.

Attract them. Challenge them.

Love them. Guide them.

Bless them.

Amen.

# Hey Deacon! by Deacon Dan Vaughn

# Why is September dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows?

Each month of the liturgical year is devoted to a particular Catholic tradition, usually centered on a Feast during that month. You may recall that August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and September follows as the month of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Initially this might seem like a strange designation as Our Lady of Sorrows is usually connected to Jesus' crucifixion, which in the Church's liturgical year is celebrated in March or April. However, early on the Church developed a feast on September 14 named, "The Exaltation of the Holy Cross." This feast day commemorates the finding of the Holy Cross by St. Helena and the consecration of the basilicas built by Constantine on the sites of the Holy Sepulcher and Calvary at Jerusalem on September 14, 335. In doing so, this brought into September a particular meditation on the cross of Jesus Christ.

Uniting Mary's own sufferings to the Holy Cross grew in popularity over the years. By the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (although under various titles) was widespread throughout the Church. Then in 1482 the feast was officially placed in the Roman Missal under the title of Our Lady of Compassion, highlighting the great love our Blessed Mother displayed in suffering with her Son.

In 1668 the feast in honor of the Seven Dolors (Sorrows) of Mary was set for the Sunday after September 14, the Feast of the Holy Cross. The feast was inserted into the Roman calendar in 1814 by Pius VII. Then in 1912 Pope St Pius X transferred the feast day from the third Sunday of September to September 15, the octave-day of Our Lady's Nativity, September 8. On account of these two central feasts, September has become known as a month dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

Just as Mary did, we too should share in Christ's suffering and death in order to share in his rising to new life. And if you haven't ever prayed the Seven Sorrows chaplet (a special rosary configuration), I encourage you to consider exploring this devotion as a way to unite yourself with Mary.

The seven events in the life of Mary when she experienced great sorrow:

- 1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
- 2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13)
- 3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem (Luke 2:43-45)
- 4. The Meeting of Mary and Jesus on his Way to Calvary (traditional)
- 5. Standing at the Foot of the Cross (John 19:25)
- 6. Jesus Being Taken Down from the Cross (Matthew 27:57-59)
- 7. The Burial of Jesus (John 19:40-42)

Holy Mother, imprint deeply upon my heart the wounds of the Crucified.



# Dear Padre,

Why does OCIA take so long? I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and the new name for RCIA) was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a



different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ, or who has never participated in a church community. OCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, learn to pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the process are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year. Talk to your priest about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you.

Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org



# A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" ....Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: "Who am I—in fact—for you?".... This question, addressed to each of us, calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism; it requires a vital, personal response.

HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

### Monday

September 16 Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Cor 11:17–26, 33 Lk 7:1–10

### **Tuesday**

September 17 Weekday 1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a Lk 7:11–17

## Wednesday

September 18 *Weekday* 1 Cor 12:31–13:13 Lk 7:31–35

### **Thursday**

September 19 Weekday 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 7:36-50

### **Friday**

September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Cor 15:12–20 Lk 8:1–3

## **Saturday**

September 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1–7, 11–13 Mt 9:9–13

## Sunday

September 22 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 2:12, 17–20 Jas 3:16–4:3 Mk 9:30–37

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# CATHOLIC

# **Take Up Your Cross**

When I'm interviewing people for my job as a staff writer at an archdiocesan newspaper, I like to ask them this question: at the end of your life, when you meet God, what do you want to hear Him say?

I've gotten a lot of interesting answers.

"I called and you listened."

"What tee time would you like tomorrow?"

"What were you thinking?"

"Your service made things better."

It's a question I've thought a lot about, personally. What I want to hear God say when I finally see His face is this: "You can put it down now."

When Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say that I am?" he is not just asking them to verbalize an answer. He is asking them to do something: pick up the cross. Find the problems in this world, in this life, and throw your arms around them. Drag them to God, even if it kills you. It's not enough to stand by the sidelines, watching Christ ascend to Calvary, nodding your head in approval. Yes, I agree. Yes, I believe. Yes, Jesus, good job! You have to follow in every bloody footprint he leaves in the dust. Set your face like flint. And when you meet him at the top, you better not be empty-handed. He has a cross, he will expect you to have one, too.

I hope that I can do it. I hope that I am strong enough. I am not one of those great, hardy souls. I stumble terribly under the weight of my very small cross. I grumble as I shift it from shoulder to shoulder. But every time I have been almost at the point of giving up, almost ready to lay it down, there is something — Someone — who supports my drooping arm. The Lord God is my help.

If, at the end of everything, I hear the words, "You can put it down now," then I will know I have made it. I will know I have not failed: I took up the cross.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

# Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

### Answer:

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism.

# Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Isaiah 50:5-9a / James 2:14-18 / Mark 8:27-35



# Who Do People Say You Are?

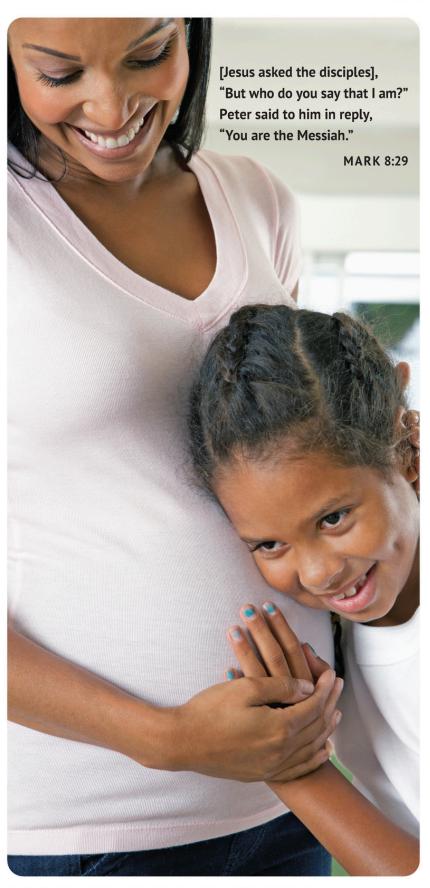
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ain is the body's alarm clock that something is broken or not working correctly. Suffering, on the other hand, is a marker of our identity and points to what we value. Suffering through the struggles of raising a family says, "I am a parent. That's what parents do." Mental suffering that accompanies committed love says to the world that "I am married. This is something to be valued." Suffering seems to accompany our commitments and consequently contributes to our identity. We don't suffer over what is unimportant in our lives. When Peter recognized that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, Jesus then pointed out what sort of commitment accompanied being the Christthat he would suffer greatly, be killed, and then rise on the third day. It was all much to Peter's dismay, especially when Jesus noted that those who follow him can expect similar suffering.

The suffering that flows from our own commitments may not pin us to a physical cross, but it often reveals a faithfulness to live out the values of Jesus. For people of faith, those values become woven into our everyday living: of raising a difficult child, caring for aging parents, working at jobs that sap our energy, or tolerating those who are unkind. Many times, we may not display those values as a conscious expression of our faith, yet it does point to who we are—followers of Jesus.

# Reflect

Does your suffering reflect your values, your commitment to follow Jesus?



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# Mass Schedule

WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish) Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am (Live-Streamed)

WEEKDAY

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:00 am Wednesday 5:30 pm 1st Friday 10:00 am

# Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:30 pm or by Appointment (417-334-2928)

# **Adoration**

Tuesday 9:30 am - 3:00 pm Wednesday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Thursday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

- We will <u>not</u> have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the week before, the week of, and the week after a holidav.
- All Adorers, please sign in when you come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Please get in touch with the office if you need a door code or are having trouble with your own.

# Safe Environment

Any suspected or known abuse of a minor must first be immediately reported to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-392-3738 or 844-CAN-TELL; or for suspected or known abuse of vulnerable or eligible adults, the Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-392-0210.

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