

**SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**



MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday **4:00** p.m.

Sunday **9:00** a.m.

Reconciliation

3:15 p.m. – **3:45** p.m.
on Saturdays

WEEKDAY MASS:

Mon - Fri **12:05** p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

12:30 p.m. Thursday to **12**
noon on Friday

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PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Tuesday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – **1:00** p.m.

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call the parish office.



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Parish Mission Statement

We, the faith community, accept the call of God to participate in the mission of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Gospel and living the reign of God among us as disciples.

Let's be honest. If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, reflects this challenging reality. Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This sounds harsh. Why would anyone want to do this?

Our Lord has the answer, of course. "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

It's all about love. Jesus loved (and loves) us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His Word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others — which is tough, but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?

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Sacraments

RECONCILIATION:

3:15 p.m. 3:45 p.m. on Saturdays

BAPTISM:

Infants / children – Parents Preparation class is required. Contact the parish office to register.

Adults – Contact the office to register for RCIA

MARRIAGE:

Please contact the parish office for preparation of marriage, allowing at least 6 months.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK OR COMMUNION:

Because of privacy laws, parishoners need to notify us if going to the hospital

Remember to request Anointing of the Sick before surgery

– please call Father Patrick 907-203-7844

Homebound individuals wishing to receive the Eucharist need to contact the parish office.























FUNERALS:

Contact parish office immediately after the death.



Please submit articles for the weekly bulletin to parish office by noon **Wednesdays** to:

akolphsecretary@gmail.com

| Monday, 9/4/2023 | |
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| Readings:  1THES 4:13-18  PS 96:1and3,4-5,11-12,13  LK 4:16-30 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centering Prayer 8:15 a.m. in the Church Community Room Communion Services 12:05 p.m. |
| Tuesday, 9/5/2023 | |
| Readings:  1THES 5:1-6,9-11  PS 27:1,4,13-14  LK 4:31-37 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:15 a.m. Communion Services 12:05 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting at 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, 9/6/2023 | |
| Readings:  COL 1:1-8  PS 52:10,11  LK 4:38-44 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:15 a.m. Communion Services 12:05 p.m. |
| Thursday, 9/7/2023 | |
| Readings:  COL 1:9-14  PS 98:2-3AB,3CD-4,5-6  LK 5:1-11 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:15 a.m. Communion Services 12:05 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (24hrs) |
| Friday, 9/8/2023 | |
| Readings:  MI 5:1-4A  PS 13:6AB,6C  MT 1:1-16,18-23 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 7:15 a.m. Communion Services 12:05 p.m. |
| Saturday, 9/9/2023 | |
| Readings:  COL 1:21-23  PS 54:3-4,6and8  LK 6:1-5 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconciliation 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Mass 4:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, 9/10/2023 | |
| Readings:  EZ 33:7-9  PS 95:1-2,6-7,8-9  ROM 13:8-10  MT 18:15-20 | Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass 9:00 a.m. K of C Pancake Breakfast after mass Faith Formation Parents meeting 10:45 a.m. |

| September 9 th – 16 th 2023 | |
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| Mop and Bucket Crew | Don Lucia Family |
| Collection Counters | 9/3 Pat and Myrna 9/10 Sherrie and Kris |

“Take up his cross, and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24

**Saturday
4:00 p.m.**
September 9, 2023

Lectors:

**Eucharistic
Ministers:**

Altar Servers:
Dammeyer Brothers

**Sunday
9:00 a.m.**
September 10,
2023

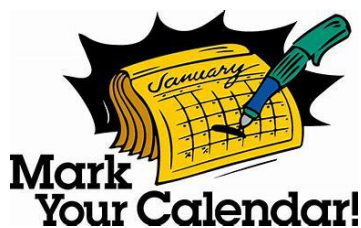
Lectors:

**Eucharistic
Ministers:**

Altar Servers:
Danny McIntosh
Jacob Wohlers

THE MONTH AHEAD

September 4th – 8th – Priest Retreat
September 5th – Knights of Columbus meeting **6:30 p.m.**
September 7th – Deacon Dave's Birthday
September 10th – Pancake breakfast
September 10th – Faith Formation parents meeting in O'Neill Hall at **10:45 a.m.**
September 13th – Catechist Inservice **3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
September 15th – 17th – Knights of Columbus Retreat at St. Therese Camp
September 17th – Catechetical Sunday, Faith Formation begins
September 16th – 17th – Second collection
September 24th – Ministry Appreciation Event **3:00 – 5:30 p.m.**
October 1st – A Place at the Table in Fireweed hall at **4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**
October 7th – Altar Server training **10:00 a.m.**
October 8th – EM and Lector Training after mass



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RETREAT

The Knights monthly meeting has changed. It is now the 1st Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Tuesday, **September 5th**. Rosary is at **6:30 p.m.** and meeting is at **7:00 p.m.** at O'Neill Hall. Prospective members are always welcome.

The Knights will have a pancake breakfast at OLPH on Sunday, **September 10th**. OLA's breakfast is **Sunday 17th**. As always, parishioners are encouraged to share a meal with each other. Donations are accepted.

In September, the Knights at both OLPH and OLA will be selling "Pot of Gold" raffle tickets. Proceeds will support our council and the K of C state council. Tickets are \$25.00. Drawing is Saturday, **December 9th**. Grand prize is \$15,000. There are also 10 - \$1000 prizes.

The Alaska K of C state council is sponsoring a Knight's retreat at the St. Teresa's Camp **September 15th -17th**. Knights can register by going to Alaskakofcstate.com. Cost is \$50. Our council intends to car pool for the week-end.



Vivat Jesu

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Do you have a friend, coworker, or family member who might be interested in becoming Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin September 24th for all adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with an opportunity to enter the Church through Baptism and Confirmation next spring. If you know anyone who might be interested in coming to OCIA please refer their names and contact information to Fr. Patrick to reach out to them.

OCIA begins **September 24th** at **1:00 p.m.** in Fireweed Hall. The full schedule can be found in the back of the church,

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Faith formation registration has begun for the 2023/2024 school year. You can use the QR code below for registration.



Classes will begin **September 17th** after mass.

TRAININGS

Father will be holding an altar server training for all current and new servers on Saturday **October 7th** at **10:00 a.m.**

There will also be training for Eucharistic Ministers and for Lectors after mass on Sunday, **October 8th**. People who would like to participate in these ministries are invited to attend, this includes current Ministers and Lectors. The training will be led by Deacon David Carey.

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

Every September, people all over the nation recognize Hunger Action Month, a time to take a stand against hunger in America. This year the need is higher than ever. We will be collecting food items through the month of September for our local Food Bank. Please bring your donation to the bin located in the foyer.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

All people who are interested in beginning a conversation about the possibility of starting a Catholic school here on the Peninsula are invited to a town hall-style meeting at **7:00 p.m.** on Monday, **September 11th** in Fireweed Hall. Please bring your ideas to this informal meeting. For more information please contact Fr. Patrick.

OKTOBERFEST

Oktoberfest will be held on **October 14th** this year. We are currently seeking donations for both the silent and outcry auctions and looking for volunteers to help at the events. This is OLPH's major yearly fundraiser, not to mention A LOT of fun!

Please stop by at the table in the foyer to sign up.



A TASTE OF ITALY

A Taste of Italy, annual OLA fundraiser, will be held on Saturday, **September 30th**, 2023. Doors open at **6:30 p.m.** and dinner will be served at **7:15 p.m.** (BYOB). Dinner tickets are \$30.00 per person. Tickets are on sale now. You can call the office or stop by to pick them up.



MINISTRY APPRECIATION

There will be a Ministry appreciation gathering to celebrate those who have so generously given of their time and talent in the past years.

Come celebrate with us on Sunday **September 24th** in Fireweed Hall. Join us for food, drinks and games between **3:00 – 5:30 p.m.**, program starts at **4:00 p.m.**

Ministry Fair sign up will be available from **September 23rd – October 7th**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish a very happy birthday to Deacon Dave, who will be celebrating his birthday on **September 7th**. Many blessings to Deacon Dave!

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Dear Friends,

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell just as sweet." As she speaks these words to Romeo, Juliet is undergoing an internal struggle. The one she loves bears the name of her family's mortal enemy. This famous line that emerges from the young maiden's inner self reveals the profound tension she is experiencing: her head and her heart are not aligning.

William Shakespeare was indeed a master of character development. While the young lovers of the play named for them end in tragedy, Juliet's question still remains haunting and valid: *What is in a name?* While a rose would still smell sweet if it were called a cornflower, the name given to each and every human person bears far more gravity. This is especially true with the name above all names: Jesus.

Friends, this Eucharistic Revival is taking root throughout our land. Parishes, schools, and other Catholic institutions are making critical choices right now so that the Son of God and Son of Mary may re-establish his throne in the center of our communities—and indeed in our hearts. This Person whom we adore, who died for us, has a name. And his name bears great meaning. *Jesus means "God saves."*

You are already a part of the Revival our Savior is bringing about in our country! He is inviting you to go deeper. All we have to do is say yes. I wrote our feature story for this week, and I hope it helps you say yes! May we allow the sweet name of Jesus to be branded upon our hearts as we draw closer and closer to him in the Holy Eucharist.

In Jesus,
Sister Alicia Torres F.E.
Managing Editor



A PLACE AT THE TABLE

A Place at the table will resume **October 1st** in Fireweed Hall at **4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Join us for meal, games and conversation.