

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY – WHERE WE BELONG: Be included in our new family directory. Be professionally photographed and receive a free 8x10 family portrait, a church directory and the church directory mobile app. Your one-hour session will include professional photography, immediate viewing, and purchase options. Schedule your photo session today by using the link on our website at olpschurch.org. There are lots of options for your convenience including May 22-25 from 2:00 to 9:00 P.M. Also, June 9 from 2:00 to 9:00 P.M. and June 10 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Contact Renee Aldridge at 445-9748 ext. 216 for more information.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School 2017 will be Monday through Friday, June 12-16 from 8:00 A.M. through 12:00 noon. Registration is \$10 per child and open to children entering grades kindergarten through fifth. Registration forms are in the church or available at the church office. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, May 31.** Contact Michelle Lemoine at mblemoine1@gmail.com.

LUKE LAFLEUR DIACONATE ORDINATION: Luke LaFleur of OLPS Parish will be ordained a transitional deacon HERE at Prompt Succor this Saturday at 10:00 A.M. by Bishop Talley with a reception to follow in the Divine Providence Center. Please keep Luke in your prayers.

DUTCH VOLTZ PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION: Deacon Gus “Dutch” Voltz of OLPS parish will be ordained to the priesthood with his classmates Deacons Derek Ducote and Daniel Hart on Saturday, June 17 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral by Bishop Talley. Please keep them in your prayers. Father Voltz will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at OLPS on Sunday, June 18 at 10:30 A.M.

‘COME, BE CONSOLED’: The Cenla ACTS community invites all women to an afternoon of spiritual refreshment on Saturday, June 10 with Sister Mary Madeline Todd, OP, STD of the Nashville Dominicans. Sister will lead a reflection on Jesus’ words, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace” (Mark 5:34). Coffee and cake at 1:30 P.M. in the Madonna Room. The reflection will follow at 2:00 P.M. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3:00 P.M. followed by confession and 4:00 P.M. Mass in the church. For more information, please contact Louise LaJaunie at (318) 451-7181 or log on to www.everydaymissionaries.com/retreats.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENT CALENDAR

Monday, May 22

10:00 A.M. Outreach Prayer Group (St. Timothy Center)
2:00 P.M. Life Touch Directory Pictures (L)
6:30 P.M. Women’s ACTS (DPC)

Tuesday, May 23

2:00 P.M. Life Touch Directory Pictures (L)
6:00 P.M. Adult Choir (Music Room)
6:30 P.M. Men’s ACTS (MR)

Wednesday, May 24

8:00 A.M. School Mass for Grades 1-5 (Church)
9:30 A.M. Priests bring Communion to Homebound
11:30 A.M. OLPS School dismisses for summer vacation
2:00 P.M. Life Touch Directory Pictures (L)
6:00 P.M. Divorce Survival Support Group (MR)

Thursday, May 25

9:30 A.M. Priests bring Communion to Nursing Homes
10:00 A.M. Rosary (Church)
2:00 P.M. Life Touch Directory Pictures (L)
6:15 P.M. Pastoral Council (Rectorry)
6:15 P.M. Teen ACTS (MR)

Friday, May 26

7:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)

Saturday, May 27

10:00 A.M. Diaconate Ordination of Luke LaFleur (Church)

Sunday, May 28

10:30 A.M. Children’s Liturgy (L)
2:00 P.M. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
5:30 P.M. Children’s Liturgy (L)
7:00 P.M. High School Youth (DPC)

**Madonna Room (MR) Lourdes (L) Fatima (F) Notre Dame (ND)
Divine Providence Center (DPC) Olinger Hall (OH)
St. Timothy Center**

A CENTURY OF FATIMA: This Tuesday, May 23 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral the diocese will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima with a procession starting at 10:00 A.M. with the U. N. International Pilgrim statue. Father Chad Partain will preside over the prayers and rosary. OLPS children’s choir will sing. Mass will be at 12:05 P.M., the story of Fatima will be at 2:00 P.M. and Chaplet of Mercy will be at 3:00 P.M. Relics of Sts. Francisco and Jacinta Marto will be on display. Confessions begin at 9:00 A.M. For more information, call 473-9494.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ANNUAL BAKE SALE: Court Notre Dame of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have its annual bake sale in the Madonna Complex on the weekend of June 3-4. Please stop by for delicious made-from-scratch cakes, pies, cookies, and other sweets.

OLPS SCHOOL
BULLDOG BYTES

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: The last day of the OLPS school year is this Wednesday, May 24. We will have Mass for the first through fifth graders at 8:00 A.M., followed by the awards ceremony. Honor roll awards will be passed out in the students' homerooms. Dismissal will be at 11:30 A.M. There will be **NO bus transportation and NO after school care.**

USED UNIFORM SALE: OLPS School will be having its annual used uniform sale on Wednesday, July 19 in the DPC from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. If you would like to sell some of your uniforms they need to be dropped off on Tuesday, July 18 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Please see the school website for more information.

BULLDOG KIDS TRI: The third annual Bulldog Kids Triathlon is set for Saturday, August 26 on the campus of LSUA. This noncompetitive event is for kids ages 3-14. You only compete against yourself. Please go to www.bulldogkidstri.com for more information. All funds raised through this triathlon go to placing more technology in our classrooms. If you would like to be a sponsor, please call Patricia Upton at (318) 449-9073.

THANK YOU: As this school year comes to a close, we would like to thank all of our OLPS parents and supporters. This past school year was another successful year in education, technology and fundraising. OLPS and our students have received many accolades throughout the year that shine as examples of the excellent educational environment we offer. There is so much more to come!

None of the accomplishments that OLPS earns each year would be possible without the continued support of our parents and OLPS advocates. Easy fundraising programs, special events and our volunteers with valuable ideas and initiatives make it possible for us to move forward and continue to provide an excellent education for our students.

Thank you again to everyone for sending your children to OLPS School and supporting our daily efforts to provide the best quality education, care and love for our students through your time, talents and generous contributions.

THE FLOWERS BY OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR are given this week in loving memory of **IRMA AND JASON VINNING** by Dr. and Mrs. Michael Miguez and Family.

FEED YOUR SPIRIT: The next scheduled event in our parish's monthly *Adult Faith Formation* is Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Center. Steve Gauthier will speak on "More about the Saints." The series is sponsored by the Spirituality and Education Commission. Childcare is provided for newborns through age 12 in the church nursery. Please call the church office (445-3693) to register for childcare.

'**OLPS ROCKS**' is a place for our junior high and high school teens to meet and jam while sharpening their musical skills. "OLPS Rocks" meets in the Notre Dame Room (first door on the left in the Madonna Complex) from 4:30 to 5:00 P.M. on Wednesdays during the school year. For more info, call Josh Blakesley or Grae McCullough at 445-3693.

JUNIOR HIGH: Our Junior High group (grades 7-8 from all schools) meets on Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Youth Center. For more information, contact Rebekah Brocato at 447-7861 or 445-9748, ext. 228.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP: High school youth meets on Sunday after the 5:30 P.M. Mass in the Divine Providence Youth Center. For more information, call Ben Lesnefsky at 445-9748, ext. 228 or email youth@olpschurch.org.

'**CHILDREN OF HOPE**': The Children of Hope will not meet over the summer while students are on vacation. The next First Friday holy hour will be Friday, September 1 from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in church. The program includes Eucharistic Adoration, prayers, music, rosary and meditations for children especially in grades two through six.

OUR SEMINARIANS: Luke LaFleur, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH; Deacon Dutch Voltz, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, LA

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE: Bill Aldridge

PLEASE PRAY for all our service men and women serving at home and abroad, among them **Paul Arbour, Chris Armstrong, Jesse Barth, Chad Bordelon, Bobby Bounds, Beau Bradford, Chaplain Father John Brocato, Shawn D. Bryant, Gregory Carbo II, Ray Constantino, Michael Deville, Scott Deville, Billy Dove III, Dirk Erickson, David Fields, Chaplain Father John Gabriel, Dylan Garland, Carl Greene, Christian Griffiths, Michael Kelley, Dustin Martin, Jared Slay, Francis Jerome Vanderlick, Michael Ware, Nicholas Waters, and William Whisenant.** If you know someone serving whose name is not on our list, please contact the church office.

'**REFRESHED IN THE SPIRIT**' DAY: Cenla Magnificat and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Louisiana will sponsor a "Refreshed in the Spirit" day on Saturday, July 8 from 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. at the St. Joseph Catholic Center at 4400 Coliseum Blvd. in Alexandria. There is no registration fee for this event but you must pre-register by June 30 – by email at cenlamagnificat@gmail.com or dianeardoin@yahoo.com or (318) 419-1547. Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks (water and tea) and desserts will be provided.

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Fr. Daniel P. O'Connor, V.F., Pastor

Fr. John Wiltse, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Joy Retnazihomoni, In Residence

Fr. Chris Nayak, In Residence

Mary Floyd, Parish Manager

Colleen "Dee" Gilbert, Bookkeeper/Margaret Shiver, Receptionist

Jo Tassin, Principal of OLPS School

Linda Perot, Director of Music Ministry

Josh Blakesley, Associate Director of Music Ministry

Grae McCullough, Music Minister

Ben Lesnefsky, Director of Youth Ministry

Rebekah Brocato, Coordinator of Junior High Ministry

Michelle Lemoine, Director of Religious Education

Renee Aldridge, Coordinator of Program Development

Sarah Duncan Mealer, Church Nursery Coordinator

Brandon Callahan, Maintenance Supervisor

Michael Upton, Finance Council Chair + John Lyons, Pastoral Council Chair

Maria Olagues, School Council Chair

SACRAMENTS/LITURGY/DEVOTIONS

Mass: Saturday 4 PM

Sunday 7, 9 & 10:30 AM; 5:30 PM

(Nursery Available for 9, 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM for Newborns through 3 yrs.)

Weekdays: 6:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

Holy Day of Obligation: Vigil - 5:30 PM

Holy Day: 6:30 AM; 12:05 P.M. & 5:30 PM

Children's Liturgy of the Word (For ages 4 - 8 yrs.)

Sundays at 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 3:00 - 3:50 PM; Sundays 5:15 - 5:25 PM and Weekdays before Mass

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptismal Preparation Class by appointment.

Register in advance by calling the Church Office (445-3693).

Baptisms are ministered by appointment.

Sacrament of Holy Eucharist: For the sick and homebound.

Contact Renee Aldridge at the church office, 445-3693.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact our Parish Priests at 445-3693.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM every Friday in the Church.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAMS

CCD - Wednesdays during the School year,

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Junior High - Wednesdays during the School year,

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

READINGS FOR MAY 28:

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

IN MEMORY: MELVIN BLANCHARD;

ALTON DESOTO; TEDIE HODGES

Please pray for Mr. Blanchard (father of Mrs. Melanie Baker); Mr. Desoto (brother of Mrs. Barbara Piazza); Mrs. Hodges (mother of Mr. Jack Hodges); and those of our parish who have recently died and for the consolation of their families.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: John 'Lad' Baker; Sister Romaine Bell; Cadet Brianna Bennett; Kristin Bonner; Jeanne Bonnette; Leona Brogdon; Ann Marie Bruner; Mary Cataldie; Jody Debona; Kelly Debona; Theresa Debona; Kathy Ouber Depril; Trudy Dyson; Charles Ezernack; Reynada Feeter; Connie Fiorenza; Kyle Fowler; Mattie Lou Furby; Deacon Ray Gibson; Rose Giordano; Ansley Greer; Tom Hirschak; Ray Holston; Linda Juneau; Angel LaJaunie; Joseph Loden; Mary Lofton; Mike Lofton; Amy McCartney; Ryan McCutcheon; Josephine Michiels; Renee Newcomb; Jones Omorusi; Clea Perry; Patricia Rachal; Jim St. Amant; Jessica Sanders; Brooke Searcy; Mike Shelfo; Hazel Slocum; Dorothy Stroud; Gustavia Thibeaux; Anna Troia; Sister Virginia Lee Vanderlick; Jacob Williamson; Tracy Wiltse; Lenora Yeager; Victoria Young; and all the homebound of our parish community.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUN., MAY 21:

7:00 A.M. Our Parish Family
 9:00 A.M. Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; David Ezernack; Linda Gremillion (anniv.); Tom Stafford; Bob Foster; Mary Jean Thomas; Kirby J. Moras Jr. (anniv.); Living and deceased members of the Clarence Flynn Family; Mr. and Mrs. George Regan, Mr. and Mrs. John Fair and Judy Regan; Eugene Gilchrist
 10:30 A.M. Joe King and Fran McGinty
 5:30 P.M. Anne Eversull

MON., MAY 22:

6:30 A.M. Heather Go
 5:30 P.M. Intention of Mary and Mike Lofton

TUES., MAY 23:

6:30 A.M. Intention of Gail Landreneau
 5:30 P.M. Intention of Mary and Mike Lofton

WED., MAY 24:

6:30 A.M. In honor of Father Martin Laird on the anniversary of his ordination
 8:00 A.M. In thanksgiving for our OLPS School year
 5:30 P.M. Deacon Charles Jones

THURS., MAY 25:

6:30 A.M. Avelina Succo
 5:30 P.M. Anne Eversull

FRI., MAY 26:

6:30 A.M. In honor of Father Charlie Ray on the anniversary of his ordination
 5:30 P.M. Kevin Richard (anniv.)

SAT., MAY 27:

8:00 A.M. Dena Flynn
 4:00 P.M. Kevin Richard; Andrew Henry; Ronnie Buford; Sean Perry; Josephine Chestovich; Sister Cecile Clare Vanderlick CDP; Alfred Cook Sr.; Brad White; Eugene Gilchrist; Intention of Tinsley Ducote; Alfred Mathews Sr.; Intention of Steve Head

SUN., MAY 28:

7:00 A.M. Joseph Marien Jr.
 9:00 A.M. Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; Alice 'Vic' Chrisp; Bob Foster; David Ezernack; Dave and Irene Dufour; Bessie and Otis Gaspard; Mr. and Mrs. George Regan, Mr. and Mrs. John Fair and Judy Regan; Al Beach and deceased members of the Verzwylvelt and Beach Families
 10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family
 5:30 P.M. Robert A. Wolf

GIFTS REPORT - CHURCH SUPPORT

Income needed for May (four Sundays)	\$87,000.00
Gifts on previous weekends in May	\$24,408.00
Gifts given last weekend	\$20,987.00
Amount still needed for May	\$41,605.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT and payment by credit card are available for your contributions to church support. If interested please contact Mary Floyd at the church office by calling 445-9748, ext. 201.