

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SPIRITUAL FATHERHOOD: OLPS will host the next meeting in the series on Spiritual Fatherhood on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 8:00 A.M. to noon in the DPC. The theme is "Sacrifice." This is a ministry for men to learn how to be the men that Christ calls them to be in the role of spiritual leaders of their families. Single men, who are also called to be leaders in society, are welcome. The day includes Mass, breakfast, adoration, and inspirational talks. There is no charge.



LEARN TO PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE: Father John is offering a four-week series on learning to pray with the bible, known as *Lectio Divina* ("Divine Reading"). One step (lesson) is being offered at two different times on Sundays in September and October. It is beneficial to attend each lesson, which will meet in the Lourdes Room on Sundays from 8:00 to 8:30 A.M. and repeated from 7:00 to 7:30 P.M. No registration is required, and all are welcome. You will need a Catholic bible and a way to take notes. If you missed last week, come this week anyway.

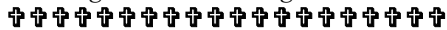
JOIN 'HELPING HANDS,' OUR NEWEST MINISTRY: A group of men and women, coordinated by John McDaniel, have volunteered their time one Saturday a month to help other parishioners with minor tasks and repairs around their homes. Those who desire the team's assistance will complete an application form to help determine urgency of need. The first work day for Helping Hands is Saturday, Oct. 14. For more information, email John at jtmcdsr@gmail.com.

FEED YOUR SPIRIT: The next scheduled event in our parish's monthly *Adult Faith Formation* is Thursday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Center. Father John Wiltse will speak on "How to get the most out of Confession." The series is sponsored by the Spirituality and Education Commission. Childcare is provided for newborns through age 12 in the church nursery. To register for childcare, please email olpschildcare@gmail.com with the name of the event and number of children.



ARE WE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY?

"When new people come into a church, most decide in the first five minutes if they will ever come back. It is SO important to be a welcoming parish!" – from *Company's Coming: A Spiritual Process for Creating More Welcoming Parishes*



WEEKLY PARISH EVENT CALENDAR

- Monday, October 2**
10:00 A.M. Outreach Prayer Group (St. Timothy Center)
- Tuesday, October 3**
1:00 P.M. School Living Rosary
3:00 P.M. Girls on the Run (OH)
3:00 P.M. St. Cecilia Choir (Music Room)
6:00 P.M. Adult Choir (Music Room)
6:30 P.M. RCIA (Youth Room)
- Wednesday, October 4**
2:30 P.M. Bible Study at Rapides Parish Detention Center 3
5:00 P.M. Parish Supper (DPC)
5:45 P.M. Joyful Noise Choir (Music Room)
6:00 P.M. Divorce Support Ministry (MR)
6:15 P.M. Junior High Youth (DPC-Fr. Menard Room)
6:25 P.M. CCD (School)
- Thursday, October 5**
3:00 P.M. Girls on the Run (OH)
6:00 P.M. Women's ACTS (MR)
- Friday, October 6**
9:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
3:00 P.M. Children's Holy Hour (Church)
6:30 P.M. Substance Abuse Ministry (MR)
9:00 P.M. Friday Night Hangout for Youth (DPC)
- Saturday, October 7**
8:00 A.M. Seminar on Spiritual Fatherhood (DPC)
- Sunday, October 8**
8:00 A.M. Lectio Divina Bible Study (L)
9:00 A.M. Joyful Noise Choir sings at Mass (Church)
10:30 A.M. Children's Liturgy (L)
2:30 P.M. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
5:30 P.M. Children's Liturgy (L)
7:00 P.M. Lection Divina Bible Study (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**

LITURGY SCHEDULES CONSOLIDATED AND ONLINE: Altar servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Children's Liturgy leaders, and choir members – we have put your schedules all in one place! Each week there will be a combined schedule for Masses for the upcoming weekend, available ONLINE at olpschurch.org. Look on the front page of the website and with one click you can check to see if you are scheduled for that weekend. It is our hope that this will help you and your children stay involved in and volunteer for more ministries.

OLPS SCHOOL
BULLDOG BYTES

THANK YOU TO ALL who worked so hard and donated their time, talents and funds to the OLPS Fall Festival on September 30! The event was wonderful, with exciting events all day and fun for everyone who attended! The Fall Festival committee is working hard on gathering all the income and expense numbers and is expecting to see record-setting totals. The event would not be SO successful without the help of all our parents, students, teachers, and supporters. Thank you all!

THE LIVING ROSARY: OLPS will celebrate the tradition of the Living Rosary this Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 1:00 P.M. Students and faculty in grades two through six will gather in front of school and pray the rosary while walking down 21st Street into the church for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is invited to attend.

THE FLOWERS BY OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR are given this week **IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER'S BLESSINGS AND INTERCESSION IN LOVING MEMORY OF LT. COLONEL JOHN SETNICKY.**

SUBSTANCE ABUSE MINISTRY (SAM) will hold its regular meeting on Friday, Oct. 6 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. in the Madonna Room. A meal is served and childcare is available upon request ONLY. Call Dee Gilbert at 445-3693 or 229-7890 for childcare reservations by NOON on Oct. 6.

LECTORS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR 4:00 P.M. SATURDAY MASS: Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this ministry. Contact Joey Descant at 487-1816 to inquire. Training will be provided.

EAGLE RAFFLE TICKETS: It's time to purchase Holy Savior Menard Eagle raffle tickets! This is Menard's only school-wide fundraiser. Tickets are \$25 and prizes are \$7,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000! Winners to be drawn at the homecoming game halftime on Friday, Oct. 6. If you have questions, please contact the school office at 445-8233.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: Junior High Youth Group is a place for seventh and eighth graders to pray, develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and learn about their Catholic faith. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 P.M. in the DPC Youth Room. A Core Ministry team, a group of adults AND high schoolers from our parish, is dedicated to leading young teens closer to Christ. "Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven." – St. Rose of Lima. The Life Teen Edge Program helps middle schoolers unleash who they were created to be in Christ. Please bring your young teen to Junior High Youth Group. Call, text or email Rebekah Brocato at rebekahbrocato@gmail.com or (318) 447-7861 for more information.

OLPS YOUTH

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 Lesnfsky at 445-9748, ext. 228 or email youth@olpschurch.org.

'CHILDREN OF HOPE': The next First Friday holy hour will be Friday, Oct. 6 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: Deacon Luke LaFleur, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH; David Keran, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE: Bill Aldridge

PLEASE PRAY for all our service men and women serving at home and abroad, among them **Paul Arbour, Jesse Barth, Chad Bordelon, Bobby Bounds, Beau Bradford, Chaplain Father John Brocato, John Paul Brumley; Shawn D. Bryant, Gregory Carbo II, Ray Constantino, Scott Deville, Billy Dove III, Dirk Erickson, David Fields, Chaplain Father John Gabriel, Dylan Garland, Carl Greene, Zach Jeansonne; Michael Kelley, Dustin Martin, Victor Odom; 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.

OLPS PARISH SUPPERS are held every Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Center. The Knights of Columbus Council 8029 prepares the suppers. Meals are \$5.00 per plate. Take outs are available, but you are encouraged to stay and eat in the Center and visit with other members of our church family. You may check the bulletin online at www.olpschurch.org for the updated menu. **Sept. 27 Menu: Baked chicken, rice dressing, cole slaw, bread, and dessert.**

LADIES DAY RETREAT: Catholic Daughters Court Bishop Desmond #1459 and St. Rita Women of Grace are hosting a Ladies Day Retreat on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the St. Rita Holy Family Center. The theme is "The Seven Sorrows of Mary." Keynote speaker is Father Charlie Ray, with special guest Sister Judith Gomila, MSC. Lunch and snacks provided at no charge. RSVP to the St. Rita church office at 445-7120 by Tuesday, Oct. 10.

FORGIVENESS, THE SECRET OF PEACE: A documentary film depicting one man's fight to bring HOPE and healing to a nation will be shown at the Sacred Heart activities building in Pineville on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 6:00 P.M. Father Ubald, the film's subject, will celebrate Mass with special prayers for healing at Sacred Heart on Friday Oct. 6 at 6:00 P.M.

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Fr. Daniel P. O'Connor, 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.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUN., OCTOBER 1:

7:00 A.M. Joseph Marien Jr.

9:00 A.M. Bob Foster; David Ezernack; Dave and Irene Dufour; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; Intention of Lurline Stone; Helen Collins; Casey Morris; Tom Stafford; Mary Taylor Bennett

10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family

5:30 P.M. Anne Eversull

MON., OCTOBER 2:

6:30 A.M. Carmelo Go

5:30 P.M. Sister Mary Prompt Succor Arceneaux and Sister Ester Marie Estero

TUES., OCTOBER 3:

6:30 A.M. Alton and Patty Desoto

5:30 P.M. Melinda LaJaunie

WED., OCTOBER 4:

6:30 A.M. Lawson Keppinger

5:30 P.M. Kathryn and Michael Monsour

THURS., OCTOBER 5:

6:30 A.M. Peggy St. John

8:00 A.M. Mary Ferguson Curley (anniv.)

5:30 P.M. Tom Stafford

FRI., OCTOBER 6:

6:30 A.M. Emily Briggs Carbo

8:00 A.M. Virginia Brasseaux

5:30 P.M. Ruth Bergeron

SAT., OCTOBER 7:

8:00 A.M. Dena Flynn

4:00 P.M. John Cangelosi Jr.; Josephine Chestovich; Leo Duplissey (anniv.); Tracy Wiltse; Intention of Maddie Mitchell; Maretta Benoit; Jerry and Gerry Flynn; Beverly Bohrer; Jerome Duncan; Agnes D'Angelo; Sophie Chestovich; Horace Thibeaux; Adam Jeansonne; Norma Lazarone Thomas

SUN., OCTOBER 8:

7:00 A.M. David Schexnyder

9:00 A.M. David Ezernack; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; Theda Hodges Cahill; Bob Foster; Intention of Lurline Stone; Taylor A. Gist and Intention of Robert and Karen Taylor Gist; Deborah Ann Dupuis

10:30 A.M. Joe King and Fran McGinty

5:30 P.M. Our Parish Family

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 8: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

IN MEMORY: NANCY RICHE

Please pray for Mrs. Riché and those of our parish who have recently died and for the consolation of their families.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Janna Adams; Father Terry Allen; John Asfar; John 'Lad' Baker; Jeanne Bonnette; Leona Brogdon; Brent Caplan; Debbie Carbo; John David Jr.; Theresa Debona; Vincent Drago; Marie Finley; Connie Fiorenza; Frances Floyd; Kyle Fowler; Mattie Lou Furby; Bill Giddens; Tom Hirschak; Monsignor Ronald Hoppe; Jack Hubley; Kenneth Lachney; Angel LaJaunie; Joseph Loden; Mary Lofton; Mike Lofton; Mary Beaubouef Lyle; Loretta Lyons; David W. Michiels; Monica Milling; Jones Omorusi; Marlene Palomo; Leah Pelto; Bea Phillips; Skylar Pinkerton; Richard Rigby; Joseph Seiss; Hazel Slocum; Gustavia Thibeaux; Baby Elliott Trahan; Anna Troia; Sister Virginia Lee Vanderlick; Sarah K. Vincent; Jacob Williamson; Lenora Yeager; Victoria Young; and all the homebound of our parish community.

GIFTS REPORT - CHURCH SUPPORT

Income needed for Sept. (four Sundays)	\$87,000.00
Gifts on previous weekends in Sept.	\$66,670.00
Gifts given last weekend	\$16,050.00
Amount UNDER for Sept.	\$4,280.00
Retired Priests Collection	\$3,362.07

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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