

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 8 :00 am and 11:00 am
Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am, Wednesday 6:30 pm

First Saturday of the Month..9:00 am

(Only During the College Fall and Spring semesters: Weekday Mass: Mon. 9PM & every Sat. 9AM)



Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."
Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.
Mark 10:51-52



October 27, 2024

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ORDINARY
TIME

Rosary:

Tuesday—Friday 8:00am

Morning Prayer:

Wednesday..... 8:30am

Adoration of the Most

Blessed Sacrament:

1st Fri. of the Month...

7:30am—8:20 am

Fridays.....9:00am—7:00 pm

Wednesdays...5:30pm-6:20pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays.....3:30– 4:30 pm

Wednesdays.... 5:30- 6:20 pm

1st Fri. of the Month....

7:30–8:20 am

1st Sat. of the Month....

8:00–8:45 am

*(Only During the College Fall and Spring semesters: **Sacrament of Penance: Mon. 8:30PM- 8:50PM & every Sat. 8-8:50AM)***



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Singing the Our Father – Coming Soon!

Bulletin Article #54

Singing the Catholic Mass (*rather than just speaking the words*) is as ancient as the existence of the Mass itself. Not only did Jesus finish the last supper by singing psalms on the way to the Garden of Gethsemane (*see Mark 14:26*), but as we've reflected on throughout these bulletin articles over the last year, the Mass was also meant to fulfill a variety of Jewish feasts, such as the Passover, which involved a liturgy, structure, and singing at different times as well. The history of singing at Mass is very important and valuable for quite a variety of reasons, but to keep it brief here, let's just look at what the Church encourages today after around 2,000 years of celebrating this most sacred and living meal.

The Church says that singing at Mass is meant for two main purposes, which are **"the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful"** (*The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy {SC}, Vat. II, par. 112*). In other words, when we are singing at Mass, we are not primarily focused on the quality of our performance for other people or to be congratulated by others, but rather, we are meant to place our hearts before God and give Him the glory that due with both our voices and our hearts during those moments of song. In addition, the main result of these songs is that WE are sanctified by singing the true and beautiful works of Scripture and the Tradition of the Church (*see also SC 121*). **Do you believe that you can be made holy or that you can become a holier person by singing during Mass?!**

The Catholic Church also encourages specific parts of the Mass to be sung more often than other parts because of the priority, importance, or solemnity of a specific part of the Catholic Mass. Within the first degree or first tier of important moments that should be sung at Mass whenever possible, is the Our Father prayer (*Musicam Sacram, par. 29-31*). We have not sung this part of the Mass yet, since I've arrived here almost exactly four years ago to the day, but I'm happy to announce that we will begin singing the Our Father starting in two weeks here at Our Lady of the Visitation. Many of you might already be familiar with the tune, but for those who are not, or for those who want to follow along, the exact tune we will be using can be found in Page 32 of our black St. Augustine hymnals.

Overall, I want to encourage you to sing this part of the Mass to the best of your ability, so that we are all singing together as one family. Of course, if you are not good at singing or not comfortable singing out loud, then you can certainly just sing softer (being united in song and trying to help the people around us to sing is a good thing to consider as well, so that we are not distracting others or doing our *own thing* with song during Mass – as far as pace, or volume, or anything to unduly separate ourselves from the union of voices in the congregation). However, my encouragement is for everyone to try their best to sing because that can and should be a powerful part of praying at every Mass together. If we all sing, even just a little, and we are doing it for the right reasons, to glorify God and to be sanctified by the Holy Spirit, then I guarantee you it will be a powerful experience for everyone involved here on the weekend at Mass. May we thank God for teaching us how to pray through the Our Father prayer, and may we ask Him to help us sing it from our hearts and souls, so that we can receive what He wants to give us from His grace at every Mass. The love from His heart on the Cross and in the power of His Resurrection from the dead! God Bless you.

Oct. 19-20 2024 (in pew)

Weekend Collection:	\$3,308.00
Building Improvements:	\$110.00
Parish Youth Education:	\$75.00
Social Outreach:	\$175.00
Propagation of Faith:	\$605.00
All Saints:	\$50.00
Hurricane Relief:	\$710.00
Votives/Donut Hour	\$79.85
TOTAL INCOME:	\$5,112.85



If you would like to give to the Sunday collection online either with an individual gift or with a recurring donation of your choice, please visit olvship-pensburg.weshareonline.org

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The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children

In Jesus' time, it was commonly believed that people who had physical ailments or illness were being punished by God for living a sinful life. So the blind man in the Gospel, Bartimaeus, had been treated as a sinner. He was a beggar who only had his cloak or coat for shelter and protection.

How do you think Bartimaeus feels as he sits by the road begging?

Then one day Jesus comes by and Bartimaeus' life changes. He calls to Jesus, "Jesus have pity on me." Some people come to him and tell him Jesus is calling for him. The first thing Bartimaeus does is throw off his cloak. This is an act of courage because it was Bartimaeus' only possession. Leaving his cloak behind, he goes to Jesus.

Jesus asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus says he wants to see. Jesus tells him, "Go your way, your faith has saved you". This miracle show that Jesus has power over nature, that he can change a person's body.

What other miracles of Jesus do you know?

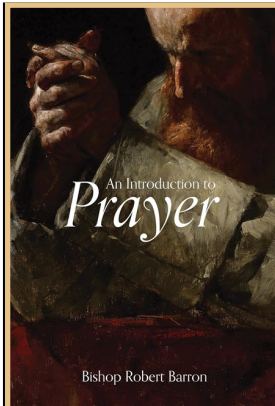
Many miracles of Jesus involved healing people. Other miracles showed Jesus had power over nature. He calmed the stormy seas. He turned water into wine. He fed five thousand people with two fish and five loaves of bread.

How would you feel if a crowd of people told you Jesus is calling you? How would you answer Jesus if he asked you what you wanted?

Jesus healing Bartimaeus reminds us that all things are possible with God. When we choose to follow Jesus, he journeys with us. Just as Jesus gave sight to the blind man, he will give us what we need to be his followers.



LIVING OUR FAITH: Ask Jesus to make you a faithful follower of him.



**Book of the Month
September & October 2024**

The Book of the Month for both September and October of 2024 will be An Introduction to Prayer written by Bishop Robert Barron and published by Word on Fire. I personally love talking to people about prayer. For example, engaging some very important questions such as: How much should I pray every day? When I try to pray, what kind of things do I try to say to God? How do I hear God's voice? Are there different types of prayer, and if so, why does that matter for my life?

The problem is that I only have so many hours in each day to talk to people one on one about prayer. One really helpful solution to this problem is to read a solid Catholic book on the topic, and Bishop Barron just came out with this gem at the perfect time! He does a wonderful job of hitting on so many of the essential topics when it comes to prayer like – how to deal with distractions or different approaches and mindsets to take when you try to pray. Prayer can seem intimidating, but I promise you that if you continue trying your best to pray and learn about prayer (for example, by reading this book or just coming to the discussion of it!), you will grow in your ability to encounter Christ in your heart and soul when you are praying.

We will get together to discuss this book on Wednesday, November 6th from 7:30 – 8:30 pm, and this book is only about 125 pages long, so it is very readable even if it takes you some time to snag a copy! Even if you don't have time to read this book, please consider **coming to meeting in the social hall on Nov. 6th**, and I will do my best to summarize my favorite parts and bring some good discussion into the room as well. Thank you again, and God Bless you.



Please submit a couple of your family favorite recipes for the 75th anniversary cookbook please put the category, your name and phone number. You can put the recipe in the box in the back of the church or submit to tiprecipe@yahoo.com.

Please contact Tammy Polifka at polifka.t@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

Called
for
More



New Parish Survey: For Each & Every Person!!

Disciple Maker Index (FOR BOTH ADULTS AND YOUTH)

NOW IS THE TIME TO TELL US HOW YOU ARE BEING CALLED

The Disciple Maker Index survey is now live and will be open until Nov. 24th. It is open and we need to hear from you! Complete the 10-to-15-minute survey as soon as possible in one of the following ways:

1. **Online** - go to <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b7p6t5> Select our parish name from the list.
2. **Paper** - Obtain a paper copy by contacting the parish office at 717-532-2912. Please return the paper copy to the parish office by November 24, 2024.
3. **Or scan the QR Code**



The information gathered will be used to plan for the future so we can become a more faith-filled, vibrant community. The greater the participation, the more reliable the information will be for effective decision-making. All responses will be confidential. Thanks for your help with this important request!



The event will be in the OLV parking lot starting at sunset. With the change in daylight savings time the same weekend the start time will be around 5 pm until 7 pm. There will be contests for best pumpkin carving, best costume and best trunk decoration, voted on by the participants. There is no sign up for this event necessary, but plan to have treats for approximately 100 treaters. Any questions, please contact Brian Van Scyoc at 717-658-3767."



You may sign up for a weekend to have flowers placed at the tabernacle in honor or in memory of someone. The flowers cost 40.00. The flowers will be ordered and delivered from Fishers Florist. The

sign up sheet is in the lobby of the church. Envelopes are provided near the sign up sheet for payment that you may put in the collection bin or drop off at the office. Please contact Sue German at 717-816-0552 with any questions.



Please join us in making either a fresh Christmas or Advent wreath on November 23rd at 10:00am in the social hall. Please sign up in the church lobby by November 15th.

Christmas Wreath Making



It is time again for Box of Joy. The goal this year is 100 boxes. \$9.00 is still the shipping cost per box. A reminder that things don't have to be brand new but not heavily used. This year I discovered that old Magnificat's, prayer cards, etc. can be used. Thanks for supporting the children. The boxes will be available soon. If you have any questions please contact Heather Kauffman at 223-220-6913



Ladies, mark your calendars now for

Advent By Candlelight
Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024
5 to 7 pm.

For more information and/or to volunteer as a hostess contact

Mary Poffenbarger 301-639-3297 or missmary@lockfarm.net



Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection!! The 4th grade Religious Education class is collecting Thanksgiving food donations for distribution to local families in need. The following items are being collected: canned vegetables, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, cake mixes and icing. However, any non-perishable food items will be gladly accepted. Donations can be placed in the boxes at the back of the church. **All donations should be in by Sun., Nov. 17th**, if possible, but will continue to be collected throughout the month of November. Thank you in advance for your generous support during this time of thanks.



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



"The next KofC meeting is Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7 pm in the parish hall. This will be a joint meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary. Please bring a snack and beverage to share."

Please see Pat Shay at 732--319-6132 for more information on the KOC. For more info. on the Ladies Aux. please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.

CHURCH

Potluck

The next potluck will be Sun. Nov. 17th

Immediately following the 11am Mass. Please bring a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided!

YOUTH GROUP News

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next **Youth Group Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 9th from 6-8pm** in the social hall. **Feel free to invite your friends!!**



Run with a Priest! (...or walk or bike!) Every 1st & 3rd Saturday we will meet outside the social hall around 9:45am. Take a short run (walk or bike) on the Rails to Trails. **The next run will be Saturday Nov. 2nd**



Knitting Group

All are welcome to join us in Mary's Kitchen after the **6:30pm Mass on Wednesday evenings** and in the social hall after the **8:30am Mass on Thursday mornings**.



Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

Please join us for the next RCIA meeting on **Tuesday, October 29th** from 7pm-8:15pm in the social hall. All are welcome to attend!



Choir Rehearsal

The next choir practice will be **Wednesday, October 30th** from 7:15pm-8:30pm.

Host Coffee Hour

Please join us for **Coffee Hour on Oct. 27th** following the 8am Mass in Mary's Kitchen. **All are welcome!** If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the church lobby.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm	October 26 Intentions of the Fitzgerald Family People of the Parish
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	October 27 In Memory of Thomas Sutch In Memory of Gregory A. Klimek
Monday, 9:00pm	October 28 Private Intentions
Tuesday, 8:30am	October 29 Intentions of the Chronister Family
Wednesday, 6:30pm	October 30 In Memory of Margaret Steinour
Thursday, 8:30am	October 31 In Memory of Saranne Shuller <i>In Memory of Jim & Trudy Johnson</i>
6:30pm	November 1 <i>Intentions of the Dunkelberger Family</i> People of the Parish
Friday, 8:30am	November 2 Intentions of Ron Miller For All Deceased Parishioners In Memory of the Marasigan Family
6:30pm	November 3 People of the Parish In Memory of James Doyle
Saturday, 9:00am Noon 5:00pm	
Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am	



The flowers at the tabernacle are placed in Memory of Cliff Prue



ALL SAINTS DAY
November 1

ALL SOULS DAY
November 2

MASS SCHEDULE:

ALL SAINT'S DAY

Thurs. Oct. 31st at 6:30pm

Friday, November 1st at 8:30am & 6:30pm

ALL SOULS' DAY

Saturday, November 2nd

Noon Mass in memory of all deceased members of OLV



If you would like to be part of a prayer group to help the Poor Souls in Purgatory through prayer, please call Michelle at 717-552-7252.

For All Men 18 Years or Older

Next meeting will be **Saturday, November 2nd** in the social hall. Please Come & See!



SCHEDULE:

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 7:30am Presentation (Video)
- 8:00am Small Group
- 8:30am Closing Prayer and Dismissal