

September 09, 2018

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7a (128B), James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37, Resp.: "Praise the Lord, my soul!"

Events for this week

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm in the Marian/Day Chapel in the church.

- Sun. 11:00 am Mass & All Parish Picnic—Riverside Park
12:00 pm Youth Programs Registrations after Mass
- Mon. 7:35 Rosary —8:00 am Mass
- Tue. 8:00 am Rosary – No Morning Mass
- Wed. 8:00 am Rosary – No Morning Mass
- Thur. 8:00 am Rosary – No Morning Mass
- Sat. 4:00 pm Confessions
5:30 pm Vigil Mass
- Sun. 10:00 am Youth Mass with Youth Choir
11:00 am Knight of Columbus Breakfast
11:30 am 1st day of Youth Programs—Registrations

Babysitting during the 10:00 am Mass is downstairs in the Rainbow Room with Linda.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE THAT NEED OUR PRAYERS: Rita DuBernay, Mark Lowery, Susan Hoyt, David Walker, Mary Fiorillo, Gayle Knight, Debbie Knight, Roxanne Gibson, Bill Brown, Ella Rogers, Valentino Ricciotti, Quenten Fabiano, Laurel Olmsted, Marie Hannah-Hamer, Laulima Lyman, Ruby Annalora, Cindy Hagness, Kay Frost, Louise Mitchell, Boomer Doell, Joseph Vaughan, Todd Wilson, Frank Elliott, Katie Sheere, Bob McBride, Kay Sheere, Bird Dobbins, Merrill Gorham, Correne Bonkowski, Maria Haney, Virginia Wimer, Anna Melba Astitas Aliaga, Dave Fischer, Bob Hazlett, June Shira, Chelsea Tose, Ken Gannon, Penny Lane Forrest, Jody Schlieski Hanson, Phil Hansen, Janet McLaughlin, Lorini Morehead, Ryan Lund, and Donna Hartley. **To update this list, call or email the parish office.**

Welcome

We extend a special welcome to those that are passing through, those that have made this their home and those still searching for their parish family. We are glad you are here and celebrating God's word and presence with us in today's Eucharistic celebration.

Daily Mass

There will be Mass on Monday, September 10 at 8:00 am in the Marian/Day Chapel. There will be no daily Mass the rest of the week. Daily Mass will return to its regular schedule Monday, September 17th.

Help Keep Donuts Available

There is no coffee hour this week. Please help keep coffee hour available Sunday mornings by signing up to host a week. **Please sign up at the back of church if you would like to host, or call the office.**

Community Help: Donations Unlimited

To donate household items, linens, clothing, lamps & microwaves, please call Linda Williams at 541-963-2282.

Thank You to Our Bulletin Sponsors

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Prayer Request Line

Please contact Mary Gover 963-3042 or Theresa Beery 963-2372.

Baptism

Preparation is required for parents. Please call the office for further information.

Marriage

Preparation and instruction classes at least 6 months before the wedding. Contact Fr. Saji at the parish office.

Communion to the Sick

If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office at 541- 963-7341.

Website

www.olvcatholic.org

FORMED

Online resources to build your faith. Register for free at FORMED.ORG and enter parish code: **MAMWFF**

Welcome Back Fr. Saji!

**All Parish Picnic Sunday, September 9th
Mass at 11:00 am Riverside Park.**

Youth Programs Begin!

Next weekend we start our youth sessions for 1st grade—12th grade, which will be **after 10 am Mass on Sundays until 12:30 pm.** We will begin each week as a whole group in the Parish Hall. Classes will begin at 11:30 am. Please contact Jimmy or Jenell Zamora at youth@olvcatholic.org or call the office with any questions.

Youth programs registrations will be available on **Sunday, September 09** during our All Parish Picnic at Riverside park and on **Sunday, September 16** after Mass in the Parish Hall during the K of C breakfast. **Registrations** are also **available online** at olvcatholic.org or **on the bulletin board** in the hallway. Please return all registrations by Thursday, September 13 to the office by 1:00 pm.

Youth Choir

Youth Choir **will sing** at the 10:00 pm Mass next **Sunday, September 16.** To prepare, **you may listen to the following songs on You Tube:**
Sing Out, Earth and Skies by Haugen
Whatsoever You Do by Jausch
Behold the Lamb by Willett
Lord of All Hopefulness by Slane

Please **meet in the conference room at 9:15 on Sunday, September 16** to warm up and rehearse before Mass.

We are currently looking for someone that would be willing to take on the position as our OLV Youth Choir Director. Please call or email the office if you would like to volunteer.

Knights of Columbus News

Please join us next Sunday, September 16 as our Knights of Columbus are again providing a delicious breakfast: pancakes, ham/sausage, eggs, and biscuits and gravy for just \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Breakfast is in the hall immediately following the 10 am Sunday Mass.

OPEN TO ALL MEN OF THE PARISH, our K of C are also holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 18 at 7 pm in the Rectory basement. Come and find out what the Knights do.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Friday, September 14th

Why Do We Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross? It's easy to understand that the Cross is special because Christ used it as the instrument of our salvation. But after His Resurrection, why would Christians continue to look to the Cross? Christ Himself offered us the answer: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). The point of taking up our own cross is not simply self-sacrifice; in doing so, we unite ourselves to the sacrifice of Christ on His Cross. When we participate in the Mass, the Cross is there, too. The "unbloody sacrifice" offered on the altar is the representation of Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross. When we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we do not simply unite ourselves to Christ; we nail ourselves to the Cross, dying with Christ so that we might rise with Him. "For the Jews require signs, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews indeed a stumbling block, and unto the Gentiles foolishness . . ."

(1 Corinthians 1:22-23). Today, more than ever, non-Christians see the Cross as foolishness. What kind of Savior triumphs through death? For Christians, however, the Cross is the crossroads of history and the Tree of Life. Christianity without the Cross is meaningless. Only by uniting ourselves to Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross can we enter into eternal life.

Our OLV Catholic Women Thank You!

OLVCW group would like to thank everyone who came and helped set up and clean up for their Fall Yard Sale. A special thanks to everyone who donated items. Thank you so much for all of your support.

Adorer Needed

Why is Eucharistic Adoration important? We have the gift of being able to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, the very wellspring of grace. St. Alponus Liguori noted, "of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God, and the one most helpful to us." (Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 1418). **An adorer will be needed starting October 15, for the Monday night 8-9 pm hour.** Could Jesus be calling you to spend time with him in adoration during this hour? Call the office with questions or to sign up.

Formed Pick of the Week: Who Am I To Judge?

What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality—that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. Many of us have been affected by the relativistic outlook that pervades the modern world. Maybe some of us wonder whether there really is an absolute right and wrong for everyone. Or maybe we accept that there is a moral standard for all, but we don't know how to explain our moral convictions in a convincing way. Maybe some of us are afraid of saying something is immoral because we're afraid of offending others or of being labeled intolerant. How do we talk about morality in a relativistic world? In this small group study program featuring Edward Sri, we'll explore the classical view of morality and find that it's not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations—it is an entire way of life.

The Pro-Life Fair Booth Needs Your Help

Daniel Pokorney needs to find a person or organization that will assume the Pro-Life Fair Booth materials. The signs and other materials would be given to whoever will accept this ministry. Daniel and others have sponsored the Pro-Life Fair Booth at the Union County Fair for 22 years. Because of Daniel's Health concerns, he is praying that someone will step forward to continue this important ministry. If you can help, please call 541-910-6585.

Sunday, Sep. 16, 2018

Saturday, September 15, 5:30 Vigil Mass:

Lector: Charlene Storoe
Altar Servers: Elphirene Yifthege, Michael Yifthege
Acolyte: TJ Yifthege
Eucharistic Ministers: Kris Ann McDonald, Walt Beery

Sunday, September 16, 11 am Mass:

Lector: Diana Robles
Altar Servers: Brittany Robles, Zalia Robles, Kris Lim
Acolyte: Dan Gonzalez
Eucharistic Ministers: Elizabeth Robles, Delia Jaramillo, Corrine Dutto, Angie Lakey-Campbell

All Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, and Altar Servers please meet in the Sacristy 15 minutes before Mass.

Marriage Retreat - Retrouvaille -

Married Singles Lifestyle –The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the program on October 12-14, 2018, call 1-503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org

Bishop Liam Cary's Visit to OLV

Bishop Cary will be visiting Our Lady of the Valley on **Saturday and Sunday, October 27 & 28**. On Saturday, there will be an Exhortation in English from 3-5 pm and Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by a potluck. On Sunday, Mass will be at 10 am and an Exhortation in Spanish will be from 11:30 am-1 pm. We hope you are able to take time out of your schedule to join us. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministry: Project Aurora

"I feel free to be the person God has meant me to be without hiding my true self. After 39 years, I now feel that the grace to forgive myself has finally been received by me. I never knew I could feel free again. Every part of the retreat was a gift." Rachel's Vineyard retreats are for women and men who have been involved in an abortion(s) in any way or are in relationship with someone who has had an abortion. For more information contact Project Aurora 541-942-2861 ProjectAurora@aol.com. Upcoming retreats: Eugene, October 23-25 (weekdays) in English and Medford, November 9-11 in Spanish. Call Araceli at 541-621-7047. www.ProjectAurora.org www.RachelsVineyard.org

I'll Push You

Several downtown churches and Cook Memorial Library are sponsoring the showing of an inspirational documentary on Friday, September 28th at 6:00 pm at the library. **I'll Push You is an inspirational exploration of the true meaning of friendship, generosity, and vulnerability.** It's about **two best friends who grew up together in Ontario, Oregon who embark on an epic journey** when Patrick Gray agrees to the **crazy proposition to push Justin Skeesuck in a wheelchair across the 500-mile pilgrimage of El Camino de Santiago in northern Spain.** Learn about The Camino and why it draws people from every walk of life and faith tradition as a journey of self-discovery. Follow Justin, Patrick, the filmmakers and their fellow pilgrims as they show how our lives depend on sacrifice not greed, vulnerability not security, community not isolation, and love not fear, true antidotes for our time. I'll Push You is also available in book form. Order it wherever books are sold. Come to the **La Grande public library on Friday, September 28th at 6:00 pm.**



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NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET: \$3,400
Sunday's 9/02 collection: \$3,002
2nd collection India Flood: \$887.32