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Christ; because if, by all His life, He is the Way, and the Light, if He gives the example of every virtue compatible with His Divinity, – in His Resurrection, Christ is above all the Example of holiness.

What, then, are the elements that constitute holiness? Holiness can be resumed for us into two elements: separation from all sin, detachment from every creature; and the belonging totally and steadfastly to God.

Now, in Christ's Resurrection, these two characters are found in a degree manifested before His coming forth from the tomb. Although the Word Incarnate had been, during His entire existence, the "Holy One" like to none other, it is with effulgent brightness that He especially reveals Himself to us under this aspect in His Resurrection and it is therefore that the Church sings: *Per sanctam resurrectionem tuam.*

Let us contemplate this mystery of Jesus coming forth living and glorious from the sepulchre; we shall see how the Resurrection is the mystery of the triumph of life over death, of the heavenly over the earthly, of the divine over the human, and that it eminently realises the ideal of all holiness.

Men's Virtues Retreat ~ July 21-26, 2025

LaSalle Retreat Center

(30 min from St. Mary's Assumption, St. Louis, MO)

Led by Fr. Alphonsus Maria assisted by Fr. Dennis McDonald

\$400/Retreatant. For more information and to enroll: <http://lasalleretreat.org>

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Women's Virtue Retreat July 14-19 preached by Frs. Burfitt & Nelson is FULL
You may email if you want to be added to the already long wait list.



WELCOME

Our Lady of Fatima Church welcomes our visitors!
New to Tradition or not, please stay after Mass
and enjoy coffee and socializing!



Joining our community is easy! Please fill out a registration card and put it in the designated box in the hall near the Epistle side door.

April 2025

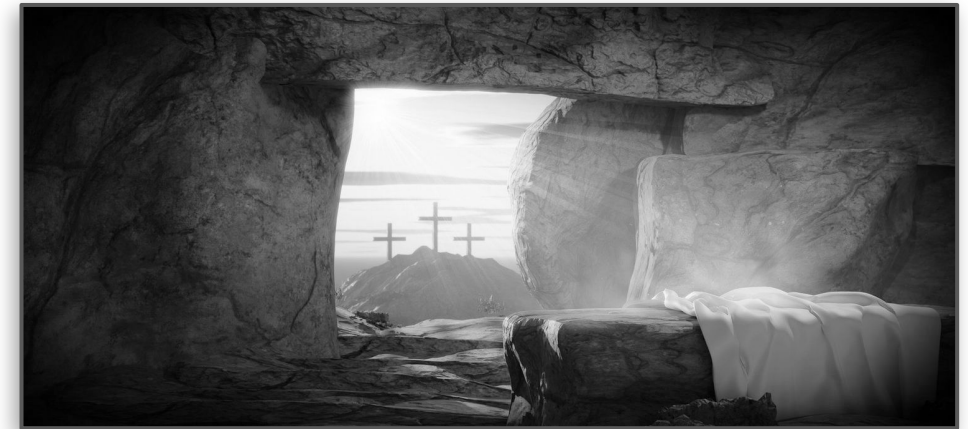
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Mass Times: Check webpage for updates

- Sundays: 8 am Low & 10:30 Sung High
- Every Saturdays: 9 am & 1st Fridays: 7pm

Confessions: 30-45 minutes before all Masses

Rosary 30 min before all Masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

- 1st Fri 6pm, 1st Sat 10am

Baptisms, Extreme Unction & Sick Calls:

- Arrange with Pastor

Holy Matrimony: see Pastor 6 months prior

-St. Anthony's Shut Ins & Outreach

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Announcements at a Glance

- **Lenten Work Day:** Saturday, April 5. Please plan on helping at this important all-Chapel workday as we ready the Chapel and property for Passiontide & Holy Week. Questions → HNS President Zach Brehm or Joe & Monique Dodge.
 - **Stations, Mass, Lenten Soup Suppers and Compline:** Fridays in Lent, starting with Stations at 6:15, ending with Compline at 8:30pm.
 - **Friday, April 11 the Feast OL Sorrows:** is a 1st Class Feast within the SSPX. To celebrate this special day with Father, wine & sparkling cider will be available during the soup supper.
 - **Palm Sunday Procession 9:15am:** Catechism classes are cancelled in order for students to begin Holy Week by joining the Palm Sunday Procession. Thanks to Father and the HNS for organizing this solemn and important event. All OLFsters are encouraged to participate.
 - **No catechism Palm/Easter Sunday:** Classes will resume April 27.
 - **Calling All Easter Lilies by Holy Thursday :-)** see pg 10 for more info.
 - **Fr. Kimball:** will be back Palm Sunday weekend. If you know of shut-ins from our chapel that need a priest's visit please let Fr. Washicko/Fr. Kimball know.
 - **HNS Meeting:** 1st Sun of April (the 6th) at 12:30pm upstairs in classroom #7.
 - **Traditional Easter Basket:** Father will bless them after both Easter Masses. See insert for ideas and maybe this will become a new tradition in your family.
 - **Book Clubs:** Men's club will meet off-site on Sat, April 5, discussing the book "Murder in the 33rd Degree" by Rev. Charles Murr; Ladies' club meeting April 9 off-site to discuss "Brother Petroc's Return by SMC; Teens book club will not meet in April, their next meeting will be May 25.
 - **COM Investiture Trip April 26-27:** BOOKED! See exciting details on pg 10.
 - **On behalf of St Thomas Becket Altar Rosary Society:** extends its Congratulations to the 2025 Confirmation class in becoming Soldiers of Christ. Huge thank you to all who helped in bringing the desserts for our luncheon.
- 2 May Our Lord reward you a hundred fold. Thank you and God Bless.

Fr. Washickco's Reflection for April

*Taken from **Christ in His Mysteries** by Dom Marmion:*

The whole of the mystery of Christ during the days of His Passion can be summed up in the words of St. Paul: *Humiliavit semetipsum, factus obediens usque ad mortem*: "He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death." We have seen Christ's self-abasement; He touched the lowest depths of humiliation; He chose the death of one accursed, as it was written: *Maledictus omnis qui pedat in ligno*.

But these abysses of ignominies and suffering into which Our Saviour willed to descend were likewise abysses of love; and this love has merited for us the mercy of His Father, and all graces of salvation and sanctification.

If the word "humiliation" sums up the mystery of the Passion, there is another word of St. Paul which recapitulates the mystery of Christ in His Resurrection: *Vivit Deo*: "He liveth unto God". *Vivit*: there is henceforth in Him only perfect and glorious life without infirmity or perspective of death: *Iam non moritur, mors illi ultra non dominabitur*; life wholly for God, more than ever consecrated to His Father and to His glory.

In her litanies, the Church applies certain qualifying titles to some of the mysteries of Jesus. She says of His Resurrection that it is "holy": *Per sanctam resurrectionem tuam*. What does this mean? Are not all the mysteries of Jesus holy? Certainly they are. He Himself is the Saint of saints: *Tu solus sanctus*, we sing at Mass in the Gloria. And all His mysteries are holy. His birth is holy; *Quod nascetur ex te sanctum*; all His life is holy; He does "always the things that please" His Father; and none can convince Him of sin. His Passion is holy; true it is that He dies for the sins of men, but yet the Victim is sinless, He is the spotless Lamb, The High Priest Who immolates Himself is "holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners."

Why is the Resurrection, in preference to all the other mysteries of Jesus, called "holy" by the Church?

Because it is in this mystery that Christ particularly fulfilled the conditions of holiness; because this mystery principally places in relief the elements that formally constitute human holiness whereof the model and source are found in


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Church Collections


<u>2025 Donations</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>January</u>
First Collections	\$ 12,989	\$ 13,053
Mother of Lu (1st Sun)	\$ 983	\$ 865
HNS Bldg Fund (2nd Sun)	\$ 1,136	\$ 796
Special Needs (3rd Sun)	\$ 975	\$ 712
Priory (STB) (4th Sun)	\$ 1,968	\$ 972

Average Sunday attendance for February 306. Thank you for your support & generosity!
No Capital Campaign Updates: for April. Previous numbers were...
Total raised **\$806,741** Pledges: **79,455**; Funds available: **\$45,126**

The long awaited Children of Mary trip is finally here:
COM girls from OLF & STB join other COM girls from 51st State 🤗 KS, KY, MN, and NY at the Novitiate House in Browerville, MN on Sunday, April 27th to share in the joy of three young ladies dedicating their lives to God and taking the religious habit. Two of them are Fatima’s beloved Catherine Greninger & Molly Pearson.
Thanks to your generous support over the years of their various fundraisers from Mother’s Day bouquets, beeswax candles at Candlemas, devotional candles throughout the year, and a few yummy breakfast brunches, they have enough money to outright pay for all the girls who can make this trip as well a few chaperones. May God Bless your generosity and we look forward to a poster board display next month. All of us here at home will pray for Catherine & Molly and their families on their special day.



Calling All Easter Lilies
Donations of Easter Lilies are deeply appreciated. This helps our floral committee more than you can imagine and wins graces for you as you help beautify the sanctuary to celebrate His Resurrection. Easter Lilies preferred, but also tulips/spring flowers will add a nice spray of color. Place potted flowers at the back of the hall between Palm Sun and Holy Thurs



Our Lady of the Rosary Girls’ Camp
For Girls 8-17 yr.
June 16-20, 2025
Hosted by our priory Sisters near STB at Camp Lane, OR
\$250/camper.
Camps fill up quickly; full payment & paperwork due by April 1.
Questions -> zentnerdj@msn.com

Focus on Groups: Landscaping with Lynne



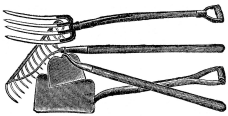
It is that wonderful time of year again, and as the Church celebrates the return of Our Lord from the dead at Easter, so nature celebrates the return of life with budding trees, flowers, and plants.
The Good Lord has graced OLF in the person of Lynne DiGrandi, our master gardener with an aesthetic eye for creating the colorful as well as practical foliage we see around the property.
She, along with a few other dedicated souls, tend the planters and areas around walkways and roadside which give needed eye appeal to those who pass the chapel.
This gardener group meets on Wednesdays from 10am - 2pm, and could use a few more hands to toil in the soil.



If you want see what it is all about before you make a weekly commitment, why not join the gardening group for the All-Chapel Lenten



Work Day to see where your budding gardening skills can be trimmed, fertilized and honed for the greater honor and glory of God?



FINISH LENT STRONG!

1. Come pray with the Holy Names Society as they lead the Stations of the Cross (while Father hears Confessions) at 6:15 pm
2. Holy Mass at 7 pm
3. OLF Lenten Soup Supper. Please bring a crock pot of soup to share. The Chapel will provide bread/rolls and butter.
4. Enjoy a meal of soup and bread and settle down for conversation and Catholic fellowship.
5. End the evening with the official night prayer of the Church:



Compline at 8:30

Reminder: The Angelus, prayed three times daily (dawn, noon, nightfall), is replaced during Eastertide with the **Regina Coeli**:

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.

Because He Whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia.

Hath risen as He said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary! Alleluia.

R. Because Our Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, Who by the resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, has vouchsafed to make glad the entire world, grant, we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life.
Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Do Your Easter Duty: On the cusp of Passiontide and the Easter Solemnity, this seems a good time to remind ourselves of our Easter Duty. One of the Precepts of the Church, the Easter Duty requires all Catholics who have attained the age of reason to receive Holy Communion worthily during Easter time, which in the United States is from the First Sunday in Lent to Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost). Parents have a special obligation to see the children under their care fulfill this obligation.

Catechism Corner

***From Cheryl Mulick, OLF Catechism Program Principal:** Thanks be to God, our catechism program is flourishing. It is as if the wind of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost is behind our backs. Each one of our volunteers is cooperating with His grace to enlighten our students from ages four through adult.*

March 9th we were blessed to have fifteen of our students receive the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Thomas Becket by His Excellency, Bishop Bernard Fellay. What a glorious day it was!

Now our sacramental focus will be to finish preparing our young students for their First Confession and First Holy Communion on May 10th and 11th. We are grateful for the combined efforts of teachers, quizzers, parents, and our wonderful Sisters! Other classes have been busy as well.

Jesus and Me: In Jesus & Me, kids are growing in love for Our Lord by learning about His life through stories, crafts, and activities. Since Christmas, we have covered His early years, the beginning of His public ministry & various feast days, reinforcing their learning with a fun review day. As we journey through Lent, we will focus on the Passion, followed by Easter & the Risen Christ's apparitions, while continuing to celebrate important feasts, ultimately helping the children deepen their understanding & joy of our Faith.

Christ and His Mass: Some students are preparing for receiving the sacraments of Penance and First Communion on May 11, and those who have received these are learning how to follow the Mass and proper conduct when in church.


Christ and His Church: Since Christmas, the class has worked on understanding the Theological Virtues and have been learning their Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity. We will end the year by focusing on the Sacraments.

Christ and His Soldiers: *These new soldiers received both their marching orders and their grace to carry on the Church as did the twelve apostles more than 2,000 years ago.*

Christ and His Word: The students are studying the Old Testament.

FOOF: Students finished the textbook study of the chief truths of our Faith, and are working on independent projects to demonstrate what they have learned, or will participate in a "Defend the Defenders" Tournament which begins Mar 30, and will conclude May 4. See poster on display on the wall by the piano for details.

Apologetics: The Apologetics Competition will be Saturday, May 10 in the afternoon. The Sisters from Veneta will join Frs. Washicko and Kimball as judges. Topics include Atheism, the Laws of the Church, and The Crusades. It is a wonderful and edifying event, and all OLFsters are invited and encouraged to come support our students and to learn a few important aspects of our Faith, as well!



Eucharistic Crusaders


Contact Catherine Haslebacher at cathasle09@gmail.com

Crusaders offered their work in February for SSPX schools

Treasure Sheets turned in: 15


Masses: 105	Holy Communion: 74	Visits to Our Lord: 82
Sacrifices: 1703	Spiritual Communions: 150	Good Examples: 302
Daily Offerings: 387	Decades of Rosary: 1896	15 Mins of Silence: 63

April dedication is for the sanctification of priests and religious



Before Mass Rosary Leaders


Contact Jay Marvin at jmarvinjr@hotmail.com



Sundays	8am Mass	10:30am Mass
1st	Shane Meyerhofer	Michael Wisniewski
2nd	Tim Cleary	Zach Brehm
3rd	Michael McBee	Jay Marvin
4th	Aaron Meyerhofer	Matt Hamilton
5th	Joe Wisniewski	Joe Haslebacher



Prayer Petitions



In your kindness, please add to your daily prayers those of our chapel who serve our communities and nation, and their families. Remember those struggling with chronic illness, family or financial problems. For all souls in purgatory, especially those from our chapel. Kindly pray for Joan Cleary.



Have an urgent prayer request for yourself, family member or friend? OLF has a wonderful means of getting the word out to storm Heaven! Many thanks to Mary Harden who manages our Prayer Chain apostolate! Reach out to her at: OLoFPrayerChain@gmail.com

Church Cleaning Schedule

We NEED more volunteers even if it's just 1-2 times/year

Please contact Monique Dodge at monique.dodge06@gmail.com

Mar 31-Apr 5	ALL CHAPEL WORK DAY
Apr 7-12	Alonzo
Apr 14-19	Tasso
Apr 21-26	OPEN
Apr 28-May 3	Lee/Richter

OLF Hospitality Committee

Sundays	Clean up after 2nd Mass
1st/Apr 6	Greninger family
2nd/Apr 13	J&M Dodge family
3rd/Apr 20	Marvin family
4th/Apr 27	OPEN

Thank you Marion Wheeler who does set up every Sunday

Recommended Reading for April from OLF's Librarian Tim Cleary

St. Alphonsus Liguori, **The Passion and Death of Jesus Christ**
A Passionist Father, CP, **The Mystery of the Crown of Thorns**, 1876
Abbot Gueranger, OSB, **"Lent"** (from **The Liturgical Year**) 1949
Fr. James Groenings, SJ, **The Passion of Jesus and Its Hidden Meaning** (aka **"The History of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ"**), 1907
Ignio Giordani, **St. Catherine of Sienna**, 1959. Feast day April 30
(Editor's note: St Catherine is a Doctor of the Church, was a mystic, bore the Stigmata, and counseled popes, princes, and cardinals – berated them, actually).

A Word About Stipends






As a matter of justice, our priests should be compensated for activities performed outside of bringing the Mass to us. Here are recommendations:

- ❖ Sick Calls: \$25 and Baptisms: \$25-\$50; server stipend optional.
- ❖ Funerals and Weddings: \$100 to priest; \$20 to each server
- ❖ Organist, Schola, or Choir. Stipends help expand our music inventory.
- ❖ Flowers: Unless a florist is used, cost of flowers plus \$150.

To reiterate, these are *recommendations only and not required, but appreciated*. Certainly be as generous as you are able to our priests and their helpers!

- ❖ Father is once again available to accept Mass stipends, but you may still see the Coordinators for stipend options for out of the country Masses.

Our Lady of Fatima Masses and Activities for April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adult & Children Catechism Classes Every Sunday 9:15-10am	Confessions at least 45 min & Rosary 30 min before all Masses	Fr. Waschicko at District Priest's Meeting March 31 - April 4	"Landscaping with Lynne" every Wed 10-2pm call ahead 503-970-6161	PCP 6:30-7:30pm	1st Friday No Exposition/Benediction Stations of the Cross 6:15pm Confessions during Stations Mass 7pm then Soup Supper Compline 8:30pm	1st Saturday Mass 9am & Benediction 1st Sat Groups 10:30-12:30pm LENTEN WORK DAY
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Passion Sunday Mass 8am & 10:30am 1st Sun Mother of Lu & 2nd Collection HNS Meeting & Server Practice 12:30	<i>Donate Easter Lilies/Tulips btw now & Holy Thurs.</i>		9		Our Lady of Compassion <i>(1st Class Feast in SSPX)</i> Stations of the Cross 6:15pm Confessions during Stations & Mass Mass 7pm then Soup Supper Compline 8:30pm	Mass 8am & 9am Fr. Kimball & Fr. Washicko
13	14	15	16	17	11	12
Palm Sunday Mass 8am & 10:30am Procession 9:15am 2nd Sun Blessing of Articles HNS Sun & 2nd Collection TM Meetings 12:30 Bring in Easter Lilies by Holy Thurs.				Holy Thursday <i>Confessions 6-6:45pm</i> Mass 7pm Altar of Repose until MN <i>Confessions 9-10pm</i>	Good Friday <i>Confessions 11:30am-12:45pm</i> Stations 1pm Liturgy 2pm <i>Confessions 4-5pm</i>	Holy Saturday <i>Confessions 9:30-10:15pm</i> Pascal Ceremonies 10:30pm Easter Vigil Midnight Mass Hot Cross Bun/Easter Bread Buffet
20	21	22	23	24	25	19
Easter Sunday Confessions 9:30 Low Mass at 10:30am NO Catechism Palm & Easter Sundays 2nd Collection Priest's Special Needs						Mass 9am Tertiary Meeting 10:30-12pm
27	28	29	30			26
Low - Quasimodo - Sunday Mass 8am & 10:30am Catechism 9:15-10am 2nd Collection for STB Priory						