

We welcome newcomers to our church! If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please complete one of the blue registration forms, which you will find on the table near the front door of the church. You can bring the form to the office during business hours or put it into the collection basket.

July 4, 2021 The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I was inspired by the turnout for Deacon Clay and Megan's farewell reception last Sunday. Thank you to all who prepared and served! I think we all felt that the spirit of fellowship that has always characterized our church is returning. Let us work to continue that renewal in the months ahead. Happy Independence Day! - *Father Ross+*

Mass Intentions

7/4/21 For the People of the Parish
 7/5/21 Lynda Davis
 7/6/21 Theresa and J.G. Giglio
 7/7/21 Martha Sieben
 7/8/21 David Swenson
 7/9/21 Wilma Bergeron
 7/10/21 Stan Davis

VBS starts next week!
Monday through Friday, 8:30 - 1130,
with Mass every day at 11:00.
Register online at olovcatholic.com

OLOV BFA: Our goal for 2021 is \$23,589.00. We have received \$34,420.00 in pledges. We have received \$27,708.50 in payments. You can now give to the BFA on your phone. Text "Faith" to 844-940-0425. Remember, all the overage amount comes back to our parish.

Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. - *from the Collect for Independence Day, from 'The Roman Missal'*



Week of June 27 - July 3, 2021

Income \$2,677.00
 CCD \$530.00
 Peter's Pence \$497.00
 Expenses \$4,869.93


"God calls men to serve him in spirit and in truth, hence they are bound in conscience but they stand under no compulsion. God has regard for the dignity of the human person whom he himself created and man is to be guided by his own judgment and to enjoy freedom. This truth appears at its height in Christ Jesus, in whom God manifested himself and his ways with men. Christ is at once our Master and our Lord and also meek and humble of heart. In attracting and inviting his disciples he used patience. He wrought miracles to illuminate his teaching and to establish its truth, but his intention was to rouse faith in his hearers and to confirm them in faith, not to exert coercion upon them. He did indeed denounce the unbelief of some who listened to him, but he left vengeance to God in expectation of the day of judgment. When he sent his Apostles into the world, he said to them: 'He who believes and is baptized will be saved. He who does not believe will be condemned' (Mark 16:16). But he himself, noting that the weeds had been sown amid the wheat, gave orders that both should be allowed to grow until the harvest time, which will come at the end of the world. He refused to be a political messiah, ruling by force: He preferred to call himself the Son of Man, who came 'to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many' (Mk.10:45). He showed himself the perfect servant of God, who 'does not break the bruised reed nor extinguish the smoking flax' (Matthew 12:20). He acknowledged the power of government and its rights, when he commanded that tribute be given to Caesar: but he gave clear warning that the higher rights of God are to be kept inviolate: 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's' (Mt.22:21). In the end, when he completed on the cross the work of redemption whereby he achieved salvation and true freedom for men, he brought his revelation to completion. For he bore witness to the truth, but he refused to impose the truth by force on those who spoke against it. Not by force of blows does his rule assert its claims. It is established by witnessing to the truth and by hearing the truth, and it extends its dominion by the love whereby Christ, lifted up on the cross, draws all men to himself."

- *from the Declaration on Religious Liberty (Dignitatis Humanae) of Vatican II, paragraph 11*

Birthday List

Cooper Dillard 7/4
 Phillip Grisham 7/5
 Kaleb Brooks 7/9

The parish office will be closed on Monday for Independence Day.

 Lequita Baldwin, Barbara Allen, JoAnne & Travis Harris, Martin Brantley, Wanda Brantley, Daniel Begnaud, Alice Loftin, Fred Blanchette, Castro Family, Vivian Lopez, Maylee Converse, Cody Warner, Denise Tremonte, Phyllis Rhodes, Linda Brown, Sue Dickey, Sandra Dugan, Jim Kaiser, Woodrow Guidry, Dora Robinson, Annie Marino, Kelcey Converse, Jo Frances Manuel, Mary Rogan-Reeder, Joseph Reeder, Steve Morris, Karon Preiss, Roy Harmon, Ann Crain, Edward Waggoner, Donia Brown, Cece Cobb, Patsy Bobo, Aprille McLaughlin, Norman Lytle, Sami Thibodeaux, Mrs. Martha, Melanie Pickering, Janet Swearingen, Larry Britain, Angela Grisham, The Men and Women of the USS Makin Island, Sara Spikes, Leah & Natalie Spikes-King, Abril Spikes, Mathew Mull, David Ready, Martha Waggoner, Ernie and Shirley Brown, Jennie Beeve, Donna Collier, Joe Wheaton, Kelvin Wheaton, Ray Shawn Wheaton, Erica Redmon, Yvonne Guidry, Linda and Paul Gantz, Carol Marsh