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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 10:30 am

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am

LIVE STREAM MASS: Saturdays at 4pm, Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 8:30 am.

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30–3:30 pm or by appointment

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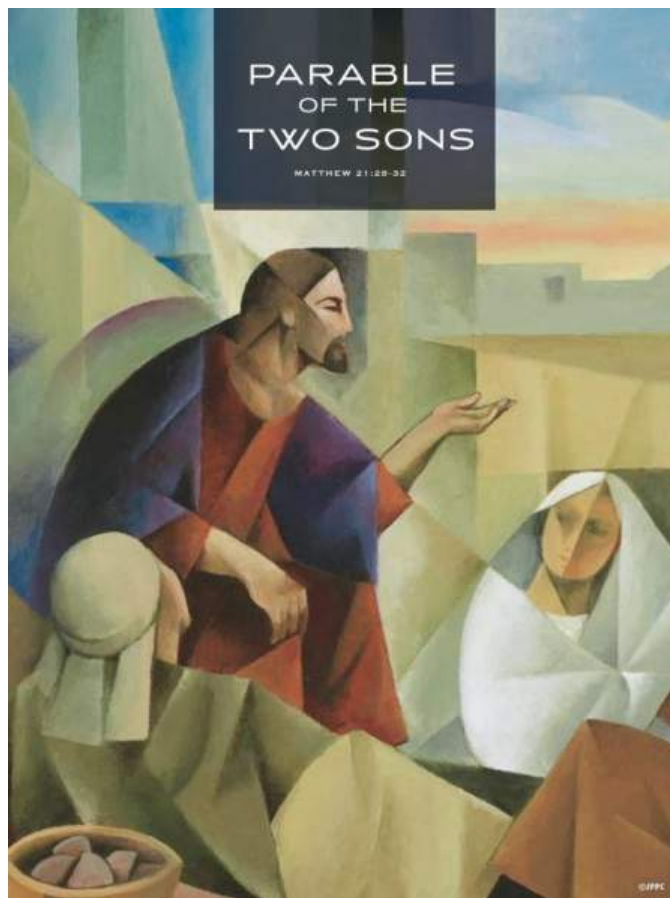
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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME

We're glad you joined us today. If you are new to the parish, please consider registering. Forms can be found at the Church doors or online at www.saintpolycarp.org.

THE SACRAMENTS OF OUR CHURCH

Baptism: Catechesis is provided for parents and godparents. Contact the Parish Secretary to register.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, or completing the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation), contact Deacon Frank at the Parish Office or email DeaconFrank@saintpolycarp.org.

Marriage: Formation is provided for couples. Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance. Contact the Parish Office.

Vocations: Contact Rev. Norman Carroll at (302) 573 – 3113

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Nursing Home Communion Services: DHCI, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am. Pinnacle, 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:15 pm.

For Funerals: Contact the Funeral Home of your choice. They will then coordinate with the Parish Office.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2023

THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1
12:15 pm



Bring your cats, dogs, birds, turtles, goats, lizards, frogs, chickens, ducks, horses ...

All pets present will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for a beautiful 20" statue of St. Francis of Assisi (patron saint of animals whose feast day is celebrated on October 4th).

Meet outside on the lawn across from the front of the Church.



Join us for Agape this Sunday October 1st following the 10:30 am Mass as we welcome the Fall Season and the Blessings it brings.

The PSR staff will be hosting this month's Agape with a lite lunch, desserts and beverages. We hope to see you there.

Brother Vincent Columbiettes will be selling **Bosco Passes** after Masses this weekend, **September 30th and October 1st**. Profits from these sales help Brother Vincent Columbiettes support our many charitable activities. If you miss us on September 30th or October 1st, feel free to contact either Jill Mercer at (518) 795 - 7579 or MaryLois Barnas at (302) 388 - 3332.



This event is Wednesday, October 18th, at any Bosco store.

Your \$5 shopping pass buys a full day of 25% Off Discount Shopping and a chance to win fabulous door prizes!

LET US PRAY

Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 30 St. Jerome
4 pm Anne Perkins-Hinton - Barbara Dean
Bonnie Thompson - Judy Lamborn
Daniel & June Costello - Shannon & Cheyenne Costello

Sunday, October 1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Miguela Duran - Marie Aboyme
Margaret Babenko - Anthony Wilkinson
Michael Sartin - Chuck & Erica Taylor

Monday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels
NO MASS

Tuesday, October 3
8:30 am Healing/Living Intention for Jack Barnas
- Dan & Lorraine Marshalewski
Living Intention- Amber Copeland - Dan & Lorraine Marshalewski
Leonard Ferris - Chip & Pat Reinbold

Wednesday, October 4 St. Francis of Assisi
8:30 am Maria Theresa Reyes - Bill & Jessica Burke
Those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society

Thursday, October 5 St. Faustina Kowalska
NO MASS Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Friday, October 6 St. Bruno / First Friday
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

NO MASS
Saturday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
First Saturday

4 pm Catherine Corso - Mary Grace & George Hutchinson
Bill Haws - Paulette & Janet
Peter Mooney - George & Kathy Muller

Sunday, October 8 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 am Betty Bennett - The Gibson Family
John Delargy - Elizabeth Hazzard
Anthony Cagayan - Josie & Rudy Cinco

Week of October 1st:

Our Sanctuary Lamp in Church burns in prayer for our beloved pets.

Our Sanctuary Lamp in St. Ann's Chapel burns in prayer for an increase in vocations.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Those in Need of Our Prayers

To have someone's name added to the Bulletin for prayers, please email submission@saintpolycarp.org or call the office and leave a message. Names will remain on the prayer list for two months (eight weeks) unless other arrangements have been requested.

Jack Barnas, Margaret Sevellina, Jean Blankenship, Lyllie Deter, Leon Walczak, Muriel Richards, John Ruane, Jill Mercer, Dottie Patterson, Laverne Dykes, Janet Alexander, Bob Gallihar, Kay Gallihar, Grace Wagner, Patricia Capobianco, Barbara Hynson, Charlotte Konesky, Tina Kelley, Cathy Connell, Jen McCade, Joe Donofrio, April Doyle, Beth Kelly, Andrea Laws, Kaysie Borgman, Angie & Al Grasso, Erica White, James Dean, Violet Farkas, Greg Kujala, Teresa Tier, Holly Powell, Rob Tuxward, Billy Killen, Andrew Cella, Jr., Lily Griffiths, Rob Miller, Patty Moon, Deirdre Moor, Linda Blow, Mariann Pierson, Ruth Staub, Jaci Stokes, and residents of Pinnacle and DHCI.

We Pray for our Deceased

Patricia Ann Walton

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Prayer Chain – To request prayers or to be part of our Prayer Chain, contact Laverne at laverne427@icloud.com or (302) 653 – 8064.

Rosary by Telephone: Tuesdays at 11 am. The dial in number is: 1-701-802-5254/PIN: 1747300#.

Eucharistic Adoration – Tuesdays, 9 am – 8 pm – Chapel

Flame of Love Rosary: Thursdays at 6:30 pm - Chapel

Divine Mercy: Fridays at 3 pm – Chapel.

LITURGY

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE - QUESTIONS TO PONDER

~ Is there something that God has asked of you that you consider too difficult?

~ Why is the virtue of humility necessary to the Christian life?

~ When have the words or actions of another convinced you to turn toward God's will?

LITURGY COMMITTEE NEWS

Here are a few items that were discussed at our September 12th meeting.



- Eucharist Under Both Species – We hope to offer this starting in Advent.
- Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23rd, there will be a Mass at St. Polycarp Church this year at 9 am. Future Thanksgiving Masses will alternate between St. Polycarp and St. Dennis.
- Blessings Calendar:
 - Sunday, October 1st - Blessing of Animals at 12:15 pm
 - Sunday, October 15th - Blessing of Married Couples (only if this is a Diocesan Blessing)
- November is Black Catholic History Month – we hope to use several Spiritual Hymns during this month
- We briefly discussed a few of the Deanery Liturgical Issues.

VOCATION CHALICE MINISTRY

The Vocation Chalice encourages individuals and/or families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. The Chalice is taken home with a promise to pray for vocations during that week. The person/family would place the chalice in a prominent place in their home and would gather each day asking God to help raise awareness for vocations in our parish. Prayers accompany the Chalice if needed. At the end of the week, the family would bring the chalice back to church so the next family could take it home. The hope is that through prayer, our parish may become a source of vocations to serve the diocese and the Church. Call or text Alice Gaston if you can take home the vocation chalice for a week of prayer at (302) 670 – 7924.

Family/Person	Date	Mass Time
Ashley Wilson	October 1	10:30 am
Maureen Naylor	October 21	4:00 pm
Christy Earl	October 29	10:30 am

Arrive 15 minutes before Mass and pick up (or drop off) materials in the sacristy.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH – October 4th We Pray for those enrolled in our Purgatorial Society



For all those who have no one to pray for them.

Jose Remigio	Flora Sevilena
Roberto Pingol	Petrilla Family
Robert H. & Carole D. Smith	Sylvia Vessels DuRoss
Delia Cantor	Amelia Ronquillo
William & Mary Etta Maycen	Joseph Gioiosa
Albino & Mary Gioiosa	Victor Chavez
Mary DePasquale	Kenneth & Margaret Burke
Louis & Angelina Arrighi	William E. Brown
Saber Family	Vicente D. Lim, Jr.
Sara Jean Brimson	Deacon Charles Robinson
Carmela Tupia	Walczak Family
Luigina & Preston Pendarvis	Rosina & Mario Chiusolo
Ponnampalam Sabanayagam	Jose Crisostomo
Sofia Crisostomo	Orlando Family
Lucita Dico	Camilo Arguelles
Filomena Arguelles	

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL?

According to a message from Sister Alicia Torres, who will be a speaker at the National Eucharistic Congress next July, "It is a movement inviting us to rediscover Jesus' desire to give us His flesh for the life of the world. It is sweet in its simplicity, intentional in its integrity, and heartfelt in its humanity. The world needs Jesus, and Jesus has entrusted Himself to the Catholic Church - in a way unlike any other - in the Holy Eucharist. Let's allow His Real Presence to draw us into this movement, His movement, our movement, so that we, with Christ, can offer our own flesh in loving service and passionate self-sacrifice for the life of the world."

If you would like to learn more about this exciting Eucharistic Revival, visit www.eucharisticrevival.org.



ADORATION IN ST. ANN'S CHAPEL is available on Tuesdays from 9 am to 8 pm. Please visit and consider signing up for a scheduled hour. If you are not available every week choose a friend and share the responsibility. Contact Cheryl Thomas at (302) 363 – 0404 or salcrest7@gmail.com.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Saturday, October 7th,**

at the 4 pm Mass at St. Polycarp Church

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament lasting for an hour next Saturday at the end of the 4pm Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of the month. In conjunction with the second year of the Eucharistic Revival, please plan to stay and spend some time with Jesus.

Following the prayer after Communion, Fr. Jim will place the Blessed Sacrament (Host) in the Monstrance. The Blessed Sacrament is then incensed while the "O Salutaris / O Saving Victim" is sung. (Found inside the back cover of Breaking Bread.) Silent prayer then begins. (At this point, Fr. Jim leaves the Church. Please do not leave before Fr. Jim exits the Church.) When you do leave, please leave silently.

At the end of the hour, one of our Eucharistic Ministers will transfer (repose) the Blessed Sacrament from the Monstrance to the Tabernacle. No Benediction will take place as there is no Priest present.)



We are looking for more people to serve as sacristans! Sacristans have the duty to arrive early to the Church in order to unlock the doors and prepare the Church for Mass. Becoming a sacristan would be a great way to learn more about our beautiful liturgy and become more involved in carrying it out. No previous knowledge is required. If you are interested, please contact the head sacristan Adam Bauer at ajpd.bauer@gmail.com.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Visit <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading> or use this QR code



BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

RESTROOMS

The bathrooms in the hallway outside of the Church are now SINGLE OCCUPANCY. (Remember to lock the door.) The partitions were removed and grab bars installed. Raised toilets will be installed in the future.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

GIRL SCOUTS



Girl Scouts is starting another year of Service, Skills, and Sisterhood. Do you know a girl (grade K through 12) who would enjoy Girl Scouts? We have troops that meet at St. Polycarp Church on Thursday nights beginning at 6 pm. Contact Tracie Bruno for more information by contacting her at GSCBSU31@gmail.com or calling (302) 242 - 4150.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION
MEETING NOTES - SEPTEMBER 23**

• Our Parish Picnic, combined with Catechetical Sunday, was a huge success and much of that success was due to the wonderful volunteers from our Confirmation class. We had 14 Confirmation students help as a service opportunity and 3 former students who asked if they could come back, just because. Quite a few PSR families (about 16), as well as other families, joined in on all the festivities.

• Plans are underway for the Annual PSR Christmas Fundraiser. This year PSR will be selling personalized Christmas ornaments that will hang on our Parish Christmas Tree in the Hall until the Epiphany. More details will be coming soon.

• Girl Scout recruitment is underway. We have the potential for 2-3 new troops with girls in grades K-5. We are excited to have so much interest this year. Several of the families are from St. Polycarp.

• Our Connected in Christ Adult Faith Formation group continues to meet with 10-12 regular participants, every Tuesday morning, following the 8:30 am Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

• Our Faith with Friends Adult Faith Formation group also invites everyone to join them on the first Thursday of the month at 6 pm.

• Under the leadership of Deacon Frank, the OCIA (New name for RCIA: Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) began classes on September 11th, and will meet every Monday from 6:30 to about 8:30 in Mother Drexel Hall. There are 7 Candidates and 1 Catechumen from St. Polycarp and a total of 5 on the St. Polycarp OCIA team, including Deacon Frank. St. Dennis is joining our group this year. There are 2 Candidates from St. Dennis, and they have 5 people, including Jennifer Hinton, the parish's Director of Religious Education, on their OCIA Team.

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE

**Parish & Family Life -
1st Quarter Auction
Friday, October 27, 2023**



Doors will open at 5 pm. Auction starts at 6 pm. Proceeds raised will benefit Parish operational expenses and Ministry needs. All-in Paddles are \$45. If you have any questions, contact Darlene Sanphy at (302) 270 - 3915 or darpete87@comcast.net or Linda Montuori at (302) 270 - 5347 or lindamontuori@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

Faith  *Fatima*

Stories from the Heart

Guest Speaker Alice Reiss Israel
 10:30 am to 2:00 pm

St. Polycarp Parish Hall

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

SAINT POLYCARP DIRECTORY COORDINATOR POSITION



The Pastoral Council is looking for a parishioner to coordinate the preparation for a new directory for Saint Polycarp. Our last directory was published in 2018 and we understand there may be an interest in producing a new directory. Please contact Kathy Curlett at (302) 222 - 9326 if you are interested.

COLLECTIONS

Collection	Offertory	Children's Offertory	Total Offertory
Sept. 24	\$3,109	\$73.25	\$3,182.25

Collection	Share in the Spirit
September 24	\$488

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Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the diocesan Share in the Spirit tuition assistance collection last week.

For those of you who have not yet participated, you may still contribute to the Share in the Spirit collection for tuition assistance. Please drop your envelope in the

collection basket or parish office or, visit the Share in the Spirit website at <https://www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit> and click on "Ways to Give." This important collection supports the mission and ministry of our Catholic schools by assisting parents who seek a Catholic education for their children but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the most up-to-date information
 Visit <https://saintpolycarp.org/calendar/>
 Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 am to 3 pm

<p>Saturday, September 30 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Immediately following Mass - Columbiettes selling Boscov's passes at Church entrances</p>
<p>Sunday, October 1 9 am PSR Grades P/K - 4, (Church, Rooms 1-6, 8) 10:30 am MASS 10:30 am BVM Corporate Communion 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word Immediately Following Mass - Columbiettes selling Boscov's passes at Church entrances 11:30 am Agape (Hall/Kitchen) 12:15 pm Blessing of Animals</p>
<p>Monday, October 2 11:30 am BVM Sodality (Hall/Kitchen) 6:30 pm RCIA Session (Hall)</p>
<p>Tuesday October 3 8:30 am MASS 9 am - 8 pm Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) 9 am Adult Faith Formation - Connected in Christ (Library) 11 am Columbiettes Rosary (Telephone) 6:30 pm K of C 4th Degree (Library) 7pm PSR Grades 5-8 (Rooms 3-6, 8, Hall)</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 4 8:30 am MASS 9:30 am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Library) 1:15 pm Pinnacle - Communion Service with Deacon Frank 4:15 pm Finance Council Executive Committee Meeting 6 pm Pastoral Council Executive Committee (Library)</p>
<p>Thursday, October 5 10 am Seasons of Hope (Library) 6 pm Adult Faith Formation/Faith with Friends (Room 7) 6 pm Girl Scouts Meeting (Hall) 6:30 pm Flame of Love Rosary (Chapel) 7 pm K of C 3rd Degree Business Meeting (Library)</p>
<p>Friday, October 6 3 pm Divine Mercy (Chapel)</p>
<p>Saturday, October 7 12 pm Environment Committee (Church) 2:30 pm Confession 4 pm MASS Immediately following Mass - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</p>

OFFICE CLOSED - Monday, October 9

The Office will be closed on Monday, October 9th, in observance of the holiday. The Office will re-open on Tuesday, October 10th at 9 am.

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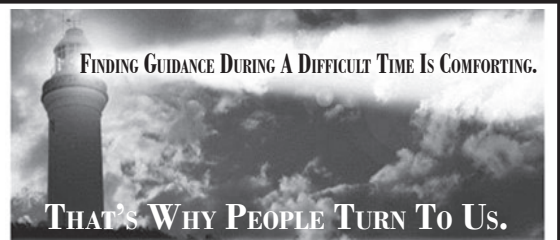
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