

Email Announcements for Weekend: 10/04/26

Grace & Peace from Fr. Julius and Staff:

This week, the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Mae Moore for quick healing by the Parish Council. We did not have flower donations this week.

Good News! We have submitted our application for construction for the Family Life Center to the Diocese. We hope to have a response very quickly.

Father Julius is very grateful to all those who offered a Spiritual Bouquet on his behalf. Please continue to pray for Father Julius and all priests.

Join us for a special **Blessing of the Pets** in honor of St. Francis of Assisi!

This Saturday, October 3rd, at 12:00 PM

Bring your beloved pets to the church, where Father Julius will offer them a special blessing. We look forward to seeing you and your furry friends!

Please help support the Womens Group (Box of Joy) initiative, which brings gifts to children aged 2-14 in underprivileged countries. You can donate new toys, coloring books, crayons, and similar items by placing them in the box located in the parish hall or give a monetary donation to Rita Anderson. Please note that all items must fit inside a single shoe box, with one box per child. Feel free to pick up a box in the Parish Hall. Donation deadline mid-October. Help bring a smile to a child's face this Christmas!

Women's Group Event – We are glad to announce that Dolores King will speak on Mary our Mother, Saints & Prayer at our next meeting. Please bring a friend and join us on Saturday, October 24 in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Reminder:

Scammers are at it again!

We are aware that some parishioners are receiving emails in Father Julius' name phishing for interaction. Please do not respond to it. It is NOT from Father Julius.

This is what the mail looks like.

(from) Rev. Dr. Julius Abuh<myemailbox610@gmail.com>

(to) assistant@stjwrcc.org

Could we connect briefly by email?

Please remember, as Father has always said, he will **NEVER** reach out via email or text messages asking for any financial or monetary support.

Father has always joked, if he truly needs something, he will show up at your door Lol!

Funeral Luncheon Volunteers Needed

Additional help is needed to assist with funeral luncheons. This compassionate effort is truly a mission of mercy for grieving families. Please contact Dolores at: 980.829.8724 to discuss availability and details.

Youth Group (Thursdays at 6:00 PM)

Come hang out, make new friends, have some fun, and have real conversations about faith and life. We will meet every Thursday from 6:00 to 7:15 PM in the Education Building.

Come as you are, bring a friend, and be part of what is happening at St. Joseph the Worker!

All youth of Communion age are welcome!

It's beginning to look like the FLC is inching closer to starting construction. The FLC Steering with Father Julius is submitting our Request for Building Approval to the Diocese in the next couple of weeks. To get a head start on planning the events for the launch of our construction, we are looking for Volunteers. No special skills are required. We do want enthusiastic people who like to plan events and have time to help. Groundbreaking is one event so no long-term time commitment. The Building & Grounds Committee is leading grounds prep i.e. rock moving. We need folks for the Groundbreaking Ceremony; Communications announcements, and a Parishioners Appreciation event. Call the office with your contact information and which event you wish to help with.

We still need Volunteer Support!

As our parish family grows, there are many wonderful ways to share your time and talents. Please prayerfully consider helping with light church cleaning once a month or serving at Mass as a reader, greeter, usher, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or with coffee and donuts after the 8 or 10 a.m. Mass. Whatever role you choose, your generous service will be warmly welcomed and deeply appreciated.

Thank you for considering a way to serve. Every helping hand strengthens our parish family and helps keep our worship space welcoming for everyone.

Our Blessing Box is a simple but meaningful way to share Christ's love with neighbors in need. To help keep it well stocked, we welcome donations of non-perishable, shelf-stable foods such as canned goods, pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, crackers, boxed meals, and other items that do not require refrigeration. Every donation, large or small, makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity and for helping care for our community.

Coffee and Donuts: Come Share in Parish Fellowship

We warmly invite you to enjoy coffee, donuts, and fellowship after Mass—a special time to connect and grow together as a parish family. Coffee is provided by the parish, and your generous donations help purchase the donuts and snacks shared by our growing number of guests. If you are able, please consider placing a donation in the can provided in the Parish Hall after the 8am & 10am Masses to help us continue this welcoming tradition. Thank you for your kindness and for making parish fellowship so special! We also need volunteers to lead the gatherings. You can sign up in the Parish Hall. Remember, funds are provided by the donations made, so you do not have to pay for the snacks out of pocket. You will be reimbursed. Call the office for more information.

OCIA has begun, however s not too late to sign up

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, receiving sacraments, or refreshing your faith, join us for OCIA. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

To learn more or sign up, contact the parish office at **(423) 442-7273**.

Welcome Gods Blessing into Your Home

Whether you have just moved into a new home or have lived there for many years, it is always a beautiful time to welcome God's peace and protection into your space. Father Julius' schedule is open, and he is available for house blessings. Please call the parish office to arrange a special date and time.

We are inching closer to next goal of \$4.5M. Our hope with your support is to apply for a very small construction loan from the Diocese. But we need everyone working to achieve that goal! Pledges, Naming Opportunities, attending fundraising events, all monies raised goes towards our goal. Join the FLC financial movement. Call the office to inquire about your donations. Thank you for your support!

Have you ordered your brick yet?

We invite you to be part of creating a beautiful and lasting gathering space as we pave the way for spiritual growth and fellowship with our church family. Please stop by the display in the Narthex to pick up an order form, and feel free to call the parish office with any questions.

Horseshoe Tournament by the Knights on the last Sunday of each Month. The next event will be Sunday, October 25. Registration at 1:00 pm; fee is \$20.00. Starts at 2:00 pm. For information, Bill Schlueter at 513-295-2841.