

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Catholic Parish



October 4, 2026 — St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi (born 1181/82, Assisi, Italy –died October 3, 1226; canonized July 16, 1228; feast day October 4) was the founder of the Franciscan religious orders of the Friars Minor, the woman's Order of St. Clare (the Poor Clares; with St. Clare of Assisi), and the Third Order. He was also a leader of the movement of evangelical poverty. His evangelical ,consecration to poverty, charity, and personal charisma drew thousands of followers. Francis' devotion to the human Jesus and the desire to follow Jesus' example reflected and reinforced important developments in spirituality.

800th Jubilee of St. Francis of Assisi

- From the Vatican -

In this age, marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear, St. Francis continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace. The Franciscan vision of peace is not limited to the relations between human beings, but also embraces the whole of creation. Francis, who calls the sun "brother" and the moon "sister", who recognizes in every creature a reflection of divine beauty, reminds us that peace must be extended to the entire family of Creation. This insight resonates with particular urgency in our time, when our common home is threatened and cries out under exploitation. Peace with God, peace among human beings and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation. Dear brothers and sisters, may the example and spiritual legacy of this Saint, strong in faith, steadfast in hope and ardent in active charity towards his neighbor, inspire in everyone the importance of trusting in the Lord, of living a life faithful to the Gospel, and accepting and illuminating every circumstance and action of life with faith and prayer. -LEO PP. XIV

MASS SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule/Horario de Misas

Saturday/Sábado 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday/Domingo—8:00am & 10:00am

Rosary/Santo Rosario—Saturday/Sábado 4:30pm,

Sunday/Domingo 7:30am/9:25am

Weekday Mass Schedule/Horario Semanal de Misas

Tuesday/Martes; Wednesday/Miércoles; Thursday/Jueves &
Friday/Viernes—Chapel/La capilla

12 Noon/12 Mediodía Rosary/Santo Rosario—11:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confesiones

Saturday/Sábado - 3:30—4:30pm

First Friday-Healing Mass/Misa del primer viernes del mes — Misa de Sanación 12 pm/12 Mediodía

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist/Exposición del Santísimo
Sacramento 11:00am

First Saturday morning Mass/Misa del primer sábado del mes
8:00am

Adoration/Adoración Eucarística - 7:30am

WEEKLY READINGS

Weekly Readings can be found in the USCCB
bible@usccb.org

Parishioner Photos

Thank you to all the parishioners who provided photos for use in the new parish directory. We are ready to return the photos to you; the loaned photos are available for pickup in the parish office.

"Global Map of Unity"

We celebrate our parishioners' cultural heritage and diverse backgrounds through the many gifts we share. Starting October 4rd, we begin preparing a "Global Map of Unity" showing where we are from, which makes our parish so vibrant. We will display the map in the Chapel hallway for everyone to see. Please help us make the map complete by filling out your information on the form provided in the gathering area.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our parish's many gifts.

BIBLE STUDY ~ The Gospel of Luke. Bible Study is on Thursdays at 9:30. Seeking Truth will still be the series we use. October 1st will be the introductory session with 21 more sessions to follow, which will take us into March of 2027. A 3-ring binder is suggested to organize your study sheets, and a Bible will be needed to cover the chapters of that week. Please consider joining us in Meeting Room 3 on the hallway into the Religious Ed wing. Each session usually lasts a bit more than an hour. For more information you may call or text Almareta Brislin at [256-603-1213](tel:256-603-1213) or Theresa Bailey at [256-658-4011](tel:256-658-4011)

Altar Flowers may be donated in memory or in honor of a loved one, to mark a special occasion or simply to donate. Please contact the parish office at 256-852-0788 to schedule a date. The donation is \$150.

Wedding Anniversaries

Brian & Ruth Gorman, Harry & Melissa Nichols,
Joseph & Caitlin Tipton, Shane & Dana Virone,
Kent & Sharon Wieter



Let us Pray for the Living and the Deceased

For the living:

Patricia Thomas, Mary Lou Zurowski, Paul Shea,
Helen Bill-Cash, Fred & Margaret Dorsey, Arthur
Nussberger, Carol Hall, Anthony Byrd.

For the deceased: Fr. Joy Alookaran



MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a loved one remembered during the liturgy for any special occasion: a birthday, anniversary, get well, deceased etc. Contact the Parish office at 256-852-

Sat.	Oct. 3	5:00PM	David McClure (I) Rose Ann Nussberger †
Sun.	Oct. 4	8:00AM	Michael Smith † William Skinner †
		10:00AM	David Haverkamp † Dolores Meade †
Tues.	Oct. 6	12:00PM	Communion Service
Wed.	Oct. 7	12:00PM	Communion Service
Thurs.	Oct. 8	12:00PM	Communion Service
Fri.	Oct. 9	12:00PM	Communion Service
Sat.	Oct. 10	5:00PM	The Vu Family† Peter Tran †
Sun.	Oct. 11	8:00AM	Frank Rodriguez †
		10:00AM	Andre Koume † Fr. Gerald Peterson †

Mass Intentions

We have daily dates available for those who wish to have a Mass requested for loved ones living or deceased. Contact the parish office at 256-852-0788. The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass and Mass Intention envelopes are on the tables in the Gathering Area..

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. Oct 3	Altar Servers training	10:00 am
Wed Oct 7– Thurs Oct 15	Rosary Novena	
Wed. Oct. 7	Men's Club	5:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 8	Women's Group	5:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 8	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Sun. Oct. 11	Regina Singles	11:00 am
Mon. Oct. 12	Monthly Chain Rosary	

Bulletin

Reminder: The bulletin is printed on Thursdays. Please make sure any information you wish to have in the bulletin is in the parish office 10 days prior to the date you want your news to be published.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matt. 19:14

"Go out and work in the vineyard today."

This week's parable in the Gospel of Matthew teaches us about God sending Jesus into the world. But the human family did not recognize him as the Son of God. So they rejected and killed him. Evil did not win because Jesus is risen from the dead! He is the cornerstone which is essential to our Church.

MagnifiKid! Vol. 23; Oct. 4, 2026; Pg.3.

The **MAGNIFIKID** missalette is available for children ages 6—12 to use during the Mass and to take home afterward. It's

PARENT NOTE: PreK-3rd grade students must be picked up from class at dismissal by a parent or family member.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults - O.C.I.A

Please join us if you or someone you know wants to:

- Learn more about the Catholic faith?
- Desire to be baptized?
- Complete First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation?
- Become Catholic from another Christian faith?

The process is designed to help participants make an informed decision and follow God's calling for their life.

Contact: Susan Turner at Susan@OLQU.org for more info.

OCIA meets Sunday mornings at 8:45 AM after the 8 o'clock Mass. All are welcome to join. We meet in the last room on the left of the main hallway.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Saint John Paul II Catholic High School (JP II)

Join JP II for the 30th Anniversary Jubilee on Saturday evening November 14th for a fun-filled night bringing together alumni, parents, grandparents, parishioners, faculty and friends of JP II to celebrate a multitude of Falcon memories with the JP II Community. Enjoy great food, music, dancing, games, laughter, and plenty of Falcon memories as we celebrate three decades of the people, traditions, and moments that make JP II so special.

For 30 years, St. John Paul II Catholic High School has formed young men and women of faith, scholarship, leadership, and service as we celebrate this milestone anniversary.

For more information contact: <https://www.jp2falcons.org>.

YOUTH MINISTRY * LITURGY MINISTRY * MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Ministry

Sun. October 25th
Activities and
discussion on the
Rosary from 12:15 pm
to 2:15 pm. Come
learn about the Rosary
with icebreakers,
games, & crafts.

Lessons and Carols

Rehearsal for December's Lessons and Carols is going well. We still welcome new voices and instruments to join in preparing for this event, Wednesday, December the 16th. Rehearsals continue October the 17th at 9:30 am in the Music room, lunch will be provided. Please contact Mark to join in preparing for this Advent Season Event and more information. mark@olqu.org

Youth Ministry

This past year, we offered various events for high school and middle school students with limited success such as service projects, cook-outs, movie and game nights. Families and young people have expressed that they liked the ideas, but often it came down to scheduling conflicts. However, we are committed to bringing the resources of this parish to our youth! In the coming weeks and months – OLQU Youth Ministry will be laying out plans to offer a comprehensive youth ministry

MINISTRIES * NEWS * EVENTS

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you knit, crochet, sew or quilt and would like to join the OLQU Prayer Shawl Ministry please contact Donna at 256-852-0788. Also Fr. Charley wants baby blankets to give to recently baptized babies. We need "WHITE" yarn either 3 ply or 4ply, If you can help there is a basket in the Gathering Area for the yarn. If you make a blanket please put it in the same basket.

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated white yarn and to those who are making blankets.

Chain Rosary

The OLQU Chain Rosary takes place on the second Monday of each month. Fr. Charley starts it at 7:00 am and it is scheduled in 15 minute segments until 8:00 pm, which Fr. Charley finishes. If you are interested in having an assigned time, please contact David McClure at 502-759-1939.

OLQU Office Contact Information

Reverend Charley Alookaran, Pastor

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Donna Pillarella, Parish Secretary

OLQU Parish Office Contact:

office@olqu.org / Telephone 256-852-0788

OLQU Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Mission Statement: We, the Parish Family of Our Lady Queen of the Universe Catholic Church, through spiritual growth and service to others, seek to follow Mary's example of doing God's will by being a loving and open community centering on the Word, the Sacraments, and the Presence of Christ in our lives.

Councils, Commissions & Ministries

<u>Ministry Coordinator:</u> Eva Andrzejewski	256-430-3486
<u>Finance Council:</u> Fran Spinelli	256-830-4135
<u>Adult Ed/Sacrament/OCIA:</u> Susan Turner	256-852-0788
<u>Agape Joy:</u> Rafael Urrutia	915-227-9509
<u>Altar Linens:</u> Pat Spinelli	256-830-4135
<u>Altar Servers:</u> Jared Ebelhar	256-684-8385
<u>Arts & Environment:</u> Jill Ramos	256-585-4595
<u>Baptism Preparation:</u> Fr. Charley	256-852-0788
<u>Building & Maintenance:</u> Joe Andrzejewski	256-430-3486
<u>Care Ministry:</u> Susan Day	978-877-2018
<u>Chain Rosary:</u> David McClure	502-759-1939
<u>Charismatic Prayer Group:</u> Jeff Anderson	256-852-8734
<u>Communications:</u> Damian Hochmuth	256-890-1621
<u>Communion Ministers:</u> Mark Blackburn	256-852-0788
<u>Fund Raising:</u> Fran Spinelli	256-830-4135
<u>Gardening:</u> Marge Mullen	256-683-1663
<u>Greeters:</u> Jay Hammer	256-337-1016
<u>Grief Ministry:</u> Almareta Brislin	256-603-1213
<u>IT & A/V Care:</u> Jim Chaloupka	256-852-0788
<u>Lawn Care:</u> Orlando Herrera	256-990-7212
<u>Lectors:</u> Sybil Shearburn	256-679-7023
<u>Life in Faith:</u> Claudia McClure	256-337-6986
<u>Marriage Preparation:</u> Fr. Charley	256-852-0788
<u>Loving Hands:</u> Carol Lee	256-852-4095
<u>Mass Coordinator:</u> Pat Spinelli	256-830-4135
<u>Men's Club:</u> Roberto Ruiz	256-655-2509
<u>Money Counters:</u> Pat Spinelli	256-830-4135
<u>Music Ministry:</u> Mark Blackburn, Director	256-852-0788
<u>Prayer Shawl:</u> Donna Pillarella	256-852-0788
<u>Regina Singles:</u> Chad Bosch	256-698-2197
<u>Religious Education:</u> Susan Turner, Director	256-852-0788
<u>Sacristans:</u> Fr. Charley Alookaran	256-852-0788
<u>Safety & Security:</u> Kent Wieter	256-830-1183
<u>Social:</u> Orlando Herrera	256-990-7212
<u>St. Andrew's Table:</u> Joanna Acker	256-721-6922
<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u> Luster Ingram	256-852-2899
<u>Ushers:</u> Jay Hammer	256-337-1016
<u>Women's Group:</u> Cindy Williams	256-509-7258
<u>Youth Ministry:</u> Mark Blackburn, Director	256-852-0788

"We will be the happiest people in the world if
we belong to God."
Mother Teresa

SOCIAL CONCERNS & FOOD PANTRY

St. SVdP

The pantry shelves are looking good! We have many needed items in stock and are truly grateful for your support! We need: canned peas, canned carrots, canned peas & carrots, canned mixed vegetables, soups, canned meats (Spam, chicken, Tuna, etc), jelly, Jello, pudding and cake mixes.

The pantry is open on Tuesday from 10 am—11:00 am.

Contact St. Vincent de Paul: help@olqusvdp.org.

General Information

OLQU has more options for Online Giving!

Text GIVE to 256-598-5239 or Scan the QR available in the Gathering Area or on our website, olqu.org. Our Parish also has a brochure with instructions for all Online Giving options. We will continue to send contribution envelopes to those who prefer them. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley at bookkeeper@olqu.org or call 256-852-0788.

OLQU Parish Registration Forms

We ask anyone who is new to the parish to fill out a form and join our parish family. We also request any parishioner who needs to update their family information, for example : cell phone numbers, no longer have a landline, a new residence or PO Box or a new member to your family, please take a form and give us updated information. We have many changes or disconnected phone numbers in our database. The forms are in the gathering area or come by the office.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

October 4	Religious Education
October 11	Building & Maintenance
October 18	Seminarian Education Fund
	St. Vincent de Paul
	Mission Sunday

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekly Estimated Expenses	\$	10,595.20
Weekly Collection Sept. 26/27	\$	6,853.00
Religious Education	\$	70.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	438.00
Building Fund	\$	2,732.00
Building & Maintenance	\$	80.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$	133.00
Disaster Relief	\$	71.00