

## *A Message from Father Vincent*

July 31, 2022

Dear Friends:

I hope this finds you well and you are staying cool in this heatwave we are experiencing. I wanted to give you a few updates on things happening at the Parish.

First, the third phase of the milling and re-paving of the parking lot (the north side of the Gathering Space) is complete. It looks beautiful and all the potholes are gone.

Some of our wonderful Knights of Columbus have been cleaning and weeding the front of the Parish Center. There are new plantings as well! Thank you to Kevin, Vinny, Danny, and Frank for all their hard work.

This weekend at all the masses, we will give an update on the Capital Campaign.

Beginning September 7, 2022 at 7 p.m., we will begin a 10-episode video series (5 in the Fall and 5 in the Spring) called *Metanoia* (which means “change of heart”). *Metanoia* is beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places, such as the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the Desert of Temptations, and many other holy sites in Jerusalem. Each of the 10 episodes explores areas of life where conversion is so often necessary. *Metanoia* will examine topics such as who Jesus is, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith. Sign-up will be on the Parish website soon.

Join us on September 23, 2022 for a day trip to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania for the musical production of *DAVID*. The price is \$165 per person which includes transportation, the show, and a buffet lunch. Seats are limited. Sign up will be on the Parish website soon.

Finally, it gives me great joy to share with you that our parish has a subscription, once again, to *FORMED*, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. *FORMED* has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you due to the generosity of one of our parishioners.

Our parish will be using the material on FORMED to support our ministries and provide continuing education for staff members and parishioners, as well as outreach for our sick and homebound members. Much of FORMED's content is available in both English and Spanish.

You have easy access to all of the material on FORMED to support your own faith journey and that of your family members.

- Are you hesitant to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after a long absence? Watch *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*.
- Would you like to be more confident in answering your teenagers' questions about the validity of the Gospels? Watch *Lectio: The Case for Jesus*.
- Do you search for a reliable source of Catholic teaching on current issues? Tune in each week to *The Augustine Institute Show with Dr. Tim Gray*.
- Have you despaired of finding good movies that your family can enjoy together on a Friday night? Start with *Mother Teresa*, the story of the selfless saint who brought hope and love to the poorest of the poor.

My hope and prayer is that the content on FORMED will enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith. Please pray for our benefactors who have made a FORMED subscription a reality for our parish. Please pray for the people at the Augustine Institute who create this wonderful and much-needed Catholic content for our people.

To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps:

- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code (07656)
- Enter your name and your email address

That's it! You're in. Now you can get the free FORMED app for your phone by searching FORMED Catholic in your app store.

Thank you for being a part of the OLM community. Thank you for being you. You are loved!

With appreciation for each one of you,

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