

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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*Immaculate
Conception*

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**57th Annual
Smorgasbord & Bazaar
TODAY!!**

**Don't Miss It!!
Please be faithful to your work
shifts and bring your desserts,
craft items, baked goods and
raffle tickets to the Gym!!**

**Most importantly, don't forget
to bring your appetites!
You won't want to miss out on
this delicious meal!**

**Hope to see everyone
there!!**

MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 8:30 am
Wednesdays: 6:30 pm
Saturdays: 4:30 pm; **Sundays:** 8:30 & 10:30 am

HOSPITAL VISITS/ SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call parish office to request a hospital visit or the
Sacrament of Anointing.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bethalto Council #4688, 4th Degree Assembly #203
Grand Knight: Chris DeClue,
Email: bethaltoknight@gmail.com
Website: www.bethaltoknights.org

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: 3:30-4:15 pm & by appointment

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Holy Communion is brought to homebound &
residents of Villa Rose and Bethalto Care Center
on Fridays for those unable to attend Mass.

Call parish office to request.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday...9:00 am-11:00 am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents of infants to be Baptized, call the parish office
to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat., Dec. 2 4:30 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time Bill Schwinn
Sun, Dec. 3 8:30 am 10:30 am	First Sunday of Advent For the Parishioners Jill Lefringhouse
Mon., Dec. 4 8:30 am	Advent Weekday John Watsek
Tues., Dec. 5 8:30 am	Advent Weekday Elizabeth Briskovich
Wed., Dec. 6 6:30 pm	Advent Weekday Noah Rogers (L)
Thurs., Dec. 7 8:30 am 6:30 pm	St. Ambrose For the Parishioners Anthony & Jennie Ventimiglia
Fri., Dec. 8 8:30 am 6:30 pm	Immaculate Conception of Mary Mary Graham Jake Rose
Sat., Dec. 9 4:30 pm	Advent Weekday Bob Stutz
Sun., Dec. 10 8:30 am 10:30 am	Second Sunday of Advent For the Parishioners Joan Soto



Dear Parishioners,

Synod statues ten through thirty deal with the life of the priests of the diocese and most of them do not impact the people of a parish at all. However, statue number 28 does have an impact on parishioners. It states that "Clerics are expected to accept assignments from the Diocesan Bishop in the spirit of obedience as a call to participate in the mission of the Diocese." This reflects the reality that priests are not assigned to a parish forever. 36 years ago at my ordination I promised obedience to Bishop McNicholas and his successors. I have always taken this promise very seriously as an expression of my openness to do the will of the bishop in my assignments. Thirteen years ago I was given the blessing of being named as Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace and it has been a blessing. One day I may be transferred, or retire, or die as your pastor (I'm hoping it is the retirement option). Whatever happens always know that priests come and go but the parish will always go on.

Fr. Tom

Buy SCRIP For The Perfect Christmas Gift!!

Buying SCRIP Gift Cards is the perfect Christmas gift! We keep over 50 different retailers on hand, and there are hundreds more available to order (see today's bulletin insert). And, if you just don't know what type of SCRIP to buy someone, we offer generic SCRIP gift certificates in any amount you choose. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to view a complete list. In addition, we offer SCRIP for several local restaurants. To purchase, come by or call the parish office Monday thru Friday, 377-6519 or consider using the online purchase program, Shopwithscrip.com. Orders can be placed on line and then included in the parish office's order on Monday, to be delivered by Thursday of same week. SCRIP will be available to purchase in the parish office through Friday, December 21. However, the deadline to order to ensure Christmas delivery is December 15th.

Community Hope Center Toy Drive—Last Call

Donation barrels can be found in the back of church and in the school lobby. Toy donations needed as follows: for infants through 12 years old; new, unwrapped, valued \$10 or more. Also, need stocking stuffer toys, coats, gloves, scarfs, hats, and any financial donations to cover the cost of last minute items needed. Barrels to be picked up Dec. 4. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Jim Friedrich, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Janet Yates, Bob Schley, Pat Ricci, Jean Greer, Cathy & Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Baby Corbin, Marguerite Hufker, Darlene Huebener, Betty Bast, Randall Oldham, Nelson Gregory, Baby Gonterman, Dan Connoyer, Mary & Brian Frey, Barb Davis, Frank Macias, Don Laird, John Staubs, Dorothy Wittig. **Parish E-Mail Prayer Chain:** Send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com



PARISH & SCHOOL CONTACT INFO

PARISH OFFICE

618-377-6519, Fax: 618-377-9550

Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am—4:30 pm (Sept.—May)

Closed Friday (June—August)

(closed 12-1 for lunch)

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PARISH SCHOOL

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Hours: Mon.-Fri, 8:30 am—3:00 pm

School Secretary: Elaine Withers

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PARISH OFFERINGS

Week 21 & 22	Nov. 18/19 & 25/26	Total to Date
Loose	\$733.55	\$10,130.99
Envelopes	\$19,989.00	\$199,311.10
On Line Giving	\$3,030.00	\$39,490.00
Young People	\$15.50	\$244.96
Total	\$23,768.05	\$249,177.05
Operating Budget	\$29,635.84	\$325,994.24
ACSA Budget	\$1,325.88	\$14,584.68
Difference	(\$7,193.67)	(\$91,401.87)

Average weekly envelopes received: 205 of 823
 Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$280.00
 Other Charitable Donations: \$665.00

December 3, 2017

Holy Day Of Obligation

Friday, December 8, we celebrate the Feast of the *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. Masses offered for this holy day of obligation will be: **Thursday, December 7, 6:30 pm and Friday, December 8, 8:30 am & 6:30 pm.**



Help Is Needed

Volunteers needed to assist other parishioners cleaning the church on December 7 and December 21, 10:00 am. With several people helping, it should only take an hour or two.

OLQP Auction Challenge

Feb 24, 2018. This event is an *entire parish event* to support ALL our youth ministries as well as the school. We need your help! We are currently in the search for donations. There are only 15 weeks till the auction!



This week's challenge is: Brainstorm with friends on a theme dinner idea—Put on a dinner for 4, 6, or 8 or more. Offer up a themed children's party. These are our biggest earnings!

Community 55

(For All Parishioners 55+)

Wednesday, December 20, 11:30 am, in the church basement. \$12 person (at the door). Meal will be catered by Diana. Program: "Some of My Favorite Things" presented by Deb Harden and OLQP 'Sounds of Peace Choir'. There will be a 50/50 Raffle and attendance prizes. Reservations due by **Sunday, December 17,** to Ralph/Peggy Ruhmann, 656-4868, Helen Nagy, 656-5334 or Mary Powell, 259-1540. Your presence will make it a special day!

Breakfast with Santa

OLQP students will be sponsoring their 6th annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 9, 9 am—10:30 am, in the school gym, to raise money for their annual trip to Space Camp. **All children of the parish are invited to this event** which includes breakfast, a craft and a picture with Santa. Cost is \$10/child or \$25/family. To make a reservation, call the school office at 377-6401 no later than Thursday, December 7.



Holiday Concert

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2:00 pm, St. Cecilia Parish, Glen Carbon. Come join us for a fun afternoon to get in the Christmas Spirit! 'The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!' Refreshments will be served downstairs in the hall following the concert.

Flower Memorials



Memorial donations to purchase poinsettias for the altar may be made to the parish office. Jot down the name for which the memorial is being made and by whom and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Usual offering, \$10.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **James Sasek**, father of **Tim Sasek**. May God grant him eternal rest.

Food Pantry

Thanks to all our OLQP volunteers who worked on the Boy Scout food drive at Zion Lutheran Church. We are so grateful for all the food given to our Pantry. Also, thanks to our Knights of Columbus who gave the pantry donation of \$400.00. That's what makes OLQP so special!

Maxine Calhoon, Coordinator

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekend of December 9 & 10

USHERS/GREETERS:

4:30 pm Dee Oller, Stacey Dooling
Pat Holbrook, Angie Reilly
8:30 am Carl & Dianne Morin
Dan & Johnny Stutz
10:30am Kathy Murphy, Jennifer Stout
Carol Shelton, Deana McDonough

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:30 pm Dan Perkhiser, Maryjo Flaherty, Pat Beiermann
Rick Rose, Rex Petersen, Rosemary Dorsey
Bob Sulsberger, Mindy DeClue
8:30 am Jim Menke, Kateri Frisch, Linda Zacha
Marce & Brenda Tebbe, Theresa Miller
Justin & Renea Wilhite
10:30 am Dave & Nick Berkenbile, Carol Shelton
Sam Waldo, Sharon Forrester, Mike Inman
Marge Kirby, Tammy Sasek

SERVERS:

4:30 pm Alyssa Postlewait
Olivia Tinsley
Cecelia Visser
8:30 am Kaylee Herbstreit
Ben Werts
Nicholas Werts
10:30 am Samantha Pritchett
Isabella Tite
Gabby Krieb

MUSIC:

4:30 pm Barb/Kathy
8:30 am Folk Group
10:30 am Praise Team

LECTORS:

4:30 pm Liz Laurent
8:30 am Tim Zacha
10:30 am Theresa Hagans

SCRIP Sales Weekend of - December 9 & 10

4:30 Marilee Webb
8:30 Brenda Zacha
10:30 Carrie Albarado, Sharon Gonterman

Scott Hahn Reflects

On the 1st Sunday of Advent

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading.

In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne – to save and shepherd His people.

Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today – as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves.

And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him?

God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours – to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love.

In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see [John 14:8-9](#)). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see [John 10:11-15](#)) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him.

As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift – especially the Eucharist and penance – to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end – if we let Him.

So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning – repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel – to be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

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