

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

December 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Served by the Missionary Oblates of  
Mary Immaculate

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PARISH MISSION  
STATEMENT:

*We, the faith community,  
accept the call of God to  
participate in the mission of  
Jesus Christ by  
Proclaiming the Gospel and  
living the reign of God  
among us as disciples.*

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**SUNDAY LITURGY:** Saturday 4:00pm & Sunday 9:00am

**YOUTH MASS:** The third Sunday of each month at 4:00pm

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:** Tuesday through Friday, 12:05pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Thursday 12:45pm — Saturday 3:15pm - 3:45pm

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:** Thursdays 12:30pm — Fridays 12:00 noon

**Sacrament of Anointing of Sick or Communion: Available during the Sunday Masses, or as needed. Because of HIPAA laws, parishioners need to notify us if going to the hospital. Remember to request Anointing of the Sick before surgery — please call the parish @ 262-4749.**

**Sacrament of Baptism:** For children – Parents Prep. class required. Call Marlys for reservations.  
Best done prior to birth. For adults – Contact the office about RCIA  
For children 8 and older; RCIC classes — please call our office.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** 6 month process (several classes and FOCUS Test and/or Engaged Encounter, or Couple to Couple...contact a priest.

**Funerals:** contact parish office immediately after the death.

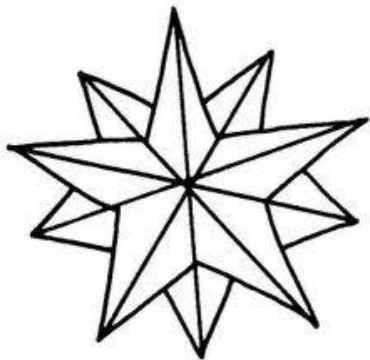
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**Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator:** Marlys Verba

Please Note: Submissions/articles for the weekly bulletin via email must be in by Thursdays at noon to Marlys Verba: [marlys.verba@gmail.com](mailto:marlys.verba@gmail.com) Thanks!

## Calendar for December 19 - December 25, 2011 with Daily Readings

<u>December 19, Monday:</u>	<u>December 20, Tuesday:</u>	<u>December 21, Wednesday:</u>	<u>December 22, Thursday:</u>	<u>December 23, Friday:</u>	<u>December 24, Saturday:</u>	<u>December 25, Sunday:</u>
Morning Prayer 7:30am  Centering Prayer 8:00am	Morning Prayer 7:30am  Mass 12:05  Legion of Mary 12:45pm  Crafts at the Inn 1-3pm  St Vincents 5pm  Reconciliation at 7:00pm	Morning Prayer 7:30am  Mass 12:05  Christmas Practice 4:30pm  RCIA 6:30pm	Morning Prayer 7:30am  Mass 12:05	Morning Prayer 7:30am  Mass 12:05  Clean and Decorate the Church 1:00pm See you there!	Reconciliation 3:15pm  Mass 4:00pm  Christmas Vigil Night 9:00pm	Mass 9:00am  <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>
Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a Ps 71: 3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1: 5-25	Is 7: 10-14 Ps 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1: 26-38	Sg 2: 8-14 Zep 3: 14-18a Ps 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1: 39-45	1 Sm 1: 24-28 1 Samuel 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1: 45-56	Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24 Ps 25: 4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14 Lk 1: 57-66	2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Lk 1: 67-79	Is 52: 7-10 Ps 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1: 1-16 Jn 1: 1-18 or Jn 1: 1-5, 9-14



**Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**

**Saturday, December 24, 2011, 4:00pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barbara Dille, Margaret Johnson, Bill Sadler, Ruthann Truesdell, Krys Williams

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Carolyn Cannava 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Linda Houghlum

**Altar Server:** please check in

**Sunday, December 25, 2011, 9:00am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Thelma Antilla, Myrna Cowan, Connie Dunn, Gloria Sweeney, Kate Forrest, Helen Knopp, Sharon Shassetz

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Shannon Dwyer 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Pat Cowan

**Altar Server:** please check in

**Mop & Bucket 12/19-12/24 ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS Collection Counters: 12/25: Connie Gatling & Grace Wilson**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** None this week, Merry Christmas!

## HOLIDAY LITURGIES

Advent Reconciliation 7:00pm 12/20/11 in Soldotna

Christmas Eve Vigil 4:00pm 12/24/11

Christmas Eve Mass 9:00pm 12/24/11

Christmas Day Mass 9:00am 12/25/11

## SHARING

Big Mama, Big Sister dolls and other gift items are available in the foyer. They are all handmade by women in Naimbia Africa. Proceeds will go directly to the Maryknoll for them.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Please see the bulletin board for liturgical ministries for the Christmas Masses.

Thank you in advance for doing this.

## TEEN EVENT TODAY!

On 12/16 we will be baking and bagging cookies to take to the Heritage Place on 12/18. The December Teen Event is on 12/18 and will include an afternoon visit to the Heritage Place residents. This will be followed by a Teen Mass, Pizza, and a Jumping Junction private party. You must attend both events...not just one or the other. All permission slips should be turned in by 12/11. There is a separate waiver that must be completed with a \$5 fee. Please see Roni, Rose, or Brenda if you have any questions.



**Attention:** There are no Faith Formation Classes on December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>. There are no Children's Liturgies on December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>. Resume 1/8/12.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Today, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in our Redemptorist Center the kids will present a Christmas Pageant. Following the event all are invited to O'Neill Hall for a Christmas Tea and Brunch. Please bring your favorite cookies to share. See you there!



## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel reading we hear proclaimed the story of the Annunciation, when the angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would give birth to Christ through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Mary allowed God's messenger to speak to her. She was attentive, not afraid to enter into a dialogue, then unconditionally obedient. Mary's acceptance of this mystery is a stewardship model for us. Good stewards remain open to the incursions of divine life into the normal course of their daily lives. How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? What might we do this last week of Advent to be more attentive to the Lord?

## KENAI MERIT INN ACTIVITIES

Crafts at the Inn -12/20 Tuesday 1-3.....Ruth 2528116  
Jumping Junction-12/28 Wednesday 6-8.....Marlys2625542

Our **Giving Tree** is ongoing. Pick a star and buy a gift for them, then return it to the foyer by December 21<sup>st</sup> for distribution. Please take the time to contribute your energy to helping our homeless residents at the Inn. You are welcome to sign up to volunteer at the Church's bulletin board. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated. May God Bless You!



## GOF

The next Generations of Faith presentation is on January 8, 2012. Deacon Rick Ernst will talk about the topic "God the Father." A nice brunch is served after mass at 10-10:30. Then the presentation and faith formation classes from 10:30- 11:30. Please come and learn more about our Catholic Faith.

## COFFEE

A fresh shipment of Fair Trade Coffee and Tea has arrived just in time for the holidays. These items make great gifts (stocking stuffers) for families and friends. Your purchase will help farmers and their families to receive a fair price for their goods...enabling them to prosper. There are many great qualities to this merchandise. Please stop by the cart and shop.

## CLEANING TIME!

Please mark your calendars for Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00pm. We will be cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to help in this annual event!

