



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Catholic Community Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

YOUTH MASS/ACTIVITY

3rd Sunday of the Month: 4:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS:

Tues - Fri 12:05 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thurs 12:30 pm to Fri noon.

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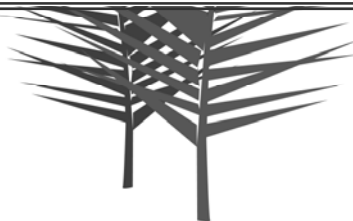
Marlys Verba: contact info above

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.



Palm Sunday
April 1st, 2012



SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Thursday: 12:45 pm and Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Infants / children – Parents Preparation class is required. Call Marlys for reservations (best done prior to birth).

Adults – Contact the office about RCIA

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.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF SICK OR COMMUNION:

Available during the Sunday Masses or as needed.

NOTE: Because of privacy laws, parishioners need to notify us if going to the hospital. Remember to request Anointing of the Sick before surgery — please call the parish at 262-4749.

FUNERALS: Contact parish office immediately after the death.






Please Note: Submissions/articles for the weekly bulletin via email must be in by Wednesday at noon to Marlys: marlys.verba@gmail.com.

Calendar for April 2nd – April 8th

MONDAY, 4/2/2012

Readings:




-  Is 42:1-7
-  Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14
-  Jn 12:1-11

Events:

- Morning Prayer 7:30am
- Centering Prayer 8:15am

TUESDAY, 4/3/2012

Readings:




-  Is 49: 1-6
-  Ps 71: 1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17
-  Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Events:

- Morning Prayer 7:30am
- Mass 12:05pm (in O'Neill hall)
- Legion of Mary 12:45pm

WEDNESDAY, 4/4/2012

Readings:





-  Is 50: 4-9a
-  Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34
-  Mt 26: 14-25

Events:

- Morning Prayer 7:30am
- Mass 12:05pm (in O'Neill hall)
- RCIA Retreat 6:00pm – 8:30pm

HOLY THURSDAY, 4/5/2012

Readings:





-  Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
-  Ps 116:12-13, 15-18
-  1 Cor 11:23-26
-  Jn 13:1-15

Events:

- Morning Prayer 7:30 am
- Liturgy at 7pm
- Adoration 8pm – midnight in the Redemptorist Center
- Prayer Labyrinth 8pm – midnight in the Redemptorist Center

GOOD FRIDAY, 4/6/2012

Readings:











-  Is 52:13-53:12
-  Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
-  Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
-  Jn 18:1-19:42

Events:

- Morning Prayer 7:30 am
- Stations around town: noon
- Stations at the church: 3:00 pm
- Liturgy: 7:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY, 4/7/2012

Readings:





-  Gn 1:1; 2:2
-  Gn 22:1-18
-  Ex 14:15-15:1
-  Is 54:5-14
-  Is 55:1-11
-  Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
-  Ez 36:16-28
-  Rom 6:3-11
-  Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
-  Mk 16:1-7

Events:

- Easter Setup 8 AM in church
- Liturgy 9 pm
- Dessert Buffet after mass

EASTER SUNDAY, 4/8/2012

Readings:

-  Acts 10:34a, 37-43
-  Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.
-  Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
-  Jn 20:1-9

Events:

- Mass 9:00 am
- Easter Brunch to follow in O'Neill Hall



REMODELING UPDATE

Due to the continued remodeling in the church, **daily mass** will be held at the usual times in O'Neill Hall.

Thank you for your continued patience with this project; the remodeling is expected to be completed in time for Easter.

*There will be a work party on Monday, April 2nd at 10 am and Wednesday, April 4th at 10 am if needed. Please gather in the assembly area.

Saturday 4:00 pm
March 31st, 2012
and

Palm Sunday 9:00 am
April 1st, 2012

The Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for these services will be scheduled by Marlys.

Please see the liturgy sheet on the bulletin board in the church.

Mop & Bucket 4/2-4/8:

Robert Ermold Family

Collection Counters 4/8:

Elaine Woodburn & Linda McLane

Children's Liturgy of the Word

4/8: No children's liturgy this week.



Our choir will be the contact group for the parish Relay For Life team this year.

Relay for Life will take place June 1st and 2nd. We will sponsor registrations for the walk this weekend and the weekend of April 14 and 15th; in order to receive a t-shirt for participating in the walk, registrations must be completed by April 14th. Please consider walking with our parish team in remembrance of our loved ones who have died from cancer. The choir will be specifically walking for Bill Twohy, our bass player who died from cancer recently.

We will be hosting some fundraising activities to assist in this. Any questions, please contact Pat Hamilton, 262-5250.



GENERATIONS OF FAITH TOTAL FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM



April 1	Student classes
April 8	Easter: no classes
April 15	Generations of Faith: the Creed: the church last student class
April 20	First Eucharist retreat
April 22	First Eucharist at mass: reception to follow

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



***Please remember** to bring the Lenten bags to church.

Holy Thursday: Liturgy is at 7 pm. Afterward, there will be a procession to the Redemptorist Center for adoration until midnight. The Prayer Labyrinth will be available at the same time in the same space. **Please Note:** the entrance to both spaces is the back door of the Redemptorist Center. Restrooms will be available in the church.

Good Friday: At noon, a walking Stations of the Cross will begin; this journey will start at O'Neill hall and proceed through town. At 3 pm, the Stations of the Cross will be recited at the church. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord is at 7 pm in the church.

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Set up for Easter will begin at 8 am; please join us as many hands are needed to prepare the church. Easter Vigil liturgy will begin at 9 pm. After mass, there will be a dessert buffet in the church foyer to celebrate Easter and to welcome the new members of our Church. **Please bring your favorite dessert to share.**

Easter Sunday Mass is at 9 am followed by a brunch in O'Neill Hall; donations for the brunch will go to the Rice Bowl.

EASTER LILY REMEMBRANCE



Easter lily remembrance for your loved ones is available through Palm Sunday in the foyer. Please leave \$12 per flower in an envelope with the name of the loved one written on the envelope. These flowers will be placed in the sanctuary until April 22nd and then they may be taken home.

LENTEN REFLECTION: Choosing mindfulness in a car-centered society



And what does the Lord require of you?
*To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly
with your God.*

-Micah 6:8

Constant movement is the rhythm of the large city that never sleeps. The energy generated through noise and endlessly changing motion is thrilling to many who experience it as raw creativity, potential adventure, and unfettered fun.

To some, such movement implies that all is well, that our world is healthy and growing. Certainly the wheels of life and commerce are moving as people are working, caring for their families, and educating young people.

Rapid means of transportation play a central role in accessibility to both work and entertainment. Mobility has made the world smaller and broadened opportunities for more comfortable lives for many, even for those who struggle. Cars in particular are a wonderful tool that many of us cannot imagine our world without.

But like all blessings, the impact of a car-centered world on the lives of our yet-to-be-born great grandchildren must be carefully assessed.

Sometimes our society behaves like an adolescent who has not yet worked full-time nor paid all the bills associated with being self-sufficient. Our society might hear scientific reports about our Earth's health, but not believe that it has a role in changing it. While our culture may behave this way, the Gospel invites us to choose differently.

Imagine the Earth as a single house, with multiple floors and many rooms. Everything that happens takes place within that Earth-house—all food grown, all living and dying, all resources mined and materials created. As with our own homes, if the air conditioner's engine burns out, there will be no cool air inside.

The downstairs bathroom is affected by the plumbing problems in the upstairs bathroom. Residents sharing the kitchen need to navigate each other's needs. This Earth-house is a wonderful place given to us by our Creator. Living well within it means recognizing our interconnectedness, our relationship with all things.

Automobile emission issues are part of our Earth-house. Many cities measure air quality daily. We've learned to cope with "smog alert" days and have become, perhaps, somewhat numbed. This past spring we learned about an extended hole in the ozone layer over the Arctic, five times the size of California. This degradation which exceeds for the first time the worrisome loss over Antarctica, may not have even registered in our minds (see <http://ozonelayerdepletion.org/>). Just as a leaking roof affects everything inside, greater amounts of radiation coming through a compromised atmosphere challenges every living creature on Earth.

When we take a holiday drive of 300 miles we know the cost of that tank of gas and feel it in our wallets. A new perspective is required to recognize that driving that distance also creates 6000 pounds of carbon dioxide that is measured in compromised air quality around us. With millions of cars on the road, we are all affected, with children and elderly people struggling most.

What is the meaning of a call to "walk humbly with our God?" We are blessed with a beautiful world full of a million signs of God's love and presence. Perhaps realizing that we must be more mindful of the ramifications of our choices for God's Creation is an invitation into more intentional living. Walking humbly with God can mean slowing down a little so that we will recognize God's movement around us. Walking humbly is an invitation to learn more about the gift of our atmosphere, of the trees that transform carbon dioxide into oxygen, of the lives of people we will never meet whose futures depend on our thoughtful choices in preserving our resources.

This week of Lent let us examine the many means of transportation that are available to us, remembering also to give thanks for our own feet. Slow down. Car pool. Coordinate trips. Take a bus or train. Choose wisely and walk humbly.