



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

WEEKDAY MASS:

Tues - Fri 12:05 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thurs 12:30 pm to Fri noon.

CONTACT US:

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9am to 4pm Tues-Thurs

9am to noon Friday

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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.



1st Sunday of Advent
December 2nd, 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:

December 29th and 30th after mass 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 Dec 3rd – Decnd

MONDAY, 12/3/2012	
Readings:  Is 2:1-5  Ps 122:1-2, 3-9  Mt 8:5-11	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Centering Prayer 8:15am
TUESDAY, 12/4/2012	
Readings:  Is 11:1-10  Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  Lk 10:21-24	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Choir Practice 10:30 am • Legion of Mary 12:45pm • Mass 12:05 pm • Building Committee Meeting 6pm O'Neil Hall
WEDNESDAY, 12/5/2012	
Readings:  Is 25:6-10a  Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  Mt 15:29-37	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Mass at 12:05 pm • THE WAY Café • RCIA class at 6:30pm
THURSDAY, 12/6/2012	
Readings:  Is 26:1-6  Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a  Mt 7:21, 24-27	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30 am • No Mass • No Adoration
FRIDAY, 12/7/2012	
Readings:  Mt 7:21, 24-27  Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  Mt 9:27-31	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30 am • No Adoration • Mass 12:05pm and 7 pm (Vigil mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Holy Day)
SATURDAY, 12/8/2012	
Readings:  Gn 3:9-15, 20  Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  Lk 1:26-38	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCIC Class at 1:30pm • Reconciliation 3:15 pm • Mass 4 pm • First Reconciliation 10am • Make-It / Take-it at the Merit Inn at 2pm • Brown Bag Ministry after Mass at O'Neill Hall
SUNDAY, 12/9/2012	
Readings:  Bar 5:1-9  Ps 126:1-6  Phil 1:4-6, 8-11  Lk 3:1-6	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 9 am • Catholicism: Episode 3 in hall after Mass



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KIT

For week 10, please add the following to your kit:

- Waterproof portable container for important papers
- Battery-powered radio
- Wrench to turn off utilities

Saturday 4:00 pm
Dec 8th, 2012

Lectors:

1st Reading:

Carolyn Cannava

2nd Reading:

Charles Miller

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Barbara Bonk
- John Bonk
- Rick Dukowitz
- Sue Dukowitz
- Kathy Culling

Servers:

Leah and Kyra McCabe

Sunday 9:00 am
Dec 9th, 2012

Lectors:

1st Reading:

Sheliah-Margaret Pothast

2nd Reading:

Kathleen Evenson

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Bob Evenson
- Helen Knopp
- John Pothast
- Jane Fellman
- Jim Fellman
- Sharon Shassetz
- Ron O'Lena

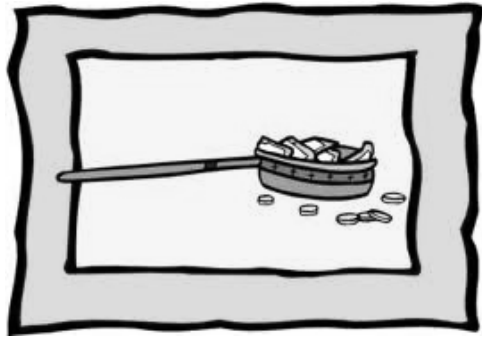
Servers:

Cody Quelland

Mop & Bucket 12/3 - 12/9:
Scott Aleckson Family

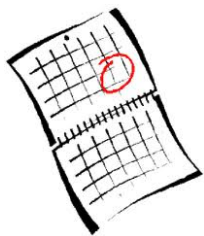
Collection Counters 12/9:
Connie Gatling and Grace Wilson

Children's Liturgy of the Word 12/9:
Mary Fischer



SECOND COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Next weekend, our archdiocese will conduct the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). The ongoing decrease in the number of religious in compensated ministry coupled with the ever-rising cost of care make it a struggle for religious communities to provide for elder members. The RFR collection supports the day-to-day care of thousands of senior religious. Please plan to offer what you can to the care of women and men who have made such enormous contributions to our Church. As St. Paul states, "Let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith" (Galatians 6:10).



The Month Ahead

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, December 9th: Catholicism Series:** Episode three.
- **Saturday, December 8th and Sunday, December 16th: Brown Bag Ministry.**
- **Sunday, December 16th: Christmas Pageant** presented by Faith Formation class at 10:15am
- **No faith Formation classes on December 23rd, December 30th, or January 6th**

THE WAY CAFE



We are now serving at THE WAY cafe **every Wednesday**. If you are interested in helping in this ministry, you are invited to come to The Café any Wednesday any time from 3:30 to 7pm and see what it is all about.

The servers for December 5th are:

- Jim F
- Jane F
- Thelma A (Person in Charge)
- Judi N

The servers for December 12th are:

- Terrya E
- Fr. Roger
- Lynn F
- Pat H (Person in Charge)

RETRouvaille

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, coldness or anger in their marriage. Most don't know how change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend February 15 16 & 17, 2013 call 800-470-2230, email: 6001@retrouvaille.org, or log on to <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to those who helped pack the boxes for the military/college students; we mailed off 4 military boxes and 11 college student boxes. We appreciate the items that were donated to include in the boxes. We would still like a picture of the students and military for our bulletin board in the foyer. Please continue to pray for these recipients during the upcoming holidays. Bring the pictures to the box in the foyer.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This coming Saturday, we have nine students who will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We invite you to come participate in this morning liturgy as a member of their faith community of which they are becoming a fuller member of. The liturgy is at 10am followed by a reception in the foyer for the students. Please remember to pray for them and their parents as they continue to prepare to receive their First Eucharist on April 14th.

SHARING
THE LIGHT



Advent Activities At The Kenai Merit Inn During December: This week, on the bulletin board by the office, you will find the signup sheets for the various activities we have committed to as church at the Merit Inn during Advent, to share the Light with others. Each one is a separate commitment that needs many participants. If you can help, please sign up for one or more of the activities. In addition, we will need supplies for some of the activities; please check on the board for that.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES AND LITURGIES

Evening of Remembrance for Loved Ones:

Tuesday, December 4th at 7pm

Advent Reconciliation service at OLA:

Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm

No Mass or Adoration on Thursday, Dec 6th due to parish staff meetings.

No Adoration on Friday, December 7th

Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception
(holy day of obligation): Dec 7th at 7pm

Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve, Children's Mass: 4 pm

Christmas Vigil: 9 pm

Christmas Day: 10 am

New Year's Mass: January 1st at 10 am



YEAR OF FAITH ²⁰¹²/₂₀₁₃

The fruits of this Year of Faith will be seen in a strengthened commitment to God and one another. When we reach out in compassion to help a neighbor in need, we are bearing witness to the Light of Christ. When we share our faith as bold disciples of Jesus, the fruits of this yearlong renewal will be reflected in our efforts. When we receive the Holy Eucharist daily or weekly, we will be transformed by the real presence of the Risen Lord and will go forth to live more fully as his disciples. We are invited to rediscover our faith and become "credible and joy filled witnesses to the risen Lord in the world today."

PARISH
BREAKFAST



The Kairos Team will be sponsoring a breakfast after mass **today** Sunday, December 2nd to raise money for a January Retreat at the prison.

Thank You!

from Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI

Thank you for the opportunity to lead you in the parish mission at our Lady of Perpetual Help. It was a special time of God's presence for me, and I hope that it was for you too. Thank you also, for your generosity, \$3,121.00, in furthering our work as Oblates among God's people.

My prayer is that you may continue to be open in mind and heart to God's Spirit at work in you, that God may lead you to "act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly" with Him and all people all the days of your life. In God's Peace, Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI