



# 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:

### PARISH OFFICE

#### Office Hours:

9am to 4pm Tues-Thurs

9am to noon Friday

Closed on Mondays

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### PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR:

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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.



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> – Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>

MONDAY, 12/17/2012	
<b>Readings:</b>  Gn 49:2, 8-10  Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17  Mt 1:1-17	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>• Centering Prayer 8:15am</li> </ul>
TUESDAY, 12/18/2012	
<b>Readings:</b>  Jer 23:5-8  Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19  Mt 1:18-25	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>• Legion of Mary 12:45pm</li> <li>• Mass 12:05 pm</li> </ul>
WEDNESDAY, 12/19/2012	
<b>Readings:</b>  Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a  Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17  Lk 1:5-25	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>• Choir Practice 10:30 am</li> <li>• Mass at 12:05 pm</li> <li>• THE WAY Café</li> <li>• RCIA class at 6:30pm</li> </ul>
THURSDAY, 12/20/2012	
<b>Readings:</b>  Is 7:10-14  Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  Lk 1:26-38	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:30 am</li> <li>• Mass 12:05 pm</li> <li>• Adoration 12:45 pm until Friday at noon</li> </ul>
FRIDAY, 12/21/2012	
<b>Readings:</b>  Sg 2:8-14  Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21  Lk 1:39-45	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:30 am</li> <li>• Adoration until noon</li> <li>• Mass 12:05pm</li> <li>• Bell Ringing, Fred Meyer 11am -7pm</li> </ul>
SATURDAY, 12/22/2012	
<b>Readings:</b>  1 Sm 1:24-28  1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd  Lk 1:46-56	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCIC Class at 1:30pm</li> <li>• Reconciliation 3:15 pm</li> <li>• Mass 4 pm</li> </ul>
SUNDAY, 12/23/2012	
<b>Readings:</b>  Mi 5:1-4a  Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  Heb 10:5-10  Lk 1:39-45	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass 9 am</li> <li>• No Faith Formation Classes</li> <li>• Decorate the church, immediately after mass</li> </ul>



## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KIT

For week 12, please add the following to your kit:

- Pet Litter and Box
- Extra Water
- Pet First Aid Kit

## Christmas Liturgy

Signup sheets for the liturgical needs of each of the Christmas Masses are posted on the bulletin board.

Please sign up as you are able. ALSO, please note that the decorating and cleaning of the church will happen immediately after Mass on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

**Lectors:**

- See Bulletin Board

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

- See Bulletin Board

**Servers: TBA**

Sunday 9:00 am  
Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

**Lectors:**

- See Bulletin Board

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Mop & Bucket 12/17 - 12/23:  
All Parish Families

Collection Counters 12/23:  
Jane Gabler & Edwina Theard

Children's Liturgy of the Word 12/23:  
Stephanie Cox

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> are:

- Bruce E
- Lynn F
- Heather H
- Marlys V(Person in Charge)

### The servers for December 26<sup>th</sup> are:

- Thelma A
- Mary F
- Fr Roger
- Judi N (Person in Charge)

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16TH

Today — Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday in Advent — is a time to rejoice! Everything, from the lighting of the rose-colored candle, to the consistent use of the words JOY and REJOICE in the readings, points to being called to joyfully proclaim the imminent coming of Jesus.

Often people who practice stewardship as a way of life are called a “joyous people.” That is a natural reflection and a natural phrase to use with people of stewardship because, based upon living their lives as grateful people, they focus on their blessings, not their Crosses and burdens. When one sees the good sides of life and living, it is difficult not to be happy.

Our task as Catholics is to focus much of the energy and excitement which seems to come with this season into what we are really celebrating — the arrival of Christ. Advent is about hope. It is not just hope that things will get better or hope that our burdens will disappear. It is hope that there is meaning to our lives. It is the hope and understanding that there is an incredible existence beyond our human state. It is the hope that our lives are not as limited as they may seem to be. We must never forget what we heard in a Gospel passage of a few weeks ago: “All things are possible with God.” After all, “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”

# SHARING THE LIGHT



**Ring-A-Ling!** The Bell Ringing signup sheet for Friday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> is on the bulletin board.



*Advent*  
*Giving*  
*Tree*

Gifts for the residents of the Merit Inn must be placed under the **Advent Giving Tree** by Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> for distribution on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## HOLIDAY BRUNCH

December 22<sup>nd</sup>: our parish is providing a **Christmas Brunch** for the residents of The Way at the Merit Inn, from 1-3pm. We need help with preparation, serving and clean up. Please see Thelma if you can help. Also at that time, we will distribute the gifts to the residents and sing some Christmas Carols. Won't you come and be with us?



## The Month Ahead

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>: Brown Bag Ministry.**
- **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Pageant and parish breakfast** at the Redemptorist Center after Mass
- **No faith Formation classes on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, December 30<sup>th</sup>, or January 6<sup>th</sup>**
- **January 6<sup>th</sup>: Travelogue presentation;** potluck begins at 5pm; the presentation starts at 5:30pm in O'Neill hall.
- **January 6<sup>th</sup> Brown Bag Ministry** in the hall after mass
- **January 12<sup>th</sup>; Brown Bag Ministry** in the hall after Mass
- **Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>: Catholicism: Episode #4,** in the hall



## Poinsettia Remembrance

Remember your loved one during the liturgies of the Christmas Season with a poinsettia. To remember your loved one in this way, please place \$12 per poinsettia and the name of your loved one in an envelope and put it in the church foyer basket **by December 18<sup>th</sup>**.

## WHY CATHOLIC?

Have you ever been in a situation where there was an opportunity to share about your faith with others, but you didn't because you weren't sure you'd get it right or you just didn't feel confident enough to explain what you believe to someone who was not Catholic? There is a concert approach available to help adults deepen their Catholic faith and connect its teachings to everyday life through Renew International. It is called "Why Catholic? Journey Through the Catechism?" The Archdiocese of Anchorage was blessed with a generous grant from the Extension Society along with funding from Renew International to make this program possible. Why Catholic is essentially a small group, faith sharing process that will begin in Lent 2013. Small groups will gather each week for six weeks in Lent for 90 minute sessions. The next six week period will be in the fall of 2013. These 12 weeks will complete one pillar of the Catechism. There will be upcoming information about this program. Stay tuned!



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

Some key teachings of the Second Vatican Council that we reflect on during this Year of Faith, 50 years after the Council: The church as mystery, consisting of the whole people of God, who are called to holiness through their baptism to take on the mind and heart of Jesus.

# 2013

There are envelopes and calendars for the new year in the foyer of the church; please pick them up.

## RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille: The married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that have lost the closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vii) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress. For information, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on February 15-17, 2013 call 800-470-2230, or email: 6001@retrouvaille.org, or log on to <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>

### UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES AND LITURGIES

#### Christmas Services:

- Christmas Eve, Children's Mass: 4 pm
- Christmas Vigil: 9 pm
- Christmas Day: 10 am

#### Anointing of the Sick

December 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> after mass

**New Year's Mass: January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am**



We will be having a **teen day** at the Redemptorist Center on Dec 28 starting at 4pm. We will be arranging and decorating the space and we will be serving pizza for dinner!! Come help and bring any donations of furniture, rugs, chairs, etc . . . also consider pictures and posters (must be appropriate of course).