



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.

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9am to 4pm Tues-Thurs

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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.



Baptism of the Lord
January 13th, 2013

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:

February 23rd and 24th 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 Jan 14th – Jan 20th

MONDAY, 1/14/2013	
Readings: Heb 1:1-6 PS 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 Mk1:14-20	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Centering Prayer 8:15am
TUESDAY, 1/15/2013	
Readings: Heb 2:5-12 PS 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:21-28	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Legion of Mary 12:45pm Mass 12:05 pm
WEDNESDAY, 1/16/2013	
Readings: Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:29-39	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, 1/17/2013	
Readings: Heb 3:7-14 PS 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 Mk 1:40-45	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30 am Mass 12:05 pm Adoration 12:45 pm until Friday at noon Quilting at O'Neill hall 10 am – 3 pm
FRIDAY, 1/18/2013	
Readings: Heb 4:1-5, 11 PS 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 Mk 2:1-12	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30 am Adoration until noon Mass 12:05pm
SATURDAY, 1/19/2013	
Readings: Heb 4:12-16 PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mk 2:13-17	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCIC Class at 1:30pm Reconciliation 3:15 pm Mass 4 pm Teen Movie and discussion at 6pm at O'Neill Hall
SUNDAY, 1/20/2013	
Readings: Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass 9 am

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KIT

For **week 16**, please add the following to your kit:

- 2 cans fruit per person
- 2 cans meat per person
- 2 cans vegetables per person

RETRouvaille

Valentine's Day is a month away! Give a gift to your spouse and yourself that really means something. A weekend away together to reconnect and find the love, companionship and joy of your early years together. Are you bored, distant or detached, unable or unwilling to communicate with your spouse? Has the passion diminished? Retrouvaille, a French word (pronounced retro-vii) meaning to find each other again, to find oneself again, to find one's way again provides help for troubled or broken marriages. For information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Feb. 15, 16 and 17, 2013, call 800-470-2230, or log onto <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>

**Saturday 4:00 pm
Jan 19th, 2013**

Lectors:
1st Reading:
Shannon Dwyer
2nd Reading:
Eli Woodvine

Eucharistic Ministers:

- John Bonk
- Barbara Bonk
- Aida Burgess
- Rick Dukowitz
- Sue Dukowitz

Servers:
Cody Quelland and
Kevin Woodvine

**Sunday 9:00 am
Jan 20th, 2013**

Lectors:
1st Reading:
Scott Earsley
2nd Reading:
Barb O'Lena

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Thelma Antila
- Bruce Emmerson
- Marguerite McIntosh
- Sharon Shassetz
- Gloria Sweeney
- Meg Zerbinos
- Alex Zerbinos

Servers:
Leah McCabe
and Dave Carey

Mop & Bucket 1/14 - 1/20:
Galen Brantley Family

Collection Counters 1/20:
Connie Gatling and Grace Wilson

Children's Liturgy of the Word 1/20:
Mary Fischer

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 January 16th are:

- David B
- Monte M
- Mary F
- Marlys V (person in charge)

The servers for January 23rd are:

- Scott E
- Kathryn D
- Fr Bob
- Thelma A (person in charge)

The servers for January 30th are:

- Kathryn D
- Pat H (person in charge)
- Jim F
- Jane F

If you are interested in helping at THE WAY, an Alaska food handler's card is necessary; Take the short food handler test at: alaska.state.gegov.com/foodworker. Once you have your card, please bring it to Marlys and you will be scheduled to help.

THE HUNGER GAMES

(Rated PG-13) will be the movie presentation for teens and parents on Saturday, January 19th at 6pm after Mass in O'Neill hall. After the movie, discussion will occur both with the teens and parents separately, based on the view of the church's Catholic Social Teaching. Admission is 2 cans of food or \$1; donations will be given to the Food Bank. Any questions, see Kevin Woodvine.



Looking for a creative outlet? Join us in making quilts. Cotton and wool. Hot pads, mittens, scarves. Sew, knit, crochet, bead. Let your creative juices flow!

Quilting begins Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at O'Neil Hall (we'll pause for noon mass and resume with lunch, more sewing and fellowship).

KAIROS #7

At Wildwood on January 24-27 has two specific needs: Additional cookies are needed as well as prayer partners for the retreat. If you can help in either of these areas, please stop by the table in the foyer. Questions: See Scott

PART-TIME POSITION

The parish has an open position for a part-time (10 hours per week) secretary. The job description is available on the foyer table; applications will be taken until January 21st at which time, interviews will be scheduled. Please submit applications to Marlys or Father Roger.

SAVE THE DATE

Priest Scientist from Vatican Observatory: Rev. William R. Stoeger, S.J., PH.D. will offer a free public lecture "*God's Creation and the Big Bang-How They Fit Together*" at the Grant Hall Theater of Alaska Pacific University on **Monday February 11, 2013** from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Father Matthew Linn is coming to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton on **February 8-12, 2013**. He will offer 3 evening presentations and a day retreat on Saturday, February 9, 2013. He will also hold a healing mass: 7pm on Tuesday, 2/12/2013. Check the bulletin board for updates.



The Month Ahead

Upcoming Events:

- **Jan. 13th** Faith formation classes begin again
- **Jan. 13th: Catholicism: Episode #4**, in the hall
- **Feb 3rd and 9th: Brown Bag Ministry** after Masses
- **February 10th: Catholicism: Episode #5**
- **February 12th: Ash Wednesday**
- **February 15th: Soup Supper Stations of the cross**

SHARING THE LIGHT



Our special SHARING THE LIGHT activities at the KENAI MERIT INN for Advent/Christmas season are complete. The generosity/kindness of so many of you for this month of activities is noted in thankfulness.

Deck the Halls of the Inn: Linda Hutchings, chairman and crew decorated 40 separate doors in no time at all.

Make it/Take It Crafts; Alyson Stogsdill and Jane Fellman facilitated the activities along with the soup/bread that was available for the residents.

Christmas Brunch was served to 60 residents with the help of parishioners/THE WAY volunteers; the 90 gifts that the ADVENT GIVING TREE produced were given away and were gratefully accepted by the residents.

The fun time at **JUMPIN' JUNCTION** for the residents of the Merit Inn and our parish family, was donated by LAURI KAPP (THANK YOU!), and we certainly had fun as well as really enjoyed the many soups/breads that were brought.

Brown Bag Ministry continued during this time for three weekends as well; Sharon, Bob, Drew, and Rachel Shassetz facilitate each time along with other volunteers. The lunches are greatly appreciated by the residents who receive the 80 bags each time. In addition, the supplies needed ALWAYS appear almost magically, because of everyone's generosity.

Around 300 **food boxes** were filled by a small group of volunteers headed up by Scott Earsley's family at the Salvation Army for the Christmas dinners. We had fun doing the work needed and it took a short amount of time.

And last, but not least, volunteers took two whole days at both entrances of Fred Meyer's to **ring bells** for the Salvation Army outreach. During the two days of service of OLPH, we gathered \$1682.54 at a rate of \$52/hour of ringing bells; The Salvation Army expressed great thanks for the help we gave. We gathered the 2nd highest amount of the two days of the entire season. Great going! Thanks to Scott Earsley for managing that activity and those who took the hour time to greet/share that light of Christ with others.

Christmas Message

We live our lives by philosophies, and amid the world affairs and occupations that totally absorb us and are a great distance from the manger. In all kinds of ways, God has to prod us and reach out to us again and again so that we can manage to escape from the muddle of our thoughts and activities and discover the way that leads to him. But a path exists for all of us. The Lord provides everyone with tailor-made signals. He calls each one of us, so that we too can say: "Come; let us go to Bethlehem, to the God who has come to meet us." Yes indeed, God has set out towards us. Left to ourselves, we could not reach him. The path is too much for our strength. But God has come down. He comes down towards us. He has traveled the longer part of the journey. Now he invites us; come and see how much I love you. Come and see that I am here. "Transeamus usque Bethlehem," the Latin Bible says: "Let us go there!" Let us journey toward God in all sorts of ways, along our interior path toward him, but also along the very concrete paths of the Liturgy of the Church and the service of our neighbor, in who Christ awaits us.

- POPE BENEDICT XVI, December 24, 2009

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with "all the people". Indeed, "heaven was opened," and the Father announced his special favor. Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed his call in our daily lives, share his Good News, become instruments of his transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces his special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God's special favor in our lives?