

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

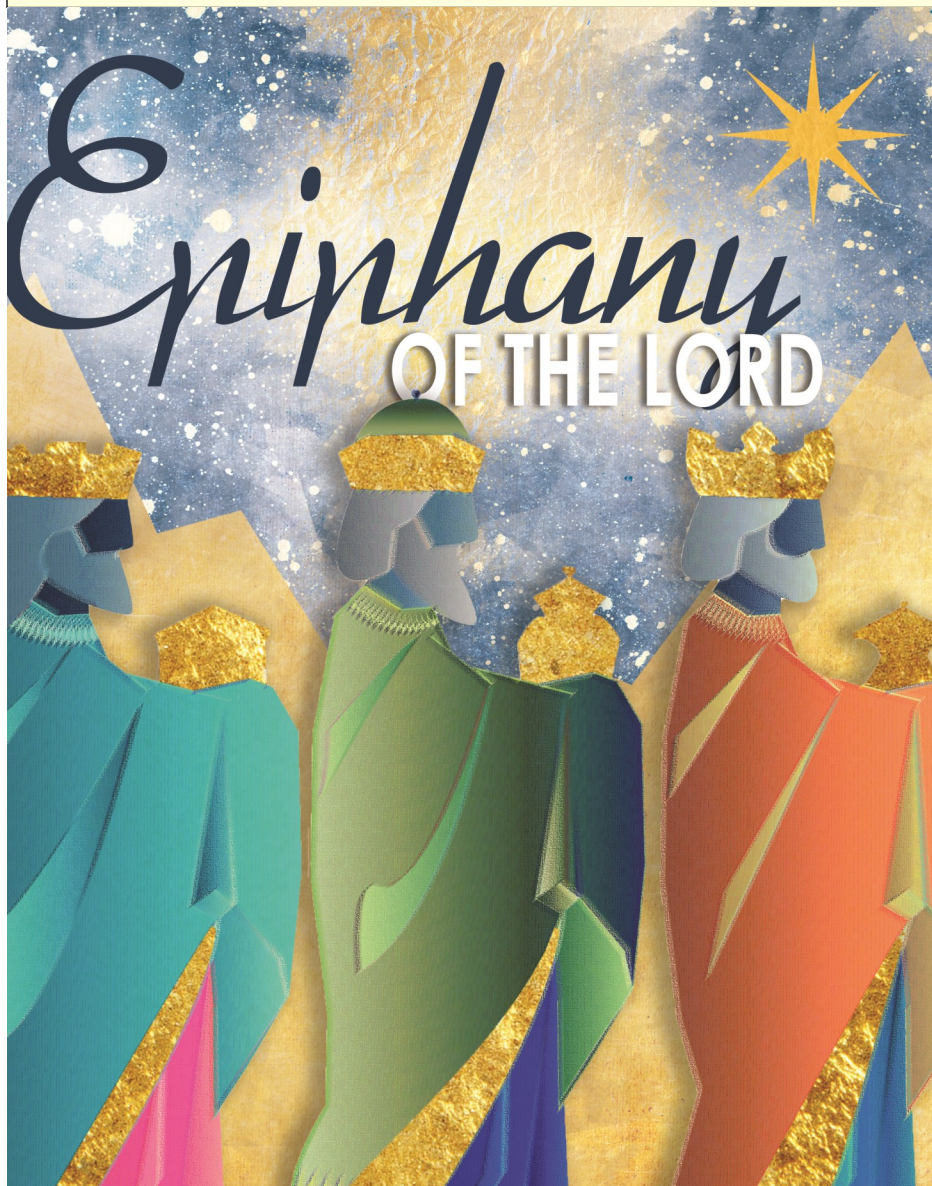
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Upon entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, His mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Matthew 2:11



MASS SCHEDULE

-Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays, Fridays: 8:30 am;
-Wednesdays: 6:30 pm;
-Saturdays: 4:30 pm;
Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 am

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday—Thursday,
8:30—4:00 pm (Lunch 12-1)
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Bea Albarado

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cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org
School website:
<https://www.olqpbethalto.org>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bethalto Council #4688,
4th Degree #203
Grand Knight: Luke Kistner
bethaltoknight@gmail.com
www.bethaltoknights.org

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

1st Friday of each month. Call the parish
office to request .

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 pm,
And by appointment.

COMING OUR WAY..

OLQP School Resumes.....	January 6
RCIA & PSR Classes.....	January 8
Community 55 Luncheon.....	January 9
Prayer Group.....	January 14
PSA Family Fun Night.....	January 17
KC Chicken Dinner.....	January 19
Glow in the Dark Bingo.....	January 24
OLQP Parish & School Dinner Auction.....	February 8

Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Intentions

Sat., Jan. 4 4:30 pm	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Vi Perkhiser
Sun., Jan. 5 8:30 am 10:30 am	Epiphany of the Lord For the Parishioners Clay Brueggeman
Mon., Jan. 6 8:30 am	Christmas Weekday Noah Rogers (L)
Tues., Jan. 7 8:30 am	Christmas Weekday Dale Johnson
Wed., Jan. 8 6:30 pm	Christmas Weekday Tom DeClue, Jr.
Thur., Jan. 9 8:30 am	Christmas Weekday Toni Stanford
Fri., Jan. 10 8:30 am	Christmas Weekday Ed & Jean Pilgrim
Sat., Jan. 11 4:30 pm	Christmas Weekday Vi Perkhiser
Sun., Jan. 12 8:30 am 10:30 am	Baptism of the Lord For the Parishioners Stacy Ingersoll

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Maxine Calhoon, Peggy Ruhmann, Brooke Randolph Carden, Brittany Witt, Greg Weber, Pat Friedel, Kristin Brunstein, Jim Begnel, Mike Toner, Lucie Hale, Liz Stutz, Rob Helmkamp, Don Laird, Bill Johnson, Jim Johnson, Leslie Rider, Garrett Hardin, Patty Eichen, Rita Smith, Marvin Bonner, Joseph Batson, Cherie Buell, Nancy Horman, Lynn Bertels, Patty Hall, Norm Frisch, Thelma Kochan. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call parish office, 377-6519. Prayer requests email prayer chain, Marie at rejoy128@gmail.**



PSA Family Fun Night PK through 2nd Grade

The PSA will be holding their next Family Fun Night **Friday, January 17, 2025**. This event is specifically for the Younger kids of our parish and school, and open to all children in Pre-school through 2nd grade. Older siblings may also attend. It will be held in the school gym from 6—7 pm. It is free of charge and children will get to participate in games, a craft and snacks. To reserve a spot, email the school office: cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org

NEXT PRAYER GROUP

**We will resume January 14, 2025 at 6 pm, in church.
Everyone welcome!!! Bring Your Bibles!**

Glow in the Dark Bingo

We are now taking reservations for Glow In the Dark Bingo, to be held **Friday, Jan. 24, 2025**, 6:30 pm. Doors open, 6 pm, \$25 for advance reservations or \$30 at the door. Includes 6 cards for 10 games, glow hat and dauber. The proceeds from this fun evening will go towards updated our science curriculum for next year. Call the school office (377-6401) or email: kknigh@olqpbethalto.org to reserve spots. Table reservations can be made for a complete table of 8.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blest Art will be visiting our parish Jan. 18/19 on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When Blest Art visits your parish, we will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art.



The Christians in and around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for those Christians to support their families. As a result, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. Now, less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land is Christians.

We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. Please note that we do not ask for, nor do we accept, any donations.

Thank you in advance for your purchase when we come to visit. **Jeryes Qumseya and the Members of Blest Art, Inc.**

Welcome Fr. Jim Benz

Next weekend, please welcome Fr. Jim Benz who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of **Unbound a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry**, that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit **Unbound** online at www.unbound.org.

2025 OLQP Parish/School Dinner Auction Mark your calendars for Feb 8, 2025.

This year's theme is **"Tailgating"** with more details to come. The dinner auction will once again be in the school, the caterer selected for this year is Moonlight. **WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH DONATIONS!!** We are posting a **donation challenge** each week in order to provide some ideas. This week's challenge: **Happy New Years! Consider donating gift cards, lottery tickets.**

Community 55

Please join us at Bakers & Hale (7120 Montclair Ave, Godfrey, IL 62035) for the next Community 55 event. It will take place on Thursday, Jan. 9, at 11:30 a.m. Please text or call Kris Magee (377-2782) to RSVP or sign up on the OLQP Church Facebook page by Tuesday, Jan. 7. If you would like to carpool, please mention it when you RSVP. All interested in sharing rides will meet in the church parking lot by the rectory.

Sunday Offerings

Week 24 & 25	12/14-12/15 & 12/21-12/22	Total to Date
Loose Envelopes	\$1,392.00	\$13,701.72
On Line Giving	\$35,570.93	\$242,177.05
Young People	\$6,386.14	\$89,246.93
Total	\$2.00	\$32.20
	\$43,351.07	\$345,157.90
Operating Budget	\$30,782.50	\$384,781.25
Tithe to Diocese	\$3,000.00	\$37,500.00
Difference	\$9,568.57	(77,123.35)

Total Envelopes Received: 227

Online Donations: 81

Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$300.00

Other Charitable Donations: \$1,500.00

Liturgical Ministers

January 11 & 12

4:30 pm

Rosary Bill Stutz
Lector Cecelia Herman
E. Ministers Tim & Linda Zacha
Ushers JoEllyn Patterson, Fran Nappier
Brian and Mary Stacks
Servers Camryn Friedel, Tinsley Busse
Music Craig/Kris/Becky

8:30 am

Rosary Andy Kerkemeyer
Lector Sharon Pritchett
E. Ministers Paula Mattix-Wand, Marcella Stein
Ushers Bob & Fran Eagna
Steve Norris, Joe Grabowski
Servers Connor Stutz, Ryder Williams
Music Barb/Kathy/Tami

10:30 am

Lector Luke Kistner
E. Ministers Shelia Smith, Lee Gonterman
Ushers Dave and Carey Price
Shirley Barton, Alyssa Smith
Servers Reid & Ryder Bouillion
Music Praise Team

SCRIP Sellers, Jan. 11-12

4:30 Sheryl Saboff
8:30 Susie Davis
10:30 Sonya Hagaman

Unplanned pregnancy?

Contact Thrive Metro East! Their services are no cost and kept confidential. No insurance needed. Call 618-466-1690 or text: **FREETEST4U** to (618) 280-2040.

Save the Date!

Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast, Sat., March 22, St. Paul Church, Highland. More info to come.

Online Contributions Conversion

If you currently make donations online through **Give Central**, please close the give-central account and create a new account in **Pushpay**, using the QR code here. If you have any problems/questions, call the parish office, 377-6519.



Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage!

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The following upcoming weekends are available. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. 1/31/25—2/2/25, St. Peters, Missouri
4/4/25—4/6/25, St. Peters, Missouri

World Marriage Day

Archbishop Rozanski will celebrate Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, February 9, 12 Noon. All married couples invited to attend. During Mass, the Catholic couples will have the opportunity to recommit themselves to the values of their marriage.

A Meditation

Just as the Lord revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, He gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace. *"Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace"* (Thomas Aquinas).



To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet."

*This reflection is courtesy of Don Schwager@2024.
Don's website is located at Dailyscripture.net*

Catholic Times

This magazine of the Diocese of Springfield has always been a key communication tool. Whether it is important announcements, teaching the faith, or inspirational stories, the magazine provides tremendous value to readers. This publication is made available to every household in our diocese, either digitally or by mail. We ask, if you can, that you respond gratefully in support of this communication tool (\$15/household). It is our intention to continue offering this newspaper to every household in all the parishes of the diocese, as an inexpensive source of Catholic information, education and inspiration.

Parishioner Information

(New Members & Changes)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

____ New Parishioner ____ Send Envelopes

____ New Phone—Email ____ New Baby

____ Change of Address ____ Leaving Parish