

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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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..

KC Vocation Raffle Tickets Due Today.....	November 30
PSR Classes.....	December 3
OCIA Classes.....	December 3
Auction Meeting.....	December 4
Letters to Santa Deadline.....	December 5
Annual Smorgasbord & Bazaar.....	December 7
Bible Study Group.....	December 10
Breakfast with Santa.....	December 13

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov. 29	Weekday in Ordinary Time 4:30 pm For the Parishioners
Sun., Nov. 30	First Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Joy Lamar 10:30 am James & Evelyn Sasek
Mon., Dec. 1	Advent Weekday 8:30 am Jim Menke
Tues., Dec. 2	Advent Weekday 8:30 am Darlene, Gladys, Victor Huebener, Mary & Ivan Cremeens
Wed., Dec. 3	St. Francis Xavier 6:30 pm Jill Lefringhouse
Thur., Dec. 4	Advent Weekday 8:30 am Al Kaufman
Fri., Dec. 5	Advent Weekday 8:30 am Stephen Mentos & Stephen Bayne
Sat. Dec. 6	Advent Weekday 4:30 pm James Pritchett
Sun., Dec. 7	Second Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Darlene, Gladys & Victor Huebener, Mary & Ivan Cremeens 10:30 am For the Parishioners

Prayer Requests



The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Brooke Randolph Carden, Brittany Witt, Greg Weber, Kristin Brunstein, Jim Begnel, Mike Toner, Liz Stutz, Rob Helmkamp, Don Laird, Marvin Bonner, Lynn Bertels, Norm Frisch, Thelma Kochan, Carla Klaustermeier, Tim Barton, Bonnie Wirth, Susan Hilker, Emilee Baalman, Bob Randolph, William Richter, Daryl Walker, Bill Timpe, Neil Friedel, Dale Werner, Chris Schmidt, Jim Laurent, Lindy Camardella, Father Tom Liebler, Dan Smith, Jim Johnson, Bill Johnson, Mike McKeever, Lucie Hale, Jerry Avery. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call parish office, 377-6519. Prayer requests email prayer chain, Marie at rejoy128@gmail.**

Attention Sewing Group

No meeting in the month of December, resume in January.

Smorgasbord—Next Sunday

RAFFLE TICKETS: Craft raffle tickets and Cash raffle tickets are still available in the church or parish office. We ask that you sell and/or purchase these tickets and return the ticket stubs and money to the parish office.

PIES & DESSERTS: Each family is asked to donate 2 pies or desserts to the Smorgasbord. Please drop them off in the church basement or the gym the morning of December 7.

SIGN UP TO WORK: There is still time to sign up to work a shift. Call the parish office asap, 618-377-6519.

Dear Parishioners,

We begin a new liturgical year today and the beginning of the season of Advent. It is a time to appreciate the renewal of our life in Christ Jesus. We were baptized into His life, death, and resurrection. We are Children of God Almighty, and we live out that identity by our union with God through the sacraments. Next Saturday our third graders will be going up to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist from Bishop Paprocki. They will be renewed in their life in Christ by the reception of these final Sacraments of Initiation. Let us keep them in our prayers, that they will open their hearts to the reception of the Holy Spirit and that they will be a blessing for our parish in the years to come.



Ft. Tom

Bible Study

Join us! **Next date: Wed., Dec. 10, 9:30 am—10:30 am.** Start anytime—we would love to have you! Questions, call Cindy Stutz, 618-741-4452, Linda Zacha, 618-377-5725.

OCIA (Formerly RCIA)

Classes now in session. Contact one of our Coordinators for more info: Tim Zacha @ 618-567-4468, Tzac54@sbcglobal.net or Jay McCurdy @ 217-827-1406, jay@allied.constuction or church office @ 618-377-6519.

Parish Cookbooks Are In!!!

If you pre-ordered they are ready for pickup at the church office or back by the SCRIP table depending on the pickup location you chose. We have limited supply of extra copies. (\$12.00 each) and can be purchased at church/school office.

Attention all parishioners!

Please continue to bring your donations of NEW Craft/Bazaar items for our annual Smorgasbord to the church office. **DEADLINE for office drop-off is Thurs., Dec. 4.** We also need food items for the bazaar. (Breads, sweet/sourdough, cookies, candies, snack mix, chocolate dipped pretzels, etc.) Drop off at school gym Enrichment Center on Sat., Dec. 6, 7-11 am or Sun., Dec. 7, from 7-11 a.m. Thank you so much. The success of our bazaar depends on your generous donations.

Advent Wreath, Explained!

The Advent Wreath is a modern spin on an ancient practice — or rather, several of them. Christians have always utilized candles to illustrate the metaphor of Christ as the “great light” shining on a people waiting in darkness (Isaiah 9:2). Traditions and rituals surrounding an “Advent Wreath” are often thought to have originated in the Lutheran tradition in 16th-century Germany. Today, Advent Wreaths are a practice embraced by most Christians in the Western world. An Advent Wreath consists of a circle of evergreen and four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are purple; one is rose, representing Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing at the closeness of Christmas. In Catholicism, Advent Wreaths are blessed on the First Sunday of Advent. For Advent Wreaths in private homes, it is appropriate for a family member to perform the blessing.



Liturgical Ministers

December 6-7, 2025

4:30 pm

Rosary Bill Stutz
 Lector Teresa Toner
 E. Ministers Sandy Wilson, Mary Gulash
 Ushers Rich & Sue Hayes
 Servers Sandy Wilson, Dee Zakrzewski
 Music Tinsley Busse, Camryn Friedel
 Barb/Kris/Becky

8:30 am

Rosary Sharon Pritchett
 Lector Paula Mattix-Wand
 E. Ministers Andrew Myer, Cindy Helmkamp
 Ushers Loren & Raeanne Summers
 Joe Grabowski, Steve Norris
 Servers Adult Servers
 Music Choir

10:30 am

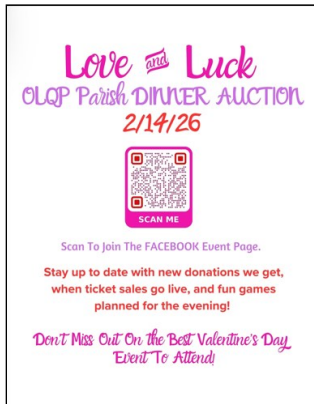
Lector Noah Crump
 E. Ministers Mary Terry, Marge Kirby
 Ushers Don & Terri Militello
 Kathy Murphy, Deana McDonough
 Servers Jace Certa, Layne Frisch
 Music Praise Team

SCRIP Sellers, Dec. 6-7, 2025

4:30 Bea Albarado
 8:30 Susie Davis
 10:30 Brenda Zacha

Letters To Santa

Mom's Club is once again sponsoring Letters To Santa. Have your child write a letter to Santa and include a self-addressed stamped envelope and put it in the North Pole mailboxes either in the back of the church or in the school lobby. Santa's elves (Mom's Club) will mail a letter back to your child the week of 12/9. **Letters need to be dropped off no later than Friday, 12/5 at 3pm.**



Auction News

Auction Weekly Challenge
 Consider adding "OLQP Auction" to your Christmas buying list! We appreciate your help in getting together to plan this. If you have any questions, call or email the school office: cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org. **Auction Meeting is Dec. 4**, 6pm in the Enrichment Room at the school. All are invited to attend. We have an Amazon Wish List for

auction items needed.

Tickets Now on Sale: Purchase on the website, in the church office, or in the school office. Use the website below to buy online:

<http://e.givesmart.com/events/LY4>

Tickets are \$40/each; \$320/table of 8; \$500 VIP Tables—only 4 tables left.

Knights of Columbus Vocations Raffle

The Knights of Columbus are participating in the statewide Vocations Support Raffle. For every \$20 book sold the council keeps \$10 to support local seminarians in our diocese. The remaining \$10 is used in vocations support programs statewide (and to pay the prizes you could win). Please consider buying a book or two this weekend. Purchase online at <https://qrco.de/vocation23> or scanning the QR code. Paper books of tickets are also available at each entrance. If you take paper books, please have them returned to the church office no later than November 30 for the local drawing on December 6. Our goal is to sell 100 books.



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**.



Breakfast With Santa

Save the date! Saturday: **12/13/25** in the school gym. More info coming soon!

A Meditation

Advent People—Watching with Expectant Faith and Yearning for Christ's Coming

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the Day when the Lord would judge between the nations and establish peace over the earth. In that day the righteous - all peoples who believed in him and who listened to his teaching and instruction - would come to his holy mountain and house to worship him and dwell with him in everlasting peace (Isaiah 2:3-5). The Advent season reminds us that we are living in the time between the first coming and second coming of the Lord Jesus.

The Lord Jesus calls us to be alert and watchful for his coming. He comes to us each and every day and he knocks on the door of our heart and home. Do you listen for his voice and welcome him into your life? Let his word in the Scriptures and the work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you draw you to a deeper faith, hope, and joy. Those who wait upon the Lord today and listen to his word will not be disappointed. The Lord will come and bring you to his banquet table to feast with him.

"Lord Jesus, you have captured my heart for you. Make me strong in faith, steadfast in hope, and generous in love that I may seek to please you in all things and bring you glory and praise. Keep me ever watchful for the coming of your kingdom today and every day of my life."

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