

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### Christmas, December 24-25:

**Wednesday, Dec. 24:**

4:30 pm, 9:00 pm

**Thursday, Dec. 25:** 9:00 am

### Solemnity of Mary, December 31-Jan. 1

**Wednesday, Dec. 31:** 4:30 pm

**Thursday, Jan. 1:** 8:30 am, 10:30 am

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Mass Intentions

<b>Sat., Dec. 20</b> 4:30 pm	<b>Advent Weekday</b> For the Parishioners
<b>Sun., Dec. 21</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> Jerry Durbin Jerry Barton
<b>Mon., Dec. 22</b> 8:30 am	<b>Advent Weekday</b> Alan Greeling
<b>Tues., Dec. 23</b> 8:30 am	<b>Advent Weekday</b> Joe & Cathy Gulash (L)
<b>Wed., Dec. 24</b> 4:30 pm 9:00 pm	<b>Eve of the Nativity of the Lord</b> For the Parishioners Millie & Cotton Stark
<b>Thur., Dec. 25</b> 9:00 am	<b>Nativity of the Lord</b> Darlene, Gladys & Victor Huebener, Ivan & Mary Cremeens
<b>Fri., Dec. 26</b> 8:30 am	<b>St. Stephen</b> Edward & Marguerite Clark
<b>Sat., Dec. 27</b> 4:30 pm	<b>St. John</b> Bob DiPaolo
<b>Sun., Dec. 28</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>The Holy Family</b> For the Parishioners Jeffrey Gonterman

### 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, Ray Meyer, Cindy Jacobs. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call parish office, 377-6519. Prayer requests email prayer chain, Marie at rejoy128@gmail.**



### Sacrament of Penance

Father Tom will be available for the Sacrament of Penance on Tuesday and Wednesday this week: **Tuesday, 7:45 am—8:15 am; Wednesday, 5:30 pm—6:15 pm.**

### Upcoming Mass Schedule

**Christmas Masses:** Christmas Eve, **Dec. 24—4:30 pm** and 9:00 pm; Christmas Day, **Dec. 25—9:00 am.**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:** Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be Wednesday, **December 31** at 4:30 pm and Thursday, **January 1** at 8:30 & 10:30 am.

### SCRIP For Christmas—Last Call!

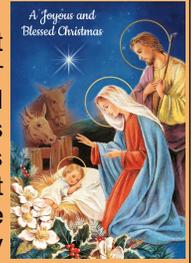
For sale after weekend Masses or in the parish office Monday (8:30-4:00 pm), **Final day to purchase for Christmas: Dec. 22.**



### Dear Parishioners,

In four days we will welcome the Christ Child into our world and into our lives. That is what Christmas is all about...welcoming. We need to always have that true feeling of welcoming Jesus into our lives, not only on Christmas, but on every day throughout the year. We can not just put on our faith for one day during the year, but we need to do it on every day of the year. We are united with Jesus at all times, and we need to protect our souls by living out that realization. I hope and pray that all of us will have a very happy and blessed Christmas. May God bless us all.

*Fr. Tom*



### Our Praise Team Needs You!

Come sing/play with us in the Praise Team at 10:30 Sunday Mass. Have you been thinking about joining us but concerned about the commitment? Come and join us for the Advent Season through Christmas and give it a try. We are looking for singers or musicians who enjoy contemporary liturgical music and would be willing to practice Monday nights and Sunday before 10:30 Mass. Talk to Norm, Connie or Roger for more information.

### Sincere Thanks

Thank you to all OLQP Parishioners for your generosity in the recent PSR Food Pantry Drive. "We Asked, and We received". Our students, along with their parents, were ecstatic and very happy to bring in their bags of food for those in need. Through your kind efforts and generosity, along with the PSR classes, we replenished our food pantry and had a successful Thanksgiving Food Drive. We cannot thank you enough. With God's Blessing, we are looking forward to doing this again next November and hope you will join us again.

*The PSR Team and the PSR Students*

### Parish Cookbooks

We still have a supply of the new parish cookbooks. They are \$12.00 and can be purchased at church/school office.

### Job Opening

St. Cecilia Church, Glen Carbon seeking a Parish Catechetical Leader, part-time (28 hours/week). Ideal candidate will have a degree in Catholic theology/pastoral studies; training and experience in religious education, program development, program review, budget management and administration. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to: [office@stcparish.org](mailto:office@stcparish.org) and [pgibbons@dio.org](mailto:pgibbons@dio.org)

### Auction News

**Sat., Feb. 14,** OLQP School Gym: To purchase tickets, scan this code or purchase in the school office.



We have an **Amazon Wish List** for auction items. If you would like to donate something but do not know what... take a look at the list and purchase an item. Follow this QR Code to view list and make a purchase.



**Liturgical Ministers**

**4:30 pm** *Christmas Eve, December 24*

Lector OLQP Students  
 E. Ministers Jim & Bea Albarado  
 Ushers Jim & Jackie Page  
 Brad & Teri Fulk  
 Servers Ryder Williams, Abe Diericx,  
 Logan Stutz  
 Music Praise Team



**9:00 pm** *Christmas Eve, December 24*

Lector Paula Mattix-Wand  
 E. Ministers Debbie Hay, Jay McCurdy  
 Ushers Mike Magee, Fran Nappier  
 Joe & Cathy Gulash  
 Servers Camryn Friedel  
 Music Choir

**9:00 am** *Christmas Day, December 25*

Lector Alyssa Smith  
 E. Ministers Jim & Theresa Stephens  
 Ushers Susie Davis, Carol Beste  
 Jim & Judy Griffith  
 Servers Aiden Belmonte  
 Music Folk Group

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**4:30 pm** *Saturday, December 27*

Rosary Jim Albarado  
 Lector Teresa Toner  
 E. Ministers Joe & Mary Gulash  
 Ushers Jim & Jackie Page  
 Brad & Teri Fulk  
 Servers Reid & Ryder Bouillon  
 Music

**8:30 am** *Sunday, December 28*

Rosary Jim Stephens  
 Lector Carol Beste  
 E. Ministers Susan Jones, Ruth Baugh  
 Ushers Bob & Fran Eagan  
 Jim & Judy Griffith  
 Abram & Duke Diericx  
 Servers  
 Music

**10:30 am** *Sunday, December 28*

Lector Luke Kistner  
 E. Ministers Lee Gonterman, Amy Frisch  
 Ushers Rick Eveans, Greg Budde  
 Brad & Teri Fulk  
 Servers Elowynn & Everly Olmsted  
 Music Praise Team



**Congratulations!!**

To the 2025 First Communion and Confirmation Class! These young members of our parish went to the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Springfield on **Saturday, December 6** and received their **First Holy Communion and Confirmation**.



**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**.

**2026 Calendars**

Ready for pickup in the church vestibules.

**Poinsettia Memorials**

Would you like to donate a Poinsettia to decorate our church sanctuary at Christmas in memory of a loved one? Just drop the name for the memorial, your name and the \$10 donation to the parish office (or in the collection basket) no later than **Monday, Dec. 22**.

**Let Your Voices Be Heard!!**

**Dear Friends:**

After 21 years of proudly serving as the Liturgist/ Music Director of our parish family, I have decided to seek your input. All of our music selections at Mass are planned according to the readings and must contain certain liturgical elements throughout the year. As I have always enjoyed hearing you raising voices at our Masses, I would like to now involve you even more in our planning of the sacred liturgy! If you have a particular song that you truly enjoy singing at Mass, please send the title to my email address [castark1983@gmail.com](mailto:castark1983@gmail.com) or leave a note in the Parish Office. If the song is "liturgically correct" and fits into our weekend Masses or Holy Days of Obligation, I will be happy to schedule it. The music is typically planned six months in advance, but our singers know that when it comes to music, things change! I look forward to receiving your suggestions!

**Craig**

PS: "No music at Mass" is not an option:) If turning into the Parish Office, please complete the following:

I would like the following songs to be played whenever possible:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_