

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

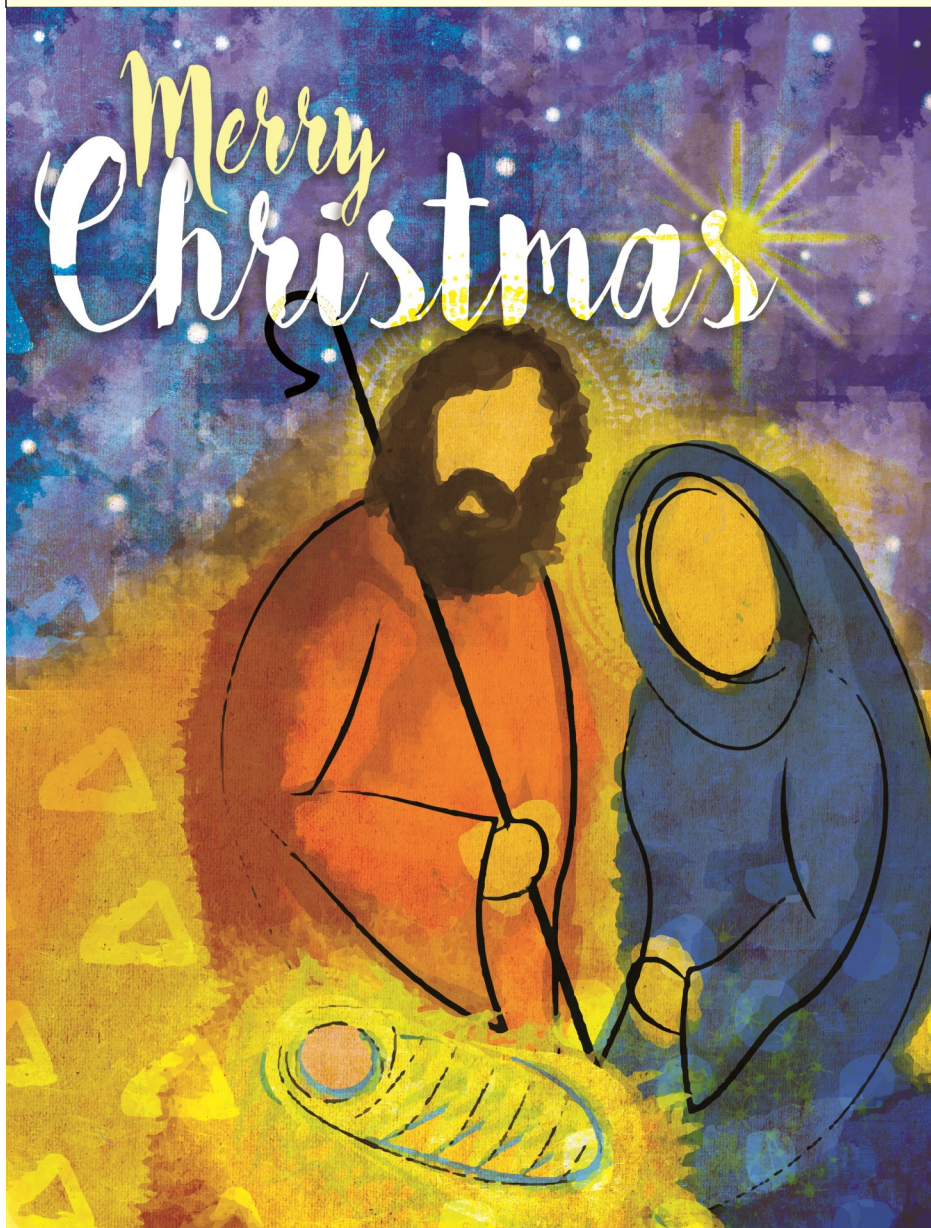
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*Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.
Isaiah 7:14*



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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618-377-6519 Fax: 618-377-9550
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

Advent Evening Prayer	December 22
Masses for Christmas Eve, 4:30 pm and 9:00 pm.....	December 24
Mass for Christmas Day, 9:00 am.....	December 25
No RCIA & PSR Classes.....	December 25
Mass for The Solemnity of Mary, 4:30 pm.....	December 31
Masses for The Solemnity of Mary, 8:30 am & 10:30 am.....	January 1
Prayer Group.....	January 14
OLQP Parish & School Dinner Auction.....	February 8

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Sat., Dec. 21 4:30 pm	Advent Weekday Brad Baker
Sun., Dec. 22 8:30 am 10:30 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent For the Parishioners Wilbert Saul
Mon., Dec. 23 8:30 am	Advent Weekday Tom DeClue, Jr.
Tues., Dec. 24 4:30 pm 9:00 pm	Eve of Nativity of the Lord Wilbert Saul For the Parishioners
Wed., Dec. 25 9:00 am	Nativity of the Lord Edward & Marguerite Clark
Thur., Dec. 26 8:30 am	St. Stephen Vi Perkhiser
Fri., Dec. 27 8:30 am	St. John Steve & Virginia Ostanik
Sat., Dec. 28 4:30 pm	The Holy Innocents For the Parishioners
Sun., Dec. 29 8:30 am 10:30 am	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary Joseph Jerry Durbin Mary Powell

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



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.

Mass Schedule

Christmas, December 24-25:

Tuesday, Dec. 24:

4:30 pm, 9:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 25:

9:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, December 31-Jan. 1

Tuesday, Dec. 31: 4:30 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 1: 8:30 am, 10:30 am



Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is such a beautiful time of year. It is a time when the stores are bursting with Christmas trees, ornaments, and music. It is a time for Christmas get togethers with friends. But most of all it is a time for joy, thanksgiving, and family. That is my Christmas prayer for all of you. That your hearts are filled with joy and thanksgiving for your families and for our parish family. Part of the Christmas season includes the Feast of the Holy Family...the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. I pray that your families will be blessed and united as the Holy Family. This is a time to put behind all past hurts, arguments, especially all differences over politics. It is a time to put in its place joy and thanksgiving. I pray that your Christmas will be filled with the true spirit of Christmas which is the love that Jesus has for all of us.

Have a Merry and Blessed Christmas!



Fr. Tom

Catholic Children's Home

The mission of the Catholic Children's Home is to aid, protect and care for the needs, education and welfare of dependent, neglected, abused or otherwise hurting children and families without regard to poverty, riches, race, religion or national origin. Every year we depend on the Christmas Day collection as the most important part of our fundraising. What better day to remember the children who, through no fault of their own, are less fortunate than our own. Your monetary donation to the Catholic Children's Home is a wonderful way to ensure that we will continue to bring help to the most needy children and ensure that they have a brighter hope for the future.

Rest In Peace



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Audrey Wolff**, daughter of Virgil Wehking, sister of Nancy Strohbeck.



May God grant her eternal rest.

NEXT PRAYER GROUP

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

2025 OLQP Parish/School Dinner Auction

Mark your calendars—February 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 will be **'Child Theme Item'** such as: trunk of dress up clothes, birthday party, doll house, sleep over package (games, crafts, etc.) Questions, call Amy Frisch, 618-444-7715 or the school office, 618-377-6401.

Liturgical Ministers

4:30 pm *Christmas Eve, December 24*

Lector School Children
E. Ministers Jim & Bea Albarado
Ushers Stacy Dooling, Dee Oller
Joe & Cathy Gulash
Servers Ellie Waldo, Addison Villalobos
Music Praise Team



9:00 pm *Christmas Eve, December 24*

Lector Teresa Toner
E. Ministers Cindy Helmkamp, Jay McCurdy
Ushers Mike Magee, Bob Sulsberger
Angie Reilly, Pat Holbrook
Servers Ryder Williams, William Wolff
Music Organist/Cantors

9:00 am *Christmas Day, December 25*

Lector Mary Ann Klunk
E. Ministers Debbie Hay, Rick Rose
Ushers Susie Davis, Carol Beste
Jim & Judy Griffith
Servers Abe Diericx, Clayton Pritchett
Music Folk Group

4:30 pm *Saturday, December 28*

Rosary Jim Albarado
Lector Liz Laurent
E. Ministers Sandy Wilson, Dick Rogers
Ushers Rich & Sue Hayes
Dee Zakrzewski, Sandy Wilson
Servers Reid & Ryder Bouillon
Music Barb/Kris/Becky

8:30 am *Sunday, December 29*

Rosary Carol Beste
Lector Ann Payne
E. Ministers Mike Early, Marie DeClue
Ushers Susie Davis, Carol Beste
Jim & Theresa Stephens
Servers Josie Buhs, Carson Williams
Music Craig/Kathy/Tami

10:30 am *Sunday, December 29*

Lector Jeremy Crump
E. Ministers Sonya Hagaman, Dorothy Visser
Ushers Shirley Barton, Alyssa Smith
Brad & Teri Fulk
Servers Elliott Perez, Everly Olmsted
Music Praise Team



A Meditation

"Come and see what God has done!"

Psalm 66:5

It is quiet; it is still. In the quiet caves outside Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph are mere seconds away from the birth of the Savior. With the manger's animals attentive in intrigue, the time comes. Mary's labor intensifies. Joseph clutches her hand. Heaven lunges forward. With Mary's soul singing her refrain of praise, she gasps for one last breath. Your eyes widen; your heart quickens. The baby is seconds away ... and...finally...He is here...the long-awaited Messiah has been born!



Imagine the scene, Joseph gently receives the newborn infant from Mary's womb and instinctively rests Jesus on Mary's chest. As Mary embraces this tiny child, she is captured with a gaze that only mothers can describe. Yet, with all her emotion brimming, she is stunned with inexpressible adoration, for Mary is beholding God himself. Mary is gazing at her son. Mary is gazing at God.

Billions of people had been born before Jesus' birth, and none of them saw God face to face. There were three hundred million people alive at the time of Jesus' birth, and none of them were chosen for this moment. This is not merely a baby, ***This Is God***. God is NOT invisible. ***God has a face; God has a name***. We can see God in our midst. As Mary embraces her son, she is stunned that the almighty God is merely six inches away from her eyes.

Many of us struggle to see God. In the busyness of the Christmas holiday rush it is often difficult to see God. Even in the joy of presents, family dinners and Christmas carols, it can be difficult to see God. When life fails to meet our expectations, it can be difficult to see God. When life is hard, and the road is tough it can be difficult to see God.

To you I say, "Merry Christmas" you ***CAN*** now ***SEE*** God. ***God is not invisible***. He is not hidden. ***Emmanuel, God is with us***, reminds us all that God wants us to see him in our lives. Our days may be busy; today may be full. In the midst of it all, ask Jesus to help you see Him in the midst of these most sacred of days.

("Rejoice! Advent meditations with Joseph"
by Fr. Mark Toups)

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.

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. 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