

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

DECEMBER 5, 2021

John went
throughout the whole
region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism
of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3

SECOND

Sunday

OF

Advent



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PARISH OFFICE

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SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call parish office to request a hospital visit or
the Sacrament of Anointing.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Holy Communion is brought to homebound & residents of Villa Rose,
Cedarhurst and Hollybrook on first Fridays for those
unable to attend Mass. Call parish office to request.

BAPTISM

Parents of infants to be baptized, call parish office
to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: 3:30 pm—4:15 pm & by appointment.

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Sat., Dec. 4 4:30 pm	Advent Weekday Bob Zakrzewski
Sun., Dec. 5 8:30 am 10:30 am	Second Sunday of Advent Barbara Toppmeyer For the Parishioners
Mon., Dec. 6 8:30 am	Advent Weekday Noah Rogers (L)
Tues., Dec. 7 8:30 am 6:30 pm	St. Ambrose Louis Rexing Bob Berghoff
Wed., Dec. 8 8:30 am 6:30 pm	Immaculate Conception Mother Mary John Perkhiser Betty Bast
Thur., Dec. 9 8:30 am	Advent Weekday Dale Johnson
Fri., Dec. 10 8:30 am	Advent Weekday Jerry Flowers
Sat., Dec. 11 4:30 pm	Advent Weekday Anna Holmes
Sun., Dec. 12 8:30 am 10:30 am	Third Sunday of Advent For the Parishioners Edward & Marguerite Clark

Prayer Requests



The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Vi Perkhiser, Robert and Pauline Lange, Elli Wiemers, Christine Scheffel, Toni Stanford, Tim Phillips, Kennedy Stalcup, William Henderson, Helen Nagy, Peggy Ruhmann, Mike Byers, Bea Albarado, Lyla Ross, Debra Walker, Audrey Wolff, Marie DeClue, Renee Harshbarger. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to be added to the email prayer chain, send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ralph Ruhmann, husband of Peggy.** May God grant him eternal rest.

SCRIP For Christmas

SCRIP (gift) cards are available for purchase in the parish office, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am—4:00 pm. In addition, cards may also be purchased from your mobile device by setting up an account at: **shop-withscrip.com** The enrollment Code for OLQP is: **1D453C2B1859**. Once your account is set up, download the mobile app: **www.RaiseRight.com** SCRIP may then be purchased right on your phone or mobile device and many can be then mailed to your home, printed out or picked up in the parish office. **Questions/to place an order, call the parish office, 377-6519.**



Dear Parishioners, Do You Know Your Faith?

1. Who was Aaron's and Miriam's brother?
2. Who cut Samson's hair?
3. Who followed Jesus first...Peter or Andrew?
4. Who was the tax collector that became an apostle?
5. Who spent three days in the belly of a great fish?

Father Tom

Homemade Treats Needed

Needing homemade treats for our away college students and homebound parishioners. We will be mailing/delivering packages Thurs, Dec 9th. Please deliver home-made good to church office no later than Wed, Dec 8th., or contact Amy Frisch for pickup 618-444-7715. If you have a student away at college or know of a homebound (nursing home) parishioner, please provide name and address no later than Monday Dec 6th.

Flower Memorials



Memorial donations to purchase poinsettias for the altar may be made to the parish office. Jot down the name for which the memorial is being made and by whom and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Usual offering, \$10.

Holy Day Of Obligation

Wednesday, December 8, we celebrate the Feast of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Masses offered for this holy day of obligation will be: **Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 pm and Wednesday, December 8, 8:30 am & 6:30 pm.**



Our Sincere Thanks

The Family of Martha Smith thanks Father Tom, Mike Magee, and Jim Albarado for her lovely funeral Mass and Brenda Woelfel and Terri Zykan for the beautiful music. We also wish to thank our parish family for the cards, flowers, kind expressions of sympathy, and all the prayers for Martha and the family.

*Sincerely,
Dan, Corey, Nick & Alyssa Smith,
Mary Ann & Gene Magac*

Sunday Offerings

Week 21 & 22	Nov. 20-21 & 27-28, 2021	Total to Date
Loose Envelopes	\$692.00	\$8,436.02
On Line Giving	\$21,757.00	\$205,431.25
Young People	\$5,676.00	\$62,541.00
Total	\$6.75	\$105.54
Operating Budget	\$28,131.75	\$276,513.81
Tithe to Diocese	\$28,955.66	\$318,512.26
	\$2,769.24	\$30,461.64
Difference	(\$3,593.15)	(\$72,460.09)
Average Envelopes received each week: 121 of 763		
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$170.00		
Other Charitable Donations: \$1,590.00		

December 5, 2021

Liturgical Ministries

4:30 pm Saturday, December 11

Lector Liz Laurent
E. Ministers Dick Rogers, Pat Beiermann
Ushers Dee Oller, Stacy Dooling
 Brian Stacks, Joe Gulash
Rosary Tim Zacha
Music Adult Choir

8:30 am Sunday, December 12

Lector Lynne Rose
E. Ministers Brenda Zacha, Marie DeClue
Ushers Loren & Raeann Summers
 Jim & Judy Griffith
Rosary Carole Beste
Music Craig/Brenda

10:30 am Sunday, December 12

Lector Carrie Albarado
E. Ministers Sonya Hagaman
 Teresa Wilson
Ushers Lee & Janet Friedel
 Brad & Teri Fulk
Music Praise Team

Military Mass

Thursday, December 9th, at 6:00 PM at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Alton, IL. Please join us to pray for our Military service members, living and deceased, and their families.



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Office of the Bishop

December, 2021

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis often highlights the role older adults play in conveying faith from one generation to the next. Recently, he noted that "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel."¹ As we approach the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection—an appeal that benefits some 26,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—I am reminded that senior religious never retire from their vows.

Instead, the prayer and ministry of older religious are an ongoing witness to the Gospel. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain wholly committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Most senior religious worked for little pay, and now their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

I recognize you may be experiencing your own financial difficulties. I ask only that you give what you can. Most importantly, please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
 Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

¹Pope Francis, *Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, July 25, 2021
 (<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20210531-messaaggio-nonni-anziani.html>).

Reflections on the Readings

Unlike a chronology in which events unfold linearly, we hear the Sunday lectionary Gospel stories symbolically through the liturgical history.

In today's Gospel, nearing the conclusion of his earthly ministry, Jesus prophesied the end of the days. Worldly systems would be turned upside-down so that the lowly were lifted up and the mighty brought low. Today, we go back to the prelude of Jesus's ministry and hear a recounting of who those mighty ones were in the days of John the Baptist.



This is more than just situating John in time. It feels almost like a warning to these earthly powers whom Luke sets up in stark contrast to the lowly prophet in the wilderness. More than a list of unusual names, Luke makes it clear that the coming of God's reign will be a threat to those who exercise dominance over others.

In this light, Isaiah's words take on greater meaning for the earthly powers of John's time and our own. If we desire to prepare the Lord's way, then we will straighten up crooked systems that privilege the mighty. We will level uneven playing fields we force upon the powerless through unjust political, religious, and social structures. We will smooth the pitfalls and dismantle the obstacles along the path to God's reign.

—Diana Macalintal,
GIA Quarterly, Vol. 32, No. 3
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MISSY'S 1ST ANNUAL FROSTY 5K & MERRY MILE

Saturday, Dec. 11, Bethalto Municipal Park, 5K begins at 5 pm, rain or shine. Fun run starts after 5K. \$25/registration fee after 12/1/21 late and race day. Shirts limited availability. Registration forms can be found in the church and school offices and church vestibules.

Hope Center Toy Drive—Last Call

Donation barrels will be picked up **Tuesday, December 7th**. If you are donating to this fundraiser and have not yet brought in your toy, please do so before Tuesday, December 7th. Thank you!

SCRIP for Dick's Sporting Goods

We currently have \$300 available in our SCRIP inventory for Dick's Sporting Goods, which can also be used at Golf Galaxy and Field and Stream. Call the parish office if you are interested in purchasing!

Do You Know Your Faith Answers

1. Moses
2. Delilah
3. Andrew
4. Matthew
5. Jonah

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