

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church

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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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*Behold, I stand at the door and knock,
says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him,
and he with me.*

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
(closed 12-1 lunch)

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bethalto Council #4688,
4th Degree #203

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COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

1st Friday of each month.

Call the parish office

To request a visit.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions



Sat., July 22 4:30 pm	St. Mary Magdalene Tom Connoyer & Joan Huck
Sun., July 23 8:30 am 10:30 am	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parishioners Jerry Barton
Mon., July 24 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Loraine Pohlman
Tues., July 25 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time John Stutz
Wed., July 26 6:30 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time Charlotte Grzeskowiak
Thur., July 27 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Gloria Matthews
Fri., July 28 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Randall Holbrook
Sat., July 29 4:30 pm	Sts. Martha & Mary & Lazarus Jim, Bea & Eric Albarado (L)
Sun., July 30 8:30 am 10:30 am	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Nona Cooper For the Parishioners

Rhine River Cruise

OLQP is in the planning stage for a June 2025 8-day Rhine River Cruise along with an extended 3-day stay at Lake Maggiore in Italy. Approximate cost is \$5000 per person/double occupancy. This includes all meals, airfare and port excursions. If you would like additional information and/or to be put on the communication list, please contact Amy Frisch 618-444-7715/ amykfrisch@gmail.com. The cruise will begin in Amsterdam, with stops in Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland (end). Then bus to Lake Maggiore near Milan, Italy for 3 nights.

Saints & Suds

Thursday, Jul 27th - Best Western Premier, 7 pm (we meet either in the restaurant or back patio). Open to anyone over 21! Fr Tom will speak about some Saints of our church and any other topic he would like to share. Bring your questions!

Charismatic Prayer Group

This group meets the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of the month. Next gathering will be **July 25, 6:30 pm**

Bring your Bibles with you!

(Questions or more information about this group,
Email or call Liz Laurent: 618-978-9849
kirby735@charter.net)

Music Under the Pavilion

Saturday, Jul 29th - Spencer McDole returning to play some tunes after 4:30 Mass. We will have a light meal available, tea or lemonade and some adult beverages. You are also welcome to bring a side dish to share or your own snacks/beverages. See you under the Pavilion!

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Maxine Calhoon, Vi Perkhiser, Elli Wiemers, Toni Stanford, Peggy Ruhmann, Audrey Wolff, Lisa Curtis, Brooke Randolph Carden, Brittany Witt, Greg Weber, Ken Mauro, Pat Friedel, Nancy Tiek, Kristin Brunstein, Mark Jordan, Deborah Walker, Joyce Ventimiglia, Babe Eschbah, Jim Begnel, Rita Dana Smith, Bill Johnson, Janet Gross, Mike Toner, Susan Hilker, Kenzie Dixon, Jim Johnson, Clay Brueggeman, Brandon Pritchett. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to the email prayer chain, send to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com.**



Safe Environment Coordinator

Amy Frisch is stepping down as the **Parish Safe Environment Coordinator**. We are seeking a parishioner to take over these responsibilities. If you would like more information, please contact Amy at 618-444-7715 or Father Tom, 618-377-6519.

Everyone Is Invited!

To a diocesan-wide celebration at the BOS Center in Springfield, to celebrate the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city from Alton to Springfield, the Eucharistic Congress is taking place **Saturday, October 28** at the BOS Center in Springfield. There will be speakers, adoration, confession and Mass. Inquire about reserving a seat through the parish office starting July 1 or to volunteer. More info, go to dio.org. (There will be no Saturday Mass at any parish in the Diocese on October 28. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Mass in Springfield.)

We're Hiring at OLQP School!

Full time teacher- 5th grade Social Studies, 6th grade Social Studies, Computers, and PE

Send resume to kknight@olqpbethalto.org or call 618-377-6401 for more information.

Community 55 is Back!

Save the date—Thursday, August 10
More info to come!

80th Annual

Novena to Our Lady of the Snows
Friday, July 28 through Saturday, August 5

Mass begins at 7:30 p.m., National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. "Mary the Dawn, Christ the Perfect Day!" - Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, and prayers, Scripture reflections and praying the rosary. For more information, call 618-394-6276 or go to Snows.org/novena

July 23, 2023

Liturgical Roles

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4:30 pm July 29
 Rosary Teresa Toner
 Lector Liz Laurent
 E. Ministers Judy Osborne, Pat Beiermann
 Ushers Dale Osborne, Dan Rogers
 Carmen Graham, Mary Gulash
Servers Text Kristin to sign up, 618-978-2371
 Music Kathy/Tami

8:30 am July 30
 Rosary Andy Kerkemeyer
 Lector Joe Grabowski
 E. Ministers Sharon Pritchett, Debbie Hay
 Ushers Loren & Raeann Summers
 Steve Norris, Marla Baker
Servers Text Kristin to sign up, 618-978-2371
 Music Craig/Marie/Brenda

10:30 am July 30
 Lector Alyssa Smith
 E. Ministers Deana McDonough, Marge Kirby
 Ushers Lee & Janet Friedel
 Brad & Teri Fulk
Servers Text Kristin to sign up, 618-978-2371
 Music Praise Team

SCRIP Sellers, July 29 & 30

4:30 Linda Zacha
 8:30 Cindy Stutz
 10:30 Brenda Zacha

Can You Help?

Madison County Catholic Charities has openings for Advisory Board Members. Join us and share your time and talents with like-minded people, forge new connections and help those in need. Please contact Denise Burton for more information. (618) 462-0634, ext. 232 or burton_ccmc@cc.dio.org

SCRIP News

Last Weeks Sales: \$1,970.00

SCRIP Featured this week: Sam's/Wal Mart

(Rebate—2.5%). We have \$25 & \$100 cards in stock.

Sunday Offerings

Week 3	7/15/23—7/16/23	Total to Date
Loose	\$459.00	\$1,623.10
Envelopes	\$6,321.00	\$32,353.00
On Line Giving	\$3,940.00	\$8,935.00
Young People	\$1.00	\$2.00
Total	\$10,721.00	\$42,913.10
Operating Budget	\$15,430.52	\$46,291.56
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Difference	(\$6,209.52)	(\$7,878.46)

Total Envelopes Received: 130
 Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$15.00
 Other Charitable Donations: \$715.00

The following reflection is from One Bread, One Body courtesy of Presentation Ministries © 2023.

"Praying Wrong"

"We do not know how to pray as we ought."

Romans 8:26

Many Christians have the feeling that they're praying wrong (James 4:3), that they're not praying as they ought. They think they're saying the wrong words or that they need to pray more or say a certain series of prayers, but they are wrong about praying wrong. They may be praying wrong, but it's not because of their words, methods, or even time commitment. When we pray "with a view to squandering what" we receive on our pleasures (Jas 4:3), we "ask wrongly." We pray wrong not because of a faulty memory, halting speech, or confused mind, but because of a selfish heart.

Prayer is not getting God to give us what we want. It is God getting us to give Him what He wants. The essence of the Christian life and of prayer is denying ourselves (Lk9:23). So we can definitely pray wrong, and it may be that most Christians often pray wrongly.

The solution to this problem is not learning techniques of prayer, praying prayers out of a book, or praying spontaneously. The way to stop praying wrong is to repent of selfishness, disobedience, and doing our own thing. Then even our groans will be powerful prayers pleasing to the Lord (see Romans 8:26).

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
make my heart like Yours so I will "pray right."

PRAY FOR MOTHERS IN AN UNPLANNED PREGNANCY

Pray that women facing unplanned or unwanted pregnancies would learn the truth about abortion and receive the resources and encouragement they need to choose life. Pray that their children's fathers wouldn't abandon them. Pray that these women would receive God-honoring counsel and support through pregnancy resource centers, churches, and caring families. Pray that those who have lost children to abortion would experience physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.

Acts 3:19

"Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out."

Isaiah 41:10

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

ARE YOU OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW FACING AN UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?

Thrive Metro East can help! They have a team of medical staff and advocates that can walk with you step by step. Their services are no cost and kept confidential. No insurance needed. Great care and support fast. Call 618-466-1690 or text: **FREETEST4U** to **(618) 280-2040**.

