



OUR LADY OF PEACE

Bulletin

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 7, 2008**

A Parishioner? Why?

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At Our Lady of Peace, we certainly hope individuals and families feel at home here and so want to continually attend to what it means to be a welcoming community. Recently, the pastoral staff along with a group of parishioners have been focusing on how we can better invite and encourage others to become members of OLP – to not only feel welcome coming to Mass but to consider formally joining our parish as members. One approach begins this weekend and on the first Sunday of upcoming months when we will have a table in Pates Hall for individuals to learn more about Our Lady of Peace and where there can be someone to answer questions or help to register those interested in becoming parishioners.

For many, the question remains -- why would I want to formally join a parish? The fact is that there are many good reasons to consider registering as a parishioner. First, it is a way for each of us to say that I have a spiritual home. It may not be a perfect home but it is a good home - a place where we are a part of something and a way to recognize that our faith life is not just an individual journey but rather happens in the context of community.

Parish membership strengthens our unity and allows our identity to be developed. As a parishioner, there are more opportunities to make connections with others who have similar interests, backgrounds, questions, or spiritual goals. It is a way to show our support for deepening our faith, working for justice, but also having opportunities for some fun because positive social bonding and “sacred play” are also religious and spiritual affairs.

Beyond the spiritual and social benefits, formally becoming a member also helps Our Lady of Peace and the diocese with many practical realities. It helps us keep important census data to see how we are doing as a parish and diocese. It helps us plan and budget so that we can better meet the needs of the parish and can have impact on not only staff and volunteer numbers, but also how many donuts or books or materials to order. Even in the details we find that this is a shared journey ultimately toward a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ.

This weekend, we have an opportunity to reflect on the important aspects of being a parish family – one that shares the joys and challenges of parish life together. If you have thought about becoming a parishioner, you are invited to visit the New Parishioner table on Sunday or each first Sunday of the month hereafter. And of course you can always contact the parish office and we will be glad to answer any questions regarding becoming a parishioner or if you have been one, how our relationship can become even stronger. As your pastor and speaking on behalf of all the staff in the parish and school, it is a pleasure to be on this journey with you. God bless.

– Fr. Paul



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THE MISSION OF OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

- arising from our communion in the Sunday Eucharist -
is to proclaim the word of God,
to celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst,
and to recognize the gifts of the Holy Spirit among us
and use them to transform our lives and the world
according to the pattern of life Jesus has shown us.

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ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Saturday, December 13

10:00 am • Advent Communal Penance Service with Individual Reconciliation • Several Priests will be available for Confessions.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24

5:00 pm • Christmas Eve Mass
10:30 pm • Christmas Eve Mass • *Carol singing begins at 10:00 pm*

Thursday, December 25 • 10:00 am • Christmas Mass

Saturday, December 27 • 5:00 pm • Holy Family Mass

Sunday, December 28

9:00 am and 11:00 am • Holy Family Mass

Thursday, January 1

10:00 am • Mary, Mother of God Mass • *Followed by Parish Brunch*

POINSETTIAS



If you would like to help decorate our church with poinsettias at Christmas, either as a gift or in memory of a loved one, please return the forms with \$15 to the Parish office by Tuesday, December 16. Names of those remembered will be published in the Christmas bulletin.

Forms are available at the Church entrances or on-line at www.olpmn.org

WORSHIP MINISTRY

OLP Christmas Children's Choir

The children of our parish, Grades 2 through 8, are invited to sing for the 5 pm Christmas Eve liturgy. There will be two rehearsals: Tuesdays, December 9 and 16, from 6:15 - 7:15 pm in the church. We will sing a few pieces as a choir, and support the singing of the assembly on the festive songs and carols of Christmas.

Contact Wendy Silhavy at 612.824.3455, ext. 507 (the parish phone number) or wsilhavy@olpmn.org for more information about this singing opportunity, or plan to come to the first rehearsal on December 9.

LEISURE CLUB

The Leisure Club will meet on **Tuesday, December 16 at 12 Noon in Pates Hall**. Entertainment will be by David Alan. Lunch will be catered with wine provided.

If any questions, please call Loretta at 952-831-3046 or Bernie at 612-724-4547.

Worship Schedule

September-June

Saturday	Eucharist	5:00 pm
Sunday	Eucharist	9:00 am* 11:00 am*

* Nursery and Children's Liturgy of the Word

Weekday

Tuesday	Eucharist	8:15 am
- Friday		
Sacrament of Penance		
Saturday		4:00 pm

Baptism Schedule

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January 18 • 12:30 pm • After Mass

February 14/15 • 5:00 pm, 9:00 am & 11:00 am • During Mass

March No Baptisms Lent

April 25 /26 • 5:00 pm, 9:00 am & 11:00 am • During Mass

May 16 /17 • 5:00 pm, 9:00 am & 11:00 am • During Mass

June 14 • 11:30 am or 12:30 pm
• After Mass

July 19 • 11:30 am or 12:30 pm
• After Mass

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the Lost and Found closet for items you may be missing.

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION HIGHLIGHTS FOR DECEMBER

- Small Christian Communities Meet • Sundays
- MOMS • Monday evenings
- Women's Bible Study • Wednesday Mornings
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- DOF and BE-Attitude • Wednesdays and Stories & Carols Program (Dec 17th)
- Dead Theologians Society • Sunday
- Mothers and Others • Thursday Mornings
- Men's Faith Sharing Group • Thursdays
- OLP Parish Library • Open after all Masses

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

RCIA

Sessions for the beginning stages of the RCIA process have begun this year. We have one person coming forward to be baptized and three considering full initiation into the Church. If you are an adult and are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or becoming a member or becoming Confirmed, contact the parish or Joy Biedrzycki 612-824-23455, ext 511 or jbiedrzycki@olpmn.org.

YOU ARE INVITED TO "STORIES AND CAROLS"

Wednesday, December 17 • 6:30 pm • Church

Presented by the children and families of Deepening our Faith. Come and join us in song and prayer as we anticipate Christmas.

All are welcome.

The children and youth have some beautiful music and prayer to share.

Fee: One canned food item for the local Food Shelves. Hospitality follows in Pates Hall.

SCHOOL MINISTRY LESSONS AND CAROLS

Thursday, December 11 • 6:30 pm • Church

Lessons and Carols is a festive service of scripture readings and Christmas carols. The service began in England, and is widely used all over the world at Christmas time. Some of the songs and carols are sung by the school ministry students alone, and some by everyone gathered. The Advent and Christmas story is told through scripture readings.

Please join us for the beautiful scripture and music of the season.

VISITS WELCOME

Long-time parishioner, Louise Jaruszewski, has recently moved to St. Therese Nursing Home, 8000 Bass Lake Road, Room 123 New Hope, MN 55428. Phone calls, cards, and visits are welcome! Her phone number is 763-531-7903.

Prayers

To receive and pass on prayer requests, please call Dorothy at 729-9588.

Hospitality

Dec. 7 Grade 2 students and parents
Dec. 14 Loaves and Fishes
Dec. 21 No Hospitality

Prayer for Peace

**Wednesday evening,
December 10 at 6 pm in the
Church**

Evening Prayer for Peace is an opportunity to pray for peace in our community. It is based on Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. The readings focus on peace, justice and mercy. Please join us this Wednesday evening.

Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8 is a holy day of obligation: Masses on December 8, The Immaculate Conception of Mary, are at 8:15am, 10am (with the school), and 7pm.

JUSTICE & CHARITY

WOW!!!

Congratulations to the Deepening Our Faith students and parents. On Wednesday, November 19th, they were to tith 10% of their weight in food to the South Minneapolis Food Shelf. On that day they donated 916 pounds of food. That is awesome. So how much do the students and parents weigh altogether? Answer in next week's bulletin.

THIS YEAR'S ADVENT PROJECT – PORTRAITS OF HOPE

Did you know that nearly 37 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, and 13 million of those are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. This year during the first three weeks of Advent, OLP parishioners and students will be sharing their treasure and donating it to CCHD. To learn more about CCHD go to www.usccb.org/cchd.

On December 7th after both Masses, a representative of the PEACE Foundation will speak about that organization. PEACE Foundation is a CSF funded organization in North Minneapolis. The PEACE Foundation is a movement lead by youth, Northside neighbors and other organizations to find sustainable solutions to violence, poverty, isolation and racial disparities in North Minneapolis.

On December 14th after both Masses, a representative of Workers Interfaith Network (WIN) will speak about that organization. WIN unites workers, religious leaders and labor leaders to address economic disparities by demanding improved wages, benefits and working conditions. If dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be protected.

Stay after Mass to hear these dynamic speakers and to find out how you as an individual and we as a parish can help CCHD continue its mission.

SHARE YOUR LIFETIME OF EXPERIENCE - GET THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is recruiting!

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is an organization of men and women over 50 who are retired from full-time work and want to use their talents to help others. IVC volunteers commit 2 days per week to work directly with people who are poor; or with organizations that address the issues that affect the poor. IVC volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their apostolic work, to discover the deeper meaning of the service they do and to find Jesus in their midst. For additional information about upcoming Information Sessions, please call Steve Melloy at 651-470-1126, or email smelloy@ivcusa.org. **IVC - the benefits are priceless!**

LAST NUT SALE

Get the Nuts you need for baking and gift giving and support the Cancer Home at the same time. This last sale is in Pates Hall after Masses on Sunday, December 14th. Thank You!

Stewardship

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the US bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

Week ending 12/1/2008

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Stewardship	\$12,158.63	\$15,177.96	(\$3,019.33)
Plate	644.00	519.23	124.77

TOTAL

	\$12,802.63	\$15,697.19	(\$2,894.56)
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Year to Date

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Stewardship/Holy Days	\$248,162.90	\$268,372.34	(\$20,209.44)
Plate	13,059.65	11,423.06	1,636.59

TOTAL

	\$261,222.55	\$279,795.40	(\$18,572.85)
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Year to Date

Memorials	-
Support A Student	4,168.32

2009 Pledge Updates

Thank you to all who have returned the commitment form.

"Power of the Hour" Stewardship

Returned	312
Pledged	\$393,449

"Securing Foundations"

Pledged	\$291,265
Received	\$35,478

If you need a new form, please contact the parish office at 612-824-3455 or for information on Power of an Hour, please visit our website at www.olpmn.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 / 2 Pt 3: 8-14 / MK 1:1-8

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

- Barnes and Noble Day
- 8:30 am Confirmation Parish Service and Advent Event (P)
- Basketball Games (G)
- 9:00 am "Fill their Shoes" (P)
- JustFAITH Border Crossing
- 3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (C)
- 5:00 pm Mass - **Joanne Floersch †**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

- Welcoming Sunday and New Parishioner Registration
- 9:00 am Mass - **Edward Komoroski †**
- Liturgy of the Word for Children
- Sunday Nursery
- 10:00 am Nuts Sale (P)
- 11:00 am Mass - **OLP Parishioners**
- Liturgy of the Word for Children
- Sunday Nursery
- 12:00 pm Nuts Sale (P)
- 4:30 pm Intramural Basketball (G)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 • IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass **Mary Ann & Larry Smisek (C)**
- 10:00 am All School Mass (C)
- 1:00 pm St. Matthew's Bridge Club -A (L)
- 3:00 pm NS Girls Basketball -5th (G)
- 5:00 pm Loaves & Fishes (OC)
- 5:30 pm NS Boys Basketball Practice (G)
- 6:45 pm Cub Scouts - Pack 56 (P)
- 7:00 pm Mass - **Gabriel R. Wrazen**
- MOMS (SPT)
- 7:30 pm Varsity Boys Practice (G)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Word & Communion Service **OLP Parishioners (C)**
- 5:15 pm NS Girls Basketball -4th (G)
- 6:15 pm Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal (C)
- 6:30 pm Varsity Girls Practice (G)
- JustFAITH (W)
- 7:00 pm Administrative Council (T)
- Prayer Shawl (SPT)
- Teaching Parish Committee (L)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass - **David Hawkins †**
- 8:45 am Women's Faith Sharing Group (W)
- 5:15 pm NS Girls Basketball -4th (G)

- 6:00 pm Evening Prayer for Peace (C)
- 6:15 pm Deepening our Faith (CB)
- 6:30 pm Book Discussion (M)
- Cub Boys Practice (G)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (L)
- RCIA (T)
- 8:00 pm Adult Basketball (G)
- 8:30 pm Sunday Ensemble Rehearsal (C)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15

- 6:00 am Men's Faith Sharing (P)
- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15am Mass - **Patricia Wofford (ill)**
- 3:00 pm NS Girls Basketball - 5th (G)
- 5:30 pm NS Boys Basketball Practice (G)
- 6:30 pm School Ministry Lessons and Carols (C)
- 7:00 pm Varsity Boys Practice (G)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 • FEAST, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass - **Jessie King †**
- 8:45 am Fatima Rosary Prayer Group (C)
- 3:00 pm Cub Boys Practice (G)
- 5:00 pm Varsity Girls Practice (G)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / I Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 10:00 am Advent Reconciliation Service (C)
- 3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (C)
- 5:00 pm Mass - **Danelle Johnson Adams †**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 9:00 am Mass - **Joan, Phil, Perry Trautner & Family**
- Liturgy of the Word for Children
- Sunday Nursery
- 10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening (W)
- Nuts Sale (P)
- 11:00 am Mass - **OLP Parishioners**
- Liturgy of the Word for Children
- Sunday Nursery
- 12:00 pm Nuts Sale (P)
- 12:30 pm DOF Program Practice (C)
- 4:30 pm Intramural Basketball (G)
- 6:00 pm Dead Theologians Society (SPT)

C =	Church
CB =	Classroom Building
CBC =	Classroom Building Cafeteria
D =	Discovery Room - Classroom Building
ED =	Extended Day Room
G =	Gymnasium
L =	Leo Room
M =	Media Center
N =	Nursery
OC =	Off Campus
P =	Pates Hall
SPT =	St. Peter/St. Paul Room
T =	Trinity Meeting Room
W =	Whalen Room