



# OUR LADY OF PEACE

## Bulletin

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2008

### *Advent – A Sense of the Season*

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These first weeks in December we celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical year, with the coming of the season of Advent. The word "advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming" or "arrival." In the societies of the Roman empire, the word *adventus* referred to the arrival of a person of dignity and great power -- a king or emperor. For Christians, Advent is the time when the church patiently prepares, and waits in joyful anticipation, for the coming of Jesus Christ.

Even though Advent occurs in the month of December and is most often considered as a prelude to Christmas, it is not only about waiting for the birth of Christ. The Advent season focuses on Christ's threefold coming: past, present, and future. First, we remember the Lord Jesus' humble first coming in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. Second, we give thanks for his present and continual coming to us through Word and Sacrament. Finally, we look forward with hope and longing to his second coming in glory at the end of time.

Advent's four Sundays concentrate on different aspects of Christ's coming. The first Sunday in Advent is focused on the coming of Jesus at the end of time – stay awake and be ready, for you do not know the day or the hour! The second Sunday introduces the message of John the Baptist, the one who urged Israel to prepare for the coming of the long-awaited Messiah – Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths! The third Sunday continues the focus on John's preaching, this time with emphasis on the actual ministry of Jesus – the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed... The final Sunday in Advent is the bridge to our celebration of Christmas, with the proclamation of how the birth of Jesus came about – Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.

Advent is a time of joyful anticipation of the realization of God's promise. It is a grace-filled season of new hope, new life, and new love. There is a sense of urgency in Advent that wakes us up from our complacency. Advent inspires us to prepare ourselves and our world for the full coming of the kingdom of peace and justice.

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,

The Savior promised long;

Let every heart prepare a throne

And every voice a song!



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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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## 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

There is still time to donate a poinsettia. Forms are available at the Church entrances or on-line at [www.olpmn.org](http://www.olpmn.org). Deadline is Tuesday, December 16.

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

### New Hymnals

We have replaced our hymnals with the newest edition of the green hymnal, Gather Comprehensive, 2nd Edition – the newest version is burgundy.

You are invited to make a donation toward the new books. The suggested amount is \$15 a book. Envelopes with name plate options are at the doors of the church and online at [www.olpmn.org](http://www.olpmn.org). Just fill out your choice and drop it off, along with your donation, in the collection basket or at the parish office any time. Anonymous donations are also welcome. The softcover hymnals at the back of the church are the same hymnal – we will replace these with the hardcover version as funds become available, and use the softcover copies for rehearsals and planning. Questions? Contact Wendy Silhavy at the parish office.

## WIDOWS AND OTHERS

Sunday, December 21 • 2:00 pm • Pates Hall

Pot luck join in the fun, food, friends, wine and a Christmas surprise.

For more information call Bernie 612 724 4547

## 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		3:30 pm

## Baptism Schedule

### 2009

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
- Women's Bible Study • Wednesday Mornings
- MOMS :Celebration of New Beginnings Dinner • December 15
- DOF and BE-Attitude Stories & Carols Program • December 17
- Dead Theologians Society Christmas Gathering
- Mothers and Others
- Men's Faith Sharing Group • Thursdays
- OLP Parish Library • Open after all Masses

### ADULT ENRICHMENT

#### Coming in January: Look for information

- Mike Pinkosky & Joy B. will lead a Scripture Study on the Prophets: Tuesdays
- The Wednesday Night Book Discussion Club will begin a new book

#### Coming in February and March

- Pastoral Team will lead a Scripture Study on Paul: His Life and Letters and Acts of the Apostles
- Celebration of Marriage February 14

### M O M S • Ministry Of Mothers Sharing

#### *Celebration of New Beginnings*

In honor of those who have just completed a MOMS program.

#### **Monday, December 15, 2008 • 6:30 -8:30 pm • Pates Hall**

As we conclude our fourth year of MOMS at Our Lady of Peace, we are inviting our current MOMS group, their Prayer Companions, and all who have participated in, MOMS, MOMS II, and Moms' Connections for dinner and conversation with some really great women.

Dinner Speaker: Sr. Paul Hagen

Sister Paula Hagen is a Benedictine Sister. She wrote and began this ministry for mothers. She lives and is attached to the Benedictine Monastery in St. Paul.

We hope you can make this evening and we look forward to seeing you, Liz Francois, Jennifer Frenz, Teresa Lassegard Coordinators of MOMS Program at OLP.

RSVP to Joy Biedrzycki 612-824-3455 ext.511

### 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 612-824-3455, ext 511 or [jbiedrzycki@olpmn.org](mailto:jbiedrzycki@olpmn.org).

#### First Eucharist

Preparation begins in January-is your child registered?

## Prayers

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

## Hospitality

Dec. 14 Loaves and Fishes

Dec. 21 No Hospitality

Dec. 28 No Hospitality

### 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.

## FAITH FORMATION • CONTINUED

### FAMILIES CHILDREN AND YOUTH

#### **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.*

#### **Especially For High School Youth.....**

"Dead Theologians Society" • Meets on Sunday Nights

*Saints of yesterday inspiring the youth of Today to become saints of Tomorrow*

There are now 21 members • Come along and join us!!!!

#### **Sunday December 14 • 6:00 - 8:30 pm • Pates Hall**

##### *What will Happen?*

Bring your favorite Retro Game (from your childhood in the 90's) and a friend

Saint of the Month: Will the Real St. Nicholas, Please Stand Up!

There will be • Discussion • Games • Food (Sloppy Joes • Chips and Ice Cream) • Social Time • Prayer • Social

Leaders • Rick Schreiber • Ashley Whitman-Hurd • Lucas McCabe

RSVP helpful • especially if you are bringing a friend so we can plan for food.

[jbiedrzycki@olpmn.org](mailto:jbiedrzycki@olpmn.org) or talk to Rick, Lucas, Ashley

## WELCOMING COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Staff is putting together a welcoming committee for new members of our parish.

### Requirements

- You like to welcome and meet new people
- You are willing to come to three meetings to help us re-evaluate what we are presently doing and to help us make a plan.
- You have some ideas of how we might do this better at Our Lady of Peace and are willing to help make your ideas happen.
- You are willing to help register new families after Mass about three times a year
- You are willing to be an ambassador for Our Lady of Peace and reach out to new faces you see at Mass or school or parish programs.

If interested, contact Joy Biedrzycki or Wendy Silhavy

We would like to have a first meeting very soon so we can have a plan in operation after the first of the year

# Stewardship

All of the people in today's readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

## Week ending 12/8/2008

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Stewardship	\$10,136.93	\$7,962.10	\$2,174.83
Holy Day	191.00	-	191.00
Plate	72.81	519.23	207.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,054.74</b>	<b>\$8,481.33</b>	<b>\$2,573.41</b>

## Year to Date

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Stewardship/Holy Days	\$258,490.83	\$276,334.44	(\$17,843.61)
Plate	13,786.46	11,942.29	1,844.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$272,277.29</b>	<b>\$288,276.73</b>	<b>(\$15,999.44)</b>

## Year to Date

Memorials	-
Support A Student	4,288.32

## 2009 Pledge Updates

Thank you to all who have returned the commitment form.

### "Power of the Hour" Stewardship

Returned	317
Pledged	\$398,109

### "Securing Foundations"

Pledged	\$293,315
Received	\$35,503

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](http://www.olpmn.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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)
- 5:00 pm Sunday Small Faith Group (T)
- 6:00 pm Dead Theologians Society (SPT)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

*Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a / Mt 21:23-27*

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Word & Communion Service **OLP Parishioners** (C)
- 3:00 pm NS Girls Basketball -5th (G)
- 5:30 pm NS Boys Basketball Practice (G)
- 6:30 pm MOMS (P)
- 6:45 pm Cub Scouts - Pack 56 (ED)
- 7:30 pm Varsity Boys Practice (G)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

*Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Mt 21:28-32*

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass - **Ed, Biata & Dorathy Brang †**
- 12:00 pm Leisure Club (P)
- 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 Pastoral Council (T)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

*Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17*

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass - **Margaret E. Boyle**

- 8:45 am Women's Faith Sharing Group (W)
- 4:30 pm Basketball Games (G)
- 6:30 pm Deepening our Faith *Stories and Carols* (C & P)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (L)
- 8:00 pm Adult Basketball (G)
- 8:30 pm Sunday Ensemble Rehearsal (C)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

*Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25*

- 6:00 am Men's Faith Sharing (P)
- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15am Mass - **Sarah Beggs**
- 9:30 am All School Mass (C)
- 3:00 pm NS Girls Basketball - 5th (G)
- 5:30 pm NS Boys Basketball Practice (G)
- 7:00 pm Varsity Boys Practice (G)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

*Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25*

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass - **John, Helen, Neal, Mary Rasmussen †**
- 8:45 am Fatima Rosary Prayer Group (C)
- 3:00 pm Cub Boys Practice (G)
- 5:00 pm Varsity Girls Practice (G)

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a-16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:46-56*

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (C)
- 5:00 pm Mass - **John & Doris Shultz †**

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 9:00 am Mass - **OLP Parishioners**  
*Liturgy of the Word for Children*  
*Sunday Nursery*
- 11:00 am Mass - **Don Welbes †**  
*Liturgy of the Word for Children*  
*Sunday Nursery*
- 2:00 pm Widows and Others (P)

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