



Our Lady of Peace

WE

HAVE

*And the Word became
flesh and made his
dwelling among us*

HIS

GLORY

John 1:1-18

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The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 12:30PM. A mandatory preparation class for parents is available. *Call the office for info.*

Sacrament of Matrimony An appointment with a parish priest six months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesdays 11:15AM-12:00PM
Saturdays 8:30-9AM; 3:45-4:45PM
or by appointment.

New Parishioners Welcome! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or online.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Anyone seeking information on becoming Catholic or completing one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office.

Prayer Request Line:
Day: Kandace, 453-6515
Night: Donna, 866-0792



Our Mission Statement:

Our Lady of Peace is a Catholic Community of Faith called to proclaim the greatness of the Lord through Worship, Service, Education and Ministry.

West Millcreek Food Pantry

The following are suggested items to purchase for each week; you may buy what is on sale; all non-perishables are acceptable. CEREAL is always needed.

December 2022

25th Pasta Sauce / Pasta

Pantry is OPEN

(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in Millcreek & for OLP Parishioners, at

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26th Street.



The West Millcreek Food Pantry is asking for extra food donations:

- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Whole Grain Cereal
- Pet Food
- Laundry Supplies
- Toilet Tissue/Kleenex
- Paper Towels/Napkins
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Reusable Grocery Bags

Thank you!

The OLP Prayer Ministry

This is a ministry for those individuals who are unable to attend usual parish functions perhaps due to an impairment, lack of transportation or illness. This active ministry can be done from home, a nursing home, the hospital, etc. Those who participate will be asked to voluntarily pray for a specific group, ministry or function as the meeting, ministry or function is occurring.

Prayer is vital to our lives and keeps us connected as members of the Body of Christ.

For more information, contact: Deacon John at deacon.john@olp.org or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office at 814-838-9983.

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; / his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, / and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

First Reading - All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm - The whole world has seen God's salvation (Psalm 98).

Second Reading - God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel - The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

Family Discussion of the Week: Christmas Day

A child is born. (Isaiah 9:5)

Adults: Why is knowing Jesus important in your life?

Kids: How do you experience Jesus when you give a gift to someone else?

WHAT ALL THE WAITING HAS BEEN FOR

Today's readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul's letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for.

Readings for the Week of December 25th

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Please see page 9 for the Christmas Mass Schedule

“Christmas isn’t just a temporal celebration or the memory of a beautiful (event);
 Christmas is more...
 Christmas is an *encounter!*”
 ~Pope Francis

The church will remain open for private prayer Monday through Thursday from 7:00AM - 8:00PM and Friday 7:00AM - 4:00PM

Confessions available (in the Chapel):

Wednesdays 11:15-Noon
 Saturday 8:30-9:00AM and 3:45-4:45PM
 or by appointment - call the Church Office

Daily at 11:35AM

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary is prayed daily prior to the 12:10 Mass. Mary invites all her children to pray her Rosary. Also, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed following the 12:10 Mass in the Chapel. **All are welcome!**



SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Major Tom Carr - Mom & Dad.

CHAPEL LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Leona Pettinato - Family.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED - Please pray for Anna Mae Becker, aunt of JoAnn Barnes; and for Ronald Greer, father of Heather Evans. May their families find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

BANN III
 Brian Bartone / Jenn Malue



OLP 31 Club

Praying for vocations every day of the year!

Members agree to go to daily Mass on a particular day every month and offer that Mass for an increase of vocations to the Church. There is a great need for vocations. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayer, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Upcoming Mass commitments:

Dec. 25: Christine O.
 Dec. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.
 Dec. 27: Ann R.
 Dec. 28: Ann F., Michael M., Mary Margaret M.
 Dec. 29: Linda M., Janet A.
 Dec. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.
 Dec. 31: Jim Z.

Jan. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.

If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 397-6443. There are no dues and no meetings, only opportunities for grace and the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.

When at Mass offer the Mass for

Vocations by praying the prayer below:

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner * but rather that he be converted and live * grant we beseech you * through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin * Saint Joseph, her spouse * St. Junipero Serra * and all the saints * an increase of laborers for your Church * fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls * through the same Jesus Christ * Your Son * Who lives and reigns with You * In the unity of the Holy Spirit * God forever * and ever. Amen.

Serra Prayer for Vocations

From the Pastor's Desk...

Merry Christmas from myself, Fr. Dave, Deacon John and the whole staff here at Our Lady of Peace Parish! Remember that we celebrate the great mystery of the Incarnation for eight days in what we call the Christmas Octave. Liturgically, we celebrate each day as if it's Christmas Day because of the significance of the Second Person of the Trinity becoming one of us in human flesh. So consider joining us at daily mass to celebrate this special week!

Speaking of God coming to us in a physical way, recall that the United States Bishops Conference has initiated a three-year Eucharistic Revival for the purpose of renewing our appreciation and understanding of the Eucharist in our Catholic life throughout the country. It was kicked off in June of 2022 with this first year focused on a Diocesan Church level. For this reason, **Our Lady of Peace Parish will host a Eucharistic Revival Mission on January 22nd, 23rd and 24th featuring Anthony Digman who is part of the Catholic Speaker Organization.** He is a husband and father of a young family, author, speaker and educator who has served professionally in Catholic schools, parish ministry, and on councils of his home Archdiocese of Dubuque since 2006. He has appeared on national and international Catholic media outlets such as EWTN, Catholic Digest, and Radio Maria. Anthony is the author of three books including: *Using the Force: Star Wars and Catholicism*; *Made for Holiness: A Catholic Introduction to Demons and Exorcism*; and *Sign of Contradiction: Contraception, Family Planning, & Catholicism*. The mission will be called "Eucharistic Revival" which includes Eucharistic miracles, Saints' devotions, Theology, history, personal testimony, and apologetics to help Catholics re-encounter our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the Eucharist both spiritually and intellectually.

Please mark your calendars and give yourself the gift of being Eucharistically Renewed by being part of this mission. And may God bless our Christmas Octave Week ahead!
Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of our parish & school.... pray for us!

St. Nicholas, patron of the Erie Catholic School System. pray for us!

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the Catholic Church of the USA... pray for us!

St. Joseph, universal patron of the church.... pray for us!

St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie.... pray for us!

Other notes from the pastor...

****Hopefully you have picked up a 2023 Parish Calendars that are at the doors of the church. I thank our sponsors for making them possible to all of us:** Scott Enterprises, E.C.C.A. Inc, First National Bank, Chris Hanes Manager, Beer and Pop Discount Warehouse, Knights of Columbus Council 11454 and Howard Hanna Realtor Cynthia Berarducci.

****Christmas Book...** I am grateful to Warren and Christine Beaver and Mike and Mary Beth Whitman for funding our Christmas book giveaway, *The Art of Living* by Edward Sri. Dr. Sri is a well-known speaker at retreats, conferences and catholic events throughout the country. 

****Music at Christmas Masses** In recognizing that the 5:00PM and Midnight Masses on Christmas Eve are the most popular Masses and that it can be difficult for ministers to participate in the Midnight Mass; I have decided to rotate the music ministry at the 5:00PM Mass between our two choirs (Voice of Peace Choir and Selah Praise Band). I have decided to move Voice of Peace Choir (normally ministering at Midnight Mass) to the 5:00PM Christmas Eve Mass this year. As a result of this, Selah Praise Band (normally ministering at the 5:00PM Mass) is not be able to minister on Christmas Eve this year since the group is only able to participate together at the 5:00PM Mass. To serve the Midnight Mass a mix of available members of OLP music ministry will join Brian Kuzmin in a vocal ensemble. I know the Holy Spirit will provide the grace we need to celebrate the truth of Christmas with great joy and devotion. I thank all our music ministers at Our Lady of Peace who are so committed to this important ministry and make many sacrifices to enhance our liturgy! If you have any questions or concerns on this, do not hesitate to contact me.

****Please note that the parish office will be closed from Saturday, December 24th until Tuesday, January 3rd and thank you for understanding the need to give our parish staff a well-deserved break.**

****Masses this Week** *Monday, Dec. 26th*- St. Stephen, the First Martyr; *Tuesday, Dec. 27th*- St. John, Apostle and Evangelist; *Wednesday, Dec. 28th*- The Holy Innocents, Martyrs; *Thursday, Dec. 29th*- St. Thomas Beckett, Bishop and Martyr; *Friday, Dec. 30th*- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; *Saturday, Dec. 31st*- St. Sylvester, Pope.

****Christmas Gloria** The Gloria returns to Mass on Christmas Eve as we join the Angels who sang the opening line of the Gloria on that first Christmas Night. Let's prepare to give Glory to God in our Christmas celebrations!

****Recall that the Christmas Season lasts for just over 2 weeks this year.** Highlights include the Feast of the Holy Family (Friday, December 30th), Mary the Mother of God (Sunday, January 1st), and the Epiphany (Sunday, January 8th when we will have the Proclamation of the dates for Easter and other significant dates of the Liturgical Year and hand out the house blessing cards). The Christmas Season will conclude on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 9th when we will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration for Migrants and the Immigration Issue in the US as well as Solemn Evening Prayer with Benediction.

****Holy Hour for Peace** We will continue our recent tradition of ringing in the New Year with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11pm-12 Midnight on New Year's Eve (Saturday, December 31st). What a great way to start the new year by receiving the Blessing (Benediction) of Jesus through His Eucharistic Presence right at Midnight! We will pray for peace in our world through a litany of peace. After the Holy Hour there will be time for some refreshments and fellowship in the rectory.

****Appreciation Dinner** Our Parish Appreciation Dinner will again be in May this year as opposed to the January timing we had done for several year. Mark your calendars for 

Saturday, May 20th and we will provide more information about it in the spring as it gets closer. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns and thank you for your patience and understanding.

****Thank you to everyone who participated in or supported our Advent activities at OLP over the last few weeks.**

1. Thank you to the Rosary Society for donating the cost of framing the picture of the Our Lady of Peace Relief from the School building that was blessed & hung in Church on December 7th. I also thank Fr. Mark Hoffman for his work in getting the photo and having it framed.
2. Thank you to the Catholic Foundation of NWPa which awarded OLP a grant for the Comfort and Joy Concert on Dec 9th/Youth Retreat on Dec 10th. We also received an anonymous donation to help defray the costs for the concert. Thank you to our concert volunteers as well.
3. I thank all those who donated household supplies for our Advent Community Experience as well as those who helped organize that event or pack that night. We helped provide supplies for 125 families through the West Millcreek Food Pantry.
4. Thank you to those who donated gift cards for the St. Martin Center Shining Stars Program.

****The 2023 Holy Land Pilgrimage is full. There is now a wait list.** I apologize but once those discerning heard it was filling up there was a big push of registrations. We have 56 pilgrims, I encourage you to get on the wait list if you are interested in going. If the number grows large enough we will consider a second bus.

****Nativity Scene at Our Lady of Peace Parish:** We are blessed to have a beautiful nativity set at Our Lady of Peace which was purchased in 2012 through the generous donations of many parishioners under the leadership of Fr. Jason Feigh while he was Parochial Vicar (2011-2013). I am very grateful to all those who were part of that effort! I know our manger scene is a significant part of our Christmas decorations every year, and that it certainly helps us meditate on the Christmas truth of the Son of God becoming flesh as a baby in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago.

Shortly after my arrival at OLP, I established a Renovation Committee that was looking at the possibility of building a gathering space for the church. As part of that process, the group studied "Built of Living Stone," the guidelines for liturgical space created by the U.S. Catholic Bishops (USCCB). This process led the Liturgy Committee to prayerfully discern our parish approach with our nativity set. The study indicates the bishops desire to not have any "decorations" in the sanctuary that may take away from the focus of Christ's presence in His Word and Sacrament in the Mass.

In this time of Eucharistic Revival in the church, we are called to go deeper in our understanding of, appreciation for, and experience of the Eucharist and Christ's presence in the Mass. The Liturgy Committee and I would like to move the nativity scene out of the sanctuary this Christmas season and into the area of the Sacred Heart Shrine in the back of church. This move allows the entire nativity scene to be

seen together, all in one place. On behalf of our Liturgy Committee, we appreciate your openness to this decision. After the Christmas season the Liturgy Committee will evaluate this move and welcome your input!

Below I list some of the documentation that the committee discussed as part of this discernment.

Built of Living Stones - § 124 § "Plans for seasonal decorations should include other areas besides the sanctuary. Decorations are intended to draw people to the true nature of the mystery being celebrated rather than being ends in themselves. Natural flowers, plants, wreaths and fabric hangings, and other seasonal objects can be arranged to enhance the primary liturgical points of focus. The altar should remain clear and free-standing, not walled in by massive floral displays or the Christmas crib, and pathways in the narthex, nave, and sanctuary should remain clear."

Book of Blessings- Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene:

1541 In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to Saint Francis of Assisi who made the Christmas creche or manger for Christmas eve of 1223. However, as early as the fourth century representations of the nativity of the Lord were painted as wall decorations depicting not only the infancy narrative accounts of Christ's birth, but also the words of the prophets Isaiah and Habakkuk taken to mean that the Messiah would be born in the midst of animals in a manger."

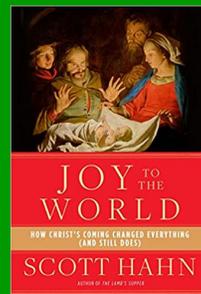
1544 "If the manger is set up in the church, it must not be placed in the presbyterium (sanctuary). A place should be chosen that is suitable for prayer and devotion and is easily accessible by the faithful."

Stop and see what's new at the OLP Catholic Resource Kiosk in the vestibule of the church.

Book: \$5

NEW: *Joy to the World*

In *Joy to the World*, Dr. Scott Hahn brings the first Noel to new light through his thought-provoking combination of exciting story-telling and penetrating biblical insight. Christmas, as it appears in the New Testament, is the story of a father, a mother, and a child, their relationships, their interactions, their principles, their individual lives, and their life in common. To see the lives of this "earthly family" is to catch a first glimpse of heaven. Dr. Hahn shows Christmas to be the story of a family.



OLP: A COMMUNITY OF CARING...



GET INSPIRED! GET INVOLVED!

Casserole Club for Maria House - Skip & Dottie Glover, 814-440-3496

Erie City Mission - Scott Barnes, 814-881-8889

Emmaus Soup Kitchen - Darrell Meyers, darrell.meyers@olp.org

Habitat for Humanity

Knights of Columbus - Gary Carver, carverg@roadrunner.com

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St. Patrick Haven - Tom Sargent/Heidi Arnold, pashingleman@gmail.com

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Sunday Supper - Pete & Debbie Piotrowski, debpio56@gmail.com

West Millcreek Food Pantry, Pat & Dennis Buto, 814-836-0944

Young People Who Care - Darrell Meyers, darrell.meyers@olp.org



Together we bring support,
raise awareness and
become a means
for Christ-centered change in Erie.



"Time, talent, treasure. It's all about doing best with the gifts that God gave to you."

Scott Barnes - Erie City Mission

I became involved in serving my community right out of high school when I joined the volunteer fire department. When we came to Our Lady of Peace twenty-five years ago, I started helping and mentoring our youth in faith formation and community service work. I love serving the community because there is such a great need for help and I especially love working with our young people. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

(Luke 10:2).

Darrell Meyers - Emmaus, Young People Who Care

We came to OLP to find the feeling of joy through opportunities to do God's work in service to others. In being part of the Community Outreach family, we hope that our efforts to serve others will become as infectious to others as it was for us.

Pete & Debbie Piotrowski - Sunday Supper

SMALL ACTS, WHEN MULTIPLIED BY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, CAN TRANSFORM THE WORLD.

-Howard Zinn

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

-Mahatma Gandhi



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ARE YOU READY TO JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

Our Lady of Peace Parish Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____
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Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to rectory.

CHECK ONE:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want envelopes

Ways to stay connected:

Some of our communications are by Email; please make sure the office has your current email address.

In addition to the weekly emails, which contain updates and resources you can use to strengthen your Spiritual life, you may also visit our website: **www.olp.org**.

Downloaded the **MyParishApp** as we use the App as well.

To the right are directions for the App and how to log into **FORMED**, both are great resources.



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We need your help in preparing and cooking food for our brothers and sisters in need.

Dates are Saturday's:

Jan. 21, Feb. 18

Time: 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Where: 11th & French St.

What: Prepare/Serve the Lunch Meal

Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

Contact: Scott Barnes, 881-8889

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24, 2022

8:00AM Henry Truchanowicz ~ Gin Torrelli

Christmas Eve

5:00PM John & Peggy Pulice ~ Family

7:30PM Michael & Marianne Fetzer ~
Tom & June Carr

Midnight 12:00AM Parishioners



SUNDAY, December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

8:00AM Amelia Pozzutti Patsy ~
Son & Daughter-in-Law

10:00AM Carolyn Brabender ~ Family

MONDAY, December 26, 2022

7:00AM Gert Milkowski ~ Daughter, Nancy

12:10PM Edward Karpinski ~
Jackie, Dan & Family

WEDNESDAY, December 28, 2022

7:00AM Walter Schreiber, Jr. ~ Family

12:10PM Larry & Patricia Smith ~ Family



TUESDAY, December 27, 2022

7:00AM John Wojtkielewicz ~ Family

12:10PM Ann Cuzzola ~ Family

THURSDAY, December 29, 2022

7:00AM Bruno Caserta ~ Olds Family

12:10PM Marcy Lubin ~ Family

FRIDAY, December 30, 2022

7:00AM Norma Kalie ~ Husband, Jim

12:10PM Josephine Marie Przybycin ~ Fred & Evelyn Fried

4:00PM Wedding ~ Brian Bartone / Jenn Malue

New Year's Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, December 31, 2022

8:00AM Marie Kengersky ~
Sylvia & Greg Bosner

Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

5:00PM James Hoffman ~ Ed & Rina

11PM-Midnight *Holy Hour for Peace*



SUNDAY, January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

9:00AM Jim & Lee Vencenyo ~ Shirley Irish

11:00AM Jack Dann ~

Keith & Cynthia Berarducci

4:30PM Tim Nagle ~ John Prassack

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Christmas Time

The feasts that make up Christmas Time all illuminate in their own way the fundamental mystery of the Incarnation that stands at the heart of this sacred season. Each celebration sheds its own distinct light on our conviction that, in the birth of Jesus, earth and heaven have been wedded together for the sake of our salvation. The feasts of the Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord all have their own particular histories. But they have been joined together in a single seasonal flow that invites us to trace the unfolding meanings of the Incarnation from myriad perspectives. As we follow the successive meanings of Jesus' birth, his participation in family life, the meaning of Mary's motherhood, the significance of the Magi's visit, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, we are invited to explore in deeper and deeper fashion the staggering truth that Jesus has shared completely in our human experience, has truly become one with us, fully human while remaining fully divine.

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CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer at the Manger: With the Shepherds

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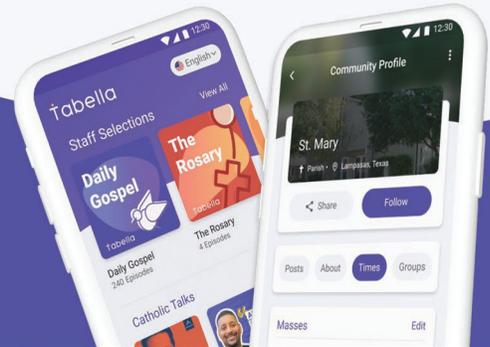
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ERIE AREA YOUTH GROUP

Schedule Fall-Spring 2022-23



December

- Dec. 2nd-HS/MS night
- Dec. 7th-HS YG-off campus-6:30-8:30pm
- Dec. 10th-MS/HS Sarah Hart & Steve Angrisano Event-8:30am-noon
- Dec. 14th-MS YG-OLP Social Room, 6:30-8pm
- Dec. 19th-Holy hour, OLP Church, families welcome, starting at 7pm
- Dec. 21st-HS YG Christmas Party, OLP Social Room 6:30-8:30pm
- Dec. 22nd-MS YG Christmas Party, OLP Social Room 6:30-8:30 pm
- Dec. 31st-11pm Holy hour at OLP

January

- Jan. 4th-HS YG-off campus 6:30-8:30pm
- Jan. 6th-Kid's Night Out
- Jan. 9th-Holy hour, OLP Church, families welcome, starting at 7pm
- Jan. 11th-MS YG, OLP Social Room, 6:30-8pm
- Jan. 17th-HS/MS YG OLP Social Room, 6:30-8:30pm
- Jan. 19th-Holy hour for Life 9:30pm, OLP Church
- Jan. 20th-March for Life Event, info TBD
- Jan. 25th-MS/HS Ripple Effect Event 6-8:30pm

February

- Feb. 1st-HS YG, off campus 6:30-8:30pm
- Feb. 5-5th-DME Opportunity
- Feb. 8th-MS YG, Lib 6:30-8pm
- Feb. 15th-MS/HS Ripple Effect Event 6-8:30pm
- Feb. 20th-Holy hour, OLP Church, families welcome, starting at 7pm, with refreshments to follow
- Feb. 21st-Mardi Gras Party, families welcome, time & location TBD
- Feb. 25rd-MS YG, social room 6:30-8pm
- Feb. 24-26th-HS Winter Retreat

March

- Mar. 3rd-Kid's Night Out
- Mar. 8th-HS YG, off campus 6:30-8:30pm
- Mar. 15th-MS/HS Ripple Effect Event 6-8:30pm
- Mar. 17-19th-MS Winter Retreat
- Mar. 20th-St. Joseph's Table, OLP Cafeteria, time TBD
- Mar. 29th- HS YG, social room 6:30-8:30pm
- Mar. 31-Apr. 2-DME Opportunity

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