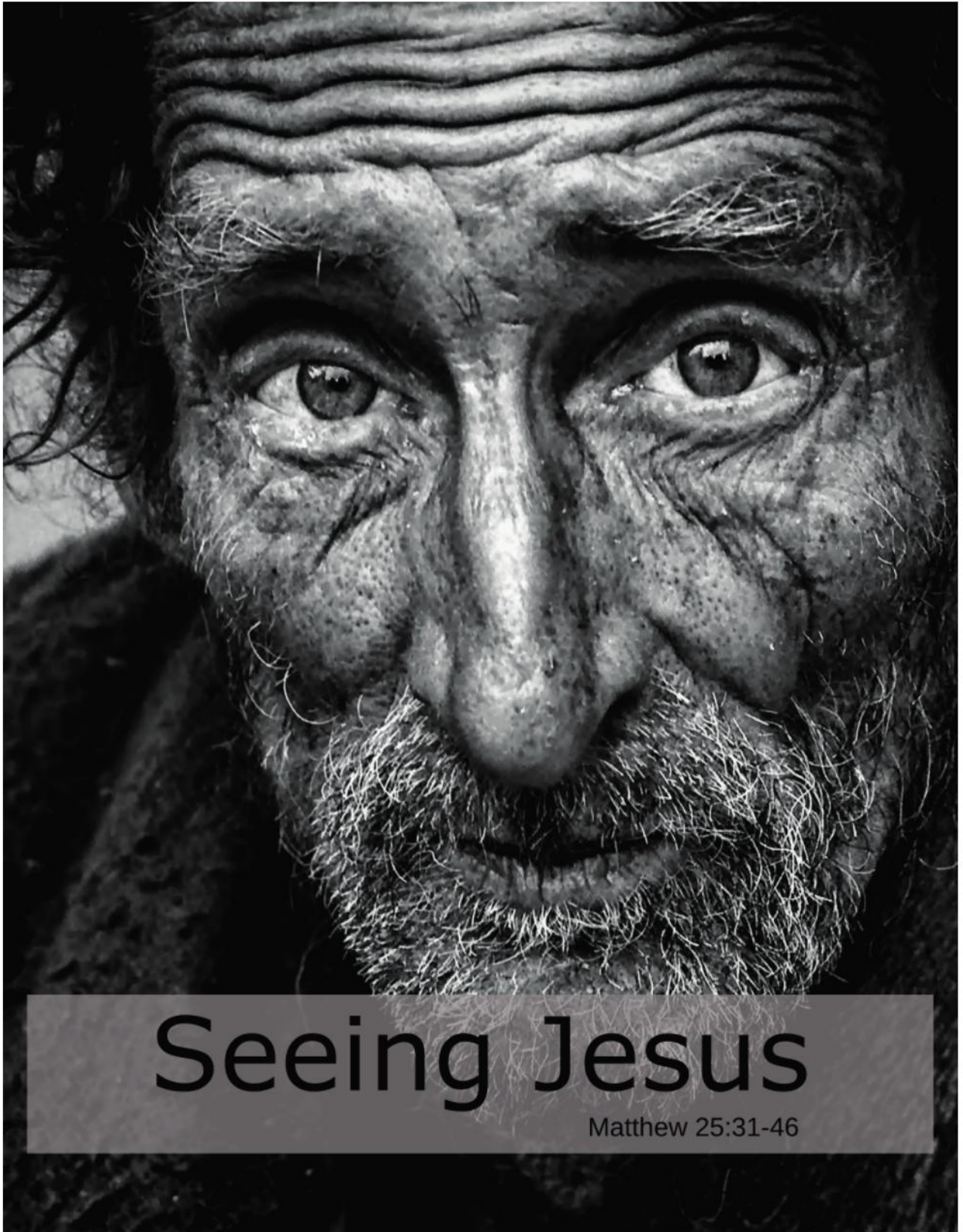




# *Our Lady of Peace*



## Seeing Jesus

Matthew 25:31-46

November 26, 2023

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

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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.

**November 2023**

25th Cooking Oils / Cooking Sprays

Pantry is OPEN November 28

(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 are 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 info, contact: Deacon John Mang at [deacon.john@olp.org](mailto:deacon.john@olp.org) or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office, at 814-838-9983 or [tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:tammie.mang@olp.org).

**Sunday's Readings:**

**Entrance Antiphon** - How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, / to receive power and divinity, / and wisdom and strength and honor. / To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**First Reading** - I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

**Psalm** - My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** - As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

**Gospel** - Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

**Family Discussion of the Week: The Final Judgement**

(The Son of Man) will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." (Matthew 25:45)

**Adults:** In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?

**Kids:** How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of your life?

**A PLAN LAID OUT IN LOVE**

As we celebrate the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, many of the traditional hymns and images for the day are joyful and triumphal. For some, these connotations may be perceived as negative. In these days when there are strong divisions within the Church, and when some government leaders are so far away from the people, we need to hear all of today's scriptures, and draw a bigger, fuller picture of Christ as servant king. In Ezekiel, we see God as both the tender, loving shepherd and the one who will judge at the Second Coming. This ties in with Matthew's Gospel and the separation of the sheep and the goats and "whatsoever you do." We pray Psalm 23 with great familiarity and hope. First Corinthians carefully explains to us the order in which all will happen. This is not an evil dictatorship, or a power-hungry leader, but the culmination of a plan that was carefully laid out in love.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

*Readings for the Week of November 26th*

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36  
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023**

7:00AM Patricia Miklos - Family  
 12:10PM Don Pulice - Family

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023**

7:00AM Bob Fuller - Jim & Kathy Luschini  
 12:10PM Marie Kengersky - Sylvia Bosner  
 1:30PM School Mass - Rose & Russell Amendola - Ehrman Family

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023**

7:00AM Patty Ann Miklos - Family  
 11:15-Noon Confessions  
 12:10PM Shirley Saeger - Judy Abel

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023**

7:00AM Gary Bauschard - Sr. Claudia Dombrowski  
 12:10PM Andrew Polakowski - Family

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023**

7:00AM Ann Marie Aaman - Family  
 12:10PM L. B. Jankowski - Wife, Mary Ann

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023**

8:00AM Raymond Schlaufman - Bill & Sue Drabic  
 8:30-9:00AM Confessions  
 3:45-5:45PM Confessions  
 5:00PM Robert Lapinsky - Darrell & Nancy Meyers

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023**

**First Sunday of Advent**

7:30AM Chuck Rohrbach - Bill & Diane Stumpf  
 9:00AM Brian John Fried - Mom & Dad  
 11:00AM John Kozak - Mary & David Zimmer  
 4:30PM Living & Deceased Members of OLP

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

**Confessions available:**

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED** - Please pray for Jackie Cherson. May her family find hope and consolation through their faith in the resurrected Lord.

**SANCTUARY LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Andrew Polakowski - Family.


**CHAPEL LAMP** - The lamp is burning this week in memory of Don Pulice - Family of Ken Flick.

**Daily at 11:40AM**

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!**



**A Family Perspective**  
 Our actions as parents in feeding the hungry, welcoming strangers or estranged relatives into our homes teach our children moral lessons of life. We clothe our sick or imprisoned neighbors by caring for them and visiting them. The beatitudes are the perfect playbook for Jesus' expectations of families. Our routine actions make Christ present in all we do.

 **Our Lady of Peace...**  
 Pray for us

**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:**  
 Nov. 26: Cynthia B., Dave W., Joe S., Deb T., Corky Y.  
 Nov. 27: Ann R.  
 Nov. 28: Ann F., Michael M., Mary Margaret M.  
 Nov. 29: Linda M., Janet A.  
 Nov. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.  
 Dec. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Evelyn V., Pat B.  
 Dec. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.  
 Dec. 3: Sister Peggy, Linda D., Virginia S.

*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...

Happy Thanksgiving Week! I am always reminded at Thanksgiving that for us as Catholics the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word for "thanksgiving." That is one of the primary dispositions and motivations for every Mass we celebrate, TO GIVE THANKS to God for His love and mercy that give us life and salvation. Every breath we take is due to and stems from God's love... if He stopped loving us, we would cease to exist. We have Him to thank for EVERYTHING. That connection between thanksgiving and Eucharist leads us to conclude that there is no more appropriate and complete way to give thanks than to go to Mass. So, consider celebrating the Eucharist/Mass with our parish family at 9am on Thursday.

**You are encouraged to bring non-perishable foods or money for the Millcreek Food Pantry to Mass with you on Thanksgiving.** You will be invited to bring them to the sanctuary at the Offertory. We are extending the invitation to bring non-perishable food donations to ANY Mass next weekend (November 25/26), again you will be invited to bring your donations forward during the preparation of the gifts which will reinforce that these food donations are a part of our offering at Mass. I know it may be a bit chaotic, but I see that as a good chaotic and worth it for what it teaches and reminds us about the Mass every week.

May God bless our holiday 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...

**\*\*Blessing of Musicians will take place at all our Masses this weekend** as we approach the feast of St. Cecilia on November 22<sup>nd</sup> who is the patron saint of musicians and sacred music.

**\*\*Community Advent Experience includes three events:**

ONE – November 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30pm – Dinner, crafts, prayer and packing for our Advent Project. We are again creating care packages for the West Millcreek Food Pantry. Donations of the following should be dropped off in the church office: laundry detergent/fabric softener, cleaning products, dish detergent, deodorant, toothpaste/brush, body wash, shampoo, razor/feminine products, diapers are *needed by November 22<sup>nd</sup>*. We are also collecting gift cards for St. Martin Center Shining Stars. \$25-\$50 gift cards from Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Five Below, McDonalds or Little Caesars are *needed by December 8<sup>th</sup>*

TWO – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm – Lessons and Carols with music by Selah and faith sharing.

THREE – December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Holy Hour

**\*\*The "Liturgical Ministries Fair" continues this weekend** in the back of church. You can sign up for the various liturgical ministries at OLP. We have a particularly significant need in the area of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers. So please consider becoming a part of these important ministries and we will follow up with you about training.

**\*\*Safety Committee/Active Shooter Training** Our parish safety committee is organizing an Active Shooter Training that will be held on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am in the school cafeteria. Ushers, Liturgical Ministers of Hospitality and parish medical emergency volunteers are asked to attend but the training is also open to the entire parish. The training is relevant for dealing with active shooters in any environment and not just at the church or school. Please contact the parish office to register if you do plan to attend.

**\*\*Medical Emergency Volunteers Designated Seating** There is a specially designated seat (last row to the left of the center aisle) for our medical emergency volunteer at the weekend Masses. It is indicated by a small plaque and first aid stickers. Please allow our volunteers to sit there. They will have a special lanyard that identifies them as such.

**\*\*Special Masses this Week** *Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>* - Ordinary Time; *Tuesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>* – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; *Wednesday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>* - St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr (3<sup>rd</sup> Century); *Thursday, Nov., 23<sup>rd</sup>* - In Thanksgiving to God; *Friday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>* - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Century Martyrs of Vietnam); *Saturday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>* - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr (4<sup>th</sup> Century).

**\*\*iGiveOLP/#iGiveCatholic 2023** – We will be participating in this National Day of Giving to support the schools, parishes and ministries of the Catholic Church. Advanced giving begins on November 13-27 and concludes with #iGiveCatholic on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. You can support our project "Building a Stronger Parish Through Community Outreach" by using the envelope you received in the mail or included in this bulletin. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Peace Church. Online giving is available at [www.erie.igivecatholic.org](http://www.erie.igivecatholic.org). Thank you for helping us to reach our goal of \$45,000 (and 175 donors) to fund our internal and external outreach as well as add a new Outreach Coordinator to our staff. Questions? Stop by the office or check out our website, [www.olp.org](http://www.olp.org).

PLEASE NOTE- the national "#iGiveCatholic" day is November 28<sup>th</sup> and we are designating November 14<sup>th</sup> as "iGiveOLP." Let me clarify that YOU ARE NOT BEING ASKED TO GIVE TWICE. Donating early (#iGiveOLP Day) helps us to know where we stand as we approach November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*We are selling some new "OLP apparel"** as we approach Christmas so that you can show your parish pride! Samples are in the vestibule and order forms with payment are due to the office by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from these sales will be directed toward OLP Youth Ministry.

**\*\*Quotes from the USCCB's Pastoral Letter "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church" NOV 2021 Paragraph 25-** "The Sacrament of the Eucharist is called Holy Communion precisely because, by placing us in intimate communion with the sacrifice of Christ, we are placed in intimate communion with him and, through him, with each other. Therefore, the Eucharist is called Holy Communion because it is "the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being." How can we understand this? The Gospel of John recounts that, when Jesus

died on the cross, blood and water flowed out (Jn 19:34), symbolic of Baptism and the Eucharist. The Second Vatican Council teaches, "The origin and growth of the Church are symbolized by the blood and water which flowed from the open side of the crucified Jesus," and that "it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth the wondrous sacrament of the whole Church." In this image from the Gospel of John, we see that the Church, the Bride of the Lamb, is born from the sacrificial love of Christ in his self-offering on the cross. The Eucharist re-presents this one sacrifice so that we are placed in communion with it and with the divine love from which it flows forth. We are placed in communion with each other through this love which is given to us. That is why we can say, "the Eucharist makes the Church."

**\*\*Quotes from the Saints on the Mass/ Eucharist**

**St. Leonard of Port Maurice** "What graces, gifts and virtues the Holy Mass calls down."

**Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati** "With all the strength of my soul I urge you young people to approach the Communion table as often as you can. Feed on this bread of angels whence you will draw all the energy you need to fight inner battles. Because true happiness, dear friends, does not consist in the pleasures of the world or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we have only if we are pure in heart and mind."

**\*\*Catholic Guidelines on Funerals and Burial** As we continue through the month of November, I remind you that our Catholic Tradition encourages us to pray for our beloved dead and visit their places of rest at the cemeteries during this month. Every year I take this opportunity to review a few of the Catholic Church's expectations on funerals and burials that I often see misunderstood or not known.

ONE- It is permissible for Catholics to be cremated so long as it is not done in rejection of our belief in the resurrection of the body at the second coming of Jesus Christ.

TWO- We are expected to bury our deceased loved ones in blessed ground (Catholic cemetery OR a grave in a public cemetery that is blessed at the Committal Service after the Funeral). It is not therefore acceptable to leave cremated remains in an urn in our homes or have them scattered somewhere outside of a cemetery.

THREE- Please consult with your pastor or the priest who will be presiding over the Rite of Christian Burial with you BEFORE making any final plans or traveling arrangements. Some days and times may not work in the priest's or church's schedule and it can be difficult if people have already purchased airline tickets, etc. (the flexibility of the family is appreciated). Please do not arrange the funeral date and time with the assumption that the funeral home will find me a priest. Fr. Dan and I want to pray with you and appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the conversation to find a time that works for everyone.

FOUR- The Rite of Christian Burial includes 3 parts- first, the Vigil Service at the Funeral Home. The church encourages an opportunity for visitation, viewing and prayer at a funeral home or other site. This allows for closure in seeing our loved one laid out as well as an opportunity for our family and friends to offer their support. To skip this step is to short-change the grieving process and makes it more difficult for our friends and family to reach out to us.

The second part of the Rite is the funeral Mass at the Church. There is no greater prayer that we can offer for our loved one than the Catholic Mass and so the best thing we can do for the soul of our loved one who has died (and for all of us who remain) is to celebrate a Funeral Mass. To choose to have a funeral service at the funeral home suggests a lack of understanding and appreciation for the significance of the Mass. Even if someone is not Catholic or has been a way from the church, it could still be appropriate to have a Mass so please investigate this with the priest involved before you make decisions. The third part of the Rite is the Committal Service at the cemetery. This brings prayerful closure and helps us make a connection to their final place of rest. Even if the Committal is done at a later date (the body needed to be cremated or some other reason), it is still appropriate to ask a priest or deacon to lead you in that prayer (and Fr. Dan and I are happy to do that for and with you!).

Lastly, I encourage everyone to make their funeral arrangements NOW with the points above in mind. This relieves the family that remains of the worry about the funeral details as they are grieving and it helps the deceased in that they are ensured of getting the funeral they desire.



**Volunteers needed:**

**Advent Wreath Lighting**

The Advent Wreath serves as a powerful visual reminder of the holiness of the season. The light of the candles invites us to quiet ourselves during this busy time and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas as we welcome the Light of Christ into our lives.

We offer all parishioners the opportunity to assist with the wreath lighting during the weekend Masses throughout the Sundays of Advent.

*We invite you to prayerfully consider volunteering.*

**Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.**

**Middle School and High School Students: Community Service Hours - Special Opportunity**

Help is needed on **Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:30pm** assisting the Community Outreach Group of Erie, setting up for their annual Clothing Distribution Party.



We will be unloading trucks, unpacking boxes and bags of coats and other clothing items; setting up displays for distribution to the poor and needy of our community. *Many hands are needed to unpack hundreds of containers with clothing items.*

**Project location:**

St. Paul Center, 453 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, downtown Erie  
Adult parents can accompany students, especially middle schoolers to assist with this project.

To register, or for questions, please contact:  
Darrell Meyers ( [darrell.meyers@olp.org](mailto:darrell.meyers@olp.org) ) 814-450-3697

# Prepare the way of love this Advent

## Parish Advent Service Project:

**Millcreek Food Pantry.** . . The parish is hosting a Community Experience on November 28th. We will be making care packages for the families of the Millcreek Food Pantry. The following items are needed:

laundry detergent	fabric softener
cleaning products	dish detergent
deodorant (men/women)	toothbrush/toothpaste
soap/bodywash	shampoo
razor/feminine products	diapers

There are 150 families that regularly rely on the Millcreek Food Pantry

### St. Martin Center Shining Stars. . .

\$25-\$50 Gift cards from Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Five Below, McDonalds or Little Caesars are needed by Tuesday, December 8th. The parish is sponsoring 150 children again this year.

You can make a difference in the life of a child this Christmas.



*Drop off all donations at the church office*

PRAY'N • PACK'N • PLAY'N

## Community ADVENT EXPERIENCE

SAVE THE DATES NOW

- November 28th - Dinner and Packing party with activities
- December 5th - Lessons and Carols
- December 12th - Holy Hour

Don't get so caught up in preparing for Christ's coming that you forget to prepare yourself to participate in it.

### Community Advent Experience Tuesday, November 28

- 5:30PM Dinner
- 6:00PM Prayer
- 6:15PM Activities:
  - Packing bags for the West Millcreek Food Pantry
  - Family Craft
  - Kids Crafts
- 6:30PM Kitchen Closes



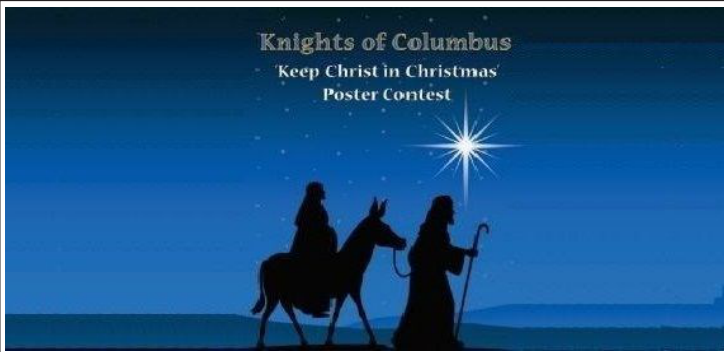
### Bulletin Deadlines for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years

The Holidays are fast approaching and with it comes some early deadlines for the bulletin. They are as follows:

- For Sunday, December 10, 2023, articles are due by December 1, 2023
- For Sunday, December 17, 2023, articles are due by December 8, 2023
- For Sunday, December 24, 2023, articles are due by December 12, 2023
- For Sunday, December 31, 2023, articles are due by December 15, 2023
- For Sunday, January 7, 2024, articles are due December 18, 2023
- For Sunday, January 14, 2024, articles are due January 5, 2023

You may e-mail the info to: [cynthia.berarducci@olp.org](mailto:cynthia.berarducci@olp.org)  
or drop it off at the church office.

*Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation with these early deadlines.*



# OLP Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest

**Who:** Anyone from age 5 to 14

**What:** Poster Contest topic “Keep Christ in Christmas.” People will have a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, and your artwork will bring others to remember Christ in Christmas.

**Due:** December 11, 2023

**Prizes:** Cash prizes to winners in each category (Age 5-7: Gr. K-2 / Age 8-10: Gr.3-5 / Age 11-14: Gr.6-8)

**Contact:** Bob Koshinski, 814-449-1779 or rkoshinski@roadrunner.com

**Entry Forms available in the Church Office.**

## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### Christ the King

Jesus Christ is not only our Savior and Redeemer, he is also our Lord and Master. To him we owe all honor and glory by serving him in the poor and marginalized so that his reign of justice and love will grow. The universal Church has honored Christ with the title of King since 1925, but the Church has always taught that the poor Jesus of Nazareth is our Master and Judge and against him the forces of evil will not prevail. For that reason, it is just and necessary to remember and celebrate that Jesus Christ reigns forever as Son of Man. He will return to judge the living and the dead according to their actions for or against those who are the poorest and most oppressed.

Today’s celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is a fitting ending to the year as we dedicate ourselves again to the service of Christ who is our King. But this presence of Christ the King in our lives should be a daily presence. Indeed, in all places where injustice seems to dominate, Christ the King is a continuous reminder of the divine promise, of hope for a better world, not only in heaven but here on a renewed Earth. Let us therefore end the year shouting, “Long live Christ the King!”

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM

### Catholic Prayer Corner

#### Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, fill me with love.

Water from Christ’s side, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

Good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds, hide me.

Never let me be parted from you.

From the evil enemy, protect me.

At the hour of my death, call me,

and tell me to come to you,

that with your saints

I may praise you through all eternity. Amen.

## Coffee with Christ Catholic Young Adults

Saturday, Dec 2nd

St. George Catholic Church

Following 8 am Mass

Meet in the Multipurpose Room

Coffee, tea, and food provided

Open to young adults ages 18-40



Father David Renne  
speaking on Prayer



Questions: [cberan@stgeorgeerie.org](mailto:cberan@stgeorgeerie.org)

# Advent 2023



First Week of Advent - December 3-9

What is Advent? The word Advent is from the Latin *adventus* for “coming” and is associated with the four weeks of preparation of our hearts for Christmas. It is a time for reflection, prayer and action.

Get out your Advent Wreath ahead this year and make it part of your preparations for Christmas to pray daily. Our waiting has begun. As we light the first candle, it creates a dim light against a world that often seems foreboding and dark. Why do we light a candle? We light it because we are a people of hope.

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Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

**Actions for the first week of Advent:**

**Perform an act of kindness for someone you do not know.**

**Send a card to a friend or loved one who has lost a family member during this year and let them know you are praying for them and thinking of them.**

**Make a gift of your time or money to a charitable organization that helps the poor.**

**Find an opportunity to be the hands of God. Say a kind word and listen with compassion to someone who is suffering.**

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# Second Week

December 10 - 16

**Advent is the “trifecta” of celebrations: (1) Celebrating the birth of Christ.**

**(2) Waiting for Christ’s return to Earth again. (3) Waiting for Christ to come into our hearts.**

**In a culture where we are so used to instant gratification, we have most certainly lost the art of waiting. We’ve lost the wonder and contemplation needed to appreciate the beauty and mystery of Advent. How can we find Christ at Christmas if we aren’t watching and waiting for Him.**

Advent gives us a chance to really commit our minds where it matters most, on the next life.

How do I do that?

Quit being “too busy” to be faithful. It’s a busy time, we get it. You have to do the thing with the thing before the thing and then you have to rush off to another thing, and there’s just not enough time in the day. If you wait for the time, it’ll never come. So make room in your life, in your heart. Turn off your phone. Set aside the to-do list. Light a candle. Say a prayer. Sit in the chapel with Jesus. Use your advent wreath each day.

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Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

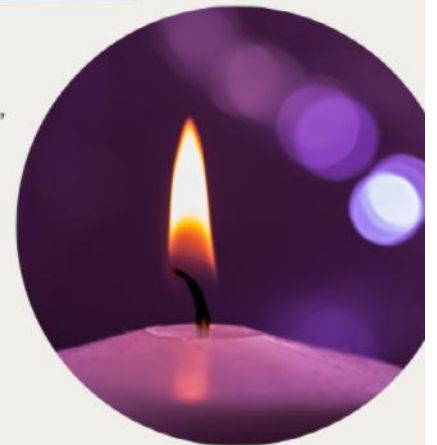
He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light two (purple) candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name. Amen.



## **Actions for the Second Week of Advent:**

**Send a get-well card for someone in the hospital.**

**Send a Christmas card to a young person you know. Remind them that you are praying for them, and remind them of the faith significance of the upcoming holiday.**

**Let God’s mercy and love operate in your own life. Make up with a friend or family member you have been fighting with.**

**Renew your commitment to a special time of Advent prayer each day throughout the season. Say a prayer sometime today for our country. Learn about Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego.**

**Pray for St. Lucy’s intercession that we not be blinded by our personal goals, but always seek what God wants us to do.**

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# Third Week

December 17 - 23

The third week of Advent is known as **Gaudete Sunday**. **Gaudete** means “rejoice” and reminds us to Rejoice in the Lord always. It expresses our joy and anticipation of the birth of Christ.

Pope Francis reminds us that “We must be awake, alert, vigilant. Jesus warns us: there is the danger of not realizing His coming and being unprepared for His visit. I have recalled on other occasions what Saint Augustine said: ‘I fear the Lord who passes by’ ...that is, I fear that He will pass by and I will not recognize Him!” Advent is the time we can be shaken out of our lethargy and awakened “from our slumber” to be vigilant always. God conceals Himself in the most ordinary of situations. We should not be waiting for extraordinary events. Make time to look for God’s presence in daily situations. He reminds us that if we are unaware of this reality today, we will be unprepared when He arrives at the end of time.

This week you are challenged to sacrifice all those things that keep you “too busy.” Then, substitute them with Jesus. Give up some part of your daily routine to fit in 20-30 minutes just for Jesus.

- Pray on your afternoon walk or run.
- Dedicate a decade of the Rosary to someone you don’t know who needs prayer.
- Listen to Scripture or a faith-based book/podcast on your work commute.
- Grab your bible and pick out a psalm. Choose a sentence and make it your daily meditation.
- Use your Advent Wreath as part of your daily prayer and rejoice!



Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light two (purple) candles and the third (pink) candle of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

## **Actions for the Third Week of Advent:**

**Make something (bake a cake, draw a picture) to cheer someone up or as a means of sharing the spirit of the season.**

**Examine your conscience. Are you continually turning towards God?**

**Give one of your possessions away to the poor or donate to a charity.**

**Put up your creche (nativity set) or some other symbol to remind you of the coming feast.**

**Write a letter or send a card telling someone how much you care for them and how much they are loved by God.**



# Fourth Week

December 24 - 25

**What does it mean to “wait well?” First we need to know what it is we are waiting for. Are you “waiting” for Jesus to come into the world? Are you waiting for, longing for Jesus to come into certain areas of your life, your world and your heart? That is what we are waiting for in Advent. So, this week ask yourself where do you want Jesus to enter into your life? Where are you, deep down in your heart, hoping for Him to come into your life?**

**Ven. Fulton Sheen says “There are two births of Christ, one unto the world in Bethlehem; the other in the soul, when it is spiritually reborn.” “It was the second birth that Saint Paul insisted on when he wrote from prison asking that Christ may dwell in their hearts by faith and that they be rooted and grounded in love. This is the second Bethlehem, or the personal relationship of the individual heart to the Lord Christ.”**

Give, give, give...

You don't always have to give money. Give your time, talent, and friendship. Be kind to someone who is difficult. Pay someone a compliment who doesn't deserve it. Hold open a door for a stranger. Offer to help someone carry their groceries. Write an inspirational quote on cards and randomly place them on car windshields or neighbors doors. Remember that the smallest act of kindness is still a huge act of love.

Get to Confession. If we believe Advent is the time to celebrate the Second Coming, we should be ready at all times. No one wants to greet Jesus with a dirty soul.

Let's finish Advent humbled and filled with everlasting love for each other so we can show the world what true Christianity is all about. Let's find the peace by allowing Christ to enter our hearts so that one day we can kneel in reverence, bow our heads and know that we have served our purpose in this life: serving and loving.

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Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.

He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light all candles of this wreath.

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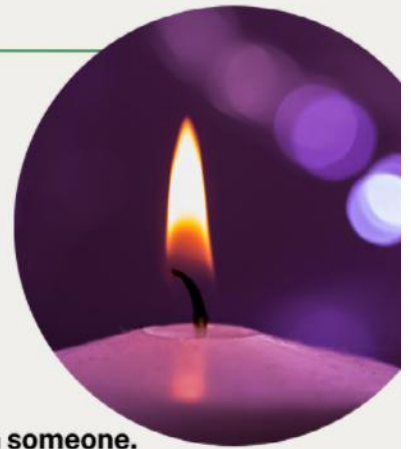
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## **Action for the Fourth Week of Advent:**

**Look around you for a sign of God's presence. When you find it, share it with someone.**

**Gather your family and read the story of the birth of Christ, Luke 2:1-20.**

**Let Jesus reign in your heart and let love be born anew, like that little Babe on that first Christmas morning 2,000 years ago.**



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### Homebound Ministry

Serve our brothers and sisters by bringing Holy Communion to those in our parish that are unable to join us for Mass.



### Can You Help Us?

The Homebound ministry has been blessed with many Eucharistic Ministers volunteering recently.

Why do we need help?

There are many parishioners who can no longer get to Mass to receive our Lord. We are asking for your help to identify those who want to receive Holy Communion at home or in a local Nursing home.

If you know of someone, please call the church office at 814-833-7701 x0.

All Eucharistic Ministers maintain confidentiality when ministering to the Homebound/Nursing Home Bound.

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## OLP YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE -FALL 2023-



### NOVEMBER

- 6th**-OLP Adoration 6:30pm
- 7th**-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
- 8th**-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
- 10th**-12th-Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat
- 14th**-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
- 15th**-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
- 16th**-19th-National Catholic Youth Conference
- 28th**-MS YG 6:30-8:30pm, meet in chapel
- 29th**-HS YG 6:30-8:30pm, 12th St. Chick-Fil-A
- 30th**-St. Francis in McKean Adoration 8pm

Questions/RSVP  
sarah.beaver@olp.org

### Special Collection Thank You: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, the monies collected goes to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

*We thank you, for your generous support.*

### OLP Boy Scout Troop 59 Christmas Decorations Sale

Now is the time to clean out your old Christmas decorations and then get new ones.

Troop 59 will be accepting all your new/used Christmas decorations.

#### Drop off your decorations:

**OLP Scout House:**

Monday, November 27th 6:00 – 8:00PM

#### Christmas Decoration Sale:

**OLP School Cafeteria:**

Saturday, December 2nd

8AM-12Noon and 4:00-7:00PM

Sunday, December 3rd

8:00AM – 1:00PM



Donations benefits Troop 59 activities.

Any questions please contact:  
Alyson Dana, 814-490-3493



### Mark Your Calendar for Area Events

Friday, Nov. 24th 12:00-5:00PM  
Saturday, Nov. 25th 10:00AM-5:00PM  
Sunday, Nov. 26th 12:00-4:00PM

Holiday Craft Show

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**Thursdays, November 30 December 14, 28 6:00PM**

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**Advent Art by Dark Thursday's 7:00-7:45PM**

**Thursday, Dec. 7th: Light & the Cosmic Church**

**Thursday, Dec. 14th: Light & the Global Church**

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*Pick-up:*

Friday, Dec. 15th: 4:00-7:00PM

Saturday, Dec. 16th: 9:00AM-Noon

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**NO CLASSES grades 1-8 in Nov.-Dec. Classes resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Grades 9-10:** Classes meet 5:30-7:30pm

**Nov. 19-** Regular classes. Bishop letter part 1 and Confirmation Name form due.

Questions: Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director,  
814-838-9983 or [Tammie.mang@olp.org](mailto:Tammie.mang@olp.org)



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### Pancake Breakfast Sunday, December 3rd

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Wednesday mornings: 10:00 to 11:30am  
January 10, 2024 through March 6, 2024, no class February 14<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** Our Lady of Peace Church Social Room  
This is an 8-week Bible Study  
Pre-Registration is required by December 20, 2023.

**COST:** \$10.00, which includes workbook and materials.

Please drop off or mail check and registration form to:  
Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 W. 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506  
Attn: OLP Bible Study

Any questions, please call Mary Beth Whitman at 814-833-7701 x202  
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