



Our Lady of Peace

*Stay awake,
that you may be prepared.*

Matthew 24:37-44

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

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The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated each month on the 1st Sunday at 11AM Mass & 3rd Sunday at 12:30PM. A mandatory prep class for parents is available.

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.

OCIA (Order 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:

9AM-3PM Edie 814-651-5952

3PM-9PM Barb 814-392-8348



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 2025

30th Juice / Mac 'n Cheese



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 who are unable to attend the 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 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 or Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Office, at 814-838-9983 or tammie.mang@olp.org.

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. / In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. / Nor let my enemies exult over me; / and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading - All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm - Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading - It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel - Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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Family Discussion of the Week: Putting on the Light of Christ

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12b)

Adults: What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?

Kids: What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

7:00AM Paul Schuler - Wally Borawski
12:10PM Alice Trimble - Dudenhoeffer Family
*Church Offices closed today,
 will reopen Tuesday at 8:00AM*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

7:00AM Anita Cassano - Bill & Tamara Swick
12:10PM Leonard Jankowski - Fred & Evelyn
2:00PM Mass at Walnut Creek Nursing & Rehab,
 (4850 Zuck Rd.): Carol Ann Grieshaber - Friends
6:30PM Holy Hour - Catholic Charities/Outreach

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

7:00AM Larry Heinlein - OLP Properties Committee
12:10PM Brian Fried - Mom & Dad

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

7:00AM Bob Pagni - Hanke Family
12:10PM John Molder - Family
2:00PM School Mass - John Ehrman -
 Erie Catholic School System

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

First Friday Adoration 7:30AM - 7:00PM Benediction

7:00AM Stan Scepora - Jerry & Mary Ann
12:10PM John & Nancy Yochim - Joe & Dianne

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

8:00AM Judy Miculandra - Judy Peterman
5:00PM Joseph Kostolansky, Sr. - Daughter, Joan

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLP
9:00AM Connie Piatkowski - Family
11:00AM Larrie Dudenhoeffer - Family
OCIA Rite of Welcoming
4:30PM Debra Szymanowski McIntosh - Mom

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

7:00AM Henry Truchanowicz - Wife
12:10PM Joseph Morettini - Son
2:00PM School Mass - Attilio & Anna Ciccozzi -
 Ehrman Family
5:30PM Anthony Gumino - Daughters

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

Daily at 11:40AM All are welcome!

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.



Readings for the Week of November 30th

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
 Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
 Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
 Mt 9:35 - 10:1
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
 Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Watch Our Lady of Peace Mass On Our YouTube Channel

7:00AM Weekdays
8:00AM Saturdays
9:00AM Sundays



Go to **www.olg.org**, scroll down to
 'Find Us on Social Media,' click on YouTube and you
 will be connected to our Channel. Once there you can
 watch previous Masses and also Subscribe by clicking
 the red Subscribe button.

SANCTUARY LAMP - The lamp is burning this week in memory
 of David Hanlon - Family.

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

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. 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.
 Dec. 4: Arlene B., Catherine C., Denny D.
 Dec. 5: Joyce K.
 Dec. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.
 Dec. 7: Margaret K.

If you would like to join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 814-397-6443. 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 New Year (liturgically speaking) and a blessed Advent to you! The word advent comes from the Latin "adventus" which means "coming." We ready ourselves for the Second Coming of Christ at the Final Judgment while remembering the true meaning of His first coming on that first Christmas Day. Advent has been a period of preparation for over 1,500 years of the Church's tradition and is seen as a time for new beginnings.

As Advent is a season of new beginnings it is a great time to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation which is THE Sacrament of new beginnings. There is no more appropriate and effective way to prepare for the gift of Christ and Christmas than to experience Reconciliation. Here are the opportunities for the great Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent at OLP:

- a. Confessions after all Sunday Masses
- b. Normal weekly opportunities- Wednesdays: 11:15am-Noon; Saturdays: 8:30-9am and 3:45-4:45pm
- c. "The Light Is On For You"- Wednesday, December 17th from 5-7pm. All participating Erie churches are open for confessions during this time; at OLP will have 3 confessors.
- d. Extra Confession Times in Late Advent
 - i. Friday, December 19th: 11:15am-12Noon.
 - ii. Monday, December 22nd from 6-7pm.

May God bless our First Week of Advent 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...

****This Thanksgiving Weekend (November 27-30)** you are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items or monetary donations that you will bring forward to the sanctuary during the Offertory at all Masses that will be given to the West Millcreek Food Pantry.

****#iGiveCatholic from November 17 through December 2** Our goal for #iGiveCatholic is \$45,000 and 175 donors. This year donations will be used to continue to build our Parish Vision and Re-creation fund that will eventually finance renovations to our campus. **Donations are accepted until midnight on Tuesday, December 2nd which is the National #iGiveCatholic day.** Go to www.olp.org for more information or call the parish office.

****Advent Tuesdays**

1. **Tues., Dec. 2nd- 6:30pm-** Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration for Catholic Charities/Outreach and those that they serve.
2. **Tues., Dec. 9th-** Advent with St. John Henry Newman, New Doctor of the Church, with Fr. Nick Rouch and others- 6:30-7:30pm in the church.
3. **Tues., Dec. 16th- 5:30pm-7:30pm-** Community Advent Experience- 6pm Prayer and Dinner followed by activities (Crafts, Cookie Frosting, Blanket Making, Food Pantry Bag Packing).

****First Friday Adoration (December 5th)** is this week from 7:30am-7pm Benediction.

****Masses this Week** Monday, Dec. 1st, Tuesday, Dec. 2nd- and Friday, Dec. 5th- Advent Weekdays; Wednesday, Dec. 3rd- Francis Xavier, Priest (16th Century friend of St. Ignatius of Loyola and one of the original Jesuits who eventually was a missionary to Japan); Thursday, Dec. 4th- St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church (8th Century defender of use of icons and images in the Catholic Tradition- vindicated at the 2nd Council of Nicea in 787 AD); Saturday, Dec. 6th- St. Nicholas, Bishop (4th-century Greek bishop of Myra in modern-day Turkey, known for his generosity, kindness, and defense of the Christian faith.

****Monday, December 8th- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Holy Day of Obligation.** Masses will be 7am, 12:10pm, and 2pm (School) and 5:30pm.

****Sunday, November 16, 2025, was the World Day of the Poor, a day established by Pope Francis in 2017 for Catholics to "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel."** I remind you of the ways we have and will serve the poor in this season of Fall and Winter.

1. "Coats for Kids" drive hosted by Inter-Church Ministries in October.
2. Collection of desserts for the West Millcreek Food Pantry Thanksgiving Dinners through November 23rd.
3. Collection of non-perishable food items at all Masses, November 24th through November 30th (including Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 27th) for the West Millcreek Food Pantry.
4. Advents Service Project: Donations of Gift Cards for the Shining Star Project for St. Martin Center Christmas Gift Distribution now until December 8th.
5. Advent Service Project: Donations of toiletries and cleaning supplies for the West Millcreek Food Pantry families, now through December 14th. The items are packed at our Advent Community Gathering on Tuesday, December 16th.
6. Opportunities to volunteer at Emmaus Soup Kitchen and Erie City Mission as part of our regular OLP monthly commitments.
7. Volunteer for the Our Neighbors Place Overflow Shelter for OLP's week of service, January 14-20, 2026 (there will be a signup weekend of December 20-21).
8. Keep an eye on the parish bulletin and weekly email for other opportunities to serve the poor of our community.

I thank the OLP Outreach Committee led by JoAnn Barnes and our Parish Outreach Coordinator, Andy Heinlein, for all they do to help organize and execute these efforts. I have said it before and I will say it again; I believe one significant way the Catholic Church is going to reclaim credibility in our society after the challenges we have faced is a renewed commitment to serving the poor and needy in our community. So let's all be part of that renewed commitment by doing our part in serving those most in need in our community!

****Thank you to our 2026 Calendar Sponsors:** Beer and Pop Warehouse, E.C.C.A Payroll and Tax Service, First National Bank, Robin Keisel, Manager and Vice President, Knights of Columbus OLP Council 11454, Maleno Real Estate and Scott Enterprises. Please take one per family.

****Liturgical Adjustments at OLP/ Spiritual Communion Prayer**

As we look forward to starting a new liturgical year next weekend with the First Sunday in Advent, I wanted to update you of an adjustment we will be making at Mass. But first some background... when COVID hit in 2020, we started saying the Spiritual Communion Prayer before or after the Communion Procession for those who were attending Mass via livestream through the Our Lady of Peace YouTube Channel. This was a way to help them ask for grace at the moment of Holy Communion online even if they could not receive Holy Communion and be there in person. We have continued that practice for the past 5 years as we have livestreamed our 9am Mass for those who may have still been weary of returning to Mass or unable to do so.

We have learned that technically the Spiritual Communion Prayer is not part of the Rite of the Catholic Mass, the parish staff and liturgy committee feel it is time to **stop saying the Spiritual Communion Prayer verbally at the livestream Mass and to encourage our online participants to say the prayer on their own.** For the first few weeks we will prompt the livestream congregation to say the prayer on their own and after that no mention of the spiritual communion prayer will be made at Mass. We will include the prayer in description on our YouTube livestream for Masses. Below is the Spiritual Communion Prayer we have been using:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen."

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

On a related note, I want to clarify that if you are physically able to be at Mass in person, that watching/praying the Mass online is not a valid way to attend Mass each week. I am surprised to still hear people say that they are being told by others that attending Mass online fulfills the "first Catholic precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.") that requires the faithful to participate in the Eucharistic celebration when the Christian community gathers together on the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord." (taken from paragraph 2042 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church). One of the ways God brought good from the cross of COVID was to motivate parishes like OLP to figure out how to provide online Mass for those who are homebound. It was not to allow those who could physically be at Mass a way to fulfill the obligation by staying at home on their own free will. If you miss Mass on the weekend, it is good for you to watch the Mass online to still be connected with us and to hear the message but you should still get to confession and commit to being at Mass physically the next week.



Our Lady of Peace...
Pray for us



12 "Knights" of Christmas

RAFFLE

84 Prizes

There will be 12 winners chosen and each will get to choose
7 prizes from the list on the back of the ticket.

Winners will be drawn on Saturday, December 13th

On Saturday, December 20th each winner will choose a
prize and then continue in rotation until all prizes are gone.

Tickets: \$10 for 1
or \$20 for 3

*Tickets are available
in the church office*



ADVENT EVENING

WITH ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN,
Doctor of the Church

Join OLP and Fr. Nick Rouch,
Vicar General of the Diocese of
Erie for an evening of prayer,
reflection and Adoration guided
by the wisdom of St. John Henry
Newman.

Let us pause amid the busyness
of the season to seek silence,
light and hope.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9
6:30-7:30PM
IN THE CHURCH

*"Year passes after year silently; Christ's
coming is ever nearer than it was. O that,
as He comes nearer earth, we may
approach nearer heaven!"*



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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades 1-8: Classes meet in the school & church basement.

Dec. 7 Classes 9:15-10:45AM
Dec. 14 No Religious Ed. Classes
Dec. 14 Edge Youth Group Night 5:30-7:00PM
Dec. 21 Class 9:15-10:45AM, Grade 3 Parent Day, Church Activity form due for Grades 1-5, Mass Day
Dec. 28 No Religious Ed. Classes

Grade 9 Confirmation class: Classes meets from 5:30-7:00PM in the Church Social Room.

Dec. 7 Class 5:30-7:00PM
Dec. 14 No Confirmation Class
Dec. 14 Confirmation Youth Group Night 6:30-8:30PM
Dec. 21 Class 5:30-7:00PM, Bishop letter part 2 and Sponsor form due
Dec. 28 No Confirmation Class

Questions: Tammie Mang, Faith Formation Director,
 814-838-9983 or tammie.mang@olp.org



Prepare the way of love this Advent

Parish Advent Service Project:

Millcreek Food Pantry. . . The parish is hosting a Community Advent Experience on **Tuesday, December 16th**. We will be making care packages for the families of the Millcreek Food Pantry.

The following items are needed:

laundry detergent	fabric softener	tissues
cleaning products	dish detergent	toilet paper
deodorant (men/women)	shampoo	paper towels
soap/bodywash	toothbrush/paste	
razor/feminine products	diapers	

There are 150 families that regularly rely on the Millcreek Food Pantry for their daily needs.

St. Martin Center Shining Stars. . . \$25-\$50 Gift cards from Target, Walmart, Kohl's, McDonalds or Little Caesars are needed by **Tuesday, December 9th**. The parish is sponsoring 175 children again this year.

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

Drop off donations in the "Advent Project" bins in the vestibule

Advent Wreath Year A

IF YOU are setting up an Advent wreath in your home this year, here are some prayers you could say while you light its candles. You may say these before or after a meal, when waking up, before going to bed, or whenever you and the members of your household gather for prayer. Before you say the prayer, read and talk over the Gospel reading you heard at Sunday Mass that week.

Week 1: O God, who invite us to stay awake because we do not know the day the Lord will come, let this candle signify the dawn of the day when your Son will come again. Help us to avoid doing things we want to hide and to live always as children of the light. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 2: O God, who sent John the Baptist to tell us to prepare the way of the Lord, let these two candles light the way for us. Help us to walk now and always in a straight path to you. May love of God and love of neighbor light our way. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 3: O God, who promised that the least one born into the Kingdom of God is greater than John the Baptist, fill us with joy as we light the rose candle. Make us happy when we serve you, and let us see the light of your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Week 4: O God, who sent an angel to comfort Joseph in his dream, comfort us when we are afraid. Turn our darkness into light. Let these four candles warm our hearts as we await the coming of Emmanuel, God-with-us. Through Christ our Lord.

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Yard Signs Available:

These yard signs, with the metal stake, are available in the church office.





NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025

RISEN & ROOTED RCYM SCHEDULE

Nov 20-23rd-NCYC, National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN
Nov 25th-MS YG CANCELED
Nov 26th-HS YG at 12th St Chick-Fil-A (bring a signed permission form-found at www.olp.org/faith-formation/youth-ministry-2)
Dec 2nd-MS YG at OLP
Dec 3rd-Parish Celebration at SFX for HSYG time tbd (around 6-8:30pm)
Dec 4th-4th/5th Gr YG at OLP 4-5:30pm (more details below in red)
Dec 9th-MSYG at OLP
Dec 10th-HS YG at OLP
Dec 12th-YG Bingo Fundraiser and Kid's Night Out
Dec 16th-OLP's Community Advent Experience 6-8:30pm in Cafeteria open to all ages
Dec 17th-HS YG at OLP
Dec 19th-HS Movie Night at OLP 6:30-9:30pm
Dec 31st-11pm Holy hour for Peace at OLP, ring in the New Year with Jesus open to all!

MS/HS YG starts with optional silent Adoration 6-6:30pm, and includes dinner.
 4th/5th Gr YG includes snacks-if an OLP student, they can meet at 3pm in the school lobby.
 Every Thursday 8-9pm there is Eucharistic Adoration with praise & worship at SFX, open to all ages!

CONTACT US AT: Sarah: sarah.beaver@olp.org
 Chandler: youth@stfrancisxaviermckean.org



A Stewardship of Sharing October 2025


Fiscal Year July 2025 - June 2026

	Monthly	YTD
Weekly Envelope	\$76,827	\$302,788
Loose	4,812	22,605
Holy Days	325	3,880
Monthly School Support	1,868	6,456
Christmas/Easter/Flowers	45	55
Total Offertory	\$83,877	\$335,784
Budgeted Offertory	\$96,458	\$385,832
(Deficit) Surplus	(\$12,581)	(\$50,048)
Diocesan Designated Fund	\$ 3,749	\$10,939

Ways to Support Our Parish


- Electronic Giving (for more information, contact Mary Beth Whitman at marybeth.whitman@olp.org or 814-833-7701 x 202).
- Online at www.olp.org
- Via Paypal app or www.paypal.com and send to olp@olp.org.
- By mail (Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2401 W. 38th St, Erie PA 16506).
- Drop your envelope in the collection basket at Mass or at the Parish Office.

Thank you for your support.




"What is God calling me to do with my life?"

ST. MARK SEMINARY



If you've ever asked yourself that question, please join us for a discernment weekend at St. Mark Seminary. This opportunity is for any College-age, Catholic male, 18 or older, who is interested in learning more about the priesthood. There is no cost to attend.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7



TO REGISTER: CONTACT FR. SCOTT JABO, VOCATION DIRECTOR, AT 814-824-1198 OR SWJABO@ERIERCD.ORG

2025 CSA

February 2025 to January 2026

Goal	\$ 227,600
Pledge Payments Received to Date	\$208,335
Total Pledges	\$236,148

433 Families - Goal is 500 Families

Every dollar raised supports important Diocesan services and every dollar raised over our assessment will be kept in the parish for parish improvements.
Our 2025-2026 Diocesan assessment is \$152,600.

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help our parish and reduce your taxable income.

Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as Our Lady of Peace.



CHRISTMAS GARAGE SALE

Drop off donations at the Scout House:

Monday, November 24th, 6-8pm

Monday, December 1st, 6-8pm

Decorations Sale in the cafeteria:

Saturday, December 6th, 8am-Noon

Sunday, December 7th, 8am-Noon

Clean out your old Christmas decorations and then choose some "new to you" ones. Donations benefit Troop 59 activities.

OLP School Cafeteria: 2401 W. 38th St, Erie

Questions, please contact: Alyson Dana, 814-490-3493



The Knights of Columbus Council
of Our Lady of Peace

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, December 7th

OLP Cafeteria from 8:00AM to 12:30PM

Menu:

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,
Hash Browns/Sausage/Juice/Coffee/Tea

Credit Cards Accepted

Adults \$10 Child \$6 (6-15) 5 & Under Free

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**Special Guest:
Santa Claus**



*Generosity is a
way of life,
a way to bring
the God's love
to the world.*

#iGIVECATHOLIC



December 2, 2025

**What ministry, parish or school are you
supporting on #Giving Tuesday?**

Bulletin Early Deadlines

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

For Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025, articles are due by Dec. 5

For Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025, articles are due by Dec. 12

For Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025, articles are due by Dec. 15

For Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026, articles are due Dec. 17

For Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026, articles are due Dec. 17

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

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

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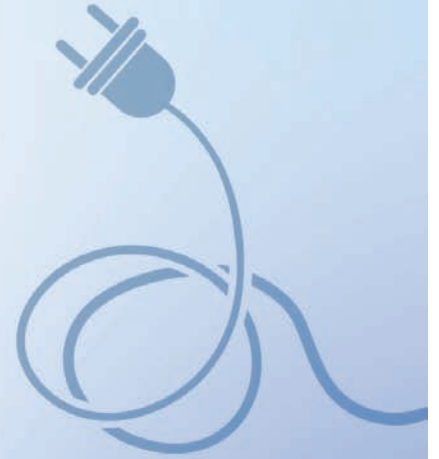
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Where: 11th & French St.

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Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older

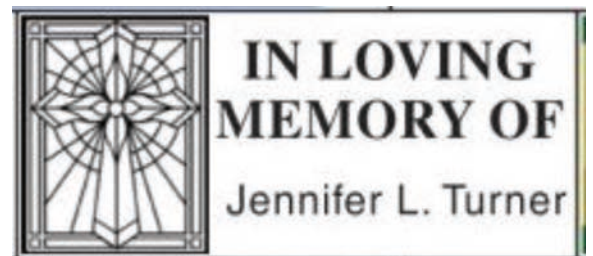
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- **Tuesday, December 9th** - Advent is a season of hope, waiting and growing closer to Christ. Experience Advent in a deeper way through John Henry Newman's timeless words and the quiet of prayer. 6:30-7:30pm in the church.
- **Tuesday, December 16th** - Parish Advent Community Experience with Dinner, packing of our food pantry Service Project items, activities, and cookie decorating. 6:00-8:00pm in the cafeteria.



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