



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Rev. Charles A. Mosley, *Pastor*

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday	7:00 a.m.
Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
	10:00 a.m.
Evening before Holy Day	5:30 p.m.
Holy Day	7:00 a.m.
	7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday	3:30 to 4:00 p.m.
<i>(or by special arrangement)</i>	

BAPTISMS

Baptism classes will be held on the First Sunday of each month at 3pm at the Pastoral Center. Baptism will take place on the last weekend of the month. Note: No Baptisms will take place during the Advent or Lenten Season. For more information, please call Fr. Mosley at 844-3438 X224.

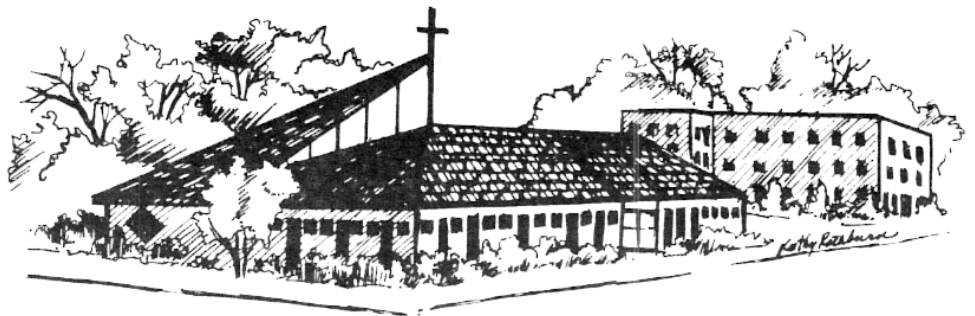
WEDDINGS

Arrangements with the pastor should be made at least nine months before the event. For more information, please call Fr. Mosley at 844-3438.

The Pastoral Center general office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon and again 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please call the Pastoral Center for assistance at 219-844-3438, X 221.

Mari Smelko	(x221)	<i>Receptionist / General Information</i>
Father Mosley	(x224)	<i>Pastor & Baptism Information</i>
Alfredo Flores	(x228)	<i>Adult and Family Faith Formation & RCIA</i>
Dorothy Callahan	(x229)	<i>Administration</i>
Mary Jameyfield	(x231)	<i>Director of Music</i>

We, the community of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, desire to grow in the love of God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit; united in faith and nourished by the Eucharist as stewards of the Roman Catholic Church, we share our time, talent and treasure by striving to live our gospel values through faithful service and witness of Christ's love to our community and one another.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY—December 2 [First Sunday of Advent]

8am For Our Parishioners

10am Rosary Society

MONDAY, December 37am Norbert Essig & Aldona Petrarca
by Thomas Belinski**TUESDAY, December 4**

7am Mary Repay by Jim & Jan Paul

WEDNESDAY, December 5

7am Ann Ferman by Joyce Hesterman

THURSDAY, December 6

7am Donna Kress by Mari

FRIDAY, December 7

7am Jeneane Paul by Mom & Dad

SATURDAY, December 8 Immaculate Conception

9am Anna Santellano by Alfredo Flores

4:30pm James Hines by Sister, Barbara Lail

SUNDAY—December 9 [Second Sunday of Advent]

8am William Duckett by 7am Group

10am For Our Parishioners

PARISH OFFERING NOVEMBER 18, 2018
145 out of 509 Envelopes Used

Regular Collection:	\$3,266.50
Loose Collection:	\$125.00
Second Collection (utilities):	\$82.00
Hall Income	\$2,305.00
Total Income:	\$5,778.50

CSA 2018 Goal: \$28,050.00**95 pledges: \$21,769.33 Payments to date: \$19,834.33**

95 pledges out of 509 Parishioners

50/50 winner Pat Opinker \$25.00

PARISH OFFERING NOVEMBER 25, 2018
164 out of 509 Envelopes Used

Regular Collection:	\$4,763.00
Loose Collection:	131.00
Second Collection (utilities):	\$80.00
Hall Income	\$1,153.00
Total Income:	\$6,127.00

**WITH SANTA**

Here at OLPH Social Center on Saturday, December 8th from 4-7pm. Adults \$8.00. Children under ten \$5.00. Tickets will be available after all masses thru 12/2. Santa will be there to visit with everybody!!!

Menu: Spaghetti, Garlic bread, Salad and desert plus macaroni and cheese.



Rose Adams, Elizabeth Bardoczi, James Barrick, Pat Hauer, Ann Hudzik, John Kulesa, Kay Kwiatkowski, Ann Matolin, Virginia Rakos &

BECOME A BUSINESS PARTNER WITH GOD

PREVIEW OF THE WEEK

Sunday—12/2 [First Sunday of Advent]

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

Prayer Team 11am

OLG Novena Taco Dinner 4-7pm at SCSiena

Monday—12/3

Bingo 4:30

Faith Formation 6pm

OLG Novena 7pm at SCSiena

Tuesday — 12/4

Quilting 9am

Scripture Study 1pm

Choir 6pm

St. Vincent de Paul 7pm

OLG Novena 7pm at SCSiena

Wednesday —12/5

Prayers to the Blessed Sacrament 11am

Rosary Society Potluck 6:15pm/raffle

Bell Choir 6:30pm

Scripture Study 7pm

OLG Novena 7pm at SCSiena

Thursday — 12/6

OLG Novena 7pm at SCSiena

Friday— 12/7

OLG Novena 7pm at OLPH

Saturday — 12/8 Immaculate Conception

Mass For the Holy Day 9am

Confessions 3:30-4pm

Mass 4:30pm

Spaghetti Dinner with Santa 4-7pm

OLG Novena 6pm at OLPH

Sunday—12/9 [Second Sunday of Advent]

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

OLG Novena 7pm at OLPH

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, is a Holy Day of obligation. We will celebrate mass on Saturday, December 8th at 9am.

Parishioners, please stop in the gathering area after mass and pick up your 2019 church envelopes. For your convenience they are in alphabetical order. If your envelopes are not there or you know someone who cannot pick up their own envelopes please call the office at 844-3438.

The Rosary Society Bake Sale, has been rescheduled. It will take place on December 15-16, after all Masses in the gathering area.

Rosary raffle will take place Wednesday, December 5. If you have not yet bought your tickets now's the time! No longer available at Mass so check at home for the tickets that were mailed to you

Children are invited to sing for Christmas Eve, 4:30pm Mass. Practice time is required.

Our first practices are Tues, Dec. 4th, 5pm ages 4 to 7, 5:30pm ages 8+. OR Saturday Dec 8. 1pm ages 4 to 7. 1:30pm, 8+ Practice materials will be distributed then.

TITHING

"Give a little love at Christmas time."

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

In the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah we read: "The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah." As we begin another season of Advent, we are reminded that the promise of God has been fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. So if the promise has been fulfilled then what are we preparing for. Jesus has come, salvation is ours. One could say we are waiting for the days of final Judgment, but this would be such a waste of life. What we are waiting for is the opportunities that God provides us to show our love for Him and our thankfulness that Jesus has given salvation. This is done by the manner we treat each other. "Jesus is the reason for the season."

PRAY FOR PEACE

"Peace I give to you; My peace I leave with you." If you will recall that I asked you to join me in a year of prayer for peace. The violence continues in the city of Chicago . The murder rate in the city of Gary is at a seventeen year high and continues to rise. A child is abused. The mass shootings seem to increase every week. This must come to an end!! So today I would like to invite you to join me every Friday on a permanent basis to take some time and pray for peace. It can be five minutes or half an hour or an hour, whatever time you may have, let us spend it in prayer for peace. You do not have to be in church, although the church is always available to you. Prayer can happen anywhere you are. You can be alone or get together with some friends. Let us just do this and use this great tool that the Lord has given us and make our world a place of love and peace. When good people come together in prayer wonderful things will happen. Let us lift our prayers for peace. Remember the Lord says I will hear the prayer of the faithful person.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Let us use these Biblical passages to help us celebrate the Lord in our lives and relationships.

Advent 2018

A PEOPLE IN DARKNESS First Week of Advent

Darkness surrounds the mystery of God. It precedes many appearances of God, who comes to bring us light and life.

Sunday Genesis 1:1-5 **Wednesday** Exodus 10:20-21

Monday 1 Kings 8:10-13 **Thursday** Deuteronomy 5:22-24

Tuesday Genesis 15:12-1 **Friday** Proverbs 4:19-20

Saturday Psalm 82:3-5

Sunday *Rising* Romans 13:11-14
Advent awakens a new day, a new Church Year. Open your eyes to the dawning light

Monday *Such Faith* Matthew 8:5-11
You may not get all you ask for this Christmas, but trust that Jesus will prepare you for God's coming.

Tuesday *Revealed to Children* Luke 10:21-24
Looking for the Christ Child? Seek His presence in creation and the world

Wednesday *All Are Satisfied* Matthew 15:29-37
In sharing a meal with others, all receive the nourishment they need.

Thursday *Good Gifts* Isaiah 26:1-6
Do not expect any earthly good to last forever. Eternal treasure is more than material and everyday.

Friday *Believe* Psalm 27
Live each day as though a perfect Advent season is right before your eyes. Indeed, it will be.

Saturday *Immaculate Conception* Ephesians 1:3-12
May we, like Mary, be filled with God's grace and prepared for a life of holiness.

Stewardship Thought for the Week:

"I am the handmaid of the Lord."

This is what Mary said as she was told that she would give birth to the Savior. Mary surrendered to the will of the Father. This is what a good steward does; they surrender to the will of the Father. The faithful steward allows God to use them as a tool to build up the kingdom of heaven here on earth. By putting His love into action. Be a good steward!!!

We currently have \$41,666.59 in our building fund. This money is part of our Roof Fund. We need \$100,000.00 for a new roof on our Faith Formation and Social Center building. The patch that we have on the roof has reached the end of its warranty. It could fail at any moment, so we really need to get this roof fixed.

I am your humble servant,

Rev. Charles A. Mosley

**WHAT ARE THEY ASKING ABOUT
THE CHURCH TODAY**

In this Column I will answer questions about the Church or the parish; so whatever you want to know about the Church or the parish, please just ask. In addition we will sometimes look at issues that affect our Church or our members. Today will start our series on Reconciliation.

Session Five: Positive Growth

"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he forgave them both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered "The one, I suppose, to whom he forgave more" And He said to him, "You have judged rightly" --Luke 7:41-43--

Throughout these past four lessons we have considered Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician, and the ways in which he encounters us through the various movements of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Now it is time to have that encounter. Maybe over the last few weeks you have been to Confession and experienced the healing mercy of Christ. Maybe you are preparing to go. Either way, it cannot be a "one and done" experience. Despite our best efforts, we will continue to struggle with sin. We will continue to fall short of what God asks of us. If we want to approach a continually deeper relationship with Jesus--and eventually heaven--we need to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation a part of our regular routine.

Sometimes Confession is a profound experience; other times it may feel as if nothing has happened. But good habitual practices lead to positive growth. If we want to grow, we need to work at it--and that means doing things that are difficult. It is not always convenient to get to Confession. Sometimes we are ashamed of what we have to confess. Sometimes we just do not feel like waiting in line.

But is reconciliation worth it? The answer is yes--it is always yes! The question we have to ask ourselves is this: How intent am I on making Confession a regular part of my relationship with Jesus?

A DEPT FORGIVEN

The woman has a reputation and is considered unclean, an outcast. But she has heard the stories about Jesus, about how He eats with sinners, heals the sick, and forgives sins. So she decides to let nothing stand in her way.

Jesus is eating dinner at the house of a Pharisee named Simon. The woman knows that the men there are likely to throw her out. She does not care. She goes there anyway and brings some expensive oil with her--probably purchased with money earned from her "trade."

She bursts through the door and falls at the feet of Jesus, already weeping. With her hair, she dries the tears that have wet the feet of Jesus. Everyone is shocked--except Jesus. A woman who is "unclean" will make someone else unclean if she touches him. How is Jesus okay with this?

Simon is thinking, "If He was really a prophet, then He would know that this woman is a sinful person." Jesus knows Simon's heart, so He tells a parable.

One person has a small debt forgiven, and one has a -large debt forgiven. Which one will love the creditor more? Obviously, the one who has been forgiven more.

This woman breaks all social norms because she loves Jesus and knows He can heal her. She knows she needs the Divine Physician. The Pharisees needs Jesus' love and mercy just as much as the woman does, but they refuse to recognize that. So in believing that they need little, they love little. The woman is intent on seeking forgiveness, and her reward is an increase in love. (See Luke 7:36-50).

For us, the question is, how much are we willing to love the one who forgives us? When we encounter the mercy of Christ --when we receive the healing of the Divine Physician--we cannot help but love Him. In fact, the bigger our sin, the more we can realize we need Jesus and love Him. -

But if we do not recognize our need for a savior, then the process breaks down. We become self-righteous, ignorant of the large wound we carry around, and we love our Lord little.

EXAMINING YOUR CONSCIENCE

Two simple practices can help us become more like the woman who anoints Jesus' feet and less like the Pharisees. One we can do daily, and the other weekly or every few weeks. Both relate to how we encounter Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We can make a practice of examining our conscience. This simple reflection should always be done before we go to Confession, but it can be part of our daily prayer. We go back through our day and think about where we have fallen short, where we have sinned, where we have hurt our relationship with God and others, and where we need healing from our self-inflicted wounds.

Examining your conscience is not an exercise in guilt or feeling bad; it is looking for places where you can improve, places where you need God's mercy and grace, so you can grow closer to Him. Athletes do a similar thing when they examine their performance: they discover where they are not succeeding; then they work on those areas. If your goal is heaven, then you need to be aware of any thing that might hinder you from achieving holiness. It may be helpful to examine not only areas where you fell short but also places where God's grace is at work in you.

Give God thanks and praise for the moments you avoided temptation, said or did the right thing, or overcame a sin. This helps you recognize and give thanks for God's faithfulness toward you.

There are several different ways you can make an examination of conscience. The easiest way is to reflect on the two great commandments: to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-39). Ask yourself, "where did I fail to live these two commandments well today? Then take a few moments to either journal or reflect on where you succeeded with God's grace and where you failed.

It is important to note specific instances where you failed to love God and your neighbor. If we do not identify those areas where we need to grow, we will not grow at all.

Reflecting on the two great commandments is a good tool for daily reflection. Every few weeks, however, it is worthwhile going deeper by using a more detailed examination of conscience. There are many examinations online; some are longer than others and go into more specifics. Find one that helps you identify where you have fallen short and leads you to feel sorry for your sins.

Classic examinations of conscience revolving around the Ten Commandments are very good and they often presented as a series of questions. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has several great examinations online, at usccb.org. These include a general examination based on the Ten Commandments; separate examinations for young adults, married people, single adults, and children; and one based on Catholic social teaching. These longer examinations may not be a good fit for daily use but are worthwhile doing once a week and before going to Confession.

Remember, the goal is not to make feel awful for our sins but to help us feel sorry and push us toward receiving God's mercy. We need to name specific areas where we need healing. As we name them and take ownership of them, Jesus can forgive and heal us. Jesus is the Divine Physician. He waits for us to recognize our need for a savior. We need to be bold and rush to Him. He wants to heal us and make us new.

The next move is yours. Are you ready to be healed and made new?



Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena schedule.

All services begin at 7pm (except December 8th)
Monday, December 3rd., Tuesday, Dec.4,
Wednesday, Dec.5 and Thursday, Dec. 6th at **St. Catherine of Siena.**

Continues Friday, December 7th, [Sat. Dec. 8th, service at 6pm] Sun. Dec. 9th, Monday, Dec. 10th, Tuesday, Dec. 11 and Wednesday, Dec. 12th for the Feast Day Mass all at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help.** Sweetbreads and hot cocoa to follow mass.

Horario para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Todos los servicios empiezan a las 7pm
(con excepción del Sábado 8 de diciembre, empezará a las 6pm (después de misa).

Lunes 3 de diciembre a jueves 6 de diciembre será en Santa Catarina de Siena Viernes 7 de diciembre al 12 de diciembre será en Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro. Pan Dulce y chocolate se servirá después de la Santa Misa.