



# 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.
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## CONFESSIONS

Saturday (or by special arrangement)	3:30 to 4:00 p.m.
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## BAPTISMS

Baptism classes will be held on the First Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. Baptism will take place at 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.

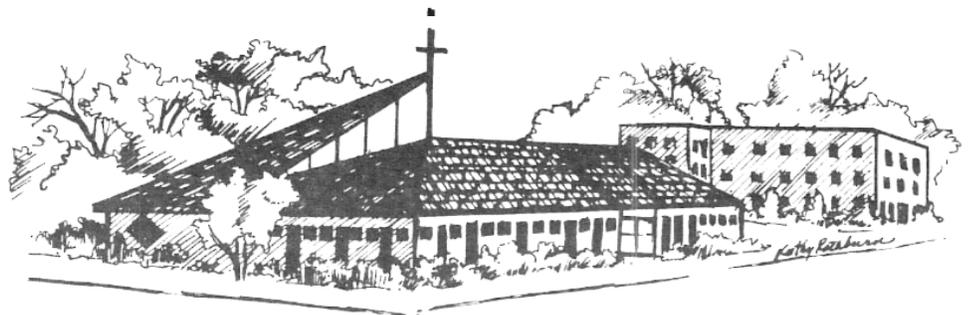
## WEDDINGS

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 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please call the Pastoral Center at 844-3438 for assistance.

Mari Smelko	(x221)	<i>Receptionist/General Information</i>
Father Mosley	(x224)	<i>Pastor &amp; Baptism Information</i>
Alfredo Flores	(x228)	<i>Adult and Family Faith Formation &amp; R.C.I.A.</i>
Dorothy Callahan	(x229)	<i>Administration</i>
Mary Jameyfield	(x231)	<i>Director of Music</i>
Roger Coan	(x233)	<i>Hall Rental</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 23 [Fourth Sunday of Advent]**

8am For Our Parishioners

10am David Resler by Buitron Family

**MONDAY, December 24 Christmas Eve**

7am Juanita Moore by Corinne

4:30 Grace Hernandez by Family

**TUESDAY, December 25 Christmas**

12am For Our Parishioners

10am John, Frances &amp; Jerry Kantor by Jack &amp; Carol

**WEDNESDAY, December 26**7am Blessings for the Ritz Family  
by Diane & Dan McKern**THURSDAY, December 27**

7am Ann Pazdur by Rose &amp; Family

**FRIDAY, December 28**

7am Joseph Pazdur by Rose &amp; Family

**SATURDAY, December 29**

4:30pm Catherine Davich by Rose Adams

**SUNDAY—December 30 [Holy Family]**

8am For Our Parishioners

10am Juventoino, Juelia and Isabell Calzada by Family

## PREVIEW OF THE WEEK

**Sunday—12/23 [Fourth Sunday of Advent]**

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

**Monday 12/24 Christmas Eve****Pastoral Center Closed**

NO Bingo

NO Faith Formation

**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 4:30pm****Tuesday — 12/25 Christmas****Pastoral Center Closed****Midnight Mass (12am)****Christmas Day Mass 10am****Wednesday — 12/26****Pastoral Center Closed**

Prayers to the Blessed Sacrament 11am

**Thursday — 12/27**

Mustard Seed 7pm

**Friday— 12/28****Saturday — 12/29**

Confessions 3:30-4pm

Mass 4:30pm

**Sunday—12/30 [Holy Family]**

Mass 8am

Mass 10am

**PARISH OFFERING DECEMBER 9, 2018**  
**157 out of 509 Envelopes Used**

Regular Collection:	\$3,822.50
Loose Collection:	\$120.50
Second Collection (utilities):	\$70.00
Hall Income	\$1,895.00
Total Income:	\$5,908.00

**CSA as of 12-9-18**

Totaled pledged: \$22,169.33  
 Total payments: \$21,749.33  
 97 Pledges out of 587 Parishioners  
 CSA Goal 2018: \$28,050.00

**The Pastoral Center** will be closed December 24 through the 26th. Reopens on Thursday the 27th.

**If you haven't yet done so**, please pick up your Church envelopes found in the Gathering Area. Thank you

**Just a reminder . . .**only CSA payments postmarked by 12-31-18 can be claimed as a 2018 tax deduction. For CSA tax receipts contact [www.dogary.org/csa.htm](http://www.dogary.org/csa.htm).

**TITHING**

“The glory of God is His life in us.”  
St. Irenaeus



*Ann Hudzik*



Rose Adams, Elizabeth Bardoczi, James Barrick,  
Pat Hauer, Christine Juscik, Kay Kwiatkowski,  
Ann Matolin, Virginia Rakos & Lillian Wojno

**PRAY FOR PEACE:** "On Earth Peace to Those on Whom His Favor Rest." 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.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEUDLE**

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve 4:30pm

Tuesday, December 25, Midnight 12am

Christmas Day 10am

Christmas Day Mass at

St. Catherine of Siena - 12 Noon

**We invite you to join us half an hour  
before each mass for our Christmas Music programs**

Christmas Eve: Children &amp; Adult Choirs, 4pm

Midnight Mass: Adult &amp; Bell Choirs, 11:30pm

Christmas Day: Adult &amp; Bell Choirs, 9:30am



**THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR**

In our reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah we read: "He shall stand firm and shepherd His flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, His God; and they shall remain, for now His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; He shall be peace. The Lord of peace is coming and He longs to share His love with you. We are the flock that He shall lead into new pasture. He will gently call your name and make us one-fold, one flock. Do you hear His call?"

**CHRISTMAS** A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." The light that we have seen is the Light of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ. This light cannot be hidden. Nor can it be kept to ourselves. No, it must be shared with the whole world. He has brought peace and great Joy, for once we were no people, but now we are God's people, the people of light. "Jesus is the reason for the season."

Here are the Mass times for Christmas: Monday, December 24, 4:00pm Christmas Concert, 4:30pm Christmas Mass. Tuesday, Christmas Concert 11:30pm, 12:00am (Midnight) Christmas Mass, Christmas Concert 9:30am, Christmas Mass during the day 10:00am. And 12:00 pm (noon) at St. Catherine of Siena.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK** Let us use these Biblical passages to help us celebrate the Lord in our lives and our relationships.

**ADVENT 2018****GOD'S LIGHT NOW COMES** Fourth Week of Advent

God is light and there is no darkness in Him (1 John 1:5).

Christ our light, transforms our darkness and draws us more deeply into the mystery of God's love.

**Sunday** Isaiah 60:1-2      **Monday** 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

**Tuesday** Luke 2:1-20

**Sunday**      *The Messenger Is Born*      Luke 1:57-66  
John the Baptist's birth prepares for that of Jesus.

**Monday**      *Do Not Be Afraid*      Luke 1:30-32  
Like Mary, let us welcome Christ into our lives.

**Tuesday Christmas** *A Child Is Born For Us*      Isaiah 9:6-7  
Jesus becomes like us so we can become like Him.

**Stewardship Thought For The Week**

"For today in the city of David a Savior has been born."

This is how the birth of Christ was announced to the shepherds. This was how God chose to share His treasure with us. How will you share your treasure? The greatest gift we can give to God is the sharing of the blessing that He has given to us. Be a good steward!!!

**BECOME A BUSINESS PARTNER WITH GOD**

We currently have \$42, 030.59 in our building fund. This money is part of our Roof Fund. We need one hundred thousand dollars for a new roof for 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,

*Fr. 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 offer an Advent Meditation.

**NOW... AND AT THE HOUR**

The Hail Mary ends with a contrast that gives hope and promises change. Mary is "holy", the "Mother of God," far beyond the "sinners" that we are. But we ask her to "pray for us sinners." We profess faith in hope and change. And we focus on the time frame: "now and at the hour of our death." We ask Mary to pray for us now, while we are sinners, still caught up in so much that distances us from God. And we look forward to the "hour of our death"--to the moment when we will speak our final, unreserved, irreversible, all-inclusive "Yes!" to God.

Then we will be holy as she is holy. "Holy and without blemish before Him, without spot or wrinkle" (Ephesians 1:4,5:27). We will "be like Him, because we will see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2). We sinners will be holy, like, the Mother of God!

We ask Mary to pray now for what will be--that we sinners may grow in holiness as we live on earth today. The Hail Mary is a prayer of hope, and an implicit commitment to change.

Like Advent, like pregnancy, like life itself, the Hail Mary is shot through with expectation. Like Christmas Eve.

**AND WE SAW HIS GLORY**

Advent is the season of "great expectations." Christmas announces and celebrates their fulfillment.

Jesus came that we might "have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10). The fullness of life is to share fully in the divine life of God.

That is holiness. Pope Francis says. "At its core, holiness is experiencing..." In other words, being "holy" is not keeping rules or living up to some standard. It is "experiencing in union with Christ, the mysteries of His life... in a unique and personal way, constantly dying and rising anew with Him" (Rejoice and Be Glad, 20).

Concretely, this means we "die" to aiming at what is only human goodness--for example, the last seven of the Ten Commandments--and we "rise" to acting on the level of God by living Christ's New Law (see Matthew, chapters 5-7). Holiness consists in consciously living, in union with Christ, the divine life of God. To be holy is to be divine.

A one-word definition of Christianity is "divinization." St. Athanasius wrote that in Jesus, God "was made human so that humans might be made God" (De Incarnatione 54.3).

That is life, "life to the full." And Pope Francis is urging us, "Go for it!" Why not live Christmas all year?