

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

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Parish office is CLOSED on Wednesdays



*Our Lady Help of Christians,
pray for us.*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil):

4:00 p.m. - Church

Sunday:

7:00 a.m. - Chapel

9:00 a.m. - Church

11:00 a.m. - Church

12:30 p.m. - Chapel (Tridentine Mass)

THE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS IS OPEN
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8 A.M.—2 P.M.
FOR PRIVATE ADORATION

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PARISH COUNCIL

Meets every first Monday
of the month at 7:00 p.m.



Second Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 4 Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent; Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

4:00 p.m. +Donald F. Bauman—req. by Dan & Florence Sullivan

SUNDAY, December 5 Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. +Rita Briechle—req. by Family

9:00 a.m. +Paul Chaiban—req. by Fr. Jozef

11:00 a.m. +Alfreda & Theodore Kwarcianiak—req. by Karen Noworyta

12:30 p.m. +Richard Lata, Jr.—req. by Jill & Greg Gaglione

MONDAY, December 6 Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:30 a.m. +Peggyann Kozak—req. by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kurdziel

9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, December 7 Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. +Paul Chaiban—req. by Fr. Jozef

4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners—req. by Fr. Jozef (Church)

WEDNESDAY, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. +Eugenia Kolasny—req. by Family (Chapel)

12:00 p.m. For the End of Abortion & Legal Protection of Human Life (Latin Mass—Chapel)

7:00 p.m. +Emily Slowik—req. by Michael & Lisa Dimitri (Church)

8:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.—Night of Prayer for Life (Church)

THURSDAY, December 9 Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:30 a.m. Audrey Eisenhardt—req. by Marcia

FRIDAY, December 10

8:30 a.m. Ann Walters—req. by Marcia

SATURDAY, December 11 Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent; Saint Damasus I, Pope

4:00 p.m. +Scot S. Kicak—req. by Doris A. Linsler

SUNDAY, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. +Raymond Gray—req. by Cheryl & Gary Schmelzer

9:00 a.m. +Tom LaRusch—req. by Jean Moore

11:00 a.m. +Alice & Walter Walser—req. by Karen Noworyta

12:30 p.m. Carol & Richard Gaglione - Wedding Anniversary—req. by Jill & Greg Gaglione

PARISH EVENTS AND NEWS

Rosary Apostolate—Sunday, December 5th at 1:00 pm—Parish Hall**St. Vincent DePaul**—Monday, December 6th at 3:00 pm—Upper Parish Hall**Parish Council**—Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm—Upper Parish Hall**Chapel Seniors**—Thursday, December 9th at 1 pm—Parish Hall

SPIRITUAL LIFE IN OUR SHRINE

- ◇ Daily Eucharist, 8:30 a.m.
- ◇ Sacrament of Confession—20 minutes before every Mass.
- ◇ Rosary—After daily Mass and 20 minutes before weekend Masses.
- ◇ Chaplet to the Devine Mercy—Every Friday 10 minutes before Mass.
- ◇ First Fridays—Eucharist about the Sacred Heart of Jesus followed by First Friday devotion at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- ◇ First Saturdays—Eucharist about the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin followed by First Saturday devotion at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel
- ◇ Eucharistic Adoration—Every Monday from 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- ◇ Blessing of Sacramentals (rosary's, crosses, and other holy items) - Every First Saturday of the month after 8:30 am Mass in the Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration Volunteers**Every Monday 9:00 am—6 pm in the Chapel****9-10 am**—Rosary Group and Sandy Smith**10-11 am**—Marion Dascomb and Susan & Timothy Cummings**11-12 pm**—Connie DiPasquale and MaryAnn Blachowiak**12-1 pm**—Jan Thomsen & Geraldine Christel**1-2 pm**—Patricia & Robert Kurdziel and Maureen Roos**2-3 pm**—Walter & Joanne Wieand**3-4 pm**—Mary Gorski & Mark Seifert**4-5 pm**—Michele Reger and Penny Moore**5-6 pm**—Elizabeth Gazy, Pauline Kinecki, and Michele Reger**New volunteers are welcome for every hour.**

If you are unable to attend and cannot find a replacement, please contact the Parish Office.

Otherwise, please come and pray anytime between 9 am and 6 pm.

The Anointing of the Sick

Every 1st Sunday of the month after the 11 am Mass, Father will celebrate The Sacrament of the Healing for people who are sick with serious illnesses or conditions, those who will have surgeries and prepare for other serious medical procedures, those who have depression or other mental or psychological health conditions. The Anointing of the Sick cannot be given to children, youth or younger people who don't have any serious medical problem. This sacrament forgives sins and heals the soul, also strengthens the human body and mind in hope of Christ Resurrection. People are encouraged to receive Confession before the Sacrament of Anointing. Please stay in church after the Mass, move to the front of the church and receive every month the Healing that comes from Gods Mercy through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

How to prepare for Christmas? 10 holy deeds we can perform in Advent time that will help us to better prepare for Lord's Nativity as Catholics.

Please choose at least two and try to perform it during Advent and Christmas seasons.

1. Participate in daily Mass throughout Advent at 8.30
2. One hour of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration on Mondays between 9 am to 6 pm In our chapel.
3. Come to Confession before Christmas (necessary to everyone).
4. Create your Family Advent wreath at home. Say prayer with Family members before dinner every night.
5. Request Holy Mass intention for a family member who has passed away or is sick.
6. Every Friday of Advent practice fast from meat, less use of the internet or tv, more reading of Bible.
7. Ask Father if he needs you to volunteer in our parish for one hour a week.
8. Help your lonely or older neighbors with shopping or house cleaning, invite somebody who is alone for Christmas dinner to your home.
9. Decide to attend every Sunday the Holy Mass in our church. Start going to Church regularly.
10. If you are married decide with your spouse to not argue anymore, to not use bad language, to work on your marriage vocation.

Brothers and Sisters. These 10 may teach us true Christian life and engaging into prayer and faith. All of them are going to improve our faith, our spirit and joy for life.

~God Bless you. Fr . Jozef

ADVENT WREATH

The lights of the candles on the Advent Wreath break through the darkness, reminding us of the Light of Christ that we anticipate during this holy season.

In the middle ages, the Germanic peoples began incorporating a lighted wreath into the Christian season of Advent. It didn't gain widespread popularity until the 1800s and it wasn't until the 1900s that German immigrants brought the tradition to America.

The Advent Wreath is very symbolic. The evergreens used for the wreath itself are a reminder of continuous life. The shaping of them into a circle reinforces that meaning. The circle is also a sign of everlasting life as well as the eternity of God.

The four candles used, three purple and one pink, mark the Sundays of Advent before Christmas. The purple candles are reminders that this should be a time of prayer and sacrifice to prepare us for the second coming of Christ. On the third Sunday, the pink candle is lit to announce Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday of rejoicing for Christ is coming near. With the lighting of that candle, the light has won out over the darkness.

The Advent Wreath serves as a powerful visual reminder of the holiness of the season. The light of the candles invite us to quiet ourselves during this busy time and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Whether at home or at Church, it provides an invitation to wait and pray in hopeful anticipation for the coming of Christ. We are called to welcome the light of Christ into our lives.



Welcome to the Parish

Jacob and Janice Jung and Family
Joshua and Maria Sugg and Family

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Advent Confessions—The new Liturgical year will start November 28th and is called the Season of Advent. Advent will last 4 weeks and is the time of preparation for Christmas Solemnity. Please have a plan to pray more during the Advent Season by participation in daily and Sunday Eucharist, reading the Bible at home, and other Christian books. A special moment will be the **Advent Confession**. Everyone should receive Confession before Christmas. We will have a few additional Priests for the Sacrament of Penance in our Church on **December 16th from 6:30-7:30 pm**. All are invited.

Baby Jesus Statue Blessing - On the **3rd Sunday of Advent**, Gaudete Sunday, all families, especially children, bring the Baby Jesus statue from your home Nativity Set for a special blessing at Church. Father will walk throughout our church at the beginning of each Mass and Bless them with Holy water. May our homes become the little churches where Catholic families invite Jesus to live every day with them and enrich their love, faith and hope.

Adopted Family Program - The Season of Giving- 2021

This is the last week to pick up a card or cards for Christmas gift suggestion for our adopted families, St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Center and St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. The cards may be found in baskets at the East entrance and at the rear of the Church and front of the Chapel. All gifts must be returned by next Sunday, December 12th to ensure proper disbursement and delivery. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Decorating for Christmas - All are invited to help decorate the Church and Chapel for Christmas on Tuesday, December 21st at 6:30 pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

3:00 p.m. (Church)
5:00 p.m. (Chapel)
10:00 p.m. (Church)

Saturday, December 25 Christmas

10:00 a.m. (Church)
12:30 p.m. (Chapel)

Sunday, December 26 The Holy Family

7:00 a.m. (Chapel)
9:00 a.m. (Church)
11:00 a.m. (Church)
12:30 p.m. Latin Mass (Chapel)

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

WEEK END OF November 20/21 2021

Sunday Collection—\$4,124.00 Utilities—\$395.00
Candles—\$205.35 Donation—\$2,500.00
Other—\$3,155.67 Total—\$10,380.02

eGiving Donations—\$95.00

St. Vincent DePaul—\$200.20

Parish Outstanding Debt

(as of December 2021) - \$40,420.24

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED &
GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT.**

Spiritual & Financial Report

(Inadvertently omitted from 11/21/21 bulletin)

Parish—\$363,365.85

Cemetery—\$397,833.05

Chapel—\$1,071,189.60

Oplatek or Christmas Wafers, a Christmas Polish Tradition will be available in the Parish Office or in Church on the Altar on the **3rd Sunday of Advent.**

2022 Mystery Calendars

Our Holy Name Society is selling 2022 Mystery Calendars from **November 1, 2021 until December 31, 2021** or sold out. Mystery Calendars are calendars whose number you will not know until you open the envelope. 1,000, numbered 000-999, are sold inside sealed envelopes in which the number on the outside may or may not match the number on the inside. *For just \$20*, you have a chance to win every day. Each date indicates the amount that day's winner will win, from \$20 to \$100. Donate today! And they make great Christmas gifts! Calendars are available after weekend Masses, from your favorite seller and at the Parish Office during normal hours. Once opened, calendars cannot be returned nor refunded. Unsold calendars become the property of the Holy Name Society. Thank you for supporting Our Lady Help of Christians!

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Linda Rebadow, Cheryl Rossi, John & Patti Coyle, Barbara Fox, Doug Fox, David & Marian Dascomb, Maureen Hoffman, Lori Reid, Lucas Michael Nowak, Mickey Pijanowski, Julie Korst, Grace Tomasello, Marie LaMonte, James Hardin, John Rupp, Dorothy Henry, Rose Marie Rogers, Rebecca Beres, Connie F. Valentine, Ben & Carol Collura, Geri Simoneit, Millie Kolis, Lucille May, Samantha A. Lunz, Patricia Urbanczyk, Emily Mizerkiewicz, Tom & Marcy Mateczun, Michael Ziolkowski and anyone else in need of healing.

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Florence Nowak, Lester Dean, Louis Spitzer, Lorraine Lanning, and Carol Mackiewicz

Night of Prayer for Life

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
WEDNESDAY DEC. 8**

- Adoration
- Benediction
- 20 Decade Rosary for Life with meditations
- This is in cooperation with a National Night of Prayer



**in the main church
after 7 pm Mass until 10pm**
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Please attend for some or all of the night!

MARCH FOR LIFE

There are only a few spots available for the March for Life in Washington DC on January 20th and 21st. If you are interested, **please register by December 10th.** The cost for the bus and hotel with breakfast is \$360/single room and \$260/double room. Email Fr. Jozef at ksdudzik@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office at (716) 276-9288 if interested.

Faith Formation † (716) 458-3130 † olhc.faithformation@gmail.com

The Faith Formation team is excited to begin this year welcoming students and asking them to bring their curiosity and questions. This year the program begins with the 9 am Youth Mass followed by class from 10:00-10:45 am in the Faith Formation school building.

The Religious Education Resource Center is open to all our families at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish. Materials like workbooks, Bibles, school supplies, list of prayers and more, are available for you to take to support the learning process at home.

The center is open on Monday evenings from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY SCHEDULE † Youth Mass at 9 am

12/05/2021	10:00-10:45 am 2nd Sunday of Advent
12/6/2021	Religious Education Resource Center OPEN 4-7 pm
12/12/2021	3 rd Sunday of Advent 10:00-10:45 am Confession Grades 6-7
12/13/2021	Religious Education Resource Center OPEN 4-7 pm
12/19/2021	9:00 am Faith Formation Mass 9 th Grade
12/19/2021	4 th Sunday of Advent 10:00-10:45 am Confession Grades 9-10
12/20/2021	Religious Education Resource Center OPEN 4-7 pm
12/26/2021	NO CLASS Christmas break
12/27/2021	Religious Education Resource Center CLOSED
1/2/2022	NO CLASS Christmas break
1/3/2022	Religious Education Resource Center CLOSED

How well do you know your Trivia?

Last week's Trivia Answer: : In 1 Samuel 10:1, it is written, "Then Samuel took a jar of olive oil and poured it on Saul's head, kissed him, and said, "The Lord anoints you as ruler of his people of Israel. You will rule his people and protect them from all their enemies. And this is the proof to you that the Lord has chosen you to be the ruler of his people..."

This week's Trivia question: True or False: The Immaculate Conception pertains to the birth of the Blessed Mother Mary

RCIA Program

The RCIA program is for those who want to belong or return to the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish office if you want to receive the Sacraments . We will provide classes for this program after the Christmas season. The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 16th 2022. If you have not made your Confirmation, or left the Catholic Church for a long time, please come to our church for RCIA. If your marriage has not been Blessed sacramentally in the Catholic Church, please contact us to discuss your options and how to accomplish this. All candidates of RCIA are asked to attend Mass every Sunday and learn about faith. Please register for the program by calling the Parish office or email olhc.chapel.@gmail.com or ksduzjik@gmail.com . We pray for all people who are led by the Holy Spirit to the deeper faith in the Church of Jesus Christ.



Latin Mass Parishioners

- ◇ **Today is the Second Sunday in Advent. There will be a Latin Mass on Wednesday, December 8, the Feast of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary. It will be in the Chapel at 12 Noon.**
- ◇ Please register with the parish by calling the office at 716-276-9288. The office hours are listed on the front page of the bulletin.
- ◇ Fr. Young is doing server training every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30 PM, at St. Anthony's, for anyone interested in learning to serve the Latin Mass.
- ◇ Fr. will be hearing confessions 20 minutes before Mass.
- ◇ The Rosary will be prayed together before Mass.
- ◇ If you wish to request a Mass intention to be said at the Latin Mass, please call or visit the rectory during office hours. Also, do so if you are planning a Baptism, wedding or have other needs.
- ◇ Please register your children in our Faith Formation Program.
- ◇ Father Dudzik invites you from time to time, to participate in the Masses in the main church, and to pray with him, and listen to his preaching.

CEMETERY NEWS

Our beautiful cemetery at Our Lady Help of Christians has graves available in the cemetery and also niches available in the 3 Columbarium's.

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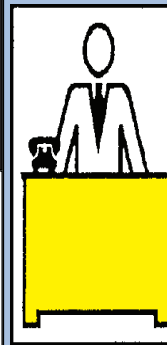
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