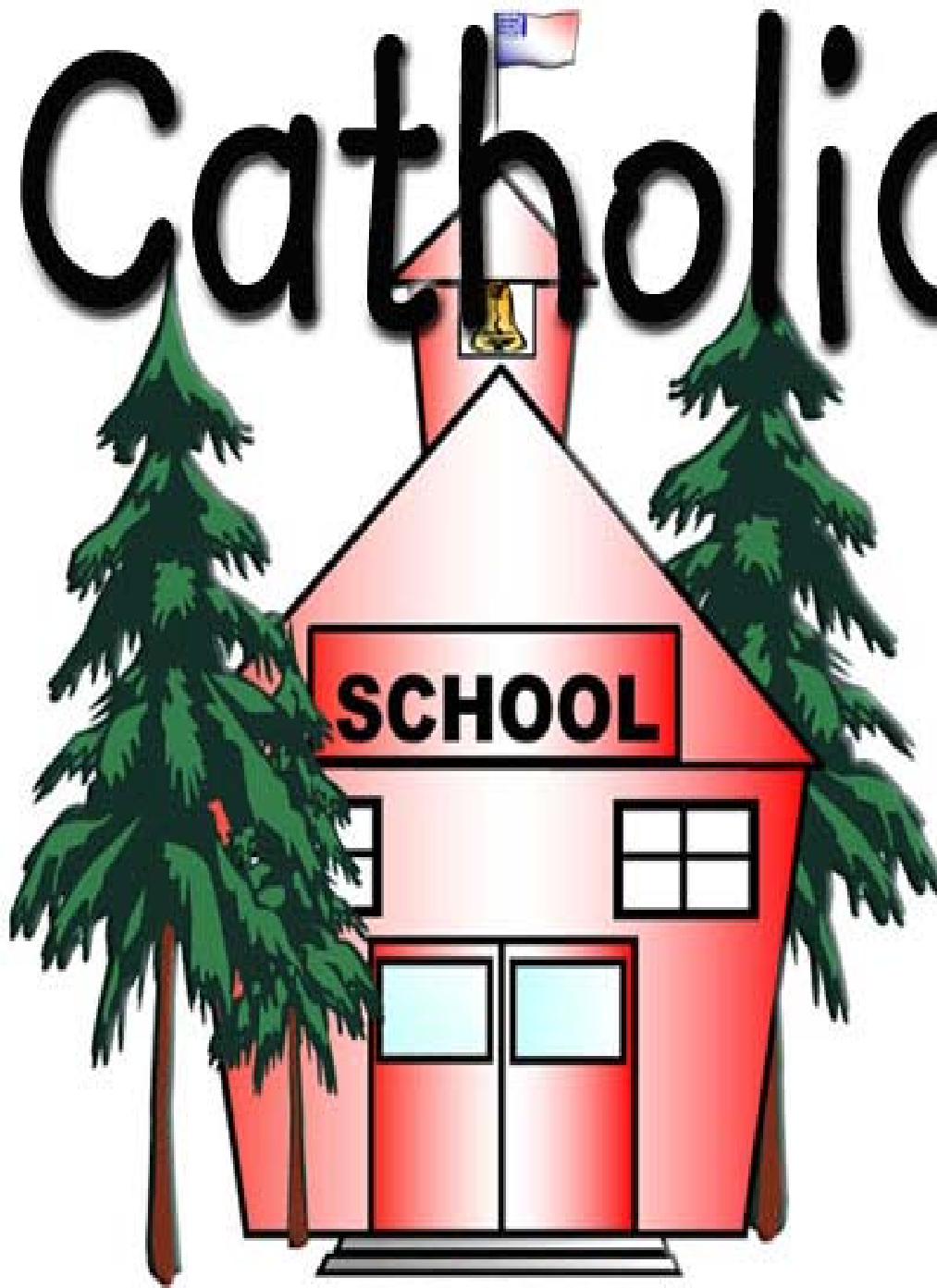


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Week

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 29

8:30 am Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace
10:30 am † Frank & Clara Chycinski

Monday, January 30

8:15 am † Deceased Veterans of OLQP

Tuesday, January 31

8:15 am † Deceased of the Palenski Family

Wednesday, February 1

8:15 am † Felice Nowakowski

Thursday, February 2

8:15 am † Joan Keller-Grassell

Friday, February 3

8:15 am † Raymond & Rosamond Radtke

Saturday, February 4

3-3:45 pm Confession
4:00 pm † Jerry Miklaszewicz

Sunday, February 5

8:30 am The Health of Mary Bartness
10:30 am Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace

REFLECTIONS OF TODAY'S GOSPEL

MARK 1:21 - 28

"I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

In urban areas, it is not uncommon for people who are mentally ill to haunt our churches. At my parish, a woman sits out front every week wearing all the colors of the rainbow, talking to herself nonstop and holding out her cup. Inside the church, there are occasional outbursts during the Mass, as someone wrestling with inner demons shrieks, speaks, or wanders the aisles, staring at us all with vacant eyes.

One week, a man who was deeply disturbed kept repeating the Mass parts after the priest from the back of the church. He started out softly at first, a faint echo of the presider. By the time of the Eucharistic prayer, he was loud, even belligerent, adding profanity to the responses and mocking the service. I felt angry, offended, though I knew the man was not rational.

And then something wonderful happened. At the sign of peace, a woman left her pew and extended her hand to the man. He took it, and then another person appeared behind the woman, and then another. Pretty soon dozens were gathered to extend peace to this troubled intruder, and the man began to weep openly. He sat down, and a small child went out to him and sat on his lap, instinctive to the sound of tears. The Mass continued, and the man never spoke another word.

Questions for Reflection

Who are the prophets of this generation? How do they challenge us?

Describe the holy people you have known. How was their faithfulness to God present in their lives, whether vowed, single, or married?

Have you ever known a person who defeated their "inner demons"? What demons have you wrestled with over the years?

Action Response

Find an opportunity this week to exercise the call of the prophet. Bring peace where there is division, challenge established injustice, offer kindness unreasonably.

In today's second reading, St. Paul is giving very specific advice to the Corinthians that might appear off-putting to Catholics today. At the heart of St. Paul's message is the suggestion to live more simply - keep in mind that which is most important for our eternal life. Faithful stewards know that focusing on our relationship with God first helps, the other relationships in our lives thrive.

RATIFICATION OF CONSTITUTION /BY-LAWS

Please be advised that the Constitution and By-Laws for the OLQP Parish Council have been reviewed and reapproved by the Archdiocesan Office for Parish Councils. Anyone who wishes to review the revised approved document can do so by stopping in the parish office. The approved documents will be available for inspection until February 6.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Dolores Smagalski and Kathleen Marx who died recently. Please remember them in your prayers.



GFS MARKETPLACE

Next week's church bulletin will contain an insert entitled, "FUNFUNDS". Fun Funds is a program which enables you to save money on your grocery purchases while earning rebates for our parish. Sounds good? WAIT! There's more! It costs you NOTHING to join. The program is FREE (unlike Sam's Club or other similar chains).

Every time you shop, show your card at the checkout to earn the rebate for OLQP while saving money on your own groceries. In addition there are special shelf tags throughout the store for premium items reduced for members only.

Please fill out the application blank, which will be inserted in next week's bulletin, take it to the store when you're ready to go shopping and save on your grocery purchases while earning money for your parish.

POPCORN MACHINE

Our 10+ year old popcorn machine popped its last kernel recently. To the rescue came Bernice, a Bingo player from another parish. Thanks to Bernice's generosity, the smell and taste of freshly popped popcorn will linger for many years to come.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ACTIVITIES

January 29, 2012 – February 2, 2012

Theme: Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service

Weekends of Jan. 21st/22nd & Jan. 28th/29th

Tickets on sale after all masses for the Basket Raffle

Monday, Jan. 30th – VIP/Community Day

Students can invite parent, grandparent or someone special in their life to celebrate mass and enjoy a continental breakfast

All School Mass @ 8:15am

Recognition of the VIP Award Recipients

Student BINGO

Scholastic Book Fair

Hygiene Drive for House of Peace Begins

Tuesday, Jan. 31st – Faith Comes in Many Colors

Students should wear the color assigned to their grade

Faith-A-Thon: Teachers will test the students' knowledge of the Catholic faith

Prayer Service

Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, Feb. 1st – Spirit Day

Dress in Blue and Gold

8th Grade vs. teachers' volleyball game at 1:30pm

Thursday, Feb. 2nd – Student Appreciation Day and

Open House

Out of Uniform

Movie for students at 12:15pm

Open House from 4pm-7pm

- Visit the Classrooms & Meet the Teachers
- Register for the 2012-13 school year
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Basket Raffle/Drawing @ 6:30pm
- Student Council Bake Sale in the cafeteria
- Salsa Contest in the cafeteria

The kitchen will be selling a hamburger plate for \$3.00 and a hot dog plate for \$2.50.

Friday, Feb. 3rd – No School

Our students wish to share their thoughts about their school during Catholic Schools Week.

WE ARE THANKFUL

Thank you to all of our helpful volunteers who teach us how to read and write and do math.

God bless you!

Mrs. Cindy Jannik's Senior Kindergarten

P is for "playing outside", L is for "letting us exercise", A is for "always out there", and Y is for "you're appreciated". Thanks to our playground staff for keeping us safe

Ms. Julie Madden's First Graders

We would like to thank the lunch ladies for the good food you make for us every day especially the healthy treats like apples! Thank you also for the special treats you make like cookies and donuts. Thanks for everything you do. You always serve us with a smile in the nice clean cafeteria. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Karen Kovoichich's Second Graders

To the entire athletic team: Our coaches taught us determination. They gave us the skills to persist in life's game, and for that we always will give thanks for them and look back and boast that we had the privilege of calling you our coaches.

Mrs. Maria Ruiz-Martinez' Third Graders

A very special thank you goes out to all of our parents and family members who chose to send us to Our Lady Queen of Peace, an AWESOME Catholic School.

Mrs. Colleen Thiel's Fourth Graders

Grade 5 thanks our OLQP Faith Family for giving us the chance to learn with God in our classroom.

Mrs. Jean Euer's Fifth Graders

We would like to thank the Rectory Staff for all their hard work and dedication to our Catholic Education. Thanks!

Mrs. Amy Beauford's Sixth Graders

"Thank you to the maintenance crew of OLQP. You help keep our school safe for all and play an incredibly important role in the success for OLQP. Thanks for all that you do!"

Ms. Emma Radomski's Seventh Graders

A big thank you goes out to the ladies of Extended Care, Mrs. McCrory and Mrs. Majchrzak. Thank you for your patience and dedication to the families and students of OLQP.

Mrs. Stacy Chesick's Eighth Graders

You're invited to...

Open House: Thursday, February 2nd 4-7 pm

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