



O Holy Night



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

8:30 am † Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace
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Monday, January 2

8:15 am Health of Mary Bartness

Tuesday, January 3

8:15 am † Iluminata Rivera

Wednesday, January 4

8:15 am † Mary Ellen Rieth

Thursday, January 5

8:15 am † Relatives & Friends of the Remiszewski Family

Friday, January 6

8:15 am † Jo Lewis

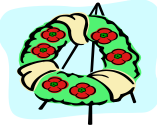
Saturday, January 7

3-3:45 pm Confession
4:00 pm † Harry & Dorothy Pietrzak

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am † Matthew & Nellie Schultz
10:30 am Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Evelyn Stelter, Harvey Balanger and Ruth Kacala who died recently.



Life has changed, not ended.....



BAPTISM CLASSES

New Parents are reminded that they are expected to attend a class on the Sacrament of Baptism before their first child is baptized. They need not wait until the baby is born before planning to attend a class. We encourage you to attend one of our classes before the baby's birth.

OLQP baptism classes are scheduled every fourth Tuesday of the month. Classes, held in the Rectory, start at 6pm. and last approximately 1-1/2 hours.

Our next class is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 24th**. Reservations may be made by calling Patt at 672-0313 x 13.

All parents requesting baptism for their child must be contributing practicing members of OLQP for at least three months before baptism can take place.

The monthly breakfast meeting of the **Fellowship Group** takes place next week **Sunday, January 8th** in the School Hall following the 8:30am Mass. We welcome new members.



REFLECTIONS OF TODAY'S GOSPEL

JOHN 2:16-21

Mary treasured all things and reflected on them in her heart.

Mary had a lot to treasure in her heart. There was Gabriel's visit to her, and her visit to Elizabeth. There was the conception of a child that would be called Son of the Most High. Then there was the birth of her child in a strange city, under hard conditions, but with a good man at her side to help and protect her and the baby. And then the shepherds showed up.

These people smelled of animals and long periods of time without a bath. There were wild and unsocialized people who lived in the wilderness to care for their animals. When they stumbled into her presence on that eventful (and likely exhausting) night, they told wild stories. An angel, a proclamation, a Messiah, a heavenly host! None of it would have made any sense, except that Mary knew about angels and proclamations already.

The one with the good voice sang the first Christmas carol, imitating the angel: "Glory to God in the highest...". Mary decided it was time to start treasuring, as these events were not likely to be repeated in her lifetime, or anyone's. Did she guess that we would continue to reflect on them until the end of time?

Questions for Reflection

How is God smiling upon your life right now? Count your blessings and thank God.

When have you experienced the freedom of surrendering a heavy load? How does your faith lighten your load at this time?

What memories do you treasure and reflect upon? What lessons do they teach you?

Action Response

Bless the New Year, and be a blessing for those around you. Treasure the good and holy things in your past, and reflect on how you can share your treasure with a needy world.

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Grief and Depression During the Holidays

Has the recent loss of a loved one taken over your life? Are you feeling alone, confused, or angry? Grief and depression can be overwhelming, but carrying those emotions through the Christmas season is even more difficult. Don't hesitate to contact a therapist at Catholic Charities for help. Call 414-771-2881 Monday through Friday. You are not alone!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the December meeting of the Parish Council three new Council members were introduced. They are Gail Palenski, James Szpizar and Sharon Szpizar. Our heartfelt thanks to each one for accepting the call to serve our parish.

The Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 6pm in the lower level of the Rectory. Observers are most welcome.

NEW YEAR'S WISH

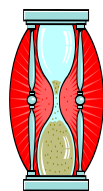
The Money Counters have but one wish this New Year, and that is for everyone to save their scotch tape for next year's Christmas gifts and not waste it on their contribution envelopes.

Lately there have been many envelopes taped so securely that they are almost impossible to open without damaging the contents. Although the glue on the envelope flap may not look like it, but with the use of a small amount of moisture, it will remain sealed until it reaches the hands of a Money Counter.

So we ask, please, **no scotch tape, no glue, no staples** this year. THANK YOU!

CALENDAR YEAR END REMINDER

As the end of the calendar year approaches, remember that, per IRS regulations, charitable contributions must be applied to the year in which they are received or postmarked. If a donor has not mailed or submitted a check by year-end, no matter what date is on the check, it may not be attributed to that year.



This upcoming end-of-year poses a complication since December 31 is a Saturday and January 1 falls on a Sunday. This means that collections taken on these two days will be separated into the correct calendar year for accurate donor acknowledgment.

Thank you for your generosity throughout this past year.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Rectory will be closed on January 2. The office will reopen at 9 am on Tuesday January 3rd.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Applications are available for the 2012 Global Youth Mission (GYM) summer mission trip. GYM is an international mission immersion experience for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. For 2012, the mission sites are Ecuador, St. Lucia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Honduras. Each trip takes place for two weeks during the summer. Students are given the opportunity to experience life in another country and culture far different from their own. Applications are due January 20th. All trip information, including dates, cost, and how to apply, are available on the new GYM webpage: <http://www.archmil.org/offices/worldmission/GlobalYouthMissionTripsGYM.htm>



Note: Adult, Spanish-speaking leaders may still be needed for some sites. Call 414-758-2280 for more information.

FOR ADULTS:

For 30 years, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has had a sister parish relationship with La Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Parish in the Dominican Republic. The World Mission Ministries next pilgrimage to La Sagrada Familia will take place February 28-March 7, 2012. This is your opportunity to learn firsthand about life in the parish, about your sisters and brothers there, and about how the connection between the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and La Sagrada Familia has impacted lives in both communities. For more information, please visit: <http://www.archmil.org/Parishes/Sagrada-Familia/visiting.htm>

FOR SENIORS:

Are you or a loved one looking for information about services and resources available to older adults? Interfaith's Senior Ambassadors can help. Senior Ambassadors are fellow older adults who have been trained as volunteers to connect you with that information. In addition, if you are interested in becoming a Senior Ambassador, call Interfaith Older Adult Program at 414-291-7500.



Do you love to read but just can't do it any more? Maybe, you can't see well enough or just can't hold the paper due to some physical limitation. There is a FREE service for individuals who qualify. For Newspapers by Phone and Talking Books call 414-286-3045 to register.

FOR ALL:

If you or a member of your family will be in the hospital, are in a nursing home or are confined to the home, please notify Sister Verona at the Rectory 672-0313 x22 so that she may visit and bring Communion to you or your loved one.