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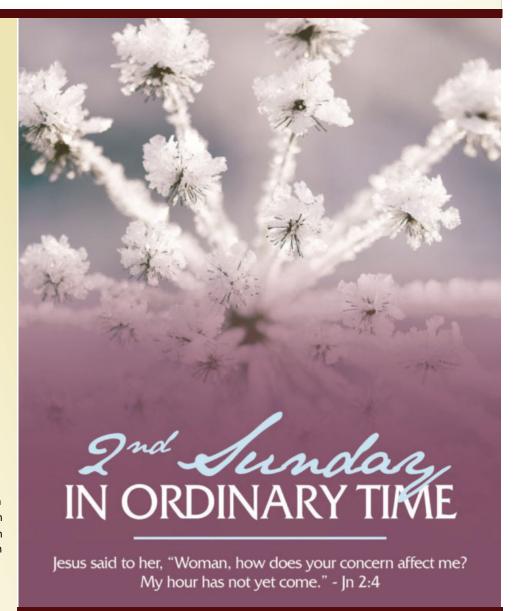
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CELEBRATION

OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office at least four months in advance.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church or anytime by appointment.

Confirmation

Celebrated during the Season of Easter. Contact the Parish Office.

Eucharist

Tuesday 8:15 AM

Blessed Sacrament Church

Wednesday 8:15 AM

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Thursday 8:15 AM

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Friday 8:15 AM

Blessed Sacrament Church

Saturday 4:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament Church

Sunday

8:00 AM Blessed Sacrament Church **10:00 AM** Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Holy Matrimony

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance. If you or your intended have been previously married, please talk to the pastor before you schedule anything.

Holy Orders

Contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated in the Fall at Queen of Peace, and May 3, 2022 at Blessed Sacrament.

In emergencies, contact the Parish Office or the priest residence.

New Parishioners

Please call or stop by the rectory to register. **Bulletin Deadline: Monday 1:00 pm**

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more

innocent side of life.
Life is not meant to be a
burden. Believe it or not,
God actually wants us to be
happy! In fact, the wedding
feast at Cana shows us
that God even puts His
blessing on our happiness.
It is okay to celebrate the
wonder of ourselves and
others. Life is good. It is

always interesting to note



that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPi

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

With this being Year C in the Church Liturgical Cycle, the Gospel proclaimed this year the Gospel of Luke. Wednesday, January 19th at 7 pm at QP Church. Greg Nowak will discuss the major themes in Luke's Gospel and provide insight into Jesus' mission. Find out why John the Baptist was His precursor, why Jesus goes to Nazareth directly at his Baptism, and why Jesus travels to Capernaum and uses Peter's house as his base of operations. These questions and more will be answered. The initial chapters of Luke's Gospel (3 to 5) give us the foundation of Jesus' mission and will make the readings come alive on Sunday.

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	SATURDAY	January 15	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Rev. Paul Stauder, Rose Marie Micka, Richard Wittenauer	
MASS TIMES	SUNDAY	January 16	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family	WEEK OF
W &			10:00 a.m. (QP)	Special Intentions for Bob & Margy McGlynn	PRAYER
MASS	TUESDAY	January 18	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Harold Ord	FOR
INTENTIONS	WEDNESDAY	January 19	8:15 a.m. (QP)	George Velas	CHRISTIAN
	THURSDAY	January 20	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Mary E. Flynn	UNITY
100	FRIDAY	January 21	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Poor Souls	
	SATURDAY	January 22	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Ronald Smith, Lois Sieron, Christina Rudolf	
	SUNDAY	January 23	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Cyril & Helen Schmisseur	NA.
			10:00 a.m. (QP)	Parish Family	

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Faithful Departed

Question: How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer: We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not guite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!



WELCOME TO OUR Baptism FAITH FAMILY

Mia Luna Gonzalez, daughter of German & Rocio (Martinez)

Gonzalez, who was Baptized in our parish.



Do you have any prayers to share with our Prayer Chain? Contact the parish office at 397-2287 or call Requests Marian Meyer at 277-8155.

Mass For Life Sunday, January 16, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

Holy Trinity Parish 505 Fountains Pkwy., Fairview Heights

Celebrant - Most Reverend Michael McGovern

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer. - Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE! JOIN THE NINE DAY LIFE NOVENA! January 19-27, 2022

9 Days for Life is a Novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accomplished by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. For more information go to www.9daysforlife.com.

END OF YEAR TITHING STATEMENT

Reminder for those needing a End of Year Tithing Statement for taxes, please contact the parish office at 618-397-2287



Catholic Schools Week 2022

January 30-February 5

www.NCEA.org/csw #CSW22

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY

The tornados that hit Owensboro, Ky on January 3rd were devastating to so many people. We will be taking up a special collection to help those families who experienced such a loss. Please be as generous as you can.

ON OUR OWN EVENT

For January, the On Our Own group will be gathering at the Abbey Restaurant on Main Street. Please join us on Wednesday, January 19, at 11:30 am for lunch. We will talk, eat, laugh, and enjoy each other's company. New people are always welcome! If you have questions, please contact Karen Vick at 618-277-3374 or Kvgr4@aol.com. Hope to see you there!

DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY

We would like to begin a Adult Day Time Bible Study. Those who are interested, contact Greg Nowak at greg.nowak@gofp.com or nowak25@charter.net. We would like to begin the study in February or March 2022. Day and time to be determined as well as topic.



BS: November Budget \$37,500	Actual YTD: \$25,315
QP: November Budget \$37,500	Actual YTD: \$28,133

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BS: blessedsacramentbelleville.weshareonline.org/ Or scan the QR code:

QP:QR CODE



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and click Give OnLine.

- 2. Click the collection you wish to donate to.
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THANK YOU in ADVANCE! Your donations help your parish and school!

LENTEN PREPARATION

In order to prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter, we must "Spiritually Cleanse" ourselves during our Lenten Journey. What better way to prepare for Lent than by studying the 7 Penitential Psalms that Holy Scripture provides us. In this 4 week study, we will focus on 2 Psalms each week (Psalm 51, the Miserere will be its own week). This Bible Study will utilize Sarah Christmyer's book, Create in Me a Clean Heart. Our study will be on Wednesday evenings at 7pm (Feb. 2nd, -23rd) in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Those interested in this study contact Greg Nowak at greg.kowak@gofp.com or nowak25@chater.net. Books will need to be ordered and we will use the Zoom platform.



LIVE THE LITURGY -INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!

A Special "Thank You" to

ALL who advertise on the back of our parish bulletin throughout the year. We greatly appreciate you! Parishioners please try to call on them first.



A nice way to remember your loved ones is having

a Mass said in their Intention. Contact Donna in the parish office at 618-397-2287 she will be happy to help.



Our Lady Queen of Peace School

Masks and appointments required!

DONORS GET THEIR CHOICE OF A ST. PATRICK'S DAY THEMED SHIRT OR A GIFT CARD!

Monday, January 17 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm **Parish Center** 5923 North Belt West

To schedule an appointment, call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401 or online at www.bloodcenter.org/group Use group code 9867 to schedule online or scan QR code ->



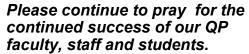




Join us for a Night Under the Stars for our adult prom and annual dinner auction on Saturday, February 26, 2022!.

How can you support the auction?

- Consider sponsoring the event.
- Taking out an Ad in our program.
- Donate a basket item to our silent or live Auction.
- Purchase raffle tickets.
- Attend the event.



Use the camera app on your phone to scan the QR Code to go directly to auction website: Check out the QP Amazon wish list for silent auction, purchase raffle tickets or make a reservation. Forms for sponsorship, or ads are also available.

Questions? Contact co-chairs Stacey Hesse or Liz Stookey at **QPAuction@gofp.com**.





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