



December 26, 2021
The Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Times

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

9:00 am & 11:00 am

Monday

8:15 am

Tuesday

8:15 am

Wednesday

8:15 am

Friday

8:15 am

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month

9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Rosary Devotion

Monday-Wednesday & Friday

7:55 am

Sacraments

For inquiries regarding Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, or Marriage visit olpmn.org/sacraments.

Is This Your First Time at OLP?

Thank you for choosing to spend your time with us!

It would be great to be able to connect with you and welcome you into the Our Lady of Peace community.

Text *Welcome* to 612-540-1752 and let us know you are here!

Weddings at OLP

Couples planning to be married at Our Lady of Peace should plan on at least six months to prepare for this lifelong commitment to each other and to complete all the necessary steps.

Visit olpmn.org/sacraments for more information.

From Fr. Ellis



Merry Christmas to you! This year, we celebrate Christmas on a Saturday, and then the very next day observe the feast of the Holy Family. Of course, these two holy days are closely related—in order for there to be the Holy Family, Jesus had to be born into the household of St. Joseph and Mary. I think there is great wisdom in having these two celebrations follow one another in quick succession every year, whether or not they are on consecutive days. Christmas obviously and appropriately centers on Jesus. That is not to say that Mary and Joseph are not part of the whole nativity scene, but the emphasis is on the fact that God took on human flesh and was born as an infant here on earth. This truth, called the Incarnation, is a central mystery and a core tenet of our faith. Without taking the least thing away from that, the feast of the Holy Family focuses on relationship. Jesus didn't come to be an individualistic superhero, a lone-ranger type. He came to heal and to save, and to do so in the context of relationships. This is consistent with the way God has interacted with us since the beginning; He has always called not just individuals, but families—a whole people—to follow Him.

This means that our own families are the place where God wants to work His saving power. In other words, Jesus wants to make our households holy families too. Even in secular conversations, we sometimes hear people speak of their bodies as a temple. We believe this to be true; at baptism, God comes and dwells in our souls. At the same time, temples have always been rather solitary places. A god or gods lives in a temple as their house, and from time to time a priest or two comes to offer worship or sacrifice. By contrast, a church is a place where a group of people come together to pray and worship. It is still the house of God, but it is where His family gathers. This is what our families are meant to be as well. Yes, we are all temples of the Holy Spirit, but in addition the members of a family are called to follow Jesus and worship him together. For this reason, the Church sometimes refers to the family as the domestic church. Just as much as a parish church, it exists to support its members on the path to Heaven by following Jesus here on earth. Despite the fact that no family is perfect, I invite you to view your families in this light. It helps us see that family prayers and acts of charity are not just items on a list of tasks, but a continuation of the saving work that Jesus came to bring about.

Liturgy & Music

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God will be on Friday, December 31 at 5 pm and Saturday, January 1 (New Year's Day) at 10 am.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

You're invited to join us in Pates Hall for refreshments and hospitality after the 10 am Mass on New Year's Day!

Liturgical Ministry Conflicts Past Due

All Liturgical Ministers- please be sure to submit any conflicts you have for the next schedule today.

You can enter them through Ministry Scheduler or email epike@olpmn.org if you have any problems with the scheduling system.

Around the Archdiocese

Men's Silent Retreat

Looking for the perfect getaway?

Let God meet you at a beautiful retreat location in Lake Elmo, MN.

Join us for a Men's Silent Retreat at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House January 20 – January 23.

The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening.

Free will donations are accepted.

For more information, call Bob Cardinal at check out the website demontrevilleretreat.com.

Other retreat days are also available.

Prayer Service for Life

Saturday, January 22, 10:30 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul

This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath.

All are invited and welcome.

Saint John Paul II Champions for Life Awardees will be recognized during the prayer service.

This event is sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family and Life.

For more information visit archspm.org/prayer-service-life.

From the Youth & Young Adult Minister

Thank you!

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord together, I am filled with gratitude for the warm welcome I have received from the OLP community over the past two months.

Know of my prayers for a joyful and peace filled time of celebration for you and your family! ~Jocelyn

Youth Ministry

Christmas Party!

There will be a high school Christmas party on Tuesday, December 28 from 2-4 pm in Whalen Room.

Bring a friend and your favorite board game!

Young Adults

Coffee for College Students

Calling all college students back for Christmas break!

Jocelyn would like to buy you coffee the week of December 27.

Contact her at jjohnson@olpmn.org to schedule a time.

The Well: A Young Adult Women's Bible Study

Young adult women are welcome to join us for The Well, a new bimonthly Bible study.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, January 6 from 7-8:30 pm in Whalen Room.

We will be celebrating the Epiphany with festive treats and a book exchange (bring a wrapped copy of a favorite book you've read in the past year).

No preparation or prior knowledge of Scripture is required.

Bring your Bible and a friend!

Join Us for Our Next Game Night

Mark your calendars for our next Young Adult Game Night on Monday, January 23 at 7 pm.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 25

10:00 am OLP Parishioners

Sunday, December 26

9:00 am Lawrence Pagliano †

11:00 am Jim DeGiusti †

Monday, December 27

8:15 am Joanne Floersch †

Tuesday, December 28

8:15 am Rpland & Rita Simones †

Wednesday, December 29

8:15 am Art Mohs †

Friday, December 31

8:15 am Ed & Theresa Brang

5:00 pm OLP Parishioners

Saturday, January 1, 2022

10:00 am OLP Parishioners

5:00 pm Carolyn Hynnek †

Sunday, January 2

9:00 am OLP Parishioners

11:00 am OLP Parishioners

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will be on Friday, January 7 in the church from 9 am - 7 pm.

Sign up at olpmn.org/events or on the board outside the sanctuary near the elevator.

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Giving for November

Sunday & Electronic Giving	\$32,018
Plate Offering	\$1,596
Total	\$33,614
YTD Actual	\$153,209
YTD Budget	\$202,900
Previous YTD	\$177,371

This Week at OLP

Sunday, December 26 - The Holy Family

9:00 am Mass - C
11:00 am Mass - C

Monday, December 27 - St. John

7:55 am Rosary - C
8:15 am Mass - C
9:45 am Tai Chi - PH

Tuesday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents

7:55 am Rosary - C
8:15 am Mass - C
9:00 am Bible Study - WR
2:00 pm High School Christmas Party - WR
8:00 pm Open Gym - G

Wednesday, December 29 - St. Thomas Becket

7:55 am Rosary - C
8:15 am Mass - C
6:30 pm Bible Study - WR
Music Ministry Christmas Party - PH
8:00 pm Open Gym - G

Thursday, December 30

6:00 pm Evening Prayer - V

Friday, December 31 - St. Sylvester I

Parish Office Closed

7:55 am Rosary - C
8:15 am Mass - C
5:00 pm Mass for the Solemnity of Mary - C

Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10:00 am Mass - C
11:00 am Hospitality - PH
3:00 pm Confession - C
5:00 pm Mass for the Epiphany - C

Sunday, December January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am Mass - C
11:00 am Mass - C

C - Church
CR - Childcare Room
G - Gym
LR - Leo Room
O - Outside
OC - Off Campus
PH - Pates Hall

SC - School
SKC - St. Kevin's Chapel
SPR - Sts. Peter & Paul
Rooms
TR - Trinity Room
V - Virtual
WR - Whalen Room

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