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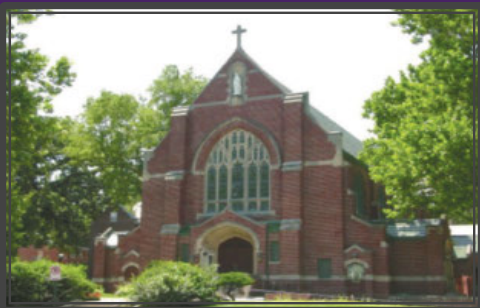
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Deacons:

Mr. Frank P. Hilt

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Our Lady of Lourdes Campus

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Parish Office 402-346-0900

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday 8:00 am

Saturday Morning 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
(or by appointment)



Saint Adalbert Campus

2617 South 31st Street

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday 7:00 am

Our Lady of Lourdes - St. Adalbert Parish

Established July 2014 by Archbishop George J. Lucas

December 19, 2021 † Fourth Sunday of Advent

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ADVENT



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OUR PARISH STAFF

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Website	www.ollomaha.com

Baptisms & Marriages: Pre-baptismal instructions are required. Ten months of marriage preparations are also required. Please contact Fr. Vitalis at 402-346-0900 to schedule an appointment.

Our Lady of Lourdes-St. Adalbert
Tabernacle candles are lit this week for:



+ Dan Pogge

Monday, December 20

SA 7:00 am † Sherry Pecha
OLL 8:00 am † Jim Mally

Tuesday, December 21

SA 7:00 am † Conrad & Florence Schuster
OLL 8:00 am † Annette Murcek

Wednesday, December 22

SA 7:00 am Steph Gradoville
OLL 8:00 am † Rose Tworek

Thursday, December 23

SA 7:00 am Nikki Gradoville
OLL 8:00 am Nellie Mascarella

Friday, December 24

SA 4:30 pm † Frank & Mary Johaneck
OLL 5:00 pm † Jim Capellupo
OLL Midnight † Ed & Gloria DeJoy & Family

Saturday, December 25

OLL 8:00 am † Georgia Nosek
SA 9:30 am † Paul Thompson
OLL 10:30 am The Krupa Family
OLL 5:00 pm † Louis & Lillian Olsufka

Sunday, December 26

OLL 8:00 am † Steven Mendenhall
SA 9:30 am Merv & Diann Vannier
OLL 10:30 am † Harve Heaston
OLL 5:00 pm † Betty & Tex Oswald

***Peace on Earth,
Good Will Toward Men***

WEEKEND: December 12, 2021

Two Weekly Budgeted Goal is:	\$ 9,700.00
Envelopes (134 Households)	\$ 6,630.00
Pay Pal (0 Households)	\$ 0,000.00
We Share (10 Households)	\$ 425.00
ACH (0 Households)	\$ 0,000.00
Under Budget	\$ 2,645.00

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US PAY OUR PARISH BILLS!

Special Monthly Envelopes

Energy Envelope (12 envelopes)	\$ 215.00
School Endowment (2 envelopes)	\$ 20.00
Parish Endowment (4 envelopes)	\$ 35.00
Improvement Fund (12 envelopes)	\$ 187.00
TV Mass Envelope (10 envelopes)	\$ 115.00

YOUR GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED! **OUR FISCAL YEAR**

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Week 24 of 52 Weeks

**We also accept your generous stewardship through
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Check our parish website @ ollomaha.com!

or

Please use your Sunday envelopes!

**Your generous and faithful stewardship helps us to
pay our monthly parish bills on time.**

Total Stewardship for the Fiscal Year \$190,734.62

This is our "Sunday" stewardship contributions.



God is truly present in our midst.

Dear parishioners,

We are few days away from celebrating Christmas. The mystery of incarnation has no comparison. It is a mystery like no other. Before that, Prophet Micah, an eighth century prophet, sets the stage for us so that we can understand this unfolding, marvelous action of God.

The prophet singles out the home town of David, Bethlehem or Ephrathah located in Judah, as the place of hope after speaking against the sins of both Israel and Judah. It was in Bethlehem that Jesse, David's father lived, and David and his brothers were (1 Sam 17:12). The town was a small and otherwise insignificant. Its importance lay in the fact that as David's home it was the geographical point of origin for the future Messiah. From the least expected place and persons God chose to fulfil his promise.

In the Gospel, Mary and Elizabeth, the least expected persons became the center point of this divine drama. Mary's visit to Elizabeth seems to suggest the meeting of the covenants. From their offspring came Jesus and John. They proclaim the end of an epoch and the beginning of the last era of the world. God not only knew what he wanted; he also knew what he was doing. He was making it clear that he alone is God. He did not have to rely on mighty armies to conquer evil in the world. He did not have to appeal to philosophical wisdom for the spread of his truth. He did not have to rely on any human government to bring about justice and peace.

God made his saving power present in a Jewish infant, Jesus Christ- "an act which appears to be folly in the eyes of the wise of the world. He chose to pour out that salvation upon mankind through the blood of Christ poured out on the cross. An act which seems to be weakness in the eyes of the powerful of this world. God did what he did as a sign that we attain salvation, not by our own human efforts, but by his free gift in Jesus Christ." (cf. Charles E. Miller, C.M.)

The whole history of the human race is turned upside down by this birth. It is more than an historical anniversary. We are no longer alone. God has entered into our world from the least expected place. He will demand we change our outlook in life. He will direct us to Bethlehem, to the manger to find hope and a fresh beginning. He brings peace to us.

In the Mass before communion we proclaim: "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed." What is this word of healing? Its finest expression is found in the sacrament of penance when Jesus says through the priest, "I absolve you from your sins." That word of Jesus both repairs injuries of the past and gives strength for the future. Confession is a traditional part of our preparation for Christmas, and that practice should continue. We should have confidence that through confession we can prepare ourselves to receive the grace of Christ at Christmas.

Yes, Christmas is a reminder that God is truly present in our midst. He is present in a simple, human way. But we should never allow the simplicity and humanness of Christmas to dull our sense of wonder and awe. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our hearts should be filled with wonder and praise.

Grace and peace to you,

Rev. Vitalis Anyanike

Pastor

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Baby Jesus' Wish List

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your god-daughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Pray for our Military

Julius Aquino, Joe Becerra, Tom Byrne, Paul Cherek, Elizabeth Gill, Paris Fulbright, Adam Fulbright, Brian T. Griess, Michelle Morrison, Dennis Philips, Cody Prosló, Jack Rasmussen, Jason Slowik, Nathan Leuck, Jamila Jahic, Justin Kush, and Jeremy Kemp.

Advent

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 20, 2021

7:00 pm Knights Meeting, SBH

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

7:25 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions, STA

8:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions, OLLC

9:00 am Prayer for Vocations & Priests, OLL Chapel

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Friday, December 24, 2021- Christmas Eve

Come let us adore him; join us for Mass!

Saturday, December 25, 2021-Christmas Day

You're invited to Mass to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Sunday, December 26, 2021



SBH — Saint Bernadette Hall PC — Parish Center (Gym)

OLLC — OLL Church S — OLL School

SC — School Cafeteria

STA — Saint Adalbert Church PO — Parish Office

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Ron Brougham, Jackie Fox, Greg Staroscik, Paul Murphy, Marie Zemula, Bradley Wiese, Al Clinchard, Ida Peterson, Jerry Taucreti, Millie Wajda, Bev Pippin, Todd Tenczer, Richard Kostszewa, Sharon Littrell, Robert Kavan, Elize Schlueter, Collin Priebe, Scott Walker, Mary & Bruce Reemts, Patricia Kavaliauskas, Gary Slowik, Bettie Holmes, Zach Marshall, Ashley Barna, Deacon Frank Hilt, and all those who are in the hospital at this time.

Christmas Mass Schedule for 2021

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve:

- 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass at St. Adalbert Church
- 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes
- 12:00 Midnight Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes



Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day:

- 8:00 AM Christmas Day Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes
- 9:30 AM Christmas Day Mass at St. Adalbert Church
- 10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes
- 5:00 PM Christmas Day Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes

New Years Mass



Schedule for 2022

Friday, December 31, 2021 New Years Eve:

- 7:00 AM New Years Eve Mass at St. Adalbert Church
- 8:00 AM New Years Eve Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes

*Happy New
Year
2022*

Saturday, January 1, 2022 , New Years Mass:

- 8:00 AM New Years Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes
- 5:00 PM New Years Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes
- 6:00 PM New Years Mass at St. Adalbert Church

Additional Parish Information...



Jesse Tree Deadline

Your gift (s) with the ornament attached securely need to be dropped off at Our Lady of Lourdes Church no later than Noon on Sunday, December 19th. Thank you for sharing your Christmas Spirit with those in need!



Knight's Meeting

Monday, December 20th

7:00 pm

St. Bernadette Hall

Questions or interested in becoming a Knight, please contact Eric Barntsen at 402-341-6031.

Our Parish Meal Ministry

Are you or your family experiencing life changes – surgery, loss of a loved one, birth or adoption of a child, etc. and you would like assistance with meals? Sign up by calling the parish office, or call or text Rachel Kraft 402-490-9792. You will provide information such as preferred mealtime, dietary restrictions, # of adults/children eating, special delivery instructions, frequency of meals (every day or every other day, etc.), as well as start and stop dates of meals. The Ministry will gather the cooks and arrange everything via Meal Train.



Mercy High School is a hosting a Cheerleading Clinic for girls in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade on Saturday, January 15th from 12:30

p.m.-3:00 p.m. Come have lunch at Mercy, meet new friends, learn cheers from Mercy cheerleaders and perform during the Varsity basketball game. For more details and to register, go to <https://www.mercyhigh.org/happenings/>.

Year-End Giving Opportunities...



As we approach the year-end giving season for 2021, please consider a tax-deductible gift to our Parish. Your donation, big or small, helps keep our mid-town Parish community thriving and growing spiritually:

Here are some ideas for year-end giving:

- **General Fund**– Supports our yearly budget expenses to maintain our Churches and Parish Office.
- **Phase II Fund of Capital Campaign**– Helps fund additional projects at our Churches and School.
- **Parish Improvement Fund** - This pays for improvements and needs on our campuses, such as landscaping, safety measures, etc.
- **Tuition Assistance** - Helps support parents with making their Our Lady of Lourdes School tuition payments.

THANK YOU for considering a gift to our Parish this Christmas Season!



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

The students are excited to start selling their chocolate bars as a fundraiser. Who doesn't like chocolate! If you see a student selling them, please consider buying one or more for this Home & School fundraiser. We will also be getting ready for our School Christmas parties this week. Our last day of school is Tuesday, December 21st and we will return rested and ready for the next quarter on Thursday, January 6th.



I wish everyone a very prayerful Fourth Week of Advent. May God bless you and your family with more time for 'quiet' to prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior!

Blessings,

Ms. Lisa Linqvist, Principal



Find the quiet center of Advent

Feeling overwhelmed by all that's going on in the run-up to Christmas, both in the Church and in your home? The heart of Advent is a great time to help your family find the quiet center from which to truly prepare your hearts to welcome Jesus. Try these ideas:

- Pray thirty seconds of silence for family prayer if you have young children, or longer if you have older ones. Light your Advent wreath during your time of silence, or light a candle before your Nativity scene (without the baby Jesus) and kneel before it in silent prayer for a time.
- Turn your home into a "monastery" for a night by lighting candles everywhere (out of reach of curious kids)...as long as little kids can be quiet as monks.
- Don't play the radio in the car.
- Visit your church or adoration chapel for a time of quiet prayer.
- Go on a walk outdoors in a park or another place where you can appreciate the quiet and simplicity of the natural world.

Have a "quiet meal" together, playing chant or meditative music instead of talking.

Source: ctrcc.com/advent-at-home-with-Jesus

Fourth Week of Advent



Family Advent Activity

Spend time at the Crib – Encourage each member of your family to spend some quiet time in prayer near the Nativity scene at home or in your parish. What does the manger teach us? How could God allow his Son to be born in a stable? Give thanks for the gift of Christ and the joy of the Christmas season to come.

Source: teachingcatholickids.com





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