

# OUR LADY OF THE WOODS

JANUARY 24, 2021



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



We, the Roman Catholic faith community of Our Lady of the Woods, in communion with ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, and APOSTOLIC Church and under the patronage of Mary, are joined together as a people of God. Our mission is to spread the Gospel and bring people into a relationship with God and one another through the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. We live out Christ's mission in the world through evangelization, worship, education, stewardship, and service to the needy.



**Sunday, January 24**

Eugene Smigel.....died 1992  
Anna Cabanaw.....died 2015

**Monday, January 25**

Fred Robinson.....died 1988  
Henry Robak.....died 1990  
Edward Suchan.....died 2001  
Arletta Nowak.....died 2011

**Tuesday, January 26**

Louis Leitao.....died 1995  
Phillip Miron.....died 2001  
John Bartkovich.....died 2009

**Wednesday, January 27**

Thomas Paris.....died 2001

**Thursday, January 28**

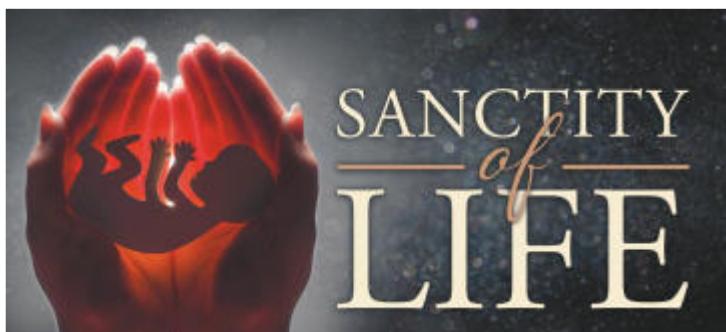
Helen White.....died 1985  
Stephanie Cerda.....died 1988  
Dennis Szalek.....died 1988

**Friday, January 29**

Helen Hartnett.....died 2002  
Grace Groh.....died 2002

**Saturday, January 30**

Lottie Loszewski.....died 2001  
Richard Sokel.....died 2013  
Shirley Darnes.....died 2019



### Prayer to Save a Baby from Abortion

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much.  
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have  
spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.  
*Amen.*"

-Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**62,547, 119**

abortions in the United States since *Roe v. Wade* (1973).  
Source: [numberofabortions.com](http://numberofabortions.com)



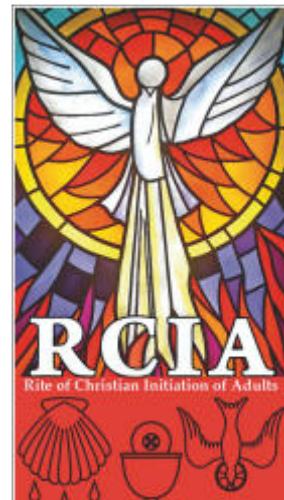
### Prayer List for Service Men & Women

SSgt. Erika Antanovich (US Air Force)  
Cpt. Andrew Compean (US Army)  
Maj. Eric DuChene (US Marine)  
Jacob Godlewski (US Navy)  
2nd Lt. Jeremy Gomez (US Air Force)  
1st Lt. Brandon Marquette (US Marine)  
O1 Nicholas Rigotti (Naval Reserves)  
MA2 Adam Strachan (US Navy)  
Spec. Nicole Kimberlin (US Army)



*Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.*

Paul Adesko	Jason Dull	Donna Zarbaugh
Mildred Bartkovich	Alma Villalobos	
Bob Bochenek	Duncan	
Mike Brady	Marian & Dave	
Dan Budz	Eplett	
James M. Butcko	Christine Fry	
Joyce Butcko	Adaline Kaczor	
Joseph W. Butcko	Billy Kennedy	
Joseph M. Butcko	Mickey Kent	
Andrew Butcko	Michael Kinney	
Michele Butcko	Judith McBride	
Dawn Marie Dick	Diane Ring	
Patrica Butcko	Ernie Riopelle	
Jerry Callaway	Jeannine Saylor	
Lisa Colson	Sylvia Steed	
Sebastian Davis	Tom Steed	
Luree DuChene	Luke Theobald	



### Happy New Year!

RCIA is meeting once again after Christmas break. This coming week we will study the Sacraments of Initiation. Anyone can join us. Right now we have 2 fully initiated parishioners attending our sessions along with our 8 candidates. If you are interested, please email me at [pbutler@olow.org](mailto:pbutler@olow.org)

## From Our Hood in the Woods

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is very short... very definitive... up front... direct... understandable... challenging... and placed squarely in our laps! If we say we are followers of Christ...if we say we are his disciples...if we commit to living out our baptismal calls...then the words of Jesus in the gospel today resonate ***LOUDLY AND CLEARLY***:

WE HEAR AT THE BEGINNING OF MARK'S GOSPEL:

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "***This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.***"

The time is now...we are living in the midst of it...**this is the time of fulfillment!**

### WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR EACH OF US?

Bishop Barron in "Word On Fire" explains:

*We hear in today's Gospel Jesus' inaugural address. He tells us that the time of fulfillment is now. This means that the whole of Israelite history is summed up in his person. He is the new Temple, the true prophet, the everlasting covenant, and the definitive Torah. And this means that all people must make a decision about him.*

**The Kingdom of God is at hand...** We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

**541** ... "To carry out the will of the Father Christ inaugurated the kingdom of heaven on earth."<sup>247</sup> Now the Father's will is "to raise up people to share in his own divine life".<sup>248</sup> He does this by gathering people around his Son Jesus Christ. This gathering is the Church, "on earth the seed and beginning of that kingdom".<sup>249</sup>

**542** Christ stands at the heart of this gathering of men into the "family of God". By his word, through signs that manifest the reign of God...

### HOW ARE WE RECOGNIZING AND EXPERIENCING GOD'S KINGDOM? WHAT ARE THE SIGNS THAT MANIFEST THE REIGN OF GOD?

In any moment of our lives it is important to recognize and experience the reign of God at hand, but even more so, in these challenging times of pandemic, national division and racial tensions.

The Kingdom of God is at hand when we see a health care worker reaching out to those who are suffering...the Kingdom of God is hand when children and youth are developing outreach programs to assist during these difficult times...the Kingdom of God is at hand when each of us reaches out with a friendly smile or kind word of support. The Kingdom of God is at hand when we hear Alex Trebek in the final week of the airing of his episodes coming out at the beginning of the week sharing (in part): "*I'd like you to open up your hands and open up your heart to those who are still suffering because of COVID-19. People who are suffering through no fault of their own. We're trying to build a gentler, kinder society. And if we all pitch in just a little bit, we're gonna get there.*" The Kingdom of God is at hand!"

### REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL!

***Are we living this? Breathing it? Searching and encountering these words in our own hearts?***

Sr. Joan Chittister in her book "The Time Is Now" helps us to capture the words to repent and believe in the Gospel when she writes:

*The fact is that there is no one too busy, too old, too cloistered, too remote from the struggles of the world to have no way whatsoever to promote the Word of God in a world such as ours. For all of us who live under threat of social degeneracy from the power brokers, the profiteers, the dictators, the nativists, the narcissists, and the prejudiced, there are decisions to make. Shall we do something to reshape the heart and the soul of the worlds we inhabit? Or shall we do nothing and claim that we were powerless in the world? Will we act like we do not know that there are rallies to attend, students to teach, peacemaking courses to take, public legislation to study and discuss, facilities and services to open to the homeless, and, at very least, honest bidding prayers to say in public in our churches? Will we raise no voice at all in the pursuit of God's will for us all?*

It is NOW...it is AT HAND...what will I DO? GOD'S KINGDOM...MY DECISION?

In the Word,  
Fr. Bob



*Robert Ruehle, father of Denise Lewczynski, passed away on January 16, 2021. His Mass of Resurrection was held on January 22, 2021 by Monsignor Tim Hogan.*

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, January 25

9:00am **†Maria Nam Thi Vu**  
req. by Dan Nguyen and family

### Tuesday, January 26

9:00am **†Maria Nam Thi Vu**  
req. by Dan Nguyen and family

### Thursday, January 28

9:00am **†Maria Nam Thi Vu**  
req. by Dan Nguyen and family

### Friday, January 29

10:00am **†Eric Pasaoa**  
req. by Greg Pasaoa and Prim

### Saturday, January 30

4:00pm **†Marion Proctor**  
req. by her family  
**†Sebastian Perez**  
req. by JoAnn Scanland

### Sunday, January 31

9:00am **†Samuel Donia**  
req. by Tony and Debbie Donia  
**Debbie DuCharme**  
req. by Tony and Debbie Donia

11:00am **†Maria Nam Thi Vu**  
req. by Dan Nguyen and family  
**†Marion Proctor**  
req. by her family



## What's Happening at Our Parish?

Sunday	Mass (with live stream), 9 AM Mass (with live stream), 11 AM
Monday	Mass, 9 AM SVdP Food Pantry (drive-up only), 10 AM RCIA (Zoom), 3 PM Youth Faith Formation, 6 PM Fr. Bob's Weekly Address Video
Tuesday	Mass, 9 AM Follow Me (Zoom), 9:45AM Youth Faith Formation, 6 PM Parish Council Meeting (Zoom), 7 PM Prayer Group (Zoom), 7 PM
Wednesday	SVdP Food Pantry (drive-up only), 10 AM Follow Me (Zoom), 6:30 PM
Thursday	Mass, 9 AM Lunch with the Philippians, 12:10 PM
Friday	Mass, 9 AM
Saturday	Individual Confession, 3 PM Mass, 4 PM

## Observances

Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Tuesday:	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Wednesday:	St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Thursday:	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	
Saturday:	BVM
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

## Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



Please join us for our first ever online open house via Zoom! The families and staff of Saint Pius invite you to attend our 30 minute meeting.

Experience what makes Saint Pius one of the largest Catholic schools Downriver from the comfort of your home! We'll explore our school through a short presentation followed by a question and answer session with our staff and admission's representatives.

When: Sunday, January 31, 2021

Time: 2:00pm

Pre-registration required.

Visit [saintpiusschool.org/openhouse](http://saintpiusschool.org/openhouse)

Mobile devices must have the Zoom App.

Call 734-284-6500 or email [info@saintpius-x.org](mailto:info@saintpius-x.org) for more information Explore the Possibilities!

## Sanctity of Human Life Luminaries

Thank you, Our Lady of Woods parishioners, for your generous good will donations for the Sanctity of Life Candles last weekend. This Parish is truly a Light in these dark times.

Please include the Unborn in your daily prayers and also pray for the leaders in the new Administration that they will consider their decisions following God's Will. The donations normally cover the cost of the candles and Life paper bags. Any excess funds goes to Southern Downriver Right to Life of Michigan Affiliate for their normal activities to protect Life such as donations to local Pro-life Pregnancy Clinics and subsidizing the pro-life education of youth in the community.

If you have an interest in selecting Pro-life work to fill your "What will you Do?" as Jesus asks, please contact me at [marktheobald90@gmail.com](mailto:marktheobald90@gmail.com).

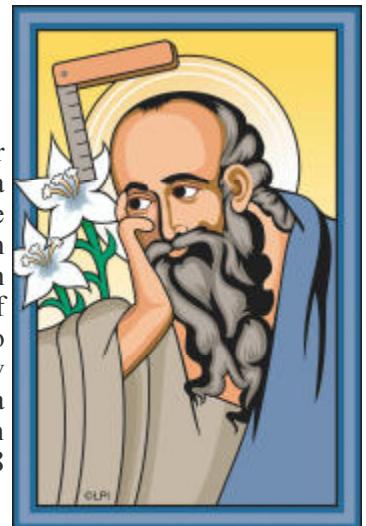


January 17 & 18

Envelopes:	\$4,429.50
Loose:	\$4,216.00
Electronic:	\$882.00
Total:	\$9,527.50
Budget:	\$9,202.00
Over(+)/Short(-):	+\$325.50

## Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.



By Vatican News

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

The St Vincent de Paul-Our Lady of the Woods food pantry send our thank you to OLOW parishioners for their generous donations providing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to those in need. The donations received enabled us to provide an entire Thanksgiving turkey dinner and Christmas ham dinner to each family that utilizes our food pantry. Your generosity didn't stop there as we were able to provide 23 Woodhaven senior citizens who are in need of assistance with Thanksgiving dinner and 20 Veterans in our area received turkeys. The remainder of the turkeys were donated to Blessed Hope for their soup kitchen to provide a warm Thanksgiving meal to the homeless. In addition we were able to provide several hams to Blessed Hope Soup Kitchen to provide ham dinners to the homeless as well. We pray and wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy New Year. God bless you for all you do to help His children.

The SVdP Society OLOW Conference

## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### Question:

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

### Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion “wafer” that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: “The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament” (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church’s tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the “matter” of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a “wafer” — which is properly called a “host” — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. “raised”) bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white “wafer” is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.



## A Religious Education Program for Preschool Children CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Our Lady of the Woods is happy to offer this faith formation program for preschool children ages 4 and 5 in the fall of 2021. If you have missed reading previous articles in our parish bulletin about the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* here is a brief recap.

This program takes place in a room called the *Atrium*. The atrium is not set up like a typical classroom, rather it has numerous shelves in its perimeter and the children typically sit on mats on the floor. The shelves contain **materials** to help deliver a doctrinal message. The materials are simple articles such as colored paper cut-outs and tracing paper over a simple black and white outlined image. We also use simple figures made of wood or clay positioned inside a simple diorama, also made of wood, that simulate the habitation of people in biblical times. Based on Scripture, each article is presented to the children by the catechist using as few words as possible.

After a presentation, the children are then given the opportunity to **work** with the materials. As every child is born with the natural inclination to explore and to wonder, the catechist seeks to put the child in touch with his own means of self-development and she humbly removes herself allowing this natural process to occur as the child works independently with the materials.

You can help by passing along this information to parents and ask them to please pass it along to other parents especially during this time when many families are at home watching a live streamed mass and perhaps may not remember to read the parish bulletin. And as usual keep us in your prayers.

If you would like more information regarding the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd or if you would like to help with pencil coloring please email Rose Shanaver at: medelshanaver@aol.com.

**PHILIPPIANS**

DWELL  
ON THESE  
THINGS

Thursday Lunches with the Philippians  
January 7 through February 11  
12:10 - 12:50 PM

At the heart of this letter is Paul's eloquent hymn of Christ's total gift of self, the model from Paul's life.

Please contact Claudette Wagner for more information.

Please contact Claudette at cwagner@olow.org if you are interested in participating.

## Reflections On Scripture

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Although initially reluctant to be one of God's prophets, Jonah was ultimately successful in getting the Ninevites to repent of their sins. When do you find yourself resisting God's will?

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

In trying to awaken a sense of spiritual urgency, Paul taught the Corinthians that Christ's return was imminent and that, "time is running out." How can a sense of urgency aid one's spiritual life?

### GOSPEL READING

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.



### RISE AND BE NOT AFRAID

The 2020 CSA Appeal is under way! We are asking for your generous contributions again this year.

**Our goal is \$59,300.**

Please make your check to Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA.

**Mail you check directly to:**

Archdiocese of Detroit  
P.O. Box 44077  
Detroit, MI 48244-9935

OR Make you ONLINE GIFT to [www.givecsa.org](http://www.givecsa.org)  
OR give you CREDIT CARD or BANK EFT by calling  
888-381-8695 (M-F between 10:00 AM-5:00 PM)

Please do not send checks to Our Lady of the Woods.



### 2020 CSA Families

**NUMBER OF FAMILIES:**

**833 +1 SINCE LAST UPDATE**

**NUMBER OF FAMILIES WITH PLEDGES:**

**252 (30.3%) +13 SINCE LAST UPDATE**

**NUMBER OF FAMILIES WITHOUT PLEDGES:**

**581 (69.7%)**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION – 2020/2021

### STRUCTURE

Adult Faith Formation centers around **THREE FAITH SURGE MOMENTS** on our parish calendar within the academic year of 2020-2021.



### WHAT IS A FAITH SURGE?

SHORT PERIODS OF TIME...CONCENTRATED EFFORT...REACHABLE AND OBTAINABLE GOALS WITHIN DEFINITIVE MOMENTS WHICH FOSTER GROWTH IN OUR FAITH!!!

**The SECOND FAITH SURGE** is from the second week in January, 2021 until Ash Wednesday, 2/17/21.

### WHY DO WE NEED THEM IN OUR PARISH?

The Church and its adult faithful have a mission in and to the world: to share the message of Christ to renew and to transform the social and temporal order. This dual calling to evangelization and justice is integral to the identity of the lay faithful; all are called to it in baptism. Accordingly, faith formation seeks to help each adult believer become "more willing and able to be a Christian disciple in the world." As salt of the earth and light for the world (cf. Mt 5:13-16), adult disciples give witness to God's love and caring will so that, in the power of the Spirit, they renew the face of the earth.

—excerpted from Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us:

A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States

### WHY ME?

"Evangelizing is the Church's mission. It is not the mission of only a few, but it is mine, yours and ours... We must all be evangelizers, especially with our life!" (Pope Francis, May 22, 2013) Thus, the role of adults in the evangelizing mission of the church is critical. As Catholics we are called to respond to this mission. However, to fulfill it, most of us need to renew and deepen our understanding of our faith. Through formation, we acquire the knowledge and the confidence to fulfill the Church's mission. (Paulina Espinosa, Director of the

Office of Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation, Diocese of San Bernardino, CA)

Choose one, or choose as many as you think you are interested in or can manage...BUT CHOOSE SOMETHING TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH. NOTE: Some sessions may go beyond the designated dates due to the length of the course. Some programs will be taped and placed on the social media site of our Parish. PLEASE REMEMBER this is also a TENTATIVE schedule depending on the COVID-19 situation.

### SECOND FAITH SURGE: JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2021

- ☒ **"FOLLOW ME - What did Jesus mean?"** A journey through Scripture experiencing the Lord together and helping one another grow in the understanding of what Jesus calls us to when He invites us to "FOLLOW ME." Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening sessions starting January 12th & 13th ending February 2nd & 3rd. Coordinated by Thom Shanaver and Members of the Evangelization Committee. Register now by emailing Thom Shanaver at DiscoveringChrist@olow.org Subject Line "Follow Me". (Based on the number of participants interested multiple sessions will be offered.)
- ☒ **"A WALK THROUGH THE CHURCH"** with Pat Butler Have you ever wondered what are the names of some of the items in the church or their history? Walk with me to discover what you may have known but forgotten. Or did not know at all. After the 4 pm Mass on January 16th, 2021 and after the 9 am and 11 am Masses on January 17th, 2021.
- ☒ **"Thursday Lunches with the Philippians"** from 12:10 - 12:50 pm, January 7 - February 11, 2021. "If you have an hour for lunch maybe you would be willing to participate from 12:10 - 12:50 pm. Paul's Letter to the Philippians is dramatic and inspiring, calling for Christian unity. At the heart of this letter is Paul's eloquent hymn of Christ's total gift of self, the model from Paul's life. Please email Claudette Wagner at cwagner@olow.org to register.
- ☒ **"THE WHY COURSE"** Led by Fr. Bob. Series includes three engaging, thought provoking 25 minute episodes looking at some of the most important and intriguing questions human beings have ever asked, and explores one of the three vital questions the course is built on: "Why God?", "Why Christ?" and "Why the Church?" The beautifully shot film uses some of the world's most beautiful art and nature scenes to produce an exciting and entertaining presentation featuring Catholic leaders, priests and teachers. The second episode "Why Christ" will be offered twice in January: Friday, January 8th from 11 am until 12 noon and on Friday, January 15th from 3 pm until 4 pm in the social hall (up to 15 people, socially distanced with masks and hand sanitizer and wipes available). Please register by January 5th for the January 8th class, and register by January 12th for the January 15th class.

## A Thank You from the Knights of Columbus council #3615

*Editor's Note: Due to an oversight on my part, this letter from our Knights of Columbus did not make it into the bulletin at the anticipated time. I have included it now out of respect for this Council and these gentlemen who support our Parish.*

We would like to extend a special thank you to those who participated in our Corporate Communion and 5th Sunday Patriotic Rosary.

I was asked a few questions after Mass and would like to answer them and tell you a bit about us.



Corporate Communion Takes place when a fifth Sunday occurs in a month (about 4 times a year)and provides a visible sign for the community to see the Knights and gather together.

We are a three parish council. St Joseph, Trenton St Tim's, Trenton and OLOW, Woodhaven. There are approximately 60 Knights in each parish and knights from other councils. So we are not just visiting we are OLOW. Here are a few examples of the Knights that are here. Fr Bob is a Knight, Jason, Assistant and I got it covered, Bob Amore, choir director, choir member, Ed Z. Mike O, 80% of ushers, members are lectors, men's group, money counters, parish council, financial council, works on fund raisers Mark Theobald also right to life advocate for K of C, Mike O'Neill, Stan Rogers , Tony Nappo Round table that works with Fr Bob, St Vincent DePaul and many of the wives participate in other ministries.

Our directive is to Defend and protect the Roman Catholic Church, its Priests and religious orders, the orphans , widowed, Physically and mentally impaired, those in need, the charities that provide help to others. All this is possible because we are a fraternal origination and work together. We do this by caring our sword which is the Rosary.

We would love to have you join us. Must be at least 18, male and Catholic in good standing. Were all around you just say are you a Knight I want to join in helping.

Hope this helps didn't have time to name all the Knights but we are here.

God Bless,  
Ed Umin, Lectern Council #3615

Grand Knight Mike Johnson

4th Degree Faithful Navigator Mike O'Neill



## "FOLLOW ME - What did Jesus mean?"

### WHAT HAPPENED IN SESSION I LAST WEEK?

In Part I of Session I - We explored Worldviews. Let's just say that Worldviews are what we use to form decisions on how we talk, act and interact with others to "fit in" and "be accepted." Our focus was on Worldviews formed by Culture (the culture of today) and Worldviews formed by God (through Sacred Scripture). Dr. Brant Pitre helped us understand the cause of the two Worldviews when he unpacked St. Paul's letter to the Romans (Romans 8:18-23).

In Part II of Session I - We explored the meaning of LOVE from a Cultural Worldview (the culture of today) and a Biblical Worldview (CCC 1766). God is Love and God speaks to us through Sacred Scripture but if we want to understand God's message to us we must interpret Sacred Scripture through God's lens of what Love means or we miss the message.

It is too late to sign up for this presentation of "Follow Me – What does Jesus mean? but plan to sign up for the next session. It's amazing how much we can all grow in the knowledge of your faith.

## LIVE THE LITURGY

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

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Call Fr. Bob for details and to set up an appointment.

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