

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 26, 2021

Baptism

First and Third Sundays of the month following 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

Ministry to the Sick

Please notify the parish if a member of your family is in the hospital or confined to home.

Prayer line request

Dave Piotrowicz 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. 814 825-4852

Bulletin: Announcements due by noon Monday.

Parish office hours

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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The Sanctuary Lamp is burning in Memory of
Joanne Macrino
Requested by
Family

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday December 25
9:00 a.m. **For all Parishioners**

11:00 a.m. **Thomas Piskorski**
Requested by Joanne Piskorski

Sunday December 26
8:00 a.m. **Debra Szymanowski McIntosh**
Requested by Mom

11:00 a.m. **Herman & Elizabeth Tellers**
Requested by Roger & Maggie Dupre

Monday December 27
7:00 a.m. **David Janosky**
Requested by Family

Tuesday December 28
7:00 a.m. **Ray Wolfe**
Requested by Gene & Patti Jaskiewicz

Wednesday December 29
7:00 a.m. **Ann Conroe**
Requested by Conroe Family

Thursday December 30
7:00 a.m. **Sharon Baird**
Requested by Mary K Spencer & Koenig Family

Friday December 31
7:00 a.m. **Mary Lichtenwalter**
Requested by Betsy & Sally Mahoney

4:15 p.m. **William Struchen**
Requested by John & Joyce Maleski

Saturday January 1
4:15 **Helen Prizinsky**
Requested by Jim & Lynette Wozniak

Sunday January 2
8:00 a.m. **Deceased Members of the Rao Family**
Requested by Family

11:00 a.m. **For all Parishioners**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday December 27

Tuesday December 28
8:30 a.m.

Wednesday December 29
8:30 a.m. Church cleaning
8:00 p.m. Adult Basketball (Gym)

Thursday December 30
6:00 p.m. Folk Group Rehearsal (Church)
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday December 31
New Years Eve Office Closed

Saturday January 1
New Years Day

Sunday January 2
7:30 a.m. Praying the Rosary

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
[cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn
20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt
2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk
2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk
2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn
1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-
7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.
11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday:

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother
of God; World Day of Peace

Faith Life "Around the Table"

Happy New Year! As we prepare to leave 2021 and the unknown that continues with COVID, I want to remind you that **God never said** that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the **arrival would be worthwhile!** My prayer for our parish community as we begin a new year is for Mary, our Mother, to **lead us to her Son** and continue being one in God's family! Wishing you a **healthy and peaceful new year!**

Happy Feast of the Holy Family!

JANUARY MENU

Side Dish

January 9th is the next Side Dish where we will honor Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. **Students will meet and connect** with their peers **in the education building from 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.** Adults can learn exciting facts about Saint Elizabeth on the website under Side Dish.

Main Course

January 16th is the next Main Course Parish Connection home activity.

Main Course

January 23rd Scripture Focus on the Sunday Gospel. You can find the reflection under Main Course on the website. By reflecting on what God is saying to us through the words of Sacred Scripture, we will grow in our relationship with Him and discover how scripture inspires and guides our daily living.

Side Dish

January 31st is the next Side Dish where we will honor Saint Thomas Aquinas. **Students will meet and connect** with their peers **in the education building from 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.** Adults can learn exciting facts about Saint Albert on the website under Side Dish.

Desserts Coming in January of 2022. Video series CHOSEN!

Come and watch one of the best, most **moving depictions of the life of Christ and the Apostles.** **The Chosen** is the first-ever multi-season show about the life of Jesus, allowing us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew him. It stays faithful to the Gospels and, at the same time, tells us a story that is in between the lines of scripture. **No matter where you are** in your journey and relationship with Christ, **this series is for you!** Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people that walked on Earth with him – the disciples, Mary his mother, the Pharisees, the children, those he healed. What would that look like? **Now you can experience it!** Register on our website!!

With Gratitude in His Service,
Sue Berdis Faith Life Coordinator



THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

As a community of faith, we are brothers and sisters-one family-in the Lord. One of the gifts we can give to one another is to hold each other and our special intentions in prayer. If you have a loved one who passed away recently and is not a parishioner, we will be more than happy to add them as well. We desire to pray for you and your loved ones in your times of need.

Together, let us pray for

Ken Kelley (Bill Macrino's family member recently diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer. Pray for healing.

Pray for my son's cancer recovery.

Rose Mary Kowalczyk

Dennis Stazer pray for recovery from serious surgery.

Connor who has a traumatic brain injury and fractured pelvis.

Lisa Christopher pray for cancer recovery

Karen Leo Rita Trabert

Charles D. Payne Ron Matlock

Toni Jakubowski

Christopher Pentz many surgeries & recovery

Together, let us pray for the repose of souls, especial

Ed Siciliano Betty Grise

Betsy Mahoney Dorothy Marshall

Jack Daubert

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed for New Years on

Friday December 31st

Monday January 3rd

STITCHING MINISTRY

The Stitching Ministry will be changing their hours for the Winter months. They will be meeting on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. They will return to their Monday night in the spring.

New members are always welcome to join this group if you have a little time and like to Sew or Knit or Iron or just want to help in some way please come and join us.

Sunday 12/05/21-\$6241.80 Online giving -\$2701.61

Sunday 12/12/21-\$4083.00 Online giving -\$1066.26

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We are truly grateful for your support and generosity to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

Please consider Our Lady of Mount Carmel in your estate planning.

GIVE OR RECEIVE THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT!

This Christmas, **it's OK to include yourself** on your Christmas gift list by **registering for our next Bible Study Fellowship** video series, "**The Chosen**". No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus, this series is for you!

Do you want to see the humanity of Jesus and how you can relate to him in a new way? This series is for you! You will see Jesus working hard to light a fire and His need for sleep. You will observe his sense of humor, compassion, and good nature. Several scenes depict the very tender relationship between Jesus and his Mother, Mary.

Do you want a clear sense of what the call to discipleship involves? This series is for you! You will build a new curiosity about the life of Jesus and those that followed him when he walked the Earth and will give you a better understanding of Jesus as God and man.

Do you want to learn more about the Gospels and improve your relationship with Jesus? This series is for you! *The Chosen* stays faithful to the Gospels, tells a story between the lines of scripture, shows Jesus in a new light, and immerses you in the storyline. You will see your relationship with Jesus slowly start to change.

There are eight videos in the series. We will offer three of the sessions on **Monday mornings** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **OR Monday evenings** from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., and then **two Saturdays** from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with lunch and personal prayer opportunities.

Monday: January 17th, February 21st, March 14th

Saturday: February 5th, April 2nd

Don't miss out on this precious gift to yourself and register our website today at www.olmc-erie.org.

If you have any questions, please contact me in the Faith Life office.

With Gratitude in His Service,
Sue Berdis Faith Life Coordinator

MEMORIAL MASS

Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be celebrating a Memorial Mass for all of those who have died in 2020 and 2021.

Mass will be Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP by January 4th, 2022 by calling 814-825-7313.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."
(1 Sm 1:27-28)



PSALM

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)



SECOND READING

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.
And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)



GOSPEL

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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