



PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Tom Rush, OMI, (Lead Pastor)
Rev. Roger Bergkamp, OMI (Asst. Pastor)
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PASTORAL COUNCIL:

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday– Friday 9:00am

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday – Friday 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:

9:45 – 10:00am, every Sunday prior to Mass

PRAYER CHAIN:

Call Audrey Little @ 690-1536 Or email
Karen Crapps @ crappspk@gci.net

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION:

First Friday of each month, 9:30am – 8:00pm.

PRAYER MEETING:

Prayer meeting will resume in the Fall. Please contact Janice Wilsack for more information.

BULLETIN & INSERT DEADLINE:

Articles for the weekly bulletin must be in by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!

Our Lady of the Angels

~Archdiocese of Anchorage~

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OUR MISSION:

As Community,

We celebrate Christ through the Word, the Eucharist, and the Sacraments of the Church.

We educate and enrich through worship, faith formation, and living out our faith rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We welcome and reach out to members of our local community through sharing our many and varied gifts, and practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

We commit to building parish community by welcoming, embracing, and serving all.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

- ✠ Dec 6 St. Nicholas Day
- ✠ Dec 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception @ 6:00 pm. **No morning mass.**
- ✠ Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass @ 6:00 pm. **There will be daily Mass at 9:00 am**
- ✠ Dec 14 Tamale Making Party! starting at 9:30 am
- ✠ Dec 14 Parish Advent Reconciliation Service @ 6:00 pm
- ✠ Dec 17 Parish Pancake Breakfast with a visit from St. Nicholas!
- ✠ Dec 24 Children's Christmas Eve Mass @ 5:00 pm
- ✠ Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass @ 9:00 pm.
- ✠ Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass @ 10:30 am
- ✠ Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God @ 1:00 pm.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

As you contemplate donations this holiday season, please keep Our Lady of the Angels in mind. Please be as generous as you can this holiday season and in the year ahead. For the convenience of parishioners, we offer electronic giving. Please visit www.kenaicatholicchurch.org to register for electronic giving. Contact the parish office for more information or if you have any questions.



Honoring Our Past, Continuing Our Legacy Capital Campaign. **Kick off Pledge Dinner will be Friday, January 12th, 2018**

Committee Members:

Robin Feltman
Pako Whannell
John Williams
Tim Navarre
Tim Agosti
Fr. Tom Rush, OMI
Deacon Kevin Woodvine

A Call to Contribution:

- ✚ Would you like to meet with someone from the Capital Campaign Committee to learn more about the campaign?
- ✚ Could you host a small Capital Campaign informational/commitment dinner party?
- ✚ Do you have professional experience that could assist in the building improvements?
- ✚ Would you like to assist with other fundraising opportunities?

During hospitality of coffee and donuts on Sunday, December 10th, Joe Pault will be available to discuss our current heating system and the proposed new heating system. If you have additional questions or would like to discuss the upcoming Capital Campaign please contact one of the committee members.

LOCAL FOOD DRIVE

The second Sunday of the month is our monthly food drive. Nonperishable food items can be brought in that weekend. All items go to the Kenai Food Pantry located at the Methodist Church in Kenai. Most needed items: peanut butter, canned fruit, canned tuna, & Mac & Cheese. Please consider helping our neighbors in need. This is a great opportunity to practice the Corporal Work of Mercy: Feed the Hungry!

STEWARDSHIP & THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

Stewards of the Church

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.



Thank you to everyone who came to the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Good food and good company was shared by all. ~ Eli and Deacon Kevin Woodvine

CHRISTMAS LITURGY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Sign-up sheets for the Christmas Liturgies are up! Please consider signing up for lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, bringing up the gifts or altar servers. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the Sacristy and on the door of the altar server room. Thank you!

DEACON KEVIN & ELI GOING OUTSIDE!

Please keep Deacon Kevin and Eli in your prayers as they travel to Houston, TX from December 3-9, 2017. They will be out of the office during the week. Father Tom will be in and out of the parish office.

TAMALE MAKING PARTY!

Once again, Rose Henry is leading the tamale making party! We are making tamales again for the reception after the Children's Christmas mass! We will be assembling the tamales on Thursday, December 14th starting at 9:30 am. We are in need of helpers for that day and helpers to serve them after the 5:00 pm mass on December 24th. Please contact the parish office if you can volunteer.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & FAITH FORMATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

First Fridays of the month 7:00-8:00 pm
Saturdays before Mass 4:45-5:15pm
And by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism:

By appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Six month preparation. Please contact the Parish Office.

Faith Formation Classes:

K-6th grade, Sundays 11:45 am to 12:45 pm
Wednesday Night Live: 7th – 12th grade, Wednesdays 6:00-8:30 pm.

Confirmation Class:

Please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA Class: For individuals who are not Catholic and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Please contact the Parish Office

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

- *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Friday, Dec 8th @ 6:00 pm. No 9:00 am Mass
- * Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Tuesday, Dec 12th @ 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
- *Parish Reconciliation Service Thursday, Dec 14th @ 6:00 pm.
- *Children's Christmas Mass Sun, Dec 24th @ 5:00 pm
- *Christmas Eve Mass Sun, Dec 24th @ 9:00 pm.
- *Christmas Day Mass Mon, Dec 25th @ 10:30 am
- *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mon, Jan 1st @ 1:00 pm.

RETRouvaille

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the spring program beginning with a weekend on Feb. 16 to 18, 2018 call 907-863-8000 or email: anchorage@helpourmarriage.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR...

Have you heard about the first baseball game in the Bible? In the big inning, Eve stole first, Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel. The Giants and the Angels were rained out.

REMEMBRANCE

Please keep the family and friends, as well as those who went before us in eternal life in your thoughts & prayers in this month we remember the passing of:

- ✠ Ramona Efta
- ✠ Tom Carter
- ✠ Gordon Spaulding
- ✠ Robert Booth
- ✠ Ethel Groleske
- ✠ Charles Foy
- ✠ Bill Wheeler

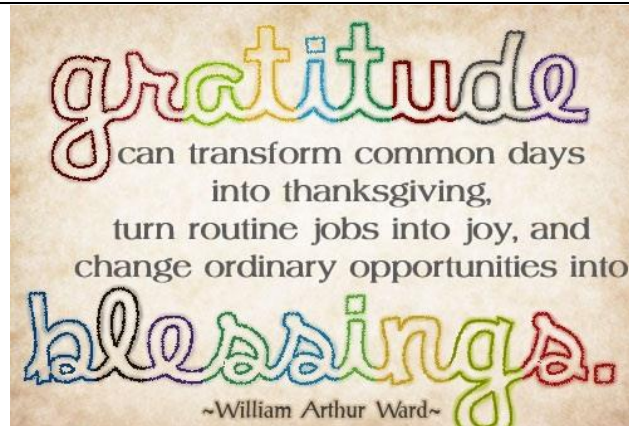
*If you wish to remember a loved one, please contact the parish office.

WHY CATHOLIC

The small faith sharing group "Why Catholic" will be resuming in December. This year's focus will be on Prayer. Please contact Kristen Cope @ 503-754-0249 for more information.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 26th and Tuesday, January 2nd.



It is always a blessing to see how the parish comes together to help support our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. We were able to make 10 Thanksgiving baskets and we will be able to make 10 Christmas baskets. If you know of any family or individual who needs a food basket please let me know. Thank you ~ Deacon Kevin

PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 17th after the 10:30 mass for OLA's Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Group. This is a free breakfast. St. Nicholas will be there and he will be bringing his bag! And you can also get a picture with him!

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

<p>Saturday @ 5:30 pm December 9, 2017</p>	<p>Sunday @ 10:30 am December 10, 2017</p>	<p>Collection Counters: (December 5th @ 10:00 am) Robin Feltman Cortney Braun (December 12th @ 10:00 am) Robin Feltman Sonja Foutty</p>
<p>Lector: Barb Christian</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Groleske Karla Smith</p> <p>Altar Servers: Justin Giesler</p> <p>If you have any questions or comments regarding all ministry schedules, <u>please</u> contact Fr. Tom.</p>	<p>Lector: Pako Whannell</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Terri Wisniewski Sonja Foutty Eileen Bryson Yasuko Lehtinen Tim Agosti Joan Seaman Janice Wilsack</p> <p>Altar Servers: Sam Anderson Julia Anderson Maria Anderson</p> <p>Hospitality: Nancy DuPaul</p> <p>Children's Liturgy: Jamie Harper</p>	<div data-bbox="1133 489 1451 583">  </div> <div data-bbox="1159 646 1425 743">  </div>



CHRISTMAS DRIVE FOR KENAI ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

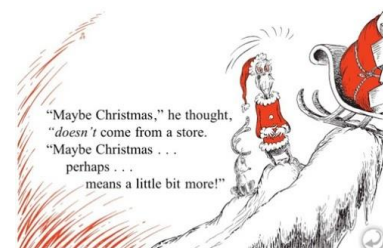
For those who like to get an early start on holiday shopping.....Kenai Alternative High School is in need of items for their Grinch Day Pillowcases.

Suggestions:

- * Cup of soup
- * Macaroni and Cheese cups
- * Deodorant
- * Socks
- * Gasoline cards
- * Gift cards to theater, gift cards Arby's etc....,
- * Gum
- * Peanut butter and crackers
- * Gummies etc.

You may either drop them off at KAHS or at Church.

Please drop off items by December 6th.





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December 3rd, 2017

Dear OLA Parish Members,

When we celebrated the beginning of construction of our church building in October and Archbishop Etienne joined us, we remembered some of the people who were instrumental in undertaking and bringing to complete the structure that continues to serve us now.

I'm pretty sure that those persons who began the effort would not have imagined all those who have benefited from what they were initiating and all the ways the building would serve not only the Catholic community of Kenai, but others as well. Their faith related not so much to what they could predict, but to how God would be able to work in our community through their generosity and hard work. That's one of the key elements of what we now call stewardship: something that's not just actions performed, but a kind of spirituality of acting for the good of the larger community.

I'm sure the construction of the church building asked sacrifices on their part, but they made the sacrifices necessary for completing the project. And we are the beneficiaries.

Now the challenge that is made to us has to do with our willingness to discover in their faith-filled effort an example for undertaking the renovations necessary for our church building to continue to be of service, not just to ourselves, but also to others who come after us.

In many senses the structure itself is not our most important concern. It's the spiritual and pastoral values that matter more than anything else. At the same time, for us to be able to offer the values of our faith to others we have to have a place that serves for gathering, sharing, worshipping, and teaching and learning.

In a matter of weeks we will formally begin our Capital Campaign. It will be carried on over a three-year period. The \$250,000 that we are trying to raise for a new heating system, the reroofing of the building and the replacement of the windows in the downstairs part of the building should serve for another 50 years, we hope.

I'm asking your generous support for this effort with the confidence that what we do now can offer a strong future for our parish.

Many thanks for your support in the past. And may God in his generosity keep you and all your loved ones in his special care.

Sincerely yours in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

Fr. Tom Rush, O.M.I.