

# Parish Bulletin for Our Lady of Perpetual Help And St Jude's

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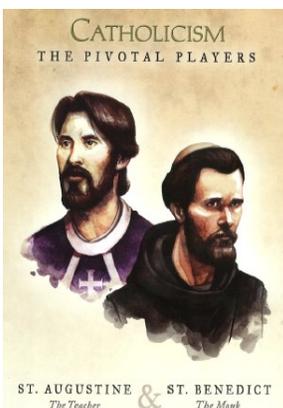
## Walk the Season of Advent in Charity

**Zephaniah 3:14-18a—Philippians 4:4-7—Luke 3:10-18**

The last couple of weeks have presented us with an opportunity to stop, listen, reflect, and focus. Today, we are called to rejoice! "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." We need more Advent time in our lives. In his exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel," Pope Francis remarks, "Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades."

In order to recognize the incarnate Holy One of God in the simplicity of a manger bed, we have to journey for a while through the dark, holy, quiet, and ordinary night. We press on, seeking and hoping to find something profound, completely different, life-changing, and light-giving. We want joy! We all want to feel that certain something that presents itself as a light, however sometimes dim it flickers in the midst of life's most heart-wrenching moments. A light that spurs us onward can still cause us to smile and have hope in the middle of despair, reminding us that we are loved.

It's too easy today to remove ourselves from people. We get involved with our agendas, our gadgets, our world of faceless names and contacts, demands, obligations, work, and basic stuff. It is no wonder we are robbed of joy and even deadened to our thirsting need for it. Even after Mary was asked to do the most incredible of things, she said, "My spirit rejoices in God my savior!" We begin to experience joy when we empty ourselves into the life of another, when we sit with them when they are lonely, walk with them in their pain, hold them in their grief, and show them that, at least at this moment, they are more important than anything or anyone else in our lives. Profound encounters such as these are only possible when we are comfortable in our own skin and comfortable in "God's skin!" Pope Francis goes on to say that "the most beautiful and natural expressions of joy which I have seen in my life were in poor people who had little to hold on to."



For the Spiritual Journey through the time of Advent, two different videos will be shown at OLPH on Sundays at 4pm.

**3rd Sunday Advent: 16 Dec—St Benedict**  
**4th Sunday Advent: 23 Dec—St Augustine**

A short discussion will follow each of the presentations to aid us in our journey through the Holy Preparation time of Advent, helping us to live the Christmas zeal with renewed knowledge of the Church's history. Each video will be available for viewing on two occasions.

Communal Penance Services—16 Dec 2018

St Jude: 4pm

OLPH: 7pm



There will be NO RE Classes at SJ, December 18, 26 and January 2

### *A Legend about Christmas Trees*

The joy that comes with the arrival of Christ our Savior really is the heart of Christmas. There is an old legend about the origin of the Christmas tree that brings this joy to mind. The legend says that when Jesus was seven-years-old his mother Mary gave a birthday party for him and he received loads of presents. When Mary put Jesus to bed that night, he started to think of all the other poor children of Nazareth who had so few toys, and who never had birthday parties. So he called some of his angels to help him, and when everyone in Nazareth was asleep, he went from house to house leaving the presents he had received for the poor children. Then he told the angels to gather shoes and clothing for the children too. These he hung from an evergreen tree in front of one of the humble homes. The angels helped hang the gifts even from the tops of the tree, and in doing so some of their golden hair caught on the needles of the branches. The strands of gold shined and glittered, giving the tree a beautiful appearance. Then Jesus went home and sent the angels back to heaven. The next morning, the children woke up and were overjoyed to find presents for everyone. Since they didn't know who had given the gifts, they thanked God. Through the years, they kept on telling the story over and over again, so that after a while people started using evergreen trees to celebrate the birthday of Christ. It's only a legend, of course, a nice story. But it certainly is true that on Christ's birthday, the first Christmas, God gave to this world its most wonderful gift, that of a Savior capable of bringing to every human heart boundless mercy and everlasting joy

**16 December 2018**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**



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#### Saturday, December 15, 5:00 p.m. OLPH

Lector: Frank Argenziano  
EMHC: Mary Knutson, Pam Kuster  
Collection/Gifts: Rick & Rita Lang  
Ring Bell: Frank Argenziano

#### Sunday, December 16, 8:30 a.m. OLPH

Lector: Joyce Riske  
EMHC: Marge Vonesh, Jake Unterseher  
Collection: Bill Leddige, Ryan Sondrol  
Gifts: Jake Unterseher family  
Servers: Volunteers  
Ring Bell: Troy Lazur

#### Saturday, December 22, 5:00 p.m. OLPH

Lector: Jeff Sobolik  
EMHC: Mary Knutson, Pam Kuster  
Collection: Rick & Rita Lang  
Ring Bell: Frank Argenziano

#### Sunday, December 23, 8:30 a.m. OLPH

Lector: Jake Unterseher  
EMHC: Candonn Granger, Marge Vonesh  
Collection/Gifts: Bill Leddige, Ryan Sondrol  
Servers: Volunteers  
Ring Bell: Neil Breidenbach



#### CHRISTMAS EVE:

##### Monday, Dec. 24th 11:30 p.m. OLPH

Lector: Jeff Sobolik  
EMHC: Marge Vonesh, Laura Schadewald  
Collection/gifts: Bill Leddige, Ryan Sondrol  
Servers:  
Ring Bell: Kevin Leddige

#### CHRISTMAS DAY:

##### Tuesday, Dec. 25th 10:30 a.m. OLPH

Lector: Arlan Vonesh  
EMHC: Jonathan Vonesh, Joyce Riske  
Collection/Gifts: Troy & Lisa Lazur  
Servers: Volunteers  
Ring Bell: Jerry Linneman

**OLPH CHRISTMAS DECORATING**  
Immediately following Mass, December 23rd, we will gather downstairs for a potluck brunch and then begin decorating after we clean up the kitchen. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to come and help make our church beautiful for the Christ child. If you have any questions please call Cheryl Granger at 701.330.3252

#### December 2018 - 10:30

##### Sunday - December 16th

Lector: Wayne Mager  
EM: D Harbacheck & Nancy Schumacher  
Gifts: Levi & Tara Payne  
Servers: Jordan West & Jacob West

##### Sunday - December 23rd

Lector: Phil Schletter  
EM: Wayne Mager & Nick West  
Gifts: Richard & Laura Morgan  
Servers: Thomas Zafke; Jacob West



##### Vigil of Christmas - December 24th - 5:00pm

Lector: Stacey Majkrzak  
EM: Carol Johnson  
Gifts: Brent & Stacey Majkrzak  
Servers: volunteers

##### Christmas Day - December 25th - 8:30am

Lector: Angie Zafke  
EM: no volunteers  
Gifts: Rob & Angie Zafke  
Servers: Alexis, Katie & Thomas Zafke

##### Sunday - December 30th

Lector: Theresa West  
EM: Kindra Hanevold & Theresa West  
Gifts: Simon & Brenda Stang  
Servers: Sarah Mager & Jordan West

#### **An Ordinary Saint**

St Peter's Basilica in Rome is probably the most famous church in the world. Inside it's 614 feet long. The ceiling of the main nave is 145 feet high, and the inside of the dome itself soars to 385 feet. Beauty and splendor are everywhere. But let's not forget that this is all built on the tomb of St Peter. And if anyone personifies what God can do with singularly ordinary material it's the first Pope. He often said the wrong thing, and Christ had to correct him. He argued about who would be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven, obviously thinking that he was a prime candidate. He tried to save Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, and all he accomplished was cutting off some guy's ear. But worst of all, he denied Jesus three times. And yet God takes the ordinary, and makes it extraordinary. This breathtaking basilica is built on the tomb of an ordinary man, a sinner, who allowed God to do extraordinary things in his life. We furnish the weakness; God provides the glory.

**16 December 2018**

#### **Offertory December 9, 2018**

**OLPH—\$1088.00 Online: \$149.44**  
**ST JUDE—\$1180.00 Online: \$660.80**

#### *mass intentions*

##### DECEMBER 2018

15—OLPH +Cecelia Schreiner by her family  
16—OLPH Mass for the people  
SJ +Margaret Meagher by her husband  
18—OLPH Tillie Moch by D/V Moch  
19—SJ +Deceased family members by Jim Weber  
20—OLPH Matthew Huether by D/V Moch  
21—SJ  
23—OLPH Mass for the people  
SJ +Sharon Bergeron by her family  
**Christmas Eve**  
24—SJ 5p +Donna Weber her family  
OLPH 1130p—Emmy Breen by D/V Moch  
**Christmas Day**  
25—SJ 830a— +Vernon Adams  
OLPH 1030a— +Cecelia Schreiner by her family  
26—SJ +Julia Weber by Jim Weber  
27—OLPH Brigid Qunlivan by D/V Moch  
28—SJ  
29—OLPH +Francis Schreiner by his family  
30—SJ +Stephanie O'Toole by her family

#### *Dec 16—Communal Penance Services* 4pm—S.J. 7pm—OLPH

**Dec 24—Vigil Mass—5pm—SJ**

**Dec 24—Christmas Eve—11:30p—OLPH**

**Dec 25—Christmas Day—8:30a—SJ**

**Dec 25—Christmas Day— 10:30a—OLPH**

**Feb 9/10—Gods God Kick Off Weekend**

**Feb 16/17—Gods Gift Education Weekend**

**Feb 23/24—Gods Gift Commitment Weekend**

**Mar 3—SJ Children Mass**

**Mar 3 2019—SJ Youth Group Ham Bingo 1:30p**

**Mar 13 2019—SJ Children Mass followed by SJ Youth Group Egg Bake**

**Apr 7 2019—Confirmation & First Eucharist, 1pm Hillsboro**

**Apr 16 2019—Chrism Mass—Cathedral Nam**

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

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