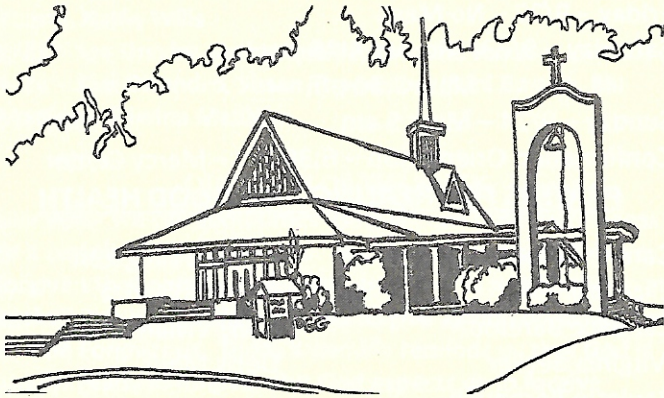


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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS: SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

11:30 A.M. (SPANISH MASS)

WEEKDAYS: 8:30 A.M. Tuesday - Friday

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SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Also by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday and Tuesday

Mercy Center Chapel

First Friday at the Mercy Center Chapel

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

OUTREACH

A food basket and donation box are in the church entry. Your donations provide the means to give direct help to the needy. We collect food on the first weekend of the month.

INFANT BAPTISM

Parent preparation classes are required for each couple planning to have their baby baptized. To schedule a preparation session, please call the church office.

MARRIAGE

OLBS sponsors a preparation program for couples who intend to marry. The Pastor must be contacted at least six months prior to the date of the wedding.

RECEPTION into the CHURCH

Those inquiring into the Catholic Faith or seeking Communion with the Church are invited to contact the Parish Office. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is offered.

*The mission of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church,
centered in the Eucharist, is to Love God and His people
and to extend His Love to others through service and prayer.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23rd & 24th, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	12/23	Thomas A. Trudeau (RIP) Anny of Death Requested by Edna Trudeau Frank Waxmunski (RIP) Requested by Susan Todd	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/24	Christmas Eve – 9 am – For Our Parishioners 5:30 pm – Thomas Sturtz, Sr., Tommy Sturtz, Jr. (RIP) Requested by Marguerite Sturtz & Family 9 pm – David ‘Charlie’ Sturtz (RIP) Requested by Jeanie Sturtz	Fr. Oscar “ “
Mon	12/25	Christmas Day – Patricia Seckora (RIP) Anniversary of Birthday Requested by Paul & Valeria Seckora Frank Waxmunski (RIP) Requested by Susan Todd	Fr. Oscar
Tue	12/26	Kathy Webster (RIP) Requested by Bill Webster	Fr. Oscar
Wed	12/27	Anna & Richard Kozlowski (RIP) Joe Sr., Elsie & Johnny Drexler (RIP) Requested by Linda & Joe Drexler	Fr. Oscar
Thur	12/28	For Our Parishioners	Fr. Oscar
Fri	12/29	Billy Webster (RIP) Requested by Bill Webster	Fr. Oscar
Sat	12/30	John F. Roane, III (RIP) Requested by Vickie & John Roane	Fr. Oscar
Sun	12/31	Dr. O. Allen Bristow, Jr. (RIP) Anniversary of Death Requested by Bristow Family Mary Kurdziel (RIP) Requested by Edna Trudeau	Fr. Oscar

Collections for December 16th & 17th, 2017

Parish Operations (Personnel, Utilities, Office, Postage, Repair & Maintenance, etc.)

Offertory	\$2,822.45
Special Collection	422.00
Debt Supplement	10.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	76.00
Total	\$3,330.45
Amount needed weekly for Parish Operations is	\$3,400
Restricted, Special Use or Sent out of Parish	
Votive Stand \$12/Poor Box \$20	\$ 32.00
Capital Campaign	100.00
Christmas Flowers	65.00

Thank you for your support of your Parish!

Church Attendance

Our Lady of Guadalupe – 12/12 - 62 (Spanish Mass)
Saturday December 16 - 77
Sunday December 17 – 139
Spanish Mass - 31

OLBS Church Cleaning Schedule

12/25thru 12/30 – Mark, Carolyn & Mark Jr.
Drexler/David Seckora
1/1/18 thru 1/7 – Theresa Nguyen/Nguyen Sisters

Calendar for Week of December 25th

Monday – 12/25 – **CHRISTMAS DAY** – Mass 9 am
Tuesday – 12/26 – Mass 8:30 am
Wednesday – 12/27 – Mass 8:30 am
Thursday – 12/28 – Mass 8:30 am
Friday – 12/29 – Mass 8:30 am
Saturday – 12/30 - Rosary 4:45 pm - Mass 5:30 pm
Sunday – 12/31 – Mass 9:00 am
Spanish Mass 11:30 am
Monday – January 1st – New Year’s Day – Mass 9 am

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GOOD HEALTH

Carolyn Alford	Gordon Langston
Elizabeth Alley	Patricia Lanuza
Candace Barefoot	Baby Vivian Mallis
Virginia Becker	Doris Modr
Paulette Berberich	Clara Morrow
Ron Blevins	Randy Morrow
Robin Bristow	Specialist Mullins
Joan Buehler	Larry Newtzie
Linda Burch	M.C. ‘Sam’ O’Connor
Kevin Carson	Joyce Richardson
Meredith Crowe	Pam Rigsby
Vincent D’Elia	Emma Robertson
Denise DePompeo	Harriet Ropelewski
Donna Donahue	Virginia Ryczak
Brenda Frederick	Bill Scaife
Helen Fudala	Barbara Schafer
Margaret Geron	Allen Smith
Jim Gregory	Barbara Sturtz
Pat Hinkle	Levi Sturtz
Kelly Hipple	Marguerite Sturtz
Mary Ann Hooper	Jim Tokarz
Helen Kaczmarek	Mae Touray
Victor Kaczmarek	Dorothy Ware
John Kellam	Linda Webster
Fred Kolberg	Lois Wilson
Bonnie Kopacki	Robert ‘Bobby’ Wilson
Joe Lautenschlager	Jody Zogran
Cathy Massok	

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOME

Irene Kruger Melvina Gooch

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Major Jonathan Culberson (Afghanistan)
Sp. Logan W. Gay - Sgt. Nathan Gurganus
Army Rangers Austin T. Sturtz (Ft. Lewis, Washington)
First Lieutenant Amber Fauber, F.E. Warren in Cheyenne,
Wyoming

ALTAR SERVERS

12/23 – Oliver Owens, Daniel Gibbs Jr., Jackson Gibbs
12/24 – 9 am – Adrian Vidal, Elizabeth DiLandro, Clara DiLandro
5:30 pm – Mason Kopacki, Kody Kopacki, Oliver Owens
9:00 pm – Daniel Gibbs Jr., Jackson Gibbs
12/25 – Christmas Day – 9:00 am – Clara DiLandro, Elizabeth DiLandro, Daniel Duke
12/30 – Daniel Gibbs, Jr., Jackson Gibbs
12/31 – Collee Rae, Tazewell Rae, Daniel Duke
11:30 am – Misael Hernandez, Jovany Velazquez

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

12/23 – Tom Fauber, Gary Silvia, Jackie Silvia
12/24 – 9:00 am – Jim Vadas, Pattie Vadas, Kim DiLandro, Vickie Roane, Susan Thompson
5:30 pm – Paula Polcyn, Bill Madigan, Edwina Madigan
9:00 pm – Kay Shaw, B.J. Bui, Jim Pyne
12/25 – Christmas Day – 9:00 am – Kim DiLandro, Kathy Wills, Vickie Roane
12/30 – Tom Fauber, Cathy Fudella, Lorraine Ryalls
12/31 – Gary Silvia, Jackie Silvia, Mary Leigh McDonald, Wini Barron, Sarah Rae

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Submission to Our Lord would require that we re-align our lives according to His plan. Our Mother Mary had to adjust to the demands of the role God gave her to be Mother to Jesus. Likewise, being a Christian means we have to align our lives according to the norms and values that Jesus has set for us. We have to be properly aligned under God's authority, His Word and His plan. Submission to God means saying to Him on a daily basis, "not my will but your will be done." It is saying with full conviction and determination that God will prevail in our lives despite everything that can befall us. It's not our dreams, not our wants, not our plans but God's plan that should prevail.

Adult: When have you followed the example of Mary and said, "Let it be done to me as you say?"

Child: Is there something hard you need to do this week? What might make it easier?

DO YOU KNOW?

December 26th, is the Feast of Saint Stephen, the first Christian martyr and archdeacon. He led the group of seven deacons who the Apostles appointed to help them minister to the poor and the marginalized in the early Church (having been ordained by Saint Peter himself). Saint Stephen was accused of blasphemy and sentenced to death by stoning.

Many thanks to the children of the parish for their performance of the Nativity Pageant, reminding us in the midst of frantic holiday preparations of the true meaning of the season. Thanks to all those who helped with the production and potluck especially Deidra Kopacki, Hope Kopacki, Amber Gibbs and Erin Hayden. It was an evening of great food and parish fellowship.

There will be NO ADORATION on December 25th & 26th in the Mercy Center Chapel.

The Christmas "Oplatki" will be blessed and ready for you to pick up in the basket at the back of the Church after the Masses on Saturday, Sunday and Christmas Day. Please take one per family.

Also, the 2018 Calendars will be available in the back of the Church for you to take home.

GIVING TREE

Every child we set out to help will have a Blessed Christmas day thanks to the many generous parishioners who really put their hearts into giving of themselves so these children could have a magical Christmas! The generosity of this parish is astounding! Many, many hands helped make sure all the gifts were wrapped and got to the proper place for distribution. Without these many Middle School and High School kids and adults, it would not have happened! There are far too many to name everyone; however, two of our young people really stood out as helpers – Kody and Mason Kopacki were instrumental in making everything happen! We are all so Blessed to be a part of this wonderful, loving parish family!

We originally took in \$680.00 for the food baskets this year and we spent \$680.55 on ten food baskets that were packed full of groceries to last beyond Christmas Day! Our Middle School and High School kids made sure everything was distributed evenly between the 10 Food Baskets that consisted of 3 boxes of food for each. Adults also helped gather and distribute the food baskets to families who will enjoy a very nice Christmas dinner and several meals thereafter. When all was said and done, we ended up collecting a total of \$695.00 and we spent a total of \$680.55. Again, we are all so Blessed to be a part of this generous, loving parish family!

To all who helped with the "Giving" Tree and the Food Baskets – we are truly grateful! You know who you are! We would be scared to leave anyone out and EVERYONE was so important to making this happen! It was overwhelming to see so many people step up to help make sure everything got done so that many children and families were helped by our generous parishioners! This parish is truly a kind, compassionate, and loving family! We are so Blessed!!!

In keeping with the true celebration of Christmas, children are encouraged to make a birthday card for Baby Jesus and bring it to the manger during the offertory procession at whichever Christmas Mass they attend. Have your child, with their card, go to the back of the Church as the servers leave the altar to meet the gift bearers.

PRAYER PARTNERS We've postponed our Prayer Partner sign-up until after the Liturgy Committee meeting in late January.

The Mercy Center Offices will be closed on Monday, December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th, and Monday, January 1st.

Wesolych Swiat! Bozego Narodzenia! That is the way to say "Merry Christmas" in Polish. Among Poles, wherever they are, the most beloved and beautiful of all traditional festivities is that of Christmas Eve. It is then that the Wigilia, or Christmas Eve Dinner is served. It is a solemnly celebrated occasion and arouses deep feelings of kinship among family members. The preparation of special food, the breaking of the traditional "Oplatki", and a lighted candle in the window symbolizes the hope of this Blessed Season. May you and your loved ones share the Joy!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

New Members are asked to register at the Parish Office in the Mercy Center to receive envelopes.

We invite all parishioners to join a ministry.
Contact the Chairperson of the ministry or call the Parish Office at
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