

Our Lady Queen of Peace

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671-3062

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375-5335

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Evening

5:00pm

(Rosary before Mass - Fatima Prayers included on 1st Sat.)

Sunday

7:30, 9:30, 11:30am

Holy Days

as announced

Weekdays

8:00am

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday after 8:00am Mass

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

2nd Monday of each month after 8:00am Mass

ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Monday evening at 7:30pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First and third Sunday of the month after 11:30am Mass

Make arrangements by calling Parish Office

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45pm or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

As soon as marriage is contemplated, contact one of the parish priests.

Welcome to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish

We rejoice to have you with us, whether a long-time resident or newly arrived in our parish! Please fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the Sunday collection basket if you would like to be a registered member of our parish. If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parents' home or graduated from college, you need to re-register. Please help us keep our records in order.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Phone _____ # of people registering _____

email address _____

Please circle one: New Registration Address or phone number change Moving out of parish

Upcoming OLQP Parish Events**2012****January**

- Sun 22 **Pinewood Derby, Cafeteria**
 Fri 27 **Jr. High Trivia Night, Cafeteria**
 Sat 28 **Youth Open House, Cafeteria**

February

- Sat 11 **Knights Valentine Dance, KC Hall**
 Sat 25 **Daughters Antique Appraisal, Cafeteria**
Bluegrass Concert, Northwest High School

March

- Sun 18 **Red Hat Bingo, KC Hall**

April

- Sat 28 **Daughters Tailgate Sale**

May

- Mon 7 **Confirmation**
 Sat 19 **Preschool Graduation**

June

- Sat 9 **OLQP Picnic**

July

- Sun 15 **Hope Builders**

August

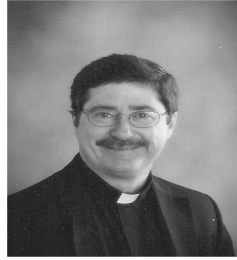
- Sat 18 **Daughters Tailgate Sale, OLQP**

September

- Sat 22 **PSR Chili Supper, Cafeteria**
 Sun 23 **Quilt Social**

October

- Sat 6 **Hoedown**
 Sat 13 **Harvest Moon Auction, KC Hall**
 Sun 14 **Fall Festival, Cafeteria**
 Sun 21 **Daughters Fashion Show**

**The Gift of Life**

As Catholics (as followers of Jesus Christ) we embrace the truth that ALL human life is sacred. Every human being receives their existence from God. Because we understand this, we respect life in all its forms and fight to preserve the dignity of human beings; babies in their mother's womb, the elderly coming to the end of their natural life, prisoners being punished for their crimes, the poor who are starving in third world countries...etc.

During the month of January, we focus on one particular aspect of the "Life Issues" as we commemorate the 1973 supreme court decision (Roe v. Wade) to legalize abortions. On Sunday, January 22nd, a group of our parishioners will embark on the annual pilgrimage to Washington D.C. , joining with hundreds of thousands of other Christians from around the country to march in favor of the Gift Of Life and to call for an end to abortion. The purpose is to make a statement to our politicians, judges and to the nation that dissecting a human fetus alive in its mother's womb is not an inalienable right or a personal choice. It is in fact murder!

We are asked to pray for an end to abortion and to support efforts to give expectant mothers a viable alternative to ending the life of their unborn children. Please pray this weekend in a special way for the success of those who march in Washington on our behalf and on behalf of millions of babies whose lives are at risk.

Fr. Mike

BINGO
Every Friday Night
Knights of Columbus Hall
Doors open at 4:30 pm
Bingo starts at 6:45 pm
Hope to see you there!

*Young
 at
 Heart*

On Monday, January 23, we will enjoy our brown bag lunch at 11:30 am at the Knights Hall. See you there!

Marriage Preparation Program "Today and All the Days of Your Life"

This program is for engaged couples and will fulfill the Archdiocesan requirement for a marriage preparation program. The program will be offered starting February 12th through March 4th. The sessions will be facilitated by Deacon Tom and Margaret Gerling. To register or for more information please call Deacon Tom or Margaret, 636-671-0627.

Note: There is a cost of \$25 for the program.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA classes meet weekly at 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria meeting room.

All parishioners or guests are invited to sit in on any of our sessions when the topics being discussed might interest them.

For any questions or further information please call Deacon Paul, 314-954-0378, or email deaconpaul@olqpparish.org.

Schedule of Topics:

- Jan 23 - The Early Church
(The Apostles spreading the Good News)
- Jan 30 - The History of the Church
(The Church's long history up until the present time and what it means to us today)
- Feb 6 - Christian Moral Living and Social Justice
(What the Catechism says about the Ten Commandments and how it effects the way we are called to live)
- Feb 13 - Life Ethics and The Dignity of Life
(What the Catechism and the Church says about Human Life from beginning to end)
- Feb 20 - What is Lent
(Our Lenten traditions, symbols and call to conversion)



YOUTH MINISTRY

Please Pray for our Pro-Life Trip

This Sunday, January 22nd marks the sad anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in 1973 that made it legal in our country to abort a baby at any age of gestation. We ask God to bless the 52 individuals from Our Lady Queen of Peace that are going to Washington, D.C. to march for the protection of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death. We have 26 Confirmation youth attending this trip. Please pray for a healthy and safe trip.

High School Teen News

I'd say we are off to a great start in 2012. New faces every week and a lot of good ideas to keep us moving forward throughout the year. Continual thanks to those teens that join us for our youth group meetings. For those that haven't made it, the door is always open for you to join us every Sunday evening from **6 pm - 8 pm** in the OLQP Cafeteria meeting room.

Don't miss tonight's meeting, as we setup for our January Youth Mass and Open House!!!

Tonight's Theme

Youth Mass/Open House Prep

Pick out the music and hang with the band as we prepare for our celebration.

Make the time to attend one of our youth meetings! Every Sunday night at 6 pm. All teens in 9th - 12th grade are welcome to join us! Bring a friend, we'll see you there!

John and Sue Whitehead
314-954-7461

Terry Ostlund, Youth Minister
314-566-8363

Catholics Come Home

Some statistics published by the Catholic Come Home Organizations...

Only 33% of U.S. Catholics attend Mass on a weekly basis. That means approximately 42.7 million U.S. Catholics are not practicing Catholics.

The number of Americans identifying themselves as non-religious/secular increased 110% from 1990 to 2000! It is now 13.2 % of the total population. Comparing this statistic with the previous one, non-religious, secular individuals outnumber active, Mass-attending Catholics by 58%.

As many as 100,000 baptized Catholics in the U.S. drift away from church each year.

As Catholics of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, we are asked to pray for the success of Catholics Come Home, to become disciples for Christ and to welcome our brothers and sisters back.

Fourth Sunday Peace Pantry Food Collection

Due to scheduling we are collecting the 4th Sunday Peace Pantry Collection on the weekend of January 28th and 29th this month.

We are in need of:

Canned white potatoes
Chili Beans
Sauerkraut
Body Wash and Lotion

Thank you for helping those in need in our community.
The Peace Pantry



St. Vincent De Paul

OLQP -SVDP Society disbursements for
December 2011:

Personal Heater - \$30.96
Giving Tree Gifts - \$418.00 (by SVDP Youth)
Rent - \$75.00
Sewer/Water - \$75.00
Electric-\$1,085.53
Propane - \$75.00

Thank you,
SVDP Volunteers



Parish Corner...

Every week a different organization is featured in the bulletin.

Choir

We as a worshipping community boast of a traditional chancel choir and many talented musicians who share their craft at our Sunday liturgies as well as special Masses: Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. We also have a youth ensemble who regularly accompany our Youth Saturday evening service (4th Saturday at 5:00 pm Mass). They provide music for various fund raisers as well. Our cantors share their talents at the Mass leading and empowering our congregational participation. A great group of parishioners known as the Young at Heart very generously volunteer to provide a show of parish support to the grieving families and friends.

There are children from the third through eighth grade who act as choir and cantors for the daily Masses. These young people do so with great enthusiasm and ability. I would be remiss if I did not mention the children's bell choir. These young folks accompany the Eucharistic Mass parts. They do this with diligence, tenacity and ability. We can be very proud of all their efforts.

In response to an invitation several months ago, many folks came forward to provide a choir at all Masses. This invitation still stands and is open. If you have thought about sharing your talents either as musician or singer and have as yet not committed yourself, please come on down as Bob Barker would say. Your presence can only add much to the music program.

Choir practice for all Masses is on Thursday night at 7pm (September through May). It lasts about an hour and a half. Great friendships are formed and although a lot of work is put forth, there is a lot of fun as well.

Peace Pantry Volunteers Needed

Tuesday morning helpers are needed to help sort and stock shelves in preparation for client pick up on Wednesday and Thursday. All helpers of any kind are always welcome and needed. Please contact Connie Stretch, 636-285-0934.

Queen's Crafters January 26th

Please join us the last Thursday of each month from 6:30 - 8 pm in the Cafeteria meeting room.

In January, we will be designing terracotta pots for the garden. This craft will cost \$10 per pot. Attendees will pay before making, one for themselves, and if time permits, one to donate to the parish. All supplies will be furnished, just bring yourself, friends are welcome too, and enjoy the fun!

Please contact Sue Syers if you are able to attend on Thursday, January 26, from 6:30 - 8 pm at, 314-974-6587 or smoothsue@sbcglobal.net.

Youth Open House

When: Saturday, January 28th, 5 pm

Where: OLQP - House Springs

Youth Mass at 5 pm

Open House at 6 pm in the Cafeteria

All teens in 9th - 12th grade and their families are invited to attend. Meet the new members of the Youth Group and hear all of the excitement for 2012 with our youth.

Thanks To Our Sponsors

We wish to thank **Big 3 Auto Parts and Salvage Corp.**, for being a sponsor for our bulletins. Please remember to patronize our advertisers when in need of their type of service. Because of our sponsors we do not pay for our bulletins to be printed.

Thank You From SVDP

Thanks to everyone who supported the Poinsettia Fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul. We raised almost \$350 to help those in need and also added to the beauty of the Christmas season in our Church.

Many Thanks

Now that several weeks have slipped by since my mother, Dorothy Langan has passed, I have been reflecting on the celebration of her life. More than once I heard compliments on the beauty of our Church and that the Mass from Father Don was very meaningful.

Bob Ellison assisted with the selection of music and with the choir, it was so beautiful. A special solo by Deacon Paul was so memorable. Thank You for the Mass intentions and the love and support you have shown through our difficult year. From my family and myself God Bless you for your love and generosity.

Jane & Frank Saggio and
the family of Dorothy Langan

Protecting God's Children Update

Anyone who works with or volunteers with children must be compliant with the Safe Environment Program per the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). Compliance in the Archdiocese of St. Louis includes having the "Protecting God's Children" workshop, a signed Code of Ethical Conduct and a current background check which is run every even year in our Archdiocese.

2012 is a background check year and we will begin requesting current background checks for those who are active with children in our parish. If you are no longer serving children in any capacity, please let Pat Hoskins (636-671-0247 or pat.hoskins@olqpparish.org) know that you are no longer serving in a ministry with children. We will delete your information from the background request.

If you are still serving children in our parish, we will be requesting a current background check for you. You will also receive a copy by mail from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. We will be receiving our own copy so you will not need to submit your copy to the parish.

Archdiocese Tribunal

The Archdiocese Tribunal has scheduled some quick start nights for people who are interested in an annulment in the Church.

Sacred Heart (Crystal City) will host one of these evenings on Monday, February 6th, at 7 pm. It will be held in the school cafeteria on Breierton Lane which is diagonal from the Church.

Blue Grass Concert Saturday, February 25 Northwest High School Lecture Hall 10 am to 3 pm

This event is sponsored by Community Churches and the Knights of Columbus. Free will donations will be accepted. Proceeds will benefit the Pregnancy Care Center in Cedar Hill and Crystal City. Please invite your friends and SUPPORT LIFE. For any questions and more information please contact Tom Guethle, 274-2062 or Mike Heller, 274-2733.

Sandwiches, chips and soda will be available for purchase.

Red Hat Ladies Bingo and Luncheon Sunday, March 18, KC Hall

(doors open at noon, lunch served at 1 pm)

The charge is \$30 per person and includes lunch, drinks, 9 Bingo cards and a dobber.

There will be Basket raffles, 50/50 and LOTS OF FUN!

For reservations or any questions please contact Tom or Trish Guethle, 274-2062.

Seven Days of Inspiration

Take one a day...
and feel great all week!

Your ideas are worth sharing.

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Your dreams deserve  
more attention than  
your worries.

~~~~~  
Beauty comes in many
forms. You're
one of them.

~~~~~  
You make someone happy.

~~~~~  
A small act of
kindness can make a
huge difference.

~~~~~  
Determination is what  
drives success.

~~~~~  
Fill up your tank!

~~~~~  
You are more important  
to more people than you know.

### **Wanted: Maintenance Person**

IL RITIRO Franciscan Retreat is looking for a person to help with maintenance and light construction projects as needed. IL RITIRO only takes on maintenance projects that are urgent or when funds are available. Needed are people who have carpenter, electrical, and/or plumbing experience. This position is ideal for someone who is retired or has another source of regular income but would like to take on additional jobs from time to time. Pay is by the hour. Questions and/or resumes can be directed to Fr. Paul Gallagher, OFM at IL RITIRO Franciscan Retreat, P. O. Box 38, Dittmer, MO. 63023 or [fr.paul.gallagher.ofm@gmail.com](mailto:fr.paul.gallagher.ofm@gmail.com) or 636-274-0554.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is  
Wednesday, January 25th,  
from 1:00 - 8:00 pm.

Come visit with Jesus. He is waiting for you in the Eucharist. His love flows from Him, saturating you completely. In the stillness of the sanctuary, in the Presence of Christ, offer your heart.

**2011 Contribution Statement**

If you would like a 2011 Contribution statement please send a note (marked "Linda") to the Parish office, you may put it in the collection basket or call the parish office, 636-671-3062.

Thank you,  
Linda

**St. Louis Review Subscription**

The cost for a year subscription is \$23. Please let the parish office know (yes or no) if you wish to receive the St. Louis Review. If you do not receive the envelope packet (which has the envelope provided) you may write a note (with your name and address) and add it to the collection basket stating "yes" or "no" for the Review. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Thank you,  
Linda

*Absent from the body present with our Lord.  
In your kindness pray for the repose of the soul*

**Donna Barron,**

mother-in-law of Diane Gansmann Sease  
*May God welcome her home, fill her with peace,  
and bless those who will miss her.*

**Our Gifts to God and Parish****Special Collections**

|                  |    |        |
|------------------|----|--------|
| St. Louis Review | \$ | 186.00 |
|------------------|----|--------|

**New Building Fund**

|                        |    |            |
|------------------------|----|------------|
| Lavender Envelopes     | \$ | 816.00     |
| Total Received to date | \$ | 716,388.61 |

**Offertory**

|                        |           |                  |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Sunday Envelopes       | \$        | 9,716.00         |
| Sunday Loose           | \$        | 615.00           |
| Above and Beyond       | \$        | 30.00            |
| All Saints             | \$        | 5.00             |
| First Offering         | \$        | 90.00            |
| Present and Future     | \$        | 80.00            |
| Solemnity of Mary      | \$        | 5.00             |
| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>10,541.00</b> |
| <b>Offertory Goal</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>14,000.00</b> |

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**1,187 registered members**

**232 Envelopes, online and loose donations**

**As of January 17, 2011**

|                               |    |            |
|-------------------------------|----|------------|
| Contributions Year To Date    | \$ | 355,419.10 |
| Projected Year to Date Budget | \$ | 406,000.00 |

**Scrip Gift Cards**

|                           |    |          |
|---------------------------|----|----------|
| Sales                     | \$ | 2,005.00 |
| Profits/tuition reduction | \$ | 89.65    |

Scrip Gift Cards are available in the Parish Office from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and every weekend after Mass.

**Stewardship****Start With Prayer**

*"Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Come after me" is a call to all Christians. Jesus asks us all to help Him in His work. By being good stewards, we, too, can help bring others closer to God.

**Parish Activities**

|      |        |                                                                                                                                                     |
|------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon  | Jan 23 | PSR, 6:15 - 7:30 pm<br>RCIA, 7 pm, Cafeteria meeting room                                                                                           |
| Tues | Jan 24 | Devotions after 8 am Mass<br>Quilters, 9 am - 3 pm, 6 - 8:30 pm<br>History Class, 7 pm, Cafeteria meeting room<br>Rosary for Peace, 7:30 pm, Church |
| Wed  | Jan 25 | Eucharistic Adoration, 1 - 8 pm, Church                                                                                                             |
| Thur | Jan 26 | Queen's Crafters, 6:30 pm, Cafeteria meeting room<br>Choir Practice, 7 pm, Church                                                                   |
| Fri  | Jan 27 | Jr. High Trivia Night, 6:30 pm, Cafeteria                                                                                                           |

**Mass Intentions**

|       |        |          |                             |
|-------|--------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Mon   | Jan 23 | 8:00 am  | Louise Gunter Intentions    |
| Tues  | Jan 24 | 8:00 am  | Lou Duchinsky               |
| Wed   | Jan 25 | 8:00 am  | David Blecha                |
| Thurs | Jan 26 | 8:00 am  | Mary Matejka                |
| Fri   | Jan 27 | 8:00 am  | Paul Gunter                 |
| Sat   | Jan 28 | 5:00 pm  | Patrick and Florence Heller |
| Sun   | Jan 29 | 7:30 am  | Christine DeClue            |
|       |        | 9:30 am  | Mary Robinett               |
|       |        | 11:30 am | People of the Parish        |

**January 28th and 29th****Special Ministers of the Eucharist**

|          |                                                                                                                 |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm  | Larry & Margaret Bottchen, *Bev Gregory, Ralph Munzlinger, Peggy Mikko, Barb & Joe Nenninger                    |
| 7:30 am  | Gerald Bachmann, Ken Bohnert, *Andrea Lawson, Richard Ortman, Joyce Stenger, *Linda Weber, Volunteer Needed     |
| 9:30 am  | Dale Andrews, *Tom Broadbent, Lee Hoffman, Don Moeller, Jan Schultheiss, *Maria & Paul Stonecypher, Jo Ann Vess |
| 11:30 am | *Christine Camden, *Deb Pigue, Lynette & Patrick Rawlins, Sharon Schmidt, Maria Webb, Denise Witt               |

\* You are responsible to clean the vessels after Mass

**Proclaimers**

|          |                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm  | Youth Ministry                   |
| 7:30 am  | Ann Riley, Shirley Tenny         |
| 9:30 am  | Parish Children                  |
| 11:30 am | Carol Freihaut, Margaret Gerling |

**Servers**

|          |                                            |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm  | Rachel Cundy, A J Drew, Darby O'Donnell    |
| 7:30 am  | Allyson & Kaitlyn Bridges, Zachary Morlock |
| 9:30 am  | Parish Children                            |
| 11:30 am | Ben & Jeremiah Pigue, Claire Webb          |

**Ushers**

|          |                                                                                     |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm  | Youth Ministry                                                                      |
| 7:30 am  | Carl Boyer, Donna Clifton, Ted Hempten, Larry Lammert, Steve Morlock, Vince Rocchio |
| 9:30 am  | Parish Children                                                                     |
| 11:30 am | Don Brooks, Gary Freihaut, Paul McDonnell, Don Reno, Richard Rousseau, David Witt   |

**Please pray for those who are ill**  
(parishioners are in bold)

|                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Sharon Alderson</b> | <b>Frieda Siebel-Spath</b> |
| <b>Maryann Barnett</b> | <b>Vi Hoeft</b>            |
| <b>Judy Holmes</b>     | <b>Patsy Boyer</b>         |
| <b>Linda Scotino</b>   | <b>Helen Wendt</b>         |
| <b>Maria Webb</b>      | <b>Carl Boyer</b>          |

Elija Weatherly, friend of Patrick Rawlins  
Trudy Girard, sister of Lynette Rawlins  
Holly Smith, daughter of Lynette Rawlins  
Rachel Preston, granddaughter of Lynette Rawlins  
Louise Gunter, mother of Lynette Rawlins  
Jim Rawlins, husband of Lynette Rawlins  
Reese Gunter, great niece of Lynette Rawlins  
Hilda Bowler, mother of Dave Bowler  
Ken Lewis, friend of Ken and Jan DeClue  
Tilly Nowicki, friend of Ken and Jan DeClue  
Joan Maupin, sister-in-law of Helen Wendt  
Crystal Murray, daughter of Betty Oermann  
John Acton, brother of Richard Acton and Laura Huss  
Allen Chott, nephew of Judy Mottert  
Haley Weis, great granddaughter of Carol O'Shea  
Buck Thomas, husband of Donna Thomas

~those serving in the military, the homebound, shut-ins of the parish and all in nursing homes. To add a name please call the Parish Office, 671-3062. Names will be removed after 3 weeks.

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**Deadline Friday at 4:30 pm**  
**(9 days before publication)**



Donna O'Malley,  
Theresa Haug,  
Mary Copeland  
and Judy Mottert



### Why Go To Mass?

Every parent at one time or another has heard the whine – “Why do I have to go to Church?”

The answer my parents gave was “Because I said so.” Effective, yes. Helpful, no. So here, courtesy of Leonard Foley, O.F.M. is a list of five reasons for going to Mass. Try one of these the next time, perhaps it will spark a great conversation!

1. **Because I “owe” God.** Not appealing, but true nevertheless. God is why I am alive. It’s like being a baby in the womb – if the nourishment stops, the baby dies. If I don’t come to Mass and get fed, my soul could shrivel up and die.

2. **Because I believe in Jesus.** Jesus said “Do this in memory of me.” No matter how lively or dull the Mass is on the “outside” it is what happens inside of us that matters. Can anyone who believes in Jesus ignore this request – to share his body and blood around the table?

3. **Because I ought to be a live member of a community.** It is only through belonging, actively belonging, that we grow as a community of faith. That means more than sitting through Mass. It means sitting around a table and looking through the eyes of Christ at those around us, those not able to be present, and most importantly, as those we would shun.

4. **Because it’s worth the cost.** Christian maturity means that we come to Mass, whether there are crying babies, incomprehensible sermons, ill-prepared choirs, factions, or money talk. If we are truly a Christian community, we are prepared to accept these circumstances, just as we accept the crying baby, the non-stop talker, the meal not ready on time, the family feuds, just as we do with our own families. And remember, the 12 apostles had one defector and not all the rest were candidates for saint-of-the-month!

5. **Because I want to be a contributing member.** I have to put something in to get something out...and I am not talking about the collection! I have to remember that going to Mass is something God wants me to do. He wants to offer me healing, compassion, love and devotion. Putting something in is akin to “If you’re one of the crew, pull your oar!”

**ANOTHER 5 REASONS TO GO TO MASS**

Continuing the last 5 reasons for going to Mass, according to author Leonard Foley, OFM, are as follows:

Why go to Mass?

6. **Because I have a body.** We have words, signs, symbols and sacraments – outward signs. The Mass (and many other religious actions) is part of the human side of our faith. Jesus was fully human as well as divine, and he is saying to us “What happened then at the breaking of the bread is happening now. Now my presence, my actions, are once more made visible through the lives of the humans here.”

7. **Because I have sinned.** In some ways, we are like spoiled children. God forgives us again and again. But shouldn't I respond to this loving forgiveness with some action of my own? Isn't participating in Mass the best way to continue reconciliation with the God who loves us?

8. **Because I need energy.** I need the energy that comes from being within a loving community all worshipping and praising God. I need the energy that only the Body and Blood of Christ can give so that I may continue to praise and worship God with my whole life.

9. **Because I need roots and a future.** I was lucky. I was baptized, confirmed, received First Communion, was married, buried my father, had my child baptized, and saw my sisters marry all in the same building by the same priest. These are roots that center my life. How about your memories? They are what build the future as well.

10. **Because I was made to praise.** There are many ways of praising God. But the praise God himself arranged on earth was the voice or reason Jesus' followers come to the Eucharistic thanksgiving table on the Lord's Day.

Penny Arslanian  
Director of Music and Liturgy



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Sponsored by:  
High Ridge and House Springs Knights of Columbus**

***Free to all boys and girls ages 10 to 14***

***Monday: January 30th, 2012***

***6:30 - 8:30 pm***

***Cedar Springs Gymnasium***

***6922 Rivermont Trails  
House Springs, MO***

***All contestants are recognized for their participation in this event.***

***All boys and girls entering this event will need the following:***

***Proof of age (picture ID card or birth certificate) and written  
parental consent forms that are available upon request.***

***Entry forms can be picked up in advance or parents can fill them  
out at the door. For more information or questions please call  
Jim Reiter at 636-376-8247 or Brian Schwantner at 314-968-4100***

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