

Our Lady Queen of Peace

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October 6, 2013



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671-3062

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671-0247

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375-5335

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Evening

5:00 pm

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

Sunday

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

Holy Days

as announced

Weekdays

8:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for prayerful

Adoration the last Wednesday of each month from

1:00 to 8:00 pm.

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday after 8:00am Mass

ROSARY

Monday through Friday after 8:00 am Mass

For vocations 2nd Monday of month after 8:00 am Mass

For peace every Monday evening at 7:30 pm

Before 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday evenings

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Make arrangements by calling Parish Office

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday

4:00 - 4:45 pm 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

Registration forms may be found on our website (olqpparish.org/parishregistration.htm), in the Church lobby or you may stop by the Parish Office to fill one out. If you have recently changed your status, married, moved out of your parents' home or graduated from high school, you need to re-register. Please help us keep our records accurate.

Upcoming OLQP Parish Events

2013

October

- Sat 12 Harvest Moon Auction
- Fri 25 Trunk or Treat

November

- Wed 13 Personal Finance Seminar
- Wed 20 Personal Finance Seminar
- Thur 28 Thanksgiving

December

- Mon 2 Blood Drive
- Sat 7 Advent Retreat
- Sun 8 K of C Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale
- Mon 9 Immaculate Conception
- Sat 21 Parish All Day Confessions
- Wed 25 Christmas

2014

March

- Sun 16 Red Hat BINGO, KC Hall

April

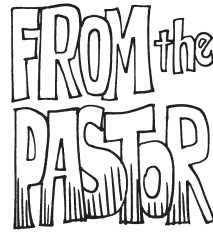
- Sat 12 Parish All Day Confessions
- Sun 20 Easter

May

- Sun 4 First Communion
- Wed 7 Confirmation

June

- Sat 14 OLQP Picnic



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Harvest Moon Auction

The Annual Harvest Moon Auction takes place next Saturday evening, October 12th. Tickets are on sale after all the Masses this weekend. Make plans to spend an enjoyable evening in support of our parish!

It Takes a Thief

Yes, it takes a thief, one incredibly selfish person, to poison the atmosphere of an entire community. I'm not sure who stole our Script Cards last week, and I'm not sure if they will ever be caught, but I do know that they will eventually answer to God for this. So, say a prayer for the thief, maybe there is some semblance of a conscience left that God can draw to repentance. Having said all of that, I suppose I will have to accept part of the blame for not ensuring better security procedures. After years of being able to trust people, it's easy to become complacent.

The Scrip box was in the sacristy between Masses; whoever took it knew where to look. The Script Card program is terminated. It has now cost us far more than we ever made from it. How sad!

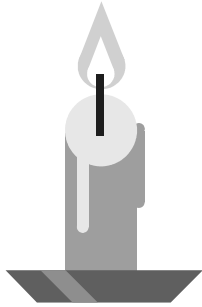
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Parish Activities

- Mon Oct 7 PSR, 6:15 - 7:30 pm
RCIA, 7:00 pm, Parish Office
- Tues Oct 8 Perpetual Devotions after 8:00 am Mass
Quilters, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, 6:00 - 8:30 pm
Parish Council, 6:30 pm, Rectory
- Wed Oct 9 "The Mass and The Bible", 7:00 pm,
Cafeteria
- Thur Oct 10 Choir Practice, 7:00 pm, Church
- Sat Oct 12 Auction, KC Hall
- Sun Oct 13 SVDP Youth, 7:00 pm, Cafeteria



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Attention Parishioners and Visitors!!!

Do you like candles?

Do you want to help support a great cause?

The 8th Grade class of Our Lady Queen of Peace is selling "Yankee Candle" candles in an effort to raise funds to pay for their Pro-Life Trip in January. You can help support this great cause by purchasing candles online! Simply visit <http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com>, scroll to the bottom, and in the orange "Start Shopping" box, type in Group Number 990035411 and start shopping! All purchases are delivered right to your door (a \$5.00 shipping fee is charged). 40% of each sale goes directly to the 8th grade class! You can choose from great fall scents as well as a wide variety of scents for the holidays! In addition to candles, you can purchase candle holders, candle accessories, and even flameless fragrance options! If you have any questions, contact:

Mrs. Cummins at 636-671-0247.

Deacons Serving You...Since A.D. 33 Deacon Formation Collection October 5th and 6th

Please give generously to the Deacon Formation Collection this weekend, October 5th and 6th, the strength of the Deacon Formation program in the Archdiocese greatly depends on your support. Your sacrificial gift can make a tremendous difference in the vocation journey of our future deacons.

May God abundantly bless you for your generosity.

Deacon Tom and Deacon Paul

Youth Council News

High School Youth Group
Youth Led with Adult Support
Sunday, October 6th at 6:00 pm
and Sunday, October 20th at 6:00 pm
All High School Youth are invited to join us on the first and third Sunday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Cafeteria followed by snacks and games until 8:00 pm. Parents are invited to join a faith sharing group while your son or daughter is at youth group.

Junior High Youth Group Saturday, October 19th 4:00 pm - 9ish pm

All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to join us for a trip to Grant's Farm on Saturday, October 19th. Permission slips will be emailed out to the parents of the Junior High Youth. All youth planning to attend must make a reservation by responding to Mrs. Ostlund, terry.ostlund@olqpparish.org, or Mrs. O'Donnell, doodonnelloqppsr@charter.net, by October 14th. We are also taking up a collection of baby items to be donated to the Pregnancy Resource Center in Cedar Hill.

Thanks from the Quilters

A special thanks to Father Mike for all the advertisement from the altar each week.

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary Council 6435 for the donation of the hall and all the little extras.

We extend our thanks to our Parish Family for making our Quilt Raffle a success, assisting with advertising and participating in any way.

Thanks to all the help on the day of the event, especially all the kitchen help and people who donated the baked goods.

The winners of our Raffle are as follows:

Pillowcases won by - Mary Terry

Baby Quilt won by - Joan Shannon

Raffle Quilt won by - Mary Haukap

God bless our parish community.

Welcome New Members



New Members

Steven and Lory George
Dittmer, MO

Elizabeth Richardson
Cedar Hill, MO

Tom Romay
Cedar Hill, MO

Recent Weddings

Dwain and Sarah (Haug) Smith
OLQP September 28, 2013

No September Baptisms

The Purpose of Parish Councils

The purpose of the Parish Council is to represent the laity in advising the pastor on matters that concern the parish. The council discerns what needs to be developed within the parish to make it more faithful to what God is calling it to be, and councils the pastor, providing guidelines for implementing parish ministries. The council enables the laity to participate in the total vision of the parish by setting a mission statement, parish policies, goals and objectives by counseling the pastor by group discussion and consensus.

Grief Support "Seasons of Hope" Begins October 19, 9:30 - 11:30 am

OLQP Parish will host "Seasons of Hope", a unique support group for the bereaved. This program, rooted in Catholic tradition, conveys God's consolation through scripture, prayer reflection and sharing our faith. The next six week session begins Saturday, October 19, from 9:30 to 11:30 am. If you or someone you know would like more information, please contact Joan Ross, 636-677-3278, or Judy Holmes, momholmes@hotmail.com.

This program is open to all parishioners and the general public. There is no fee to attend but donations to help defray the cost of materials would be appreciated.

OLQP Big Ticket Raffle

We will be ordering replacement Big Raffle Tickets. We still have 60 tickets available.



Join us for the Pro-Life Chain

Sunday, October 6th, 12:30-1:30 pm

All parishioners are invited to join together for the Pro-Life Chain on Sunday, October 6th, from 12:30-1:30pm. We hold Pro-Life signs and pray a rosary in front of the fence on the edge of our parish property. We will gather near the parish entrance at 12:30 pm. Churches from the east coast to the west coast are participating in the Pro-Life Chain to be a public witness and to storm heaven for help in protecting all human life from the moment of conception to natural death.



Worn US Flags Retirement

The OLQP Cub Scout Pack 555 will be collecting worn US flags for proper retirement after all Masses on Sunday, October 13th.



St. Vincent De Paul

Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. They are assisted by your donations to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your continued generous support.

Shrine of Remembrance Coming November, 2013

Time is getting closer to November so I would like to remind everyone of what we would like to do. It will be something everyone can participate in.

All we would like for you to do is bring your family, relatives or friends **FRAMED PICTURES**. These will be pictures of family, relatives or friends who are **DECEASED**, but forever in our hearts. Gone but never forgotten.

The size we are looking for is **FRAMED PICTURES** of 5X7 or 4X6. Please **NO** 8X10, they would be too big.

The Shrine of Remembrance will go up on November 1st and stay up for the whole month of November. We would ask for your framed pictures to be brought up to the Parish Office by October 25th. Please be sure to have your name and phone number on the back of your frame. This will avoid any pictures left and us not knowing who they belong to. This way we will have an idea of how many pictures there will be. Thank you.

If you have any questions please call the Parish Office, 636-671-3062.

Jo Ann Vess



27th Annual Harvest Moon Dinner & Auction Saturday, October 12, 2013

Tickets are \$35, the entire amount is due at the time of purchase.

If you have any questions or need additional ticket information, please contact Joyce Beck, 314-303-8134.

For auction donation information, please contact Phyllis Kenney, 636-677-4364.

Thank you for your continued support!

Catholicism Series *The Journey of a Lifetime*

The first 5 episodes of the 10 part series will be presented this fall. **Beginning on Monday, October 28,** 2 showings in the Cafeteria at **9:00 - 10:30 am and 6:30 - 8:00 pm.**

Answering the call for the new evangelization this multi-media, educational program reveals the truth, beauty, and goodness of the faith in an unprecedented way.

Oct. 28 - Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man

Nov. 4 - Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus

Nov. 11 - The Ineffable Mystery of God: Which Nothing Greater can be Thought

Nov. 18 - Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God

Nov. 25 - The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure

"The most important media project in the history of the Catholic Church in America"

George Weigel, Biographer of Blessed John Paul II

Faith Community Annual Coat Drive

Faith Community Church, our neighboring Church across Highway 30, is once again sponsoring the Coat Drive. Containers will be placed in the Cafeteria entrance and School Office. Please drop off any "gently used" or new coats beginning Monday, September 23rd, through December 14th. Coats will be available at Faith Community Church, free of charge, the weekend of November 16th and then again on Wednesdays and Saturdays until Christmas from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please consider this an opportunity to help our neighbors who need assistance. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank Williams Construction Company, Bill and Mary Williams

for advertising in our parish bulletin. Because of their generosity we do not pay for our bulletins to be printed. Please patronize our advertisers and thank them for supporting our parish.

BINGO
Every Friday Night
Knights of Columbus Hall
Doors Open at 4:30 pm
Bingo starts at 6:45 pm
Everyone welcome!



**Knights of Columbus
Tootsie Roll Drive
Friday, October 11th
Saturday, October 12**

The Knights of Columbus are having the Annual "Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities", better known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive". When you see our brother Knights at local intersections and in front of stores collecting please be kind and generous. Thanks you so much for your support!

St. Pius X News!

Tailgate Sale

Saturday, October 12, 8:00 am-?

Reserve Your Spot! 636-931-1939

Donations also accepted

(no clothing, shoes or bedding please).

8th Grade Day

Wednesday, October 16, 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

area 8th graders are invited to visit

St. Pius X High School and
experience our Lancer spirit!

Call 636-931-1939 to RSVP.

Chili Supper

Thursday, October 17, 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

St. Pius X Cafeteria.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Hello to all couples, priests and religious who have ever made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. A 2013 Enrichment will be presented just for you on November 9th, at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Fr. Rosy Rosebrough's parish. Begins with Mass at 4:30 pm and closing prayer at 9:00 pm. Simple pot luck and presentation as well (bring a meat dish or appetizer to share). RSVP by November 2nd to Sam & Liz Cohen at 636-256-9055 or by email: samandliz@msn.com. No strings attached beyond a free will donation toward expenses.

Seven Days of Inspiration

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

Day 1

Believe all the good
things people say about
you - they're true!

Day 2

Give yourself a
reason to smile!

Day 3

You have too many
good qualities to count!

Day 4

Hope will not
disappoint you

Day 5

It's time to stop
postponing your dreams.

Day 6

The world is a better
place because of you.

Day 7

It's okay to slow down
a little - life's not a race!

Parish Office email

parishoffice@olqpparish.org

OLQP Web Site

www.olqpparish.org

submit articles for bulletin

olqpbulletin@yahoo.com

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is
Wednesday, October 30th,
from 1:00 – 8:00 pm.

**Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist****Announcement**

There are currently only around 40 “active” EMs. We need 30 to cover the four Masses each weekend. Simple math tells you that each of the EMs will be asked for their service **3 out of every 4 weeks**. Many EMs are also Proclaimers and it has been requested that one person not serve in both capacities on any given weekend.

Less than 1/3 of those who are “signed up” to be EMs responded to the recent survey regarding scheduling. About half of those (1/6 of total) expressed a desire to handle their own scheduling via the website, however, for whatever reason(s) very few of the EMs use the system. It was thought that since so many EMs were “no shows” when scheduled by someone else it would be better to have them take charge of their own schedule. You can see how poorly that has been working by the “4 needed” - “5 needed” for each Mass in the bulletin.

In order to alleviate these situations the following changes will be necessary starting **November 1st**:

There will only be **5** EMs for each Mass (6 at the 9:30)
– one to distribute the hosts and 4 to serve the wine. This is 2 fewer than we have now.

These **5** will be scheduled on a rotating basis and the schedule will once again be posted in the bulletin.

EMs will be responsible for finding a replacement if unable to serve a particular weekend.

It is unfortunate that these steps have to be taken but until we get more of the EMs who are signed up to become more active, or more parishioners willing to serve OLQP in the capacity of Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, it is unavoidable.

Remember the new schedule begins the first weekend of November, the 2nd and 3rd.

Our Gifts to God and Parish

764 registered members
213 online, loose and envelopes used this week
Thank you for your generosity!!!

Special Collections

Catholic University	\$	20.00
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New Building Fund to date	\$	762,494.81
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Offertory

Sunday envelopes	\$	14,651.64
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Sunday loose		576.00
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Parish Enrichment		10.00
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Total Offertory	\$	15,237.64
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Offertory Goal	\$	13,200.00
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As of September 30, 2013

Contributions Year to Date	\$	164,493.14
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Projected Year to Date Budget	\$	171,600.00
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Upcoming Wedding

Luke Mraz and Christine Havey
OLQP ~ October 26, 2013

Stewardship**Start With Prayer**

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.” 2 Timothy 1:7

A good steward cannot be a coward. It takes strength, love and self-control to put God first in our lives. St. Paul assures us that we have been given the courage we need to do God’s work.

Please pray for those who are ill

(parishioners are in bold)

Audrey Hastings	Paul McDonnell
Ray Wieschhaus	Alice Aubuchon
Leonard Hirtz	Greg Hirtz
Glenda Clayton	Ellen O'Brien
Wally Freihaut	Maria Webb
Danielle Enghauser	Anna Ade
Jackie Nappier	Andy Nappier
Robert Brand	

Vernon Brinker, brother of Bob Brinker
 Carol Swanson, mother of Scott Reimer
 Joe Fischer, friend of Ben Slodkowski
 Mary Jane Konrad, mother of Maria Webb
 Allen Chott, nephew of Judy Mottert
 Peggy Bauer, sister of Katie Tutass
 Joe Politte, brother-in-law of Ken DeClue

~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.

Mass Intentions

Mon	Oct 7	8:00 am	Tom and Angie Ecker Intentions
Tues	Oct 8	8:00 am	Al and Agnes Leifeld
Wed	Oct 9	8:00 am	Marie Hindert
Thurs	Oct 10	8:00 am	Ray Brune
Fri	Oct 11	8:00 am	Gene Corley
Sat	Oct 12	5:00 pm	Dean Allmeroth
Sun	Oct 13	7:30 am	Michael Kemmis
		9:30 am	Barb Salamone
		11:30 am	People of the Parish

October 12th and 13th

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00 pm	*Joe Nenninger, *Barb Nenninger, 5 needed
7:30 am	7 needed
9:30 am	*Maria Webb, *needed, Jan Schultheiss, Jo Ann Vess, Don Moeller, Bruce Gallion, 1 more
11:30 am	7 needed

* You are responsible to clean the vessels after Mass

God won't ask...

What kind of car you drove, but He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

The square footage of your house, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

About the clothes you had in your closet, but He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.

What your salary was, but He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

What your job title was, but He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

How many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

In what neighborhood you lived, but He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.

About the color of your skin, but He'll ask about the content of your character.

Why it took so long to seek salvation, but He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.

Proclaimers

5:00 pm	Tom and Mary Heeley
7:30 am	Ken Bohnert, Ann Riley
9:30 am	Helen Salamone, Patricia Larson
11:30 am	Laura Huss, Tom Mattingly

Servers

5:00 pm	Reagan Becnel, Augie Eimer, Madelyn Hicks
7:30 am	McKenzie Beck, Alyssa Block, Cameron Gerber
9:30 am	Jenna Grosvenor, Sara Osborne, Andrew Thiess
11:30 am	Jakob Stoff, Sophia Scanlon, Kate Marting

Ushers

5:00 pm	Helen Stewart, Dixie Garrett, Ken Ganey, D. Allmeroth, Ralph Munzlinger, Don Brooks
7:30 am	Jeff Eschbach, Larry Lammert, John Nahlik, Robert De Long, Ted hempen, Vince Rocchio
9:30 am	Tim Diffey, Al Jensen, Jerry Sheets, Dale Sudholt, Steve Freihaut, Larry Whitworth
11:30 am	David Witt, Larry Bottchen, John Holmes, David Homes, Kevin Huss, Paul McDonnell



October 11
 Cathy Morlock,
 Debbie Stephens,
 Chyree de Roode,
 Cheryl Brinker,
 and Carol Delue

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C



THEME: “Your faith has made you well.”

Wellness implies more than health. Wellness is a state of completeness, wholeness, integrity. Our wellness depends on the choices we make. We can choose to exercise and eat a balanced diet to promote physical health, physical well-being. We can choose to learn and practice good communication skills to promote social well-being. We can choose to see and understand ourselves as caught up in something bigger than ourselves, to see ourselves loved and cared for by a higher power, to believe in and relate to a loving God to promote spiritual wellness. With faith, we can become whole and complete as God’s loved creatures.

THE READINGS:

FIRST READING: II Kings 5:14-17

The first reading, from the Second Book of Kings, is part of the Elijah/Elisha cycle of stories. These stories represent an early stage in Israel’s journey from polytheism to monotheism. In the ancient world, different people believed in and honored different gods. In the initial formation of the people of Israel, the people would have had no difficulty in understanding this and proclaiming that they had a special relationship with their God. In time, Israel began to see that Yahweh was, at least, more powerful, more effective than the gods of other nations. This view was prevalent in the earliest stories of Elijah and Elisha. Finally, however, the people began to understand that Yahweh was a living God, not a god of silver or stone, that Yahweh was the only God and that Yahweh had a will and plan that embraced all people. The later stories of Elijah and Elisha represent this view.

The story of Naaman, the Syrian, comes from the later stages in the cycle. Afflicted with a skin disease, Naaman is told by his Israelite serving girl that there is a prophet of Yahweh in Israel who could help him. Expecting to be required to perform some great task to effect his cure, Naaman is told, merely, to wash in the waters of the Jordan. When he is cured, he wants to give Elisha a present, but Elisha refuses. He is the messenger, not the one who performed the cure. That was God. Naaman responds with faith and wants to take Israelite soil home with him so he can offer sacrifices to the God who saved him. He still holds to the idea that there are many gods and that they are effective only in their local territory. He will take some of that territory home with him. Elisha models the role of Israel, God’s chosen people, in the world – to make God’s love and care for all people evident. Naaman may have a way to go in coming to believe in only one God, but he is on the way, and he was set on his way first of all by a simple Jewish serving girl. His road to wholeness started with simple trust.

SECOND READING: II Timothy 2:8-13

The second reading comes from the Second Letter to Timothy. The Pastoral Letters are among the later writings of the New Testament and reflect a time of trial and persecution. The writer of the letters, claiming to be Paul, is suffering for his commitment to proclaiming the word, but rejoices that while he is imprisoned, the Word of God cannot be chained. It is God and His word that are effective in accomplishing God's will for all creation. We, like the writer of the Pastorals, have a part to play in this, but it is God who directs creation. Like Elisha, we are instruments in God's plan, but our place in the greater scheme of things, our sense of wholeness, wellness, belonging – these are not what we achieve by our own efforts, but what our faith in our God, our faith in connectedness with God and others, our sense of a bigger picture allow us to live into.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19

The Gospel reading is Luke's story of the ten lepers. In the story, ten are healed of a physical disease but only one is made well. Ten approached Jesus, a known healer, and expected to be cured. Only one rejoiced in the hand of God working in the world to ease his suffering.

Traditionally, this story is often used to show that it is easy for those on the inside to take things for granted while it is the outsider, the Samaritan, who has true faith, who can be amazed and grateful for the health he experiences. However true this may be, I would suggest that the story also points out the difference between health and wellness. I may be healthy – physically, mentally, and spiritually. Everything is in good working order, but such health may not include wellness, wholeness. Such wholeness comes only from seeing and accepting that the health I experience is a gift. I may become ill and need to see a doctor. I expect the doctor to make me better. Can I see that the availability of a doctor, the medical knowledge that has been achieved over the years, and the possibilities for health are gifts,

are part of God's plan? Can I have a sense of gratitude for God's care or do I expect all things to be manageable with science? Can I see what I experience as moments of connectedness with others, others who interact with me in my experiences or others who experience the same things, as moments of being caught up in something bigger than myself or am I afflicted with terminal uniqueness, a view of the world that is self-centered, looking only to my personal experiences apart from others?

The Samaritan found wholeness, wholeness in a sense of gratitude – gratitude to God who got him where he needed to be to find health, connectedness with Jesus who was the means of God's care and healing, connectedness with the others who shared his experience. In this wholeness, it was his faith that made him well.

FOR REFLECTION:

- What is my understanding of "wellness?" What in my life promotes physical, social, and spiritual wellness? What in my life needs healing?
- Naaman's journey of faith began with the witness of a simple, Israelite serving girl. How do I witness to my faith? Is what I believe evident to others? Does the way I live my faith invite others to experience the wholeness God offers?
- Elisha refused Naaman's gift for helping him. What do I expect from my acts of kindness to others? Do I expect to be repaid with gratitude? Am I put off when I do something for another and do not feel fully appreciated?
- God's word and will for his world cannot be chained up. How do I see God's world for His creation working itself out despite me, my weaknesses, my failures, my limitations? Does this give me hope?
- What is my understanding of the difference between health and wellness? Where do I find wholeness in my life? Where to I seek wholeness? How can I live towards the wholeness I seek?