

Our Lady Queen of Peace

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June 24, 2012



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Parish Office

671-3062

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671-0247

Cafeteria

375-5335

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Evening

5:00 pm

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

Sunday

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

Holy Days

as announced

Weekdays

8:00 am

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 - 4:45 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

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

June

Thu 28 OLQP Blood Drive, 2-7 pm, Cafeteria

July

Mon 9 Vacation Bible School starts - ends 7/12

Sun 15 Hope Builders

Mon 23 Athletic Assoc. Soccer Camp - ends 7/26

August

Sat 18 Daughters Tailgate Sale

Sat 18 Knights Fairmont Horse Races

September

Sat 22 PSR Chili Supper, Cafeteria

Sun 23 OLQP Quilt Social, Knights Hall

October

Sat 6 Hoedown

Sat 13 Harvest Moon Auction, Knights Hall

Sun 14 Fall Festival, Cafeteria

Sun 28 Daughters Fashion Show, Cafeteria

November

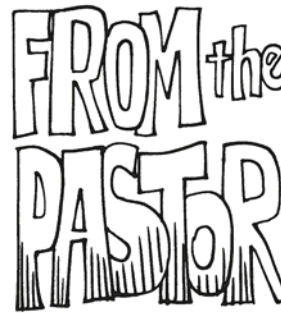
Sat 17 Grief Support Retreat

Thu 22 Thanksgiving

December

Sat 8 Immaculate Conception

Tue 25 Christmas



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Sign Update

To date, we have collected a total of **\$28,446** for our new sign. 214 (out of 1100) households contributed \$20,946 with \$7,500 coming from parish organizations. Although the deadline was June 10th, we will still accept donations. Place them in the collection in an envelope marked "Parish Sign" or send them to the parish office.

Last Tuesday, June 19th, the Communication Committee met to begin planning the purchase and installation of the sign. I'm not sure what they decided, because I'm actually writing this article on Monday, June 18th. The agenda included choosing a sign, determining to what extent the parish can participate in the installation of the sign and finally to figure out the most efficient placement of the sign. Once the sign is purchased, installation will begin. I will keep everyone informed. Hopefully there will be enough money left over to get that ice machine for the parish.



On Monday, June 25th, we will enjoy our brown bag lunch and meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 11:30 am.

How well do you KNOW Jesus Christ?

I'm not asking if you know about Jesus, because we all know ABOUT Him. I'm asking if you KNOW Him personally. Do you have an active relationship, do you pray, do you listen to the promptings and inspirations that come through prayer, do you ask Him questions and tell Him about the pain and joys in your life, are the decisions that you make in life guided by this relationship? Without an active relationship with the Lord, the experience of religion can seem like nothing more than empty rituals and an attempt at ethical living based upon some teachings in the gospel. Summer is a good time to explore and deepen our faith, to find consistent quiet time for prayer and to learn more about faith through spiritual reading. We put so much effort into planning vacations that pass by so quickly and fail to put any effort into something that will last into eternity. Find time for God this summer, spend time in prayer, bring Jesus with you on vacation!

Fr. Mike

Early Bulletin Deadline!!!!

July 8th Bulletin

articles are due

on Wednesday, June 27th.

Thank you,

Linda

OLQP Summer Blood Drive ***June 28th, 2 to 7 pm***

The American Red Cross invites you to Rock and Roll Up Your Sleeves this summer to give blood or platelets. Shake, Rattle and Roll into our Summer Blood Drive Thursday, June 28th, and you'll receive a rock-in-roll themed T-shirt and be eligible to win a Gibson guitar, courtesy of the Gibson Foundation.

Plus, all aged 17-21 who are present to donate blood or platelets will be eligible to win a \$5,000 scholarship. You can make a difference in someone's life with your donation. Will you give blood at our drive?

Youth Council News

Our Lady Queen of Peace ministry to our youth and young adults is under a new collaborative model. The leadership of our renewed ministry to our youth and young adults is under the leadership of our newly commissioned Youth Council. Our Youth Council is a youth led council with adult support and encouragement. The Youth Council co-presidents are our two Parish Council representatives, Jacob Bufka and Rebecca Pigue, both seniors at Northwest High School. Each youth organization has two representatives and one adult leader on our Youth Council. The council meets monthly to communicate, collaborate and together provide a comprehensive ministry to our youth and young adults in our parish. Each week we will keep the parish updated on the work, events and fun that is being planned by each youth organization in our parish. Next week I will include the names of each youth group and their representatives.

Hope Builders Service Week consists of 20 high school youth working together with 16 adults to provide needed work for four homeowners in our community. Our Hope Builders week is July 15th through the 20th. Please keep us in your prayers and we thank you for your donations for our needed supplies for the job sights.

"IT" Group News:

To become part of "The IT Group" all you need to do is show up and you're in. All teens in 9th - 12th grade are welcome to join us!

With our summer retreat right around the corner, we are asking for parish support for our teens. We promise

this isn't going to cost a lot, but will help the "IT" Group as we experience a Christ filled weekend. What is it? Simple - Prayer!!! Watch your email announcement for a special Youth Novena that we would like all of our parish family to say on June 28th - July 6th.

Also, join us today after 7:30am and 9:30am Masses for an "IT" group breakfast. All proceeds go to help us with our last minute items needed for the retreat.

Join us tonight in the Cafeteria meeting room for another exciting IT Group meeting.

Parents: Feel free to keep up with all of the IT happenings online. Join us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/olqpyouthgroup

John and Sue Whitehead - 314-954-7461

St. Vincent de Paul Youth Group News:

St. Vincent de Paul youth include junior high youth, high school youth and young adults through age 20.

The SVDP youth hosted a Bake Sale last weekend to earn money to purchase school supplies for youth in need. They are also planning an obstacle course on Saturday, July 21st, to raise funds.

Faith Sharing Group News:

This group is open to junior and seniors in high school that wish to learn more about our Catholic faith in a faith sharing group format. This is a youth led faith sharing group with adult support. They are currently studying the *Catholicism Series* by Rev. Robert Barron. Please join us on Thursday, July 12th, on the lower level of the school building with the basement from 7-8:30 pm.

Venture Crew: is a youth led co-ed scouting group for high school youth and young adults through age 20, under the Boy Scouts of America. They meet monthly and plan fun outdoor activities.

Thirteen Venture youth and four adult leaders are attending summer camp at S-F Scout Ranch in Knoblick, MO the week of June 24th through the 30th. Please pray for our safety for the week.

Boy Scout : The boy scouts meet every Tuesday evening in the Church cafeteria. A special thanks to our Boy Scout Troop for volunteering to keep our picnic trash free by picking up trash all day at the picnic. Great job!

Young Adult Group: is for those out of high school or in their twenties. They recently had a bonfire on June 13th and are planning an outdoor movie night on Wednesday, July 11th, at 8 pm on the parish grounds. Mark your calendars now and join us on Wednesday, July 11th.

Knights of Columbus Sets New Records for Charitable Giving

The Knights of Columbus set new all-time records for charitable donations and volunteer service hours in 2011, according to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, who released the results of the Order's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity in a presentation to state deputies June 10th. The results of the survey indicate that total charitable contributions reached more than \$158 million. Volunteer service hours to charitable causes grew to more than 70 million hours.

"When we talk about the power of one, the necessity of growing the Order, the importance of charity - this is the reality," Anderson said of the numbers. At the grassroots level, Knights are involved in a large number of service projects that range from programs with well-known groups like Habitat for Humanity and Special Olympics to smaller-scale initiatives that have a large impact on the community, like building wheelchair ramps, organizing blood drives and collecting food for the needy. Among the largest contributions was \$515,000 for the Order's Coats for Kids initiative and \$1,593,000 from the Supreme Council and \$5,950,073 from state and local units to support those studying for the priesthood and religious life.

"I don't think there's any other Catholic volunteer association that is making this kind of a difference day in and day out in our communities and our parishes than the Knights of Columbus," Anderson added. The supreme knight also extolled state deputies to continue building the Order by constantly recruiting new members. It is only through a dynamic and expanding membership that the Knights can continue to make such a definitive impact on society and as the strong right arm of the Church. "I hope one of your priorities is to have more brother Knights go forward on the journey of knighthood," said the supreme knight. "If we make the Knights stronger, we make the Church stronger. If we make the Knights stronger, we make our communities and our countries stronger. That is our mission. And we are going to grow and accomplish that mission."

*Cemetery Mass at Chapel Hill
Wednesday, July 4th, 9:00 am
Donuts and fellowship to follow*

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*If you are able to assist  
with set up for the Mass, please  
contact the parish office, 671-3062.*



### *Parish Corner*

Every week we try to spotlight a different organization in the bulletin. This gives you a little information about the organization so you can decide if that is something you would be interested in joining.

#### *Quilters*

Parishioners wishing to learn or practice the art of quilting are welcomed. Day and evening sessions occur every Tuesday in the Activity Center. You may come and go as your schedule permits. The Quilters contribute to the parish by purchasing the altar breads and wine as well as giving monetary gifts and quilt donations.

Any questions or more information please call Pam Struckhoff, 314-623-1318.



### *St. Vincent De Paul*

Almsgiving is but one of many expressions of charity; informing the SVDP of another's needs is another expression of love. Please call the Parish Office, 636-6701-3062, and leave a message for SVDP.

*Vacation Bible School  
Monday, July 9th thru  
Thursday, 12th*

*From 6 to 7:30 pm*

*For ages 5 - 11*

*Cost: \$25 per child*

*Registration forms are available  
in the parish office or after Masses.*

*Questions please call:*

*Christine, 636-640-3561*

**June 24, 2007**

**Nativity of John the Baptist**

Use the numbers to find the words in the sandals.  
 The four lines of numbers will make four sentences.  
 Underline the sentence that reveals what  
 John the Baptist said about himself and Jesus.  
 If you need help, read Acts 13:24-25 in your Bible.

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(1) I  
 (2) helper  
 (3) make  
 (4) going  
 (5) to  
 (6) milk  
 (7) about  
 (8) him  
 (9) be  
 (10) his  
 (11) for  
 (12) feet  
 (13) not  
 (14) the  
 (15) sandals  
 (16) for  
 (17) worthy  
 (18) unfasten  
 (19) of  
 (20) special  
 (21) am

Mary's cousin Elizabeth had a son.  
 When it came time to name him, Elizabeth's husband wrote  
 something on a tablet because he was unable to speak.  
 Cross out one letter in each word to find what his message was.

RJohn  
 his  
 this  
 named

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A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages*

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart...  
If there's little or no meaningful communication...  
Even if you're considering separation or divorce...  
but you both wish you could try again...  
Retrouvaille can help you work to heal your marriage.  
It CAN be better than it ever was!  
For confidential information, please call toll free  
1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).  
Next St. Louis Retrouvaille Weekend -  
September 21-23, 2012.

*Our Lady, Help of Christians  
Parish Picnic*

*Sunday, July 29th, 11 am to 8 pm  
Chicken and Kettle Beef Dinners  
Served Family Style  
Adults - \$9 Children - \$4.50*

From St. Louis, take I-55 south to exit 150; turn right on  
MO 32 and go southwest 6.5 miles.

**Seven Days of Inspiration**

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

You deserve to be loved!



Bring home a smile.



Something that's  
troubling you will  
have a happy ending.



God rewards every  
good work.



Let someone feel needed.



Watch for signs. They're  
pointing you in the  
right direction.



Easier days are ahead.

*Please Patronize Our Sponsors*

We wish to thank R L B Tree Service, parishioners Bob and Eliana Beckler, for being a sponsor for our bulletin. Because of their generosity we do not pay to have our bulletins printed. Please remember to patronize our sponsors when in need of their type of service.

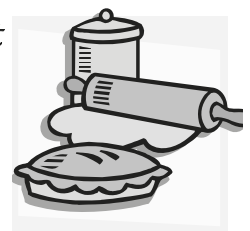
*Thank You*

I would like to thank all who helped with set up, volunteering the day of picnic, and clean up. It's amazing what we can do when we work together as a parish.

Jim Bufka

*Picnic Pie Eating Contest*

Congratulations to everyone for entering the contest. We had a total of 15 pies and they were all beautiful, yummy looking pies. Can't forget about our judges who did a fantastic job and gave it their all. We hope you enjoyed yourselves. They paid \$5.00 to be a judge to defray the cost of prizes. Everyone seemed to have a good time. I would like to personally thank the ladies who signed up to help with the contest and of course since I took ill, the one's that stepped up to help. I am eternally grateful for your kindness.



Thank you so much,  
Jane Saggio

# THANK YOU

The Picnic Committee would like to once again thank all of the picnic sponsors that helped make OLQP Picnic a success:

Althoff Contracting Inc.  
 Bi-State Landscape Supply  
 For the Garden by Haefner's  
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 Rick and Emily Mraz  
 OLQP Athletic Association  
 Piffel Excavating, Inc.  
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 St. Gobain Container  
 WC St. Louis Soccer Club

*Thank you to everyone who helped with the picnic from setup, volunteering and clean-up. Your help & assistance was greatly appreciated. We could not have done it without everyone coming together!!!*

## Congratulations!

*Special Thank you to the Boy Scouts for removing trash throughout the entire day of the picnic.*

### Pie Contest winners were:

Crème Pie  
 1<sup>st</sup>: Patty Broadbent  
 (coconut crème)  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Denise Ortmann  
 (lemon meringue)

Fruit Pie  
 1<sup>st</sup>: Paul Turek  
 (sweet apple)  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Maureen Turney  
 (cherry berry)

- Grand Prize Raffle Winners**
- 1st place - Jordan Wiser
- 2nd place - Sandi Wilkins
- 3rd place - Chris Toler
- Hourly Raffle Winners**
- 4 pm - Linda Weber
- 5 pm - Judy Krieg
- 6 pm - Carlos Sanchez
- 7 pm - Patricia Schott
- 8 pm - Tom Guethle

Minute to Win It winners:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Joe Wigge and Briar Bolte  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Jane Kenney and Ian Mottert  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Young adult team

TJ Oshie Signed Hockey Stick  
 Bart Heinzer



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Our next Eucharistic Adoration is  
this Wednesday, June 27th,  
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.

**Something to ponder...**

*In every moment of your life you make a decision for God or against God. Every decision you make has a supernatural value and effect that will last for eternity.*

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

|                         |    |       |
|-------------------------|----|-------|
| Catholic Communications | \$ | 29.00 |
| Mission Co-Op           | \$ | 25.00 |
| Peters Pence            | \$ | 32.00 |
| St. Louis Review        | \$ | 23.00 |

**New Building Fund**

|                        |    |            |
|------------------------|----|------------|
| Lavender Envelopes     | \$ | 378.00     |
| Total Received to date | \$ | 729,015.22 |

**Offertory**

|                        |           |                  |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Sunday Envelopes       | \$        | 9,157.00         |
| Sunday Loose           | \$        | 575.00           |
| Above and Beyond       | \$        | 29.00            |
| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>9,761.00</b>  |
| <b>Offertory Goal</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>14,000.00</b> |

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**1,177 registered members**

**201 online, loose and envelopes used this week**

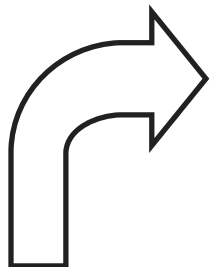
**As of June 18, 2012**

|                               |    |            |
|-------------------------------|----|------------|
| Contributions Year To Date    | \$ | 615,652.31 |
| Projected Year to Date Budget | \$ | 714,000.00 |

**Scrip Gift Cards**

|                           |    |          |
|---------------------------|----|----------|
| Sales                     | \$ | 1,440.00 |
| Profits/tuition reduction | \$ | 63.32    |

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

**BINGO**

*Every Friday Night  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
Doors Open at 4:30 pm  
Bingo starts at 6:45 pm*

**Pray for the Deceased**

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

**Jeanette Lohman**, wife of Rich Lohman

**Terry Lantzy**, cousin of Ralph Schultheiss

*May God welcome them home, fill them with peace,  
and bless those who will miss them.*

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

*"...but after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie."*

Acts 13:25

Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. We can take credit for nothing. Do you take time daily to thank God for the gifts you have received? Do you show gratitude to God every day? Are you generous without expecting anything in return?



**Parish Activities**

|      |         |                                                                                                                                       |
|------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon  | June 25 | Women's evening Summer Bible Study begins, 6:30 pm, Cafeteria meeting room<br>Rosary for Peace, 7:30 pm, Church                       |
| Tues | June 26 | Devotions after 8 am Mass<br>Quilters, 9 am - 3 pm, 6 - 8:30 pm<br>Women's afternoon Bible Study begins, 1 pm, Cafeteria meeting room |
| Wed  | July 27 | <b>Eucharistic Adoration, 1-8 pm, Church</b>                                                                                          |
| Thur | July 28 | OLQP Summer Blood Drive, 2-8 pm, Cafeteria                                                                                            |
| Sun  | July 1  | First Sunday Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 Masses, Cafeteria                                                                          |

**Mass Intentions**

|       |         |          |                               |
|-------|---------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Mon   | June 25 | 8:00 am  | Jim Vess, Sr.                 |
| Tues  | June 26 | 8:00 am  | Deacon Tom Murphy             |
| Wed   | June 27 | 8:00 am  | Leonard Sanchez               |
| Thurs | June 28 | 8:00 am  | Randy Kershaw                 |
| Fri   | June 29 | 8:00 am  | Vince Ferrara                 |
| Sat   | June 30 | 5:00 pm  | Patrick & Florence Heller     |
| Sun   | July 1  | 7:30 am  | Jim Jahnsen                   |
|       |         | 9:30 am  | Herman & Henrietta Wieschhaus |
|       |         | 11:30 am | People of the Parish          |

**June 30th and July 1st  
Special Ministers of the Eucharist**

|          |                                                                                                                  |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm  | Larry & Margaret Bottchen, Mary Copeland, *Pat Hoskins, *Jan Hussman, Peggy Mikko, Deb Pigue                     |
| 7:30 am  | Carl & Patsy Boyer, Ken Bohnert, *Michelle Huff, *Jo Jahnsen, Ann Riley, Marie Strayhorn                         |
| 9:30 am  | Thomas Broadbent, Joanne David, *Margaret Gerling, Lee Hoffman, *Sharon Reineri, Len Reinhardt, Richard Rousseau |
| 11:30 am | Tom Ecker, *Carol Freihaut, Dan & Kim Horn, Paul McDonnell, Maria Webb, *Denise Witt                             |

**\* You are responsible to clean the vessels after Mass**

**Proclaimers**

|          |                               |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm  | Mary & Tom Heeley             |
| 7:30 am  | Pat Hanes, Andrea Lawson      |
| 9:30 am  | Bruce Gallion, Helen Salamone |
| 11:30 am | Christine Janos, Judy Janos   |

**Servers**

|          |                                              |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm  | Allison Kohne, Zachary Mikko, Benjamin Pigue |
| 7:30 am  | Alyssa Block, Jane Kenney, Kaitlyn Robertson |
| 9:30 am  | Alec Poulsen, Kimberly Queen, Bridget Turney |
| 11:30 am | Sophia Scanlon, Jakob Stoff, Claire Webb     |

**Ushers**

|          |                                                                                           |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5:00 pm  | Bill & Donna Clifton, Ken Ganey, Ralph Munzlinger, Helen Stewart, Katie Tutass            |
| 7:30 am  | Gerald Bachmann, Doug Bjornstad, Bob De Long, Jeff Eschbach, Wally Freihaut, John Nahliik |
| 9:30 am  | Tim Diffey, Al Jensen, Tom Mattingly, Jeff Queen, Jerry Sheets, Ray Wieschhaus            |
| 11:30 am | John Holmes, Kevin Huss, Andy Nappier, Jim Robertson, Al Schuld, David Witt               |

Diane Yocom,  
Susan Whitworth,  
Joanne David,  
Joan Thompkins  
and Helen Stewart

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

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Frieda Siebel-Spath</b> | <b>Maria Stonecypher</b> |
| <b>Maryann Barnett</b>     | <b>Audrey Hastings</b>   |
| <b>Lenore Burns</b>        | <b>Mary Schmidt</b>      |
| <b>Jackie Nappier</b>      | <b>Rose Ficken</b>       |
| <b>Jim Klinkhardt</b>      | <b>Debra Emery</b>       |
| <b>Jean Keough</b>         | <b>Linda Amador</b>      |

Fr. Wesloh  
Donald Urban, brother of Joan Shannon  
Alice Schwing, friend of Tom & Sue Alt  
Bob Cranston, friend of Tom & Sue Alt  
Jean Breckle, friend of Margaret Myer  
Jack Beine, son-in-law of Maryann Barnett  
Pam Szolga, sister of Frank Saggio  
Lucy Alma DeClue, mother of Ken DeClue  
Mildred Lester, mother of Kathy Constantz  
Nancy Malpocker, niece of Lee & Kay Hoffman  
George Bagot, cousin of John Bokern  
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  
Maryann Stewart, sister of Tim Lodes  
Allen Chott, nephew of Judy Mottert  
~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.

**Parish Office email**  
[parishoffice@olqpparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@olqpparish.org)  
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[www.olqpparish.org](http://www.olqpparish.org)  
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[olqpbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:olqpbulletin@yahoo.com)  
**Deadline Friday at 4:30 pm**  
**(9 days before publication)**

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle B**



**THEME: Give Life!**

To live in abject poverty is not living. To live in fear for your safety or the safety and well-being of your family is not living. To live without freedom – religious, social, political, economic – is not living. All throughout the Scriptures, God is acclaimed as a living God and a God of life. And all throughout Scriptures, death is equated with anything that lessens the quality and dignity of life, with all that causes human suffering, with all that is sinful. Today's reading celebrates life as God's generous gift; today's readings call on all of us to embrace God's generous spirit and, in our dealings with others, to give life.

**THE READINGS:**

**FIRST READING: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24**

The first reading is taken from the Book of Wisdom. Wisdom is a late addition to Israel's Wisdom literature and reflects an outlook in which God's word in Scriptures is identified with God's revelation and creative word. The late Wisdom writings of Israel begin to express a belief in resurrection, in eternal life with God. The basic premise of Wisdom is that God's speaks His creative word in the world and humans, by careful observation, can learn how to live the good life, can learn balance and righteousness. That is life. What is evil, corruptible, what damages right relationships and harms the dignity of life is evil and not part of God's plan. The basic call of Wisdom, then, is "Choose Life!"

**SECOND READING: II Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15**

It is with the second reading, taken from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, that the focus of the readings shifts from celebrating God's gift of life and a consideration of what mitigates against life, to a call for Christians to likewise be generous in giving and enhancing life. The call is for balance in living. We share a world with others, others who have the rights to enjoy the good things of creation just as we do. It is a right. Paul does not say that we have to strip ourselves of all joy, of all that is good, for the sake of those who do not have what we do. We are not called to embrace emptiness for the sake of emptiness – rather we are called to share, to promote balance. What hurts others, what others lack is deadly and I am called to promote life, to heal the sick, comfort the afflicted, give to the poor, promote life.

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 5:21-43**

It is in the Gospel reading, taken from Mark, that the model of Jesus is held up to us to imitate. Here, again we can note Mark's use of a concentric structure. The story of the raising Jairus' daughter, a story about overcoming actual death, is broken apart and the story of the cure of the woman with a hemorrhage is inserted in the middle. What is in the middle of such a structure is the focus of the story. What is deadly, in the mind of Mark as he presents his story of Jesus, is unrelieved human suffering and the stance the Messiah takes against death, the stance the Messiah takes in announcing that the Kingdom is near and that eternal life with the Father is a real possibility, is intimately connected to relieving human suffering now, to removing all that stands against living life fully now.

In the end, Mark's whole Gospel is a call to discipleship, a call to do what Jesus did, even if it means standing against the standards of the world around us. Like Jesus, we proclaim the possibility of eternal life; like Jesus we are to promote the good life for all people in the here and now as we are on our way to that eternal life that God has in store for all of us.

**FOR REFLECTION:**

- Where do I encounter lifeless situations in today's world? What conditions and situations keep people from living life to the fullest? How are these conditions deadly?
- What can I learn from the world around me about living well? How can I choose life? How does my choice about how I live have an impact on others? What is my responsibility to choose well?
- Where do I see imbalances in the world between the have's and have not's, between the sick and the well, between the righteous and the wicked? What can I do to restore balance?
- Is it enough to relieve human suffering? Am I also responsible for working to eliminate the causes of suffering? How can I do this?
- In what ways can I see a relationship between life as it is lived now and the eternal life I hope for? What do I mean when I proclaim the possibility of life with God - now and in eternity?

