

Our Lady Queen Of the Americas Church

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February 12, 2017



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.* But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’” —Mt 5:33-34a, 37

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass:

(Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & 1st Sat) 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 8:00 a.m.

Vigil: 6:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4PM, or anytime by appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Please call the Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CLOSED FRIDAY

BULLETIN DEADLINE

By 3:00 p.m. Monday

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office

SACRAMENTS OF MARRIAGE & BAPTISM

The couple must meet with the Pastor *before* setting a date *and* at least 6 months in advance of an anticipated wedding in order to complete the preparation process.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Call the Parish office (form on back of bulletin)

SISTER PARISH

St. Anthony of Padua, *Tekit, Yucatan, Mexico*

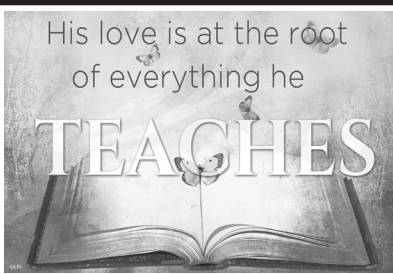
St. Isidore, *Ochil*

Our Lady of the Assumption, *Mama*

St. John the Baptist, *Sabacche*

SAT. FEB 11	OUR LADY OF LOURDES
5:00 PM	Stella Carapellotti (Bill & Paula Greco & Family)
SUN. FEB 12	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 AM	The Parishioners
10:30 AM	Marie & Andy Kosturick (Joan & Family)
MON. FEB 13	WEEKDAY
8:00 AM	Memorial Mass—Raymond & Laura Fera
TUE. FEB 14	SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS
8:00 AM	Memorial Mass—Marie Consla
THU. FEB 16	WEEKDAY
8:00 AM	Louis & Mary Capretti (Bey Family)
FRI. FEB 17	WEEKDAY
8:00 AM	Mary Rose Lucas (Carolyn Melby)
SAT. FEB 18	WEEKDAY
5:00 PM	Jane Harmon (Mike & Diane Fritz)
SUN. FEB 19	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 AM	Jane Harmon (Altar Rosary Society)
10:30 AM.	Parishioners





His love is at the root
of everything he

"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus presents two paths for us today: we can break his commandments or obey them. And the result corresponds to our choice. If we decide not to follow God's

guidelines, we will not enjoy the fullness of the kingdom of heaven. But if we choose otherwise, eternity will look much brighter for us!

Of course, it's easy to know in our minds what the right choice is. But putting this into practice is another matter. The commandments Jesus gives in today's Gospel are not easy to follow. He takes the ancient Ten Commandments to a deeper level of commitment. He says more than do not kill. Rather, do not even harbor anger in our hearts. He says more than do not commit adultery. Rather, do not even indulge in lustful thoughts. He says more than do not lie. Rather, do not even swear. Undoubtedly, Jesus is asking us to chart a challenging course. But he would not expect us to follow these directives if it were impossible to do so. And it's important to bear in mind that Jesus doesn't set high standards to test or punish us. His love for us is at the root of everything he teaches us. Following these commandments, challenging though they may be, will in fact make us happier people, both now and in eternity! As with so many good things in life, committed effort on our part is necessary--whether it be maintaining good health, accomplishing a certain skill, or earning a sought-after award. So too with a soul that is truly free. We need to exercise a life of virtue by taking the advice of Jesus Christ, the best life coach we could ever hope to have.



Stewardship UPDATE

OFFERTORY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017 = \$ 3,742.00

The 2016 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL is completed.

The 2017 campaign will start in March beginning with Commitment Sunday March 18 & 19, 2017

Thank you for your continued support of this parish .



PAT KAIDER was the lucky winner of week #25 of our "300 Club" for \$200, #147. Congratulations, Pat!

SOUP AND BREAD—Lent 2017 Schedule

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| March 3 | Rel Education | March 24: | K of C |
| March 10 | RCIA & Cursillo | March 31: | Choir |
| March 17 | Altar Rosary | April 7: | Council & Book Club |



The Week Ahead

Sun, Feb 12	Catechist training 3:30—5:30 PM
TUES, Feb 14	12:30 PM 55+ lunch RCIA

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS THIS WEEK TO:

- Feb 14:** Sydney Walker
Feb 15: Linda Bazylak, Samantha Harrison
Feb 16: Maryann Maddigan
 Robert Pastor
 Randy Shelatz
Feb 17: Christian Styborski
 John Treacy
Feb 18: Marshall Kroniser

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS THIS WEEK TO:

- Feb 13:** Richard & BJ Starn
Feb 15: Richard & Bonnie Smith

**HURRY!
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HURRY!**

It's not too late to join us for **Mardi Gras!** Food and fun will be provided. **February 25th, 6:00 PM** in the Hall. Sign-up sheets are at both doors of the church. You won't want to miss out on this festive occasion!



We're Back, the first meeting of the Altar Rosary Society in the new year will be on **Tuesday, March 7th**. We will begin with **mass at 6:00 PM**, followed by a meeting in the Hall.

If you are a woman 18 years of age or over and a member of this parish, you can join this very vibrant organization at any time. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of December, January and February. Please plan on joining us on March 7th.

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

We are in need of volunteers to be "Greeters" at the **Sunday 10:30 AM mass**. Please call the office 814-382-7252 to sign-up

31 Club—Please pray for vocations...

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| 13th: S Drexler | 17th: M Addison |
| 14th: P Gilfoyle | 18th: D McQuiston |
| 15th: S Ragozine | 19th: P Taylor |
| | T Tobolewski |
| 16th: R Bullock | |



If you would like to join the 31 Club, call Terry Conlin @ 814-720-6041.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING YOUR OWN REPLACEMENT						
FEBRUARY		ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	USHERS	GREETERS*
SAT	5:00 PM	Kiser girls	P Billingsley D Thomas	B Greco P Greco B Smith	M Donegan T Donegan J Haylett G Humes	B Irwin * Side door only
SUN	8:00 AM	P Karastury Peyton Morian	P Hilton J Cunningham	H Biemer G English T English	R Barton F Cunningham J Treacy D Vincent	M Staahl * Side door only
SUN	10:30 AM	J Jacobs D Jacobs M Ellis D Ellis	Audra Brown Aaron Brown	M Gross J Skendal B Verno	T Bost E Gross D Schrrall P Taylor	T Kaider * Side door only
OFFERING COUNTERS		Jan 29 M Staahl R Bullock	Feb 5 P Hilton J Smock	Feb 12 L Helch R Jezak	Feb 19 K Little J Elwell	Feb 26 M Staahl P Gilfoyle


Thrift Shop Cabin Fever Sale

Holy Ground Thrift Shop in Conneaut Lake is having a COLLOSSAL Cabin Fever Sale **through Thursday, February 16, during store hours.**

ALL ITEMS in the store will be on sale for half price. We have clothing of all sizes, shoes, boots, housewares, home décor, bedding and linens, books, media, small appliances, etc.

The thrift store is open Mondays from 9am-noon and 5:30-7:30pm as well as Thursdays from 9am-6pm. It is located behind Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church.

Please call 814-382-4487 for more information.

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RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

For more information, contact **Amanda Darke & Denise Thomas**
olqaeducation@zoominternet.net or 814-382-7252

Office Hours: Wednesday 1- 6PM, or by Appointment

Sun, Feb 12	Classes K-12 Catechist training (3:30—5:30 PM)
Sun, Feb 19	High School Retreat (Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12) Beginning with 10:30 AM Mass, ending at 5:00 PM
Sun, Feb 26	Class K-12 Coffee and Donuts, Anderson Hall after Sunday masses Catechist training—3:30—5:30 PM
Wed, Mar 1	Ash Wednesday
Fri, Mar 3	6 PM—Soup & Bread sponsored by Rel ED 7 PM Children's Stations of the Cross, (Grades K-5)
Sun, Mar 5	11:30 AM—2:30 PM First Reconciliation Retreat #2 Candle Day; NO CLASSES
Sun, Mar 12	Class, K-12 7PM Stations of the Cross, Grades 6-12 3:30-5:30 Catechist training.
Wed, Mar 15	6-9PM Parent Program for Infant Baptism (MUST register in order to attend 814-382-7252)
Sun, Mar 19	Class K-12; High School Adoration and Lenten Penance Service Catechist training 3:30—5:30 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

As a part of the Elementary program, grade K-5, we are encouraging all families and students to attend the **Soup and Bread** meal followed by **Stations of the Cross on March 3rd.**

Following Soup and Bread, the adults will move to the church where stations will be held and the students will participate in stations at their level. This is a beautiful way to introduce your young children to the beauty of the Passion of Christ. Please plan on attending. If you are unable to attend, please call the office. 814-382-7252

Volunteers are needed to help with High School Snacks on the following dates:

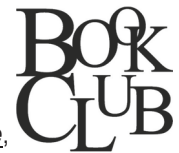
March 12 and 26

April 9 and 23

If you are able to help, please contact either **Denise or Amanda.**

Remember, there is no financial obligation and we appreciate any and all help! Thank you!

OLQA Book Club will meet on **Thursday, February 23rd, 6:00 PM at Sliver Shores Restaurant.**



Book Club is currently reading *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman

PARENT PROGRAM FOR INFANT BAPTISMS—

Preparing your child to become a member of God's family
The program consists of **one** session held on a weeknight from 6:30 until 8:30 PM. (unless otherwise noted*)

Parents preparing for the baptism of their first child **MUST** attend one session.

Godparents are welcome and encouraged to also participate.

March 15	OLQA	6:00—9:00 PM*	814-382-7252
May 11	St. Hippolyte		814-789-2022
August 9	St Mary of Grace		814-333-6161
October 18	St Anthony		814-398-4234
November 8	St Brigid		814-336-4459

Please **call to register** at the parish session you are planning to attend



Readings for the Week

<<http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible>>