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Third Sunday of Advent

ADVENT—CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Reconciliation

December 19 * 7 pm—Service at St. Albert the Great

December 23 * 2-3:30 pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23 * 4 pm Mass

December 24 * 8 am (NO MASS)

11 am Mass

Christmas

December 24 * 4 pm & 10 pm Mass

December 25 * 8 am (NO MASS)

11 am Mass

Solemnity of Mary

January 1 * 8 am Mass



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Dear OLOG Family,

On this third Sunday of Advent we have the call to celebrate "joy". Gaudete Sunday is the Latin name for this "half-way" point in the season of Advent - it means rejoicing. Much like the Sunday called "Laetare" Sunday in Lent, we are to take hope and joy in the closeness of the

coming feast.

We were able to host a very beautiful pastoral visit with Bishop Perez last Saturday. Many thanks to the staff and volunteers who planned, prepared, set up, baked, and attended. It was just wonderful. The bishop was so appreciative and I was certainly proud to present our parish to our new bishop.

Last Wednesday, the Clergy Personnel visited our parish and spoke with staff and council members as they discern our parish needs for our new pastor. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in this important moment in our parish history.

This Sunday is the PSR students Christmas Pageant at 3:00pm. Please come and support the children in this act of faith. This coming Tuesday, December 19th, is our Communal Penance Service for Advent at St. Albert the Great at 7:00pm. Please attend. A special session of confessions has been added to OLOG schedule at 2:00pm on Saturday December 23rd.

Please note that there is only ONE MASS celebrated on Sunday, December 24th at 11:00am. There is NO 8:00am mass Sunday Morning. Likewise, there is only an 11:00am Mass on Christmas morning. NO 8:00am Mass on Christmas morning. Thanks for spreading the news about those changes among your neighbors and friends.

Blessed "late Advent" to all of you.

Fr. Estok

ATTENTION: WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Ladies, please join the Women of Hope as they begin their new study *Unleashing The Power of Scripture* by Mark Hart, on Tuesday, January 9th at noon–3 pm or Thursday, January 11th at 7-9 pm. This book will help you dive into the greatest love story every told, that of God for His people—and for you, personally. It will communicate the transformative power of salvation history to begin a fruitful life of devotion and study of the bible. Please call the office to register or contact Carolyn Zaverl, 216-310-1875, for more information.

 December 4...\$5,041.00
 Envelopes used...158
 Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE December 23, 24 & 25, 2017		
4:00 pm	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	G. Faciana H. Lisowski, J. Ogrin, C. Caluya J. Chesnick, S. Dobbins, F. Pasadyn, Deacon
8:00 am		(No 8:00am Mass Dec. 24)
11:00 am	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	D. Lemire A. Powers, C. Steinbrink, Deacon B. Dobbins C. Flannery, C. Horowitz, S. Dobbins, Deacon
4:00 pm	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	Youth Readers B. Faciana, A. Thomas, M. Kupec, Deacon B. Dobbins F. Pasadyn, E. Medwid, J. Chesnick, Deacon
10:00 pm	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	G. Kibler R. Manley, A. Prokop, T. Minch, A. Chesnick J. Pesarchick, Cerrito Family
		(No 8:00 am Mass Dec. 25)
11:00 am	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	C. Cook K. Higgins, T. Betz, Deacon B. Dobbins K. & B. Kalfas, S. Dobbins, Deacon



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PSR NEWS

On Sunday, December 17th at 3pm, the PSR program will present its **FIRST EVER** Christmas play presented by grades pre-K through 5th grade. The Youth Choir will provide the music for the play. Please plan to attend this Sunday afternoon play with your family and friends. It's free and all are welcome!

Bring your family and friends!

There is PSR classes on December 17th.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

John the Baptist was a man of faith “sent by God to testify to the Light so that all might believe.” Men: when others see you as a brother, son, husband, uncle, stepfather, or grandfather, what do they learn from you about caring, responsibility, commitment, nurturing and love? Are you a witness to the Light?

GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree was quite a success. **THANK YOU!** Through Community Services in Medina, we adopted ten Brunswick families, with a total of 51 people which included 31 children and 20 adults. Each child received several gifts and every parent received gift cards. Other adults in the families also received a gift.

We also help the Battered Women’s Shelter through their “adopt an agency” program. Your donations were generous. We collected necessities from diapers and baby products to cleaning supplies and linens. There were hundreds of items that will be used during the year by the agency in Medina and Akron.

Thanks to Carole Tamulewicz, Geri Kibler, and Cheri Twardzik for handling this ministry. If you are interested in helping with this program next year, call the office. Thank you again for your generosity!

OPLATKI

Christmas wafers are available in the sacristy or through the church office. Any donation given is appreciated.

2018 CALENDARS

Carlson Funeral Homes has been kind enough to provide our parish with 2018 calendars. Be sure to pick up a calendar for your family; they can be found in the church vestibule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 17	Advent Play	3:00 pm
Dec. 19	Vespers	7:00 pm
Dec. 20	Youth / Adult Choir	6 / 7 pm
Dec. 21	Rosary	7:00 pm
	MMP Cenacle	7:30 pm
Dec. 23	Confessions	2:00 pm

VESPERS

To provide an opportunity for spiritual growth this Advent, *Vespers* will be led by Deacon Bruce. Join with fellow parishioners, as we offer together this ancient prayer of the church. Consider introducing a new Advent tradition in your family and prepare your hearts for Christmas. Vespers will be held December 19 at 7 pm.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Our Lady of Grace parishioners are invited and encouraged to join St. Albert the Great for their Penance Service on Tuesday, December 19th at 7 pm. There will be several priests assisting with the Sacrament of Confession.



Thank you to all the wonderful parishioners that helped prepare for the Bishop’s visit: Altar servers; Mary Gabriel and the choir; Women of Hope; Deacon Bruce;

Father Estok, and Nancy Arcipowski, Joel & Thea Betz, Bruce Dobbins, Sr., Brenda Dolance, Kathy Flachbart, Ken Gaume, Kathy Higgins, Geri Kibler, Mary Lou Markowski, John & Christine Medwid, Frank & Marilyn MocarSKI, Mike Oliver, Pat Powers, Carole Tamulewicz, John & Cheri Twardzik, Carolyn Zaverl. It was a group effort and we shone for the Bishop’s visit!

NON-STOP CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Living Bread Radio Network presents non-stop music all throughout Christmas! Tune in on Christmas Eve, beginning at 3 pm for all of your favorite religious Christmas songs. On Christmas morning at 8 am, listen for a special presentation of “The Bible Story of Christmas” narrated by Bing Crosby. The whole hour will feature Bing and his unforgettable Christmas music! Listen on the radio (AM1060), online, on their mobile app, or even through Amazon’s Alexa!

PRAYERS WORK WONDERS

Please remember the sick and suffering of parish family especially: Blanche Bieda, Barb Blake, Claudia Bulkowski, Colleen Darabant, Arthur DePiero, Elaine, Frygier, Chris & Kitsa Fuciu, John Hanna, Cheryl Henderson, Linda Joseph, Megan Keefe, Debbie Klein, Kathleen Klosinski, Betty Kmiecik, Richard Konnerth, Jeanne Krywicki, Carl Lemke, Carmello Leo, Nick Piro, Norma Reynes, Lois Rhodes, Dennis Rogozinski, Susan Shah, Braidyn Schneid, Jim Steed, Michelle Trisk, Derek Vitas.

Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but having the right to do what we ought.

St. John Paul II

AM 1260 THE ROCK

Merry Christmas from your friends at AM 1260 The Rock! Make your Christmas more meaningful by joining AM 1260 The Rock for a variety of special programming on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day from EWTN celebrating this joyous season! For the complete schedule visit, www.am1260therock.com.

BISHOP PEREZ & TWITTER

Taking advantage of one of the most popular modes of communication in the world the Most Rev. Nelson Perez, bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, launched his new Twitter account. Follow Bishop Perez on Twitter: @BishopNPerez.

REDISCOVER JESUS

Abbot Clement Zeleznik, OSB, discussion group will start up again on Monday, January 8 at Assumption Church, Broadview Heights. The book they will discuss is *Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation* from the best selling, Dynamic Catholic author Matthew Kelly. *Rediscover Jesus* is a profound invitation to seek deeply personal answers to our deeply personal questions. Sessions will be held the second and fourth Monday of each month from 7-8:30 pm in the Lower Rectory Hall of Assumption Church. There will be eight sessions. It's free; nothing to purchase. Drop in and attend any session based on your availability and schedule. Questions, call Micki Zalar at 440-237-7155.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

St. Martin of Tours, Valley City is offering a senior trip to the Shrine church of St. Stanislaus, St. Vitus and St. Rocco to experience these ethnic churches at their Christmas best on Friday, January 5th. Daily Mass will be celebrated and a tour of each church will be given. Lunch will be at Sokolowski's University Inn (lunch on your own). Cost for the bus is only \$30 per person. The bus leaves St. Martin at 8:15 am and will return at 4:30 pm. To register or with questions, please contact Colene Conley, Pastoral Associate at 330-483-3808.

NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT

New Year's Eve is a threshold moment—an ideal time to stop, reflect, and pray in gratitude for the blessings of the past year, and to look with renewed hope upon the life and possibilities of the new year. The evening begins with dinner on December 31st at 6pm and concludes at 11:00 am on January 1st at the Jesuit Retreat House, Parma. The retreat includes Mass and time for reflection and discussion. Cost is \$95. To register contact 440-884-9300 or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org.

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

4 pm The Mikolajski Family / Pat & Gloria

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 *Third Sunday of Advent*

8 am Living & Deceased of our Parish Family

11 am John & Mary Lou Ascherl/ Ruth Rodgers

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

8 am Gertie Brobst

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 TO FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

8 am (No Mass)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

4 pm Richard Smith / Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8 am (No Mass)

11 am Joseph Palmentera / Carmela

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 *Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*

4 pm Deceased Members of Latko & Bukac Families

10 pm Chan & Eva Holmes / Kibler Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 *Nativity of the Lord*

11 am Henry & Mary Bruno / Family

OUR FRIENDS THE SAINTS

St. Gatian was a disciple of the Apostles and the first Bishop of Tours. At that time the people of the region of Gaul were pagans, believing not only in their own idols but also in the deities of Rome. They were also superstitious. Gatian convinced them that it was unreasonable that there could be more than one God, and taught them that mankind was fallen and had need for redemption. He told them the Good News of Jesus the Christ, His Redemptive sacrifice, and how Jesus would come again to judge everyone when the good will be rewarded with everlasting life and evildoers would be condemned.

Harassment, mistreatment and threats of death did not deter Gatian from preaching the Gospel. His perseverance in virtue won many over to the Christian faith. He cured people's illnesses and drove out demons with the Sign of the Cross. Eventually the pagan altars came down and small places of worship were allowed to be built where the Christian converts could meet. He established a cemetery outside the city of Tours for the burial of Christians.

Gatian lived to an old age. Seven days before his death, Jesus appeared to him and gave him Holy Communion. Although wars and persecutions destroyed most of Gatian's relics, a few remain in the Cathedral of Tours.

St. Gatian's feast day is December 18.

