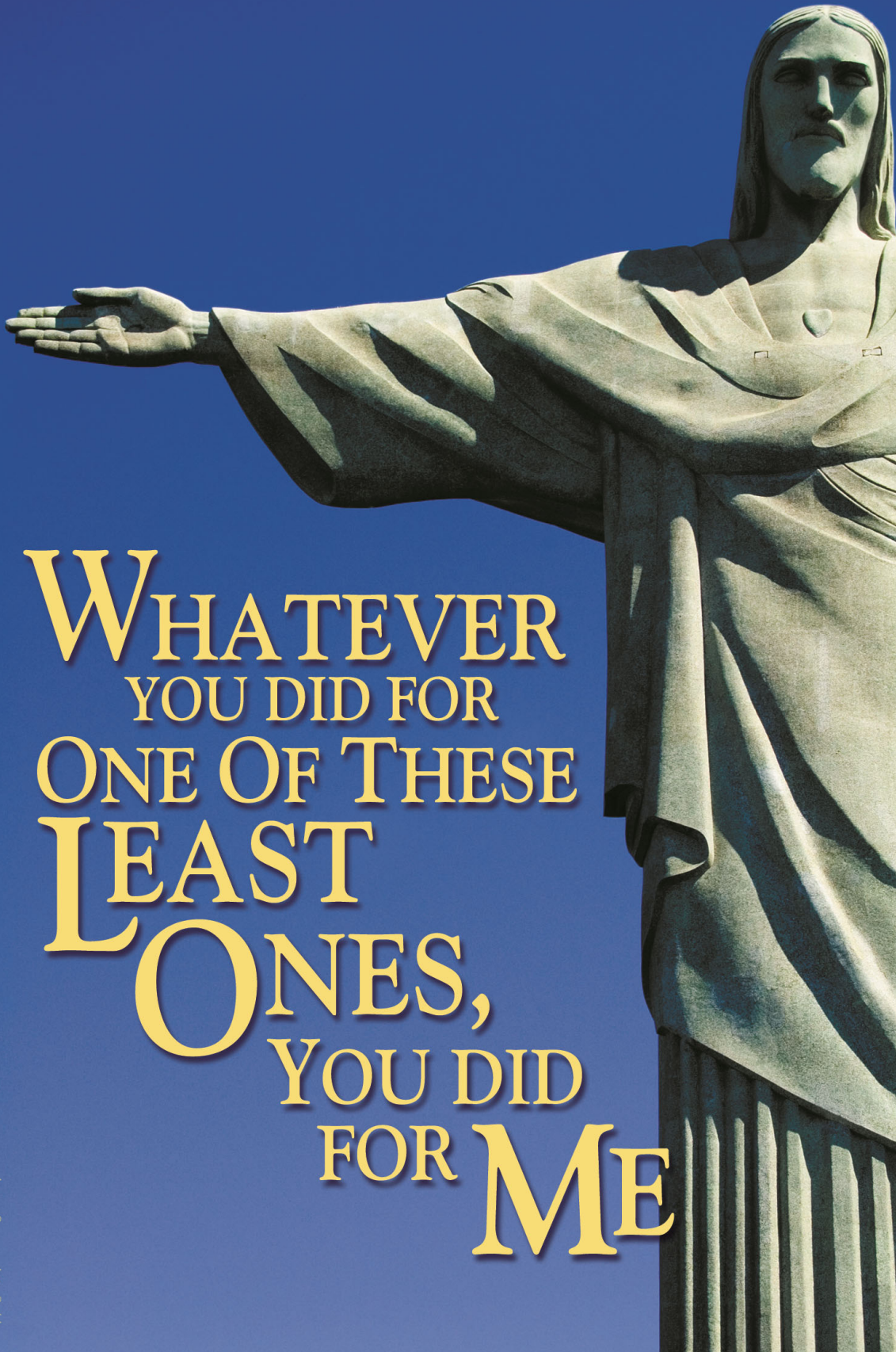


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Dear OLOG family,

This weekend we celebrate the last Sunday of the year with the great solemnity of Christ the King, the conclusion of the year of our Lord 2017. With next Sunday's beginning of Advent (December 2) we begin the new liturgical year. We will be using the Cycle B readings for Sundays which are principally the Gospel of St. Mark. The arrival of Advent is the preparation time for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and the season of Christmas.

With the conclusion of this liturgical year and as a people called to have a liturgical spirituality, we might find this last week of the year a time for reflection, examination of our conscience, our prayer life, our service and generosity to others. Such examination would prepare us to make some resolutions for the new liturgical year beginning on the first Sunday of Advent. The evergreen branches of the Advent Wreath are a great natural sign of the enduring life we have in Christ. In the lighting of the advent wreath we hear a call to share in unending life and called by the light of Christ to follow him on that journey.

Let me again publish the changed Liturgical schedule for December 23 through December 25. Thank you for your understanding and help us spread the word.

December 23rd, Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Advent - 4:00pm Mass
December 24th, 4th Sunday of Advent - 11:00am Mass ONLY (no 8:00am)
December 24th, Christmas Eve - 4:00pm and 10:00pm Mass
December 25th, Christmas Day - 11:00 Mass ONLY (no 8:00am)

God Bless you all,
 Fr. Estok

 November 5....\$4,892.00
 Envelopes used...157
 Thank you for your generosity!

| MINISTRY SCHEDULE | | |
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| December 2 & 3 | | |
| 4:00 pm | Reader: EOMOHC: Servers: | C. Valasik A. Prokop, C. Caluya, Deacon Dobbins |
| 8:00 am | Reader: EOMOHC: Servers: | S. Cerrito J. & S. Rocco, L. Kremser |
| 11:00 am | Reader: EOMOHC: Servers: | PSR A. Thomas, T. Smith, A. Chesnick |

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

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Christmas Decorating Fund



Donations are being accepted for the Christmas Decorating Fund
 Deadline is December 15th

Donated by: _____ \$10 _____

In memory: _____ Other _____



PSR UPDATES

- The PSR food drive continues until the end of November. If anyone wants to contribute food items for this, drop off your items in the church vestibule or bring to PSR class.
- Movie Night, December 3rd, 4-8 pm, for Pre-k to grade 5. Cost of \$5 for supplies.
- Advent Play, December 7th at 3 pm. Olympia Holiday Nuts will be available for purchase.
- For cancellation of PSR classes please make sure parents check Channel 3 and 5.
- Remember it is very important that your children are faithful in attending PSR classes.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

To whom much is given, much is expected. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we must share our abundance with "the least"...the stranger, the prisoner, the hungry and the homeless. As we gather to give thanks this week, we must also ask ourselves how well we share with "the least". Happiness is secured not by having but through sharing. Eternal happiness through sharing with the least.

*The Bishop is Coming!
Saturday, December 9th*

We are blessed to have Bishop Nelson Perez celebrate Mass with us on December 9th at the 4 pm Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish! Please join us in welcoming the Bishop to Our Lady of Grace.

A FEW GOOD PEOPLE ...

- ♦ On the afternoon of Saturday, December 9th we need a crew of a few men to help break down and set up tables in preparation for the Bishop's visit later that day. If you can help, please sign-up on the form in the vestibule.
- ♦ If you would like to bring Christmas cookies for the Bishop's reception, please sign up on the form in the vestibule.
- ♦ We could also use one or two people to volunteer to take pictures during Bishop's visit and receiving line to share at later date. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Today we welcome into Christ's family through the gift of the Sacrament of Baptism, Emmaleigh Amber Dibuono. May the Lord bless Emmaleigh and her family.



The 3rd Annual Christmas Concert is scheduled for Friday, December 15th at 7 pm in the church! Don't miss out on evening of beautiful

Advent and Christmas music provided by the members of our music ministry.

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring—your relationship cold, distant—thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille (a lifeline for troubled marriages) program may help. Retrouvaille (rediscovery), which is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 800-470-2230, or online at www.helpourmarriage.org.

LEAF MINISTRY

LEAF ministry is a ministry offering support, comfort and fellowship as families and friends of the incarcerated come together. Meetings are confidential, non-denominational, no registration or cost to you. LEAF Ministry meets at the Medina County Jail, 555 Independence Dr., Medina, on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 pm. The next meeting is Monday, November 27th. For information call Connie at 330-648-2602 or email at connieebaugh@gmail.com. For more information, meeting times and other locations contact www.leafministry.org or 800-869-6525 x3500.

PRAYERS WORK WONDERS

Please remember the sick and suffering of parish family especially: Blanche Bieda, Barb Blake, Claudia Bulkowski, Colleen Darabant, Arthur DePiero, 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Nov. 28 | Women of Hope | Noon |
| Nov. 29 | Youth Choir | 6:00 pm |
| | Adult Choir | 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 30 | Women of Hope | 7:00 pm |
| | Rosary for Peace | 7:00 pm |
| | Men of Faith | 7:00 pm |



In this season of giving, our parishioners will find a Christmas tree in the church vestibule. Please take an ornament and

purchase the gift listed. All gifts for the Giving Tree must be dropped off **no later than** December 10th. Please do not wrap the gifts but you may provide wrapping paper or gift bags with the gift. Drop off the gift and the tag to the church office or in the church vestibule.

VESPERS

To provide an opportunity for spiritual growth this Advent, *Vespers* will be led by Deacon Bruce every Tuesday evening 7 pm in the church. Join with fellow parishioners of all ages, as we together offer this ancient prayer of the church. Please consider introducing a new Advent tradition in your family, preparing your hearts for Christmas. Vespers will be held on December 5th, December 12th, and December 19th.

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.

OUR LADY OF GRACE PRAYER

Praise to you, Lord our God,
our eternal shepherd and guide.

In your faithfulness,
grant to us, the Faithful of Our Lady of Grace parish,
a shepherd whose watchful care and kindly zeal
will continue to build up your Church in this place.

In your love for us,
give us a shepherd who will lead us
in being Christ's heart of mercy,
voice of hope, and hands of justice.
Help him to fill our minds and hearts
with the truth of the Gospel,
the power of the sacraments
and the grace of charity for all.

We make this prayer with the intercession of
Mother Mary, Our Lady of Grace,
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world.

Pope St. John XXIII

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

4 pm Elizabeth Conrad (Living)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 *Christ the King*

8 am Those memorialized at the Two Hearts Shrine

11 am Nancy Gielas

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8 am Mary Lou Ascherl / Jan Lemke

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 TO FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

8 am (No Mass)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

4 pm Mr. & Mrs. John Mikolajski / Pat & Gloria

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 *1st Sunday of Advent*

8 am Living & Deceased of our Parish Family

11 am Kevin & Nathan Barnett / Kibler Family

OUR FRIENDS THE SAINTS

St. John Berchmans—John was the eldest son of five children born March 13, 1599 at Diest, Belgium. John's father was a shoemaker. He was a kind, gentle child with a bright and joyful disposition. He was hardly seven years old and already was accustomed to rising early to serve two or three Masses with great piety.

At the age of nine John's mother was stricken with a long and serious illness. He would spend many hours a day at her bedside caring for her and consoling her with his affection words.

At a young age John wanted to become a priest. At the age of thirteen he became a servant in the household of one of the cathedral canons at Malines so he could continue his studies. In 1615 he entered the newly founded Jesuit College at Malines. On September 20, 1618, he made his first vows and went to Antwerp to study philosophy. A few weeks later, John was sent to Rome to continue the same study. He set out on foot, with his belongings on his back, and on arrival was admitted to the Roman College.

After completing his course work, John was asked to defend the "entire field of philosophy" in a public disputation in July. The following month he was asked to represent the Roman College in a debate with the Creek College. Although he distinguished himself in this disputation, he had studied so assiduously that he caught a cold, became very ill and died a week later.

John died on August 13, 1621 at the age of 22. He was known for his diligence and piety, impressing all with his holiness and stress on perfection in little things. He is the patron saint of altar servers.