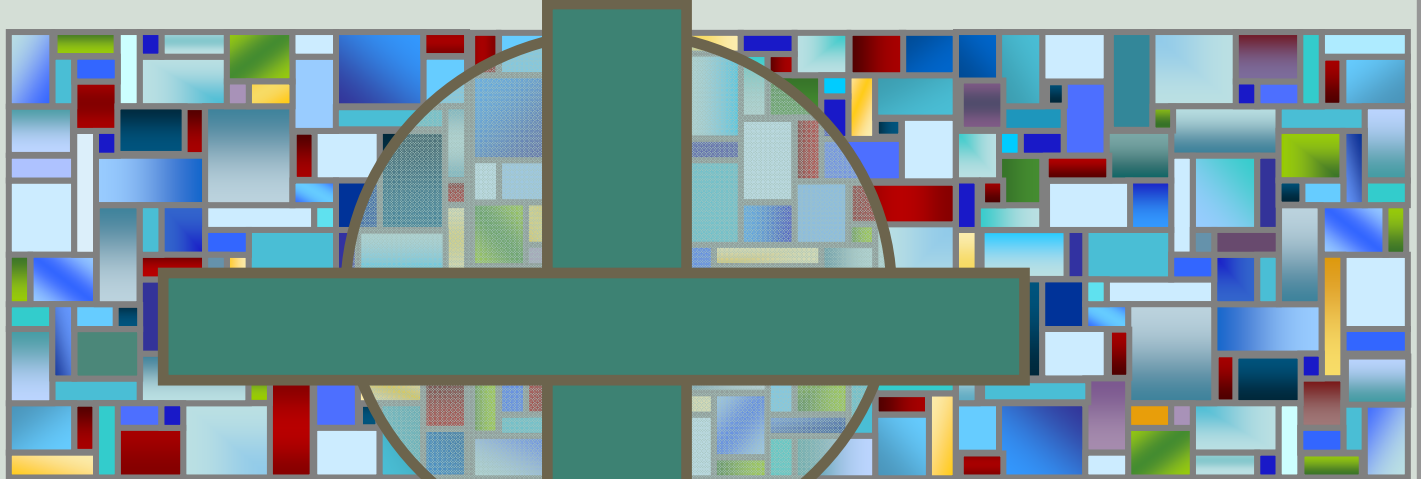


Our Lady of Providence Parish



Schedule of Services

Mass

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Monday 7:30 AM

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Wednesday 8:00 AM

Thursday 7:30 AM

Friday 7:30 AM

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 7 at 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 AM

Rosary follows 7:30 AM Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 PM

December 6 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM

December 8 from 2-4 PM

Advent
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December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

Guided by the Word of God and the redeeming love shown for us by Jesus, our parish is committed to the Providential Care of God and the Patronage of Mary, Our Lady of Divine Providence, through prayer, worship the Sacraments and joyful service to the needs of others. - OLP Mission Statement



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STEWARDSHIP

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." LUKE 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

Liturgical Schedule

LECTORS

SAT 12/8/18 4:30 PM

SUN 12/9/18

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT 12/8/18

4:30 PM 2nd SAT Fischer

SUN 12/9/18

8:30 AM 2nd SUN Adkisson

11:00 AM 2nd SUN Bozdeck



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Week Ending 11/18/18

Envelope Collection \$ 6,740

Electronic Giving \$ 2,656

Week Total \$ 9,396

Month Total \$ 43,751

86% Monthly Budget Collected

Week Ending 11/25/18

Envelope Collection \$ 5,993

Electronic Giving \$ 3,171

Week Total \$ 9,164

Month Total \$ 52,945

104% Monthly Budget Collected

SERVERS

FRI 12/7/18 7:00 PM M. Parsley
P. Parsley

SAT 12/8/18 9:00 AM R. Conboy
L. Lachance

SAT 12/8/18 4:30 PM T. Hoijarvi
O. Hoijarvi

SUN 12/9/18 8:30 AM K. Millar
N. Millar

11:00 AM C. Purcell
A. Craig
J. Leist

5:30 PM J. Wheatley
J. Wozniak

HOPE, an Advent Prayer

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A new Liturgical Year begins today with a season of preparation, longing patience and hope. This year the featured Gospel will be the Gospel of Luke. On the first Sunday we will hear an apocalyptic message to vigilance for the coming of Christ at the end of time. The Church has always associated the Second Coming with the First Coming, the historical arrival of the Second Person of the Trinity who becomes the Incarnate Word of God. The season of Advent more than any other liturgical season, enjoins us to place the mystery of human salvation in the past with the birth of Christ, in the present with vigilance, hope and patience of a disciple and in the future as we await the Coming of Christ at the end of time. With all the Church we pray during Advent: Come, Lord Jesus!

THE CELEBRATION OF FIRST PENANCE FOR OUR CHILDREN

Last Tuesday evening I was privileged to preside over the Celebration of First Penance for the Children of our parish. Far from a somber celebration, this evening is filled with great promise and hope. Not since their baptism, has Christ come to these children in such a significant and sacramental encounter. Although nervous and excited, the children were acutely aware of the forgiveness of Jesus in their lives. The joy they experience is in knowing that Christ does not just offer forgiveness this one time only. This is the beginning of many times that the forgiveness of Jesus will be theirs – every time they seek him out. Children, congratulations! I look forward to your First Communion on Sunday May 5, 2019.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT WEEKEND – December 7-8-9, 2019

Please pay close attention to the fact that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is celebrated in the USA each year as a holyday of obligation. Because it falls on Saturday, December 8 there will be a special schedule to honor both the Solemnity of Mary and the Sunday Celebration of the Second Sunday of Advent. **Each of these two days carries the obligation of Mass attendance.** Masses for the Immaculate Conception will be on Friday evening at 7 pm and on Saturday morning at 9 am.

Masses for the Sunday Celebration of the Second Sunday of Advent will be at the usual times: Saturday December 8 at 4:30 pm and Sunday, December 9 at 8:30 am, 11:00 am and 5:30 pm. And the answer is....yes! Each day requires a separate Mass to fulfill your obligation.

SCHEDULE OF EXTENDED HOURS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DURING ADVENT

Once again I will be offering extra times for the Sacrament of Penance during the season of Advent. There will be both evening times and extended hours on Saturdays. Please consult the bulletin each week for the days and times. This week I will be available on **Thursday December 6 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm and again of Saturday, December 8 from 2-4 pm.**

LITANY OF SAINTS

On December 3, the Church keeps the memory of Saint Francis Xavier, Jesuit missionary of the 16th century to the Far East. Born in the Basque region of Spain, educated in Paris, Francis made his religious profession with St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. After ordination Francis accepted the assignment from the pope himself to organize a small party of fellow Jesuits to take up the missionary work of the Far East. They brought the Gospel to India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, China, & Japan. With St. Therese of Lisieux. He is the patron of the world-wide missionary effort of the Church. He died of fever on an island off the coast of China in 1552. Saint Francis Xavier, pray for us!

Fr. Rick Schilli

Mass Intentions



Monday, December 3
7:30 am

Marion Konersmann

Tuesday, December 4
7:30 am

Bob Isenmann

Wednesday, December 5
8:00 am

Ann St. Jean Nolan

Thursday, December 6
7:30 am
All Souls

Friday, December 7
7:30 am

Carole Rotter

7:00 pm
Ellie Mollerus

Saturday, December 8
9:00 am

*Rev. Fr. Joseph
Do Duc Han*

4:30 pm
*Geringer & Landolt
Families, deceased
and living*

Sunday, December 3
8:30 am

People of the Parish

11:00 am
Joseph Michael Grana, Jr.

5:30 pm
Joey Grindon

Pray for an end to
the gun violence in
our city, our coun-
try, and the world.

Meetings

Friendly Visitors—2nd Friday 8:15 am
Green Thumbs—2nd Saturday 9 am
St. Louis Life Teen —Thursday 7 - 9 pm at
Bishop DuBourg High School
www.saintlouislifeteen.org
Men's Club—3rd Thursday 7 pm
ProLife Committee—3rd Monday 7:30 pm
St. Vincent DePaul—1st & 3rd
Monday 7 pm
Women's League—1st Thursday 7 pm
YAA—2nd Thursday 7:30 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Scheduled on the 2nd Sunday of the
month at 12:00 p.m. or at a Mass by
request. No Baptisms are scheduled
during Lent. Call the Rectory for ar-
rangements and to schedule the prepa-
ration class.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements are to be made through
the pastor or a priest at least six months
prior to your wedding date. A marriage
preparation program is a requirement
of the Archdiocese.

Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick

Call the Rectory to request a hospital
visit or for communion to the sick or
homebound. If you are in the hospital
and want a visit, or your name added to
the prayer list, please notify the Recto-
ry.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For un-baptized or baptized persons
interested in learning more about the
Catholic faith and the process of be-
coming a full member of the Catholic
Church. Please call 843-3570.

The bulletin deadline is
Tuesday at noon.

Please submit via email:
ladyprov@olpstl.org

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, December 3

Boot Camp	6:00 AM	Gym
Women's Prayer Group	9:30 AM	Duggan Room
Divine Mercy Chaplet	7:00 PM	Church
St. Vincent de Paul	7:00 PM	Schneider Room
Rosary	7:30 PM	Church

Tuesday, December 4

Quilters	9:00 AM	Rectory Basement
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Wednesday, December 5

Boot Camp	6:00 AM	Gym
Adult Choir	6:30 PM	Church

Thursday, December 6

Women's League at 7 p.m. in school cafeteria - Rob Your Neighbor!!

Friday, December 7

Boot Camp	6:00 AM	Gym
Church Cleaning	8:00 AM	Church

Saturday, December 8

Leaf Removal on parish grounds at 10:15 AM - Volunteers Needed!

Sunday, December 9

Eleven O'clock Music Rehearsal	10:15 AM	Church
Children's Liturgy of the Word	11:00 AM	Providence Room
Tiger Scouts	4:30 PM	Tiger Scouts
Boy Scouts	6:30 PM	Duggan Room

March for Life 2019 – Registration Now Open

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN is now accepting registrations for our bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. **Thursday- Saturday, Jan. 17- 19, 2019.** Join us and thousands of others from across the U.S. for this huge pro-life gathering in our nation's capital. This trip is open to anyone ages 7 and up (chaperones not provided). We depart from several locations in the St. Louis area and we do not stay in hotels as we sleep on the buses. The cost received by Dec. 21 is \$205. The cost after Dec. 21 is \$220. Registration deadline is Jan. 2, 2019. For registration and bus info contact us at: 314-434-4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com. You can also download our registration form at www.easternregionmrl.org.

Invitation to Divorced and Separated Catholics

The holidays can be difficult for divorced and separated families. Make your healing a priority in by attending **Surviving Divorce, a new ministry at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 1420 S. Sappington Road.** The 12-week program follows lay men and women on the journey to true healing, along with Catholic experts who address denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, kids, ex-spouses, spirituality, annulment and much more. The program begins November 29, 2018 7:00 PM in Father Edwards Hall. *Join the group Dec 6 at 7!*



**WOMEN'S LEAGUE THIS THURSDAY
DECEMBER 6 AT 7 PM
ROB YOUR NEIGHBOR! ALL LADIES WELCOME!!!**

Prayer Requests

In your charity, please remember our brothers and sisters who are sick, receiving medical treatment, in treat rehab, hospital, or recuperating at home.

Mike Anderson	Eleanor Messmer
Mary Fran Applebaum	Kathy Mullen
Keith Ballentine	Michael Mullins
Margaret Bogler	Carol Murphy
Ray Brennan	Bill Ondr
Joe Budde	Jack Perlono
James Casey	Nick Pollock
Steve Cookson	Pat Powell
Patricia Croghan	Jim Regan
George Danis	Naomi Renth
William Devine	Margaret Roffino
Felicity Green	Kyle Rose
Eli Hammer	Tia Rowan
Janet Janovec	Philip Schott
Charles Kruse	Jeanne Sheehan
Loretta Lewandowski	Jamison Shields
Marietta Lewandowski	Catherine M. Tabash
Sandy Linton	Carol Vago
Thomas Lorenz	Angie Wacker
Gwen McGilley	Michael Wendl

Please help us keep our Prayer Requests up-to-date.
Contact the Rectory to add or remove from the list.



With Sympathy

Owen Busiek

Bob Hanneke

Husband of Shirley Hanneke

Catherine Boldt

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

The **OLP Prayer Chain** is managed by Angie Dwyer. If you have a special intention or someone in need of prayers, please call Angie Dwyer at 314-842-3703. If she is not available, leave a *clear* message.

Holiday Mass Schedule

December 8, Immaculate Conception
Vigil Mass on December 7 at 7 p.m.
December 8 at 9 a.m.

December 24, Christmas Eve, 4:30 and 10 p.m.

December 25, Christmas 9 a.m.

December 29 and 30, Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 4:30 p.m.; Sunday 8:30, 11, 5:30

January 1 Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass December 31 at 4:30 p.m.

January 1 at 9 a.m.

Kathy Sherwood, R.N., Parish Nurse



Is it Safe to Use Expired Medications?

Have you ever wondered about those expired medications in your medicine cabinet? Do you toss them after the expiration date or keep them? Though studies have shown some medications keep their potency far past their expiration dates, for most medications, the expiration date is there for a reason.

Here are a few examples of situations where using expired meds may cause more harm than good:

Some medications are more sensitive to the environment than others. Factors like temperature, sunlight, and humidity can cause many medications to break down and lose their strength. The recommendation on some drugs is to keep the medicine in its original container and discard a particular number of months after you open the bottle. In other words, the clock starts ticking from the moment you open the bottle. Imagine what would happen if you took that medicine 8 or 9 months after having opened the bottle...it probably would not work very well and you may be putting yourself at risk.

Some health conditions require very specific doses without a lot of wiggle room. One of these health conditions is thyroid disease. With thyroid medication, the dose needs to be just right – not too high or not too low – the same every time. Any dose other than what the thyroid needs can make the person feel worse. Let's say an expired bottle of old thyroid medicine contains 95% of the actual active ingredient instead of the full amount guaranteed if used by the expiration date. That 5% difference may be enough to throw the thyroid out of whack.

Some medications that are naturally more shelf-stable can become less so when mixed with other components. Take petroleum jelly for instance. While this is not technically considered a drug, it is sometimes used in ointments or in compounded agents. In its pure form, petroleum jelly is waterproof and has an almost indefinite shelf life. But when you add other ingredients to it such as hydrocortisone that attracts moisture, it shortens its lifespan.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires manufacturers to test their medications for stability and storage conditions. Companies use this information to figure out a date after which the medication may lose its potency. Keeping medications after their expiration dates can be very tempting, especially when they cost so much. It is a good idea to ask your pharmacist whether that expired medication is safe to use.



If you or someone you know in the parish needs some assistance this winter, please call the St. Vincent de Paul extension: 843-3570 ext. 21; leave a clear message with the name and phone number. A member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will return the call. This is a confidential extension.



The **Giving Tree Program** to help the rural workers of Christ the King in Old Mines continues and the **last day to return gifts is NEXT SUNDAY December 9.**

You are invited to take a paper ornament from the tree and purchase the items written on the ornament.

After you purchase your gift, bring it back wrapped, with the **ornament on the outside** with the **gift request side up** (pretty side down) to make for easier distribution.

For **GIFT BAGS**, attach tag to **BAG**, not handle. Tags can fall off during travel. For more info, contact Shirley Fasbender at 314.849.9452.



Leaf Clean Up! Saturday, December 8 starting at 10:15 AM
Kyle Horstmann with KMH Lawn &

Landscaping has graciously offered his time, equipment and talent to help with the 2018 OLP leaf clean-up. We need many volunteers to work the 10+ leaf blowers, suction truck, and rakes. If you have a gas leaf blower feel free to bring it too as it will quicken the work.

The two cleanup dates are **December 8 at 10:15 AM and December 22nd from 9-11 AM.** This effort is weather dependent, if raining or snow on the ground will be re-scheduled. **Note new time for December 8!**



The OLP Women's League is again sponsoring a **Christmas Cookie Sale** the weekend of **December 15-16**

after all Masses or until sold out. Delicious homemade cookies will be for sale for only \$10.00 per 1 pound box. Any cookie donations can be dropped off in the Providence Room between 10 am and 11 am on Saturday December 15. Leslie Nebuloni 314-730-7052 (home) or 314-809-4456



**Christmas Eve -
Singing in the Choir**

Planning is beginning to take place for music prior to the 10:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24th. Do you wish to **join the choir for singing** at this Mass? Or do you have any **instrumental talent which you wish to share?** Please contact Rene Zajner at rene.zajner@gmail.com, or 314.246.9247



UNIFORM SALE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6
5-7:30 PM
Annunciation Cafeteria



ATTENTION ALL HIGHSCHOOLERS! Please join us this Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School (please use Clifton Ave. entrance). We will be kicking off our Advent series and diving into what it means to wait well. We hope you'll join us! saintlouislifeteen.org

**HCA Little Lambs HCA Little Lambs
Play Group for Parents & Children**

WHERE: **Annunciation Campus Gym**

Contact Ashley Stanze 314-650-3208

Email at astanze21@gmail.com

From **9 – 10:30 a.m.**

Dec 4 Jan 7 Jan 29



CHRISTMAS CARDS – OLP

Prolife Committee will be selling Christmas cards after all Masses the weekends of December 1-2 and December 8-9. Cost is \$10.00 for a pack of 15. All proceeds benefit Good Shepherd Children and Family Services. Payment may be made by cash or a check payable to "Good Shepherd".

The GREEN THUMBS will meet on **Saturday, December 8 at 10 am.** In addition to helping with the annual leaf pick-up, we have a few things to do...clean up hosta beds and trim roses. So, bring your rakes!



Thank you to everyone at OLP who contributed to the Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Drive for persons with Developmental Disabilities. Our total from all OLP Masses was \$474.46. Our Council #3586 (comprised of Seven Holy Founders, OLP and Assumption parishes) raised \$8700.00 from 3 parishes, and from other street intersection donations. A big thanks to Tom and Carol Davis for coordinating the drive at OLP. They had volunteers collecting, including their Great Grandchildren - the Lorenz family, the Conboy family, the Leist family and Richmond Grandchildren. Thank you again!



Thank you to everyone who attended, participated in, or donated to the: 2018 HCA Legacy Gala & Auction. The event was a huge success thanks to all of you! We hope you enjoyed the event and if you weren't able to attend this year, we look forward to having you attend next year.

This event along with all of our school events are such a huge success to do the generosity and support of our five supporting parishes.

Thank you!



Boy Scout Troop 336 of St. Mike's Parish in Shrewsbury will be selling Christmas trees from their lot in the Mackenzie Pointe Shopping Center. Hours are from 6 to 9 pm Monday through Friday and 9 am to 9 pm Saturday and Sunday. Your patronage is appreciated by our scouts.



An Invitation to St. Richard Church for an Advent Taizé Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 16, at 4:00 p.m.

On Sunday afternoon of the Third Sunday of Advent, we invite you to join us, as we step away for an hour from the frantic pace of the holiday season, into the calming, quieting, experience of Taizé prayer, and the real meaning of Advent. *The musicians of St. Richard Parish, accompanied by harp, flute, violin, and bells will lead the congregation in singing the prayerful, meditative music of Taizé.* Readings of the season, silent meditations, and lighting of candles will enhance our experience of listening to God.

"Taizé prayer is the creation of a monastic community in Taizé, France, founded in the 1940s by a Swiss man known as Brother Roger. The brothers there are celibates who emphasize service and ecumenicalism, particularly reconciliation between divided peoples and divided Christians. Brother Roger was especially interested in bringing Catholics and Protestants together. "

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