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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday– Friday 9:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:

9:45am – 10:00am every Sunday prior to Mass

PRAYER CHAIN:

Call Audrey Little @ 690-1536 Or email Karen Crapps at crappspk@gci.net

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION:

First Friday of each month, 9:30am – 8:00pm.

PRAYER MEETING:

Please contact Janice Wilsack for more information.

BULLETIN & INSERT DEADLINE:

Articles for the weekly bulletin must be in by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!

Our Lady of the Angels

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 16TH, 2018**

OUR MISSION:

As Community,

We celebrate Christ through the Word, the Eucharist, and the Sacraments of the Church.

We educate and enrich through worship, faith formation, and living out our faith rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We welcome and reach out to members of our local community through sharing our many and varied gifts, and practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

We commit to building parish community by welcoming, embracing, and serving all.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

- ✚ Dec 16 Parish Pancake Breakfast after Mass with Santa Clause
- ✚ Dec 24 Children's Christmas Mass featuring "The Christmas Story" @ 5:00pm. Fellowship and kids' games downstairs after Mass
- ✚ Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass @ 9:00pm. Reflection with live choral background @ 8:35pm.
- ✚ Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass @ 10:30am (No 9am daily Mass.)
- ✚ Dec 26 No 9am daily Mass
- ✚ Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass @ 1:00pm
- ✚ Jan 4 Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction @ 9:30am-8:00pm
- ✚ Jan 13, 20 Stewardship Drive downstairs after Mass



A joyous welcome to everyone who is visiting our parish today! If you are not Catholic and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, or if you are baptized Catholic and have been away for a while and have some questions, please contact Father Tom Rush in the parish office at 283-4555.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving! OLA offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving offers convenience, while providing much-needed donation consistency for our parish.

Go to www.kenaicatholicchurch.org at any time to set up and maintain your automatic donation plan. Questions or assistance, please contact the parish office.

COOKIES “BUY” THE POUND A SUCCESS



Thank you to the bakers and those who supported our youths’ Cookies “Buy” the Pound fundraiser.

Our Cookies ‘Buy’ the Pound event raised \$998.68!!

These funds will go towards supporting OLA youth activities.

YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL INFORMATION 09/30/18

Revenue-		
Weekly Offertory	\$	44,273
Investment Income	\$	15,097
Other Income	\$	4,168
Total		\$ 63,538
Expenditures-		
Payroll & Benefits	\$	15,393
Supplies & Repairs & Utilities	\$	4,614
Archdiocese Stewardship	\$	8,233 **
Facility & Other Expenses	\$	17,616
Total		\$ 45,856

** Archdiocese was paid \$6,835 for annual assessment and \$1,398 for 2017 OBOB shortfall.

THE JOY OF ADVENT

Christmas Tree Blessing

Holy Creator of Trees, Bless with your abundant grace this, our Christmas tree, as a symbol of joy.

May its evergreen branches be a sign of your never-fading promises. May its colorful lights and ornaments call us to decorate with love our home and our world. May the gifts that surround this tree be symbols of the gifts that we have received from the Tree of Christ’s Cross.

Holy Christmas tree within our home, may Joy and Peace come and nest in your branches and in our hearts. Amen.

Pope John XXIII’s Christmas Prayer

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

Jesus, the Light of the World Prayer

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR...

Actual children’s versions of Christmas Carols:

“...sleep in heavenly peas”

“Joy to the world, the Savior rains”

“This is he whom Sears of old...”

“Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plane”

“While shepherds washed their socks by night.”

PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST ...WITH SANTA!

Dec. 16. Bring the kids for pictures with St. Nicolas!

On **Sunday, December 16th** immediately after mass, jolly Santa will arrive during Pancake Breakfast with gifts in tow.

Breakfast is free, sponsored by our Men’s group.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & FAITH FORMATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

First Fridays' of the month 7:00-8:00 pm
Saturdays' before Mass 4:45-5:15pm

Sacrament of Baptism:

By appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Six month preparation. Please contact the Parish Office.

Faith Formation Classes:

K-6th Grade: Sunday 11:45am - 12:45pm

7th-12th Grade: Wednesday 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Confirmation Class:

Please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA Class: For individuals who are not Catholic and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Please contact the Parish Office.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

- * **Dec 24** Children's Christmas Mass @ 5:00pm
- * **Dec 24** Christmas Eve Mass @ 9:00pm
- * **Dec 25** Christmas Day Mass @ 10:30am (No daily Mass at 9am.)
- * **Jan 1** Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass @ 1:00pm

CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE



Christmas choir rehearsal will be held at 6:30pm on December 18th, December 19th, and at noon on December 23rd.

If you are unable to attend rehearsal, but would like to sing in the Christmas choir, please contact Rosemary Bird @ 252-9106.

Christmas Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Tues. Dec. 18	6:30pm (Ladies come at 6:15p)	
Wed. Dec. 19	6:30pm	
Sun. Dec. 23	Noon	

REMEMBRANCE

Please keep the family and friends, as well as those who went before us in eternal life in your thoughts & prayers. In this month we remember the passing of:

- ✠ Romona Efta
- ✠ Tom Carter
- ✠ Gordon Spaulding
- ✠ Robert Booth
- ✠ Ethel Groleske
- ✠ Charles Foy
- ✠ John "Bill" Wheeler

*If you wish to remember a loved one, please contact the parish office.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

We need **Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Gift Bearers, and Altar Servers** for the Christmas Masses. The sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board by the Sacristy.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir for the 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Children from grades 3-6, and helpers from grades 7-8 are encouraged to sit and sing together for the 5:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve.



There will be two practices: today after Santa's visit, and next Sunday immediately after Mass.

On Christmas Eve, singers and helpers will meet downstairs at 4:30 prior to the Mass.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS RECEPTION

Bring the kids Christmas Eve for fellowship and entertainment at the reception after Children's Mass!

There will be light food, refreshments, and piñatas for the children.

Enjoy the fun as our youngest parishioners' triumphantly break piñatas to receive candy and treats.



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

<p align="center">Saturday @ 5:30pm December 22nd, 2018</p>	<p align="center">Sunday @ 10:30am December 23rd, 2018</p>	
<p>Lector: Margaret Simon</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Groleske Karla Smith</p> <p>Altar Servers: Giesler Family</p> <p>If you have any questions or comments regarding all ministry schedules, <u>please</u> contact Fr. Tom.</p>	<p>Lector: Karen Burris</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Terri Wisniewski Meg Mueller Eileen Bryson Jim Satathite Nora Satathite Joan Seaman Audrey Little</p> <p>Altar Servers: Anderson Family Wight Family</p> <p>Children's Liturgy: None.</p> <p>Hospitality: Wight Family</p>	<p>Collection Counters:</p> <p>(December 18) Karla S. Nancy D. @ 2:30pm</p> <p>(December 26) Robin F. Rose H. @ 10am</p> <div data-bbox="1133 1079 1451 1171">  </div> <div data-bbox="1159 1205 1429 1302">  </div>

“The Christmas Story”



All children of every age are invited to participate in OLA's children's play on December 24th at 5pm.

If you would like your child to participate, please use the sign-up sheet on the table near the Sacristy, or contact Yasko or Father Tom.