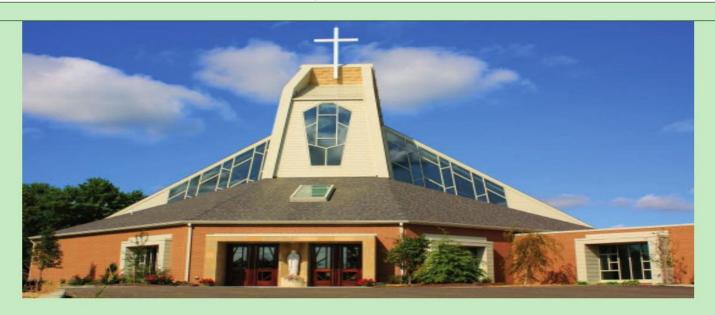
February 11, 2024 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

- 1 Corinthians 10:31



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MASS SCHEDULE

Church

Saturday Vigil......4:30pm Sunday.....8:30am & 11:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday....9:00am (Chapel) Wednesday 6:30pm (Church)

Confessions

Saturday...... 3:30-4:00pm

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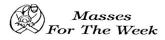
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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm



Monday, February 12 (Chapel)

9:00am - Donald L. Wolf - Ken & Marti Shifferly

Tuesday, February 13 (Chapel)

9:00am - Phyllis Rozga - Betty Rozga

Wednesday, February 14 - (Church) ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00am - ALL Parishioners 7:00pm - ALL Parishioners

Thursday, February 15 - (Chapel)

9:00am - Catherine & Henry Kantosky - Bill Kantosky

Friday, February 16 - (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Souls

Saturday, February 17

4:30pm - ALL Parishioners

Sunday, February 18

8:30am - Paul Wakefield - Joseph & Pat Diedrick

11:00am - Joanne Pasadyn - John & Nancy Finley

Prayer Intentions: Tina Abshire, Kristen Barney, Kathy Borowy, Lou Burrows, Deborah Cormier, Cathy Cornish, Rita Denomme, Jennifer DuPont, Ethel Faber, Karen Faulkner, Walter Fowler, Dennis Frabotta, Alyassa Frost, Don Gates, Marcie Grealis, Marilyn Hamm, Dorothy Hannes, Richard Heath, Joan Henschel-Blake, Gloria Janosko, James Kwiatek, Joyce Lark, Debbie Listwak, Ron Listwak, Toni Long, R. Lottman, Jose' Magiste, Neil Maier, Maureen Malaska, Elise Martin, Hannah Haas Martin, Christopher Miller Family, Michele Miller, Becca Mullins, George & Margaret Murray, Philip Myers, Rhonda Norman, John O'Connor, Ron O'Hearn, Jane Peyton, Donald Plas, Adam Postelwait, Colleen Ray, Tom Reminder, Gladys Rising, Adam Rone, Mary Ross, Cristina Safille, George Schaefer, Monica Schaefer, Paul Smith, Rhonna Smith, Thomas Southam, Megan Thrasher & Family, Al Traxler, Ted Turner, Rick Tylicki, Roger VON Seggern, Melody Wallace, Dick & Nancy Webber, Ezra Weller, Daniel White, Pat Wittine, Amy Woodburn, Pat Wracker & Bernadette Zielinski.

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BULLETIN DEADLINES:

For inclusion in a weekly bulletin, please submit all announcements to Joanna at **jblaz@olqpgrafton.org** by the following dates:

Sunday February 18 by 5:00pm Monday February 12 Sunday February 25 by 5:00pm Monday February 19

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor

10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Monday Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk

3:11-13

Tuesday Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk

8:14-21

Wednesday Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and

17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-

25

Friday Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-

15

Saturday Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22,

Mt 4:4b; Mk 1:12-15

WELCOME! If you are interested in joining OLQP, please call the parish office at 440.926.2364 or go to our website at **www.olapgrafton.org**. Registration forms are on our website and by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

"The most meaningful goals in life are those that can only be accomplished with the help of God's graces. We should use those graces to give us confidence that with God's guidance and help, our gifts are capable of being developed well beyond our imagined potential." – Answer the Call – Dick and Matha Lyles

As we begin the Season of Lent this Wednesday, we are reminded that we need God's grace to accomplish the great things He has in store for us. And to repent of those things that we have turned to instead of God for help. Lent calls us to prayer, fasting and works of charity to cleanse our hearts of those things that are blocking God grace. Take advantage of the things that are being offered this Lent to help you with God's grace to be the person God has called you to be.

The video series that is being offered on Wednesday nights after 6:30pm Mass include two great spiritual giants in our history, St. Benedict and St. Ignatius. They both offer a wealth of riches to grow in the spiritual life. St. Benedict, who formed the Benedictine order will be viewed on Feb. 21 and March 6. St. Ignatius of Loyola, who founded the Jesuits, will be viewed on March 13 and 20. All nights will begin at 7pm (following 6:30 mass) in the Gathering Area of the church.

The 9 Nights of Night prayer that were so well attended in December are back for Lent. However, they will be prayed on Friday nights following the Stations of the Cross in the chapel. Night Prayer is only about 10 minutes long so come for Stations and conclude your day with this prayer of the Church. And you will also find that during the Triduum, we will be praying Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 9am in the chapel.

On Saturday mornings, Feb. 24, March 23 and April 27 at 10am in the hall there will be a book study on "This Is My Body – A Call to Eucharistic Revival" by Bishop Robert Barron. It is a short book but packed with great reflections on the Eucharist. Only 1 chapter a meeting so it is not a heavy task for each month. Books are available in the St Joseph room.

And these are only a few of the things happening this Lent. Let's keep one another in prayer that this Lenten season will truly transform our heart and renew us for the Easter celebrations.

-Fr. John

FAST AND ABSTINENCE:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence which means one large meal and two smaller meals as well as abstaining from meat. The law of fasting is for those 18-60 years old.

The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence which means no meat is to be eaten on those Fridays. The law of abstinence is obligatory for all who are 14 years and older.

Why? On Fridays during Lent, we particularly remember the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. In memory of this great sacrifice, we continue the tradition of penance and sacrifice – the abstaining from meat on Fridays is an outward manifestation of an interior reality: the conversion of our hearts.

<u>Diocesan wide Night of Confession:</u> Wednesday, February, 28th our parish and all of the parishes in the Diocese will offer "An Evening of Confession" from 5:00-8:00 pm. Parishioners are asked to evangelize by inviting family and friends who are away from the Church to join in this special Lenten practice. Priests at all parishes will be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Opportunities to celebrate the sacrament will be on:

Saturdays during Lent from 3:30-4:00 pm

Thursday, March 21st - 9:30 am

Monday, March 25th - 7:00 pm

<u>Communal Reconciliation Service</u>: Gather as a community for a Prayer Service followed by the opportunity for Reconciliation with a variety of priests on hand. Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 pm.

LENT 2024 – Healing Hearts, Our Lenten Journey!

<u>Ash Wednesday:</u> Wednesday, February 14th 9:00 am Mass & 7:00 pm Mass Join us for Eucharistic Adoration anytime between 10:00 am and 11:00 am or 2:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Weekday Masses during Lent

Wednesday, 6:30 pm (except February 28th) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:00 am

Weekday Masses during Holy Week, March 25th to March 29th

Monday 6:30 pm, Tuesday 9:00 am, Wednesday 9:00 am, Thursday 7:00 pm

Good Friday Passion of the Lord Service, March 29th: 3:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesdays from 2:30 pm-6:30 pm; February 21st through March 20th. Ash Wednesday, 2/14 10:00 am – 11:00 am and 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm February 28th: 2:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7:00 pm: February 16th, 23rd March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

Night Prayer: Join us after Stations of the Cross every Friday.

Lenten Family Gathering: Sunday, February 25th. All Families are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall from 9:35 AM to 10:50 AM on Sunday, February 25th. Children and parents alike will rotate through a series of Lenten Activities together as a family unit. You do not need to be registered as a PSR Family to attend.

<u>Lenten Mission:</u> Thursday, February 29th, 6:30 pm, Greg Wasinski presents: Inspire, Encourage, Restore: a Lenten event for EVERYONE, no matter where you are on your faith journey. Explore the deeper meaning of the Eucharist and WHY we Believe what we believe.

Soup and Bl. Bishop Fulton Sheen: Sunday, March 3rd at 6:00 pm, gather for a Soup Dinner and viewing of Bl. Bishop Fulton Sheen videos.

<u>Pivotal Players, Bishop Robert Barron Video Series, Saint Benedict and Saint Ignatius of Loyola</u>: Wednesday at 7:00 pm: February 21st, March 6th, 13th, and 20th. Join us as we hear from Bishop Barron about "Pivotal Players" – those saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization.

<u>Sunday Gospel Reflection:</u> Saturday, February 10th and March 9th at 10:00 am in the hall. We will be looking at the gospels for the 1st Sunday of Lent through Easter Sunday. After reading each gospel, time is spent sharing what stood out in the gospel for each individual. In doing this we become attentive to hear what message God has for us through his Word.

<u>Scripture Study:</u> meets on Thursday, February 22nd and March 14th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall to learn more about the Formed Lectio Series.

<u>Divine Mercy Prayer Group:</u> Join us as we journey with St. Faustina and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Thursday morning from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

<u>Best Lent Ever:</u> Receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into your daily lives, and encouraging stories. Sign up by registering at *dynamiccatholic.com/lent*.

<u>Prayer Bookmarks:</u> These bookmarks list those candidates preparing for 1st Communion, Confirmation and those in preparation to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep these candidates for the initiation sacraments in your prayers during the season of Lent.

LENT 2024 – Healing Hearts, Our Lenten Journey!

A Season for Healing Hears: These daily reflection booklets will be available at the doors of the church and in the parish office, along with booklets for children and one for families. These contain a Scripture passage and reflection for each day of Lent.

Daily Lenten Video Reflections: A short video each day reflecting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing a concrete ideas on how to apply them to the Christian life. Sign up by going to FORMED button on the parish website.

Lenten Resources: The Diocese of Cleveland has a list of resources that can be used for personal growth during these 40 days of Lent. These can be found at dioceseofcleveland.org

Operation Rice Bowl: As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program for families and faith communities in the United States who want to put their faith into action. Through CRS Rice Bowl, participants are invited to hear stories about their sisters and brothers in need around the world and devote their Lenten prayers, fasting and alms to change the lives of those who suffer in poverty. The Rice Bowl and information materials are available at the doors of the church.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Liturgical Ministers are needed for Ash Wednesday Masses at 9:00am & 7:00pm. Sign-up sheets are in the St. Joseph room.



SYMPATHY to the families of Mary Jean Belza, Gerry McNamee and Robert Lark who all passed away recent-

May they rest in the peace of Christ.





UNCONDITIONALLY REFLECTIONS

"Forgiveness"

Once we can understand we are worthy of a full relationship with Jesus found in the Eucharist, our next goal is to understand how the mercy Christ is offering leads us to healing - not just for ourselves, but also for those who have wronged us. In taking Jesus to become fully one with our being, we are made clean to feel the fullness of His love. This also means in His image, we are freed of the toxicity that grows within us when we hold on to judgment, pain, and anger. This gift of God's mercy empowers us to pay it forward in a sense and forgive others who have wronged us to release them from their past actions. If Jesus could forgive Judas, imagine how our Lord living dwelling in our being allows us things we never thought we would

be able to do.

Reflection Question:

Read Catechism Paragraphs 1392-1394 - How does the Eucharist free us of our sins and offer us forgiveness?



K of C LENTEN FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will once again be taking place **this Friday from 5:00pm-7:00pm**. We are serving up great tasting lake perch, shrimp & Pierogi dinners starting at \$17. Your hot meal will be brought to you within minutes of placing your order. Take-outs are available. See the bulletin insert for more details. See you Friday!

Congratulations to **Samantha Downs** whose son *Isaac Scott Downs* was baptized last weekend.

May he grow as a child of God with the support and witness of our parish community.



PARISH FESTIVAL

OLQP's annual Parish Festival will be <u>Saturday</u>, <u>July 27th</u>. A planning meeting will be held **Thursday**, **February 22 at 7pm in the parish hall**. Anyone interested in helping to plan for this exciting parish event is asked to come with ideas and suggestions of building upon last year's festival. People are needed for planning each of the various events. New ideas welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY March 1, 2024 Dr. Frank O'Linn

The First Friday Forum will present Dr. Frank O'Linn speaking on the future of Catholic Schools in the Cleveland Diocese. The luncheon will be held **Friday, March 1st** with <u>lunch served at 11:30a and speaker from 12:00p to 1:00p</u>. The Forum takes place at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. in Elyria. <u>Reservations are required by 12:00n0on Monday February 26th</u>. Cost is \$23. Make plans to attend by calling or emailing the Parish Office o we can all be seated together.







9:00am - 12:30pm

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WHAT: Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage

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COST: Free Will offering

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL "Transformed by your Love"

The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal takes place this weekend. This year's appeal theme is "Transformed by your love". Your generous support will transform the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable.

All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Malesic, will be asked to consider making a pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond and we ask you to also complete the in-pew envelope and indicate by checking the box that you have responded by mail.

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of Christ
with his Church:
look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace
so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift
of your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



National Marriage Week February 7-14 Foryourmarriage.org



LADY'S GUILD

Please join us on Monday, February 12 for our monthly meeting at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. (Please note this is a week early due to the President's Day holiday.) All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend!

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a statement of your 2023 giving to OLQP for tax reporting purposes, please contact Joanna in the Parish Office or by email at **info@olqpgrafton.org**.



THANK-YOU for your generous support of OLQP and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

		<u>Actual</u>	Goal	<u>Difference</u>
Sur	nday, Feb 3/4	\$9,096.08		
E-C	Siving:	\$2,648.20		
Tot	tal:	\$11,744.28	\$12,551.00	(\$806.72)
YTI	D:	\$395,649.19	\$401,632.00	(\$5,982.81)



Sunday, February 11

9:35am-10:50am - PSR

Monday, February 12

7:00pm - Holy Name Mtg.

7:00pm - Lady's Guild Mtg.

7:00pm - RCIA

Tuesday, February 13

Wednesday, February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00am-11:00am - Adoration 2:30pm-6:30pm - Adoration

Thursday, February 15

9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:30pm - Community Meal

Friday, February 16

7:00pm - K of C Fish Fry

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

7:30pm - Night Prayer

Saturday, February 17

10:00am - Food Pantry

Sunday, February 18

9:00am - Holy Name Pancake Breakfast

2:30pm - Rite of Election (St. John Cathedral)

CALENDAR CLUB

Congratulations to our January winner, **Kathy Roig** & our bonus winner **Jen Musser!**

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Thursday, February 22nd is the Fourth lesson of "Peter" (Cornerstone of Catholicism) from the FORMED LECTIO series. Please meet with us at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Session 4 will cover "Peter the Rock-The Primacy of Jesus" on page 63 of the study guide. Study guides are free, and available at the Church Office or at the Study. You do not need a computer to attend the sessions and you can join us at any time. Please join us to find out more about our first Pope. Contact Rick Gallaher at (440) 458-6335 for comments or assistance.

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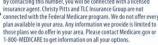
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