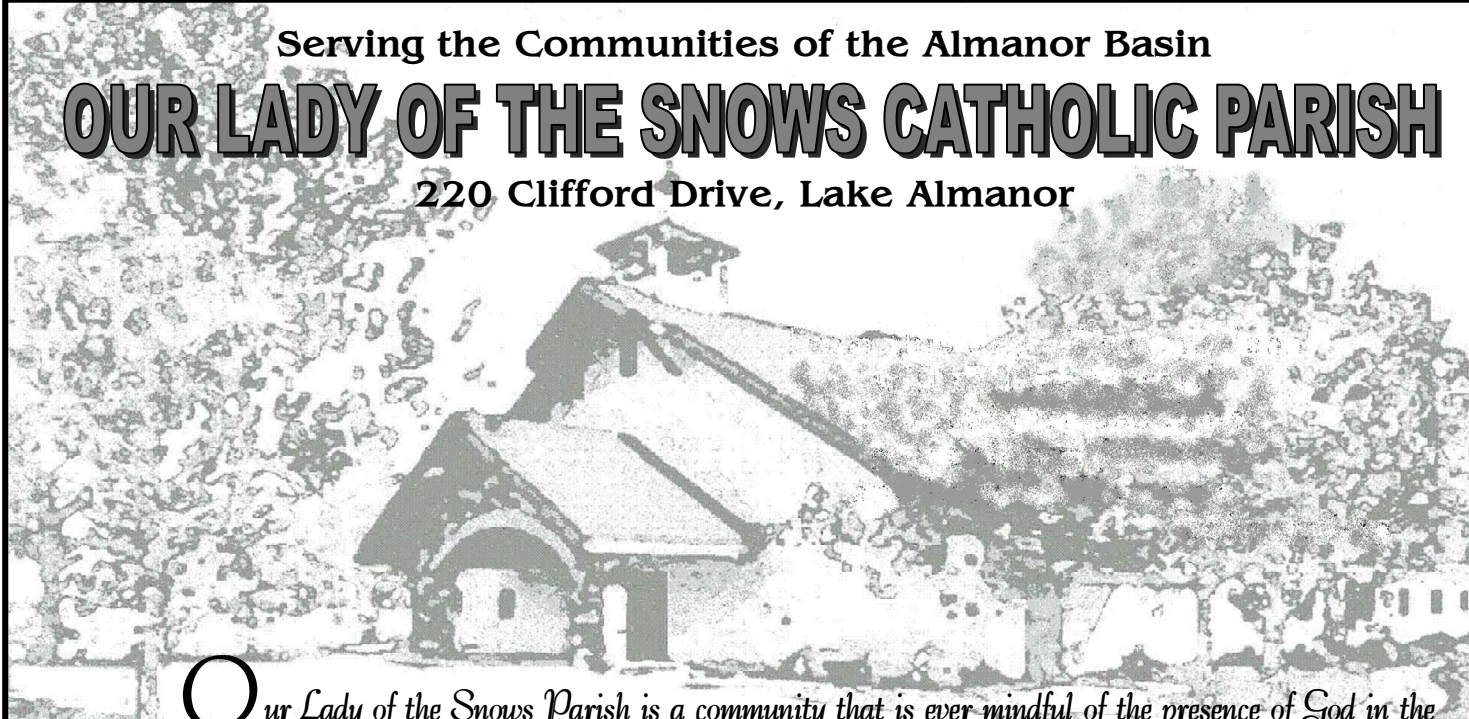


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OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CATHOLIC PARISH

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Our Lady of the Snows Parish is a community that is ever mindful of the presence of God in the Blessed Sacrament, in our church, in each other and in ourselves. We envision all who enter our doors will be welcomed and valued for their gifts. We strive to respond to the needs of all -- to bring about joy and spiritual growth. We open our hearts to the poor and vulnerable. We promote peace and justice for all. We are committed to be active stewards of God's creation, to preserve the beauty of nature and our surroundings and be ever grateful for His bountiful blessings.

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Fourth Sunday of Easter (C) Acts 13:14, 43-52 / Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 / John 10:27-30

Just as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how He shepherds us, and how we follow Him—by hearing and then living His word.

There are some who say they are not religious, but they are spiritual. Ultimately, to be spiritual is to have a core set of values by which one lives. One's core values can take many shapes. For us, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, to be spiritual is to take on the values and wisdom of Jesus—to allow His way to take root in the core of who we are. It means living by the wisdom of His word. Being spiritual includes honesty, gentleness, patience, joy, civility, simple living, mercy, compassion, peace, reverence and awe, obedience, justice, courage, balance in life, humility, chastity, kindness, generosity, lightheartedness, care for the common good, prayerfulness, and respect for all of creation as holy.

Spirituality is about absorbing the lifestyle of Jesus, about His word echoing in our lives, something that takes a lifetime. Religion, specifically our Catholic faith, is the practice of that spirituality in the company of others who are also trying to put those values into practice. Such practice, including weekly Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, is necessary for the faithful followers of Jesus. —Father Joseph Juknialis

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers these guidelines: "The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable" (CCC 2279).

In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone's death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person's suffering. To give medication to cause death rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed.

It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying. It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice.

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR

May Mother Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, always smile on you and obtain for you, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

*Weekdays Tues. thru Fri. 8:30 AM

Confessions: Sat. 4 to 4:30 PM or by appt.

A BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOMS!

*There will be no 8:30 am Mass on Tues. May 13th and Wed. May 14th. [We will resume our regular schedule on Thur. May 15th.]

The 2nd Collection this weekend, May 10th-11th, is to be shared by Helping Hands in Chester and Westwood Resource Center. Thank you for helping those in need who live near us.

Our Lady of the Snows Men's Group meets Tues. May 13th at 5 pm in the Social Hall. Please join us! Dinner will be served.

Attention all bakers! We need you! The ALTAR SOCIETY MEMORIAL WEEKEND BAKE SALE will be Sat. May 24th at Peninsula Market, beginning at 7 am. You do not have to belong to the Altar Society to bake something for this event. Sign-up sheet for bakers is in the Social Hall. Call Julie Chavez (530-596-4951) or Carolyn Willhoit (530-258-1765) for more information. Thank you in advance!

Commemorative Bricks can be ordered for \$100. Forms are available in the Social Hall. Contact Steve DeWitt at 530-258-4222 for more information, or email him at cranmorti@gmail.com.

Please take a moment to say a prayer for all of our sick and deceased parishioners.

Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits

The Fracturing Rite

One of the things that you may have noticed while singing the Lamb of God is the Fracturing Rite. This is when the priest takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece of the host in the chalice, while he prays quietly: "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it."

Placing a piece of the host in the chalice is a very ancient custom dating back to at least the fourth century. Originally, it was designed to show unity and communion between the pope, bishops and their local Churches. Fragments of the host from the Masses celebrated by the pope or bishop were carried by the deacons to the local churches and placed into the chalices during the celebration of the Mass. It symbolized the reality that the entire Church is present at every Mass.

Even though it is not practiced as such today, the commingling of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ remains a beautiful part of the Communion Rite as it expresses a great reality within the Liturgical life of the Church. It is a sign of unity in our worship in the Body and Blood of Christ.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday April 27th	\$ 672.00
Maintenance	\$ 5,385.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 10.00
Home Missions Special Collection	\$ 254.00
Online donations in April	\$ 2,185.00

--- This Weekend's Ministry Schedule ---

Distribution of the Cup at Communion is reinstated now - We need 3 Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat. 5 pm	Cynthia Riggs, Lani Hovland	Nita Jimenez
Sunday 9:30 am	Jessica D, Julie C, Kitty D	Larry Gibbs

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From May until the beginning of October, a second collection for Maintenance will be taken up at weekend Masses. Exceptions: the monthly 2nd collection for Helping Hands and Westwood Resource Center (2nd weekend of the month) and an occasional Diocesan Special Collection. Many thanks!

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Genny Amante †	Karen Klemek †	Cindee & Mitchell
Joe Beuchat	Alma Kopernik	Padula ††
Vernon Burgess	Ronald Longacre †	Diana Pallari †
Claudia Caramella †	Lou Ann Martin †	Miguel Pena †
Lucia Carillo †	Pat Martin	Kerry Phillips †
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Mary Deveny †	Miller † †	Frances Smith †
Dolores Gard †	Fran Moale †	Rikki Taddei
Paul Gray †	Dante Najera †	Marcella Unalles †
Dan Higgins	Colin & Susan	Ruby Vocke †
Aubrey Hawkins †	O'Brien † †	Julie Wann
Jane † & Reed	Kathy O'Donnell	John Willhoit
Hilliard	Lawrence Oliver †	Mike Willhoit
Matthew Hunt †	Scott Oswald †	Carole Zimmerman †
Nancy Janus †	Francis Ouellette	† indicates deceased
Erin Kelly		

Weekly Mass Intentions

May 10	Saturday	5:00 pm	Justin David Bergmann †
May 11	Sunday	9:30 am	Martha Doyle Jayne Hinman † †
May 12	Monday	————	NO MASS
May 13	Tuesday	————	NO MASS
May 14	Wednesday	————	NO MASS
May 15	Thursday	8:30 am	Sonja Burton
May 16	Friday	8:30 am	Julie Wann

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Looking for Rosary leaders: We plan to start reciting the rosary a half hour before each weekend Mass in the chapel. If you are interested in leading the rosary, there is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. Or email Father Josh at olslakealmanor@gmail.com. If you have already signed up, thank you! Father Josh will contact you.

Are you able to help with cleaning our church and Social Hall? All supplies are provided. Think about getting together with a few others to clean occasionally. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall: you can clean on any day of the week prior to the weekend date that you sign up for. A big thank you to those who are already cleaning the church and Social Hall!

Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, special anointing, or just information—call the Rectory (530-259-3932) for an appointment. We are here to help and to ease your burden.