

**JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2022**  
**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

222 West Redoubt Avenue  
Soldotna, AK 99669

### MASS SCHEDULE:

#### SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday **4:30** p.m.

Sunday **9:30** a.m.

#### Reconciliation

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.  
on Saturdays

#### WEEKDAY MASS:

Mon - Fri 12:05 p.m.

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

12:30 p.m. Thursday to 12  
noon on Friday

#### CONTACT US:

##### Website

[www.olphak.org](http://www.olphak.org)

#### PARISH OFFICE

##### Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday

**9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**262-5542**

#### OLPH Phone Number:

**262-4749**

Option 1 – Mass Schedule  
Option 2 – St. Vincent dePaul  
Option 3 – Fr. Patrick Brosamer  
Option 4 – Kathryn Dunagan

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##### COORDINATOR

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For verbal prayer requests,  
please call the parish office.

### Parish Mission Statement

We, the faith community, accept the call of God to participate in the mission of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Gospel and living the reign of God among us as disciples.

Today's Gospel is one we read every year, so it is easy to lose sight of just how incredible it is that Jesus wished to be baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John. We just spent the last two weeks marveling at the fact that this Savior of ours was born as a baby in a crude stable for our sake, and now this! Stop and contemplate our Lord in all His perfection waiting quietly and patiently in line with a bunch of sinners (like us!) in order to "lead by example." His love and humility in serving and self-giving are beyond all telling.

Certainly, the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! John himself noted that in comparison to Jesus, he was not even worthy to loosen His sandal straps. But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence.

In response, we should be filled to overflowing with gratitude to such a gracious God — an overflow that must express itself in our own giving back to God through our sharing of time, talents, and treasure. In fact, when we allow the words and actions of Jesus in the Gospel to enter deeply into our minds and hearts, we will be compelled to give ourselves to Him and others out of love for Him.

In addition to the gratitude that Jesus' baptism should inspire, we can also study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of the servant-leadership He displays time and again throughout His public ministry. We see in our Lord a style of leadership characterized by humility and leading by example.

As a servant-leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus we, too, must "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk." If we want those we lead at home, in ministry or at work to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves.

And just in case there was any doubt about the extraordinary actions of Jesus that day at the Jordan River, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who, immediately after the baptism, opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form, and says audibly, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased." Wow!

Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.

### Sacraments

#### RECONCILIATION:

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays

#### BAPTISM:

Infants / children – Parents Preparation class is required. Contact the parish office to register.

Adults – Contact the office to register for RCIA

#### MARRIAGE:

Please contact the parish office for preparation of marriage, allowing at least 6 months.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK OR COMMUNION:

- Anointing of the sick (TBD)

- *NOTE: Because of privacy laws, parishioners need to notify us if going to the hospital.*

- Remember to request Anointing of the Sick before surgery – please call the parish: 262-4749

- *Homebound individuals wishing to receive the Eucharist need to contact the parish office.*

FUNERALS: Contact parish office immediately after the death.



Please Note: Submissions/articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted via email by Wednesday at noon to Kathryn at [akolphsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:akolphsecretary@gmail.com)

# Parish Calendar of Events

1/10/22 Monday	1/11/22 Tuesday	1/12/22 Wednesday	1/13/22 Thursday	1/14/22 Friday	1/15/22 Saturday	1/16/22 Sunday
<b>8:15 a.m.</b> Centering Prayer  <b>12:05 p.m.</b> Daily Mass	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer  <b>12:05 p.m.</b> Daily Mass	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer  <b>12:05 p.m.</b> Daily Mass  <b>6:00 – 7:30 p.m.</b> Faith Formation classes	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer  <b>12:05 p.m.</b> Daily Mass Adoration follows until Noon on Friday	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> Morning Prayer Adoration continues  <b>12:05 p.m.</b> Daily Mass  <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Chatty Catholics	<b>3.45 – 4.15 p.m.</b> Reconciliation <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Mass  <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Filipino Dinner	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> Mass
<b>SOCIAL DISTANCING is expected, as well as masks preferred during gatherings in church.</b>						

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## LOST AND FOUND

We have a set of keys that were found in the church pews. If you are missing keys, please see Kathryn or either of the Fathers.

## ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SECOND COLLECTION

In partnership with generous Catholics across the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau, we financially support our Catholic schools and offer scholarship funds to families in need. Our teachers and staff are an integral part of the mission of the Church, and they assist parents in their role as primary educators and catechists of their children. Whether or not you are a parent of an enrolled student, it is important to recognize the value of providing Catholic education for the youngest members of our Church. Please make a difference in the life of a student by supporting their ability to afford a Catholic education with a tax-deductible donation. Your gift to our annual Catholic Schools Appeal unites us together to provide financial support to our schools and students, and your generosity really does make a difference! Thank you for supporting the annual Catholic Schools Appeal.

Week of the January 9 <sup>th</sup> 2022	
<b>Mop and Bucket</b>	D. Anderson Family
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Raylynn and Barb <b>January 9<sup>th</sup></b> Sherrie and Chris <b>January 16<sup>th</sup></b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 14<sup>th</sup>** – Chatty Catholics at 5:30 p.m. in O'Neill Hall
- January 15<sup>th</sup>** – Filipino dinner
- January 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Second Collection for the Archdiocesan Catholic Schools
- January 30<sup>th</sup>** – Second Collection for St. Vincent DePaul
- February 6<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>** – Super Bowl Food Drive



## HOMELESS CONNECT

Project Homeless Connect is a one day event, set for **January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, set up to provide food, fellowship and necessities to those experiencing homelessness in our area. Agencies and groups that provide needed services will be there to connect with those in need. OLA and OLPH are working together to gather necessities such as socks, underwear, diapers, and toiletries to those attending this event. This is an excellent opportunity for our parish community to live out the Gospel message of care for others. Please donate what you can and place it in the marked tote at church by **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. If you have any questions on this project or would like to provide other support please contact Margaret Gilman at 907-398-9860.

## ADORATION

We are needing to fill the time slot between midnight and 1 a.m. on Friday. This position can be filled with one person or several, alternating weeks. Our parish is so blessed to have Soldotna and Kenai parishioners to share in this ministry. If you are looking for quiet time with the Lord without interruption, please contact Pat Murray 907-262-7801 or Jane Gabler 907-262-9328 to sign up or if you have questions.

## CHATTY CATHOLICS

Looking for a night to unwind and connect with other families in the parish? Join Chatty Catholics on Friday, **January 14<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 pm in O'Neill Hall. Let's make it a pizza party - bring a pizza and drinks for your family!