

Shopping at the Parish Store

We invite everyone to consider shopping at our parish store for Advent and Christmas.

Now in stock are a wonderful assortment of items for your holiday needs, including fair-trade products.

Our store is located at along the north wall of the social hall, and is open after Mass on Sunday mornings. Hope to see you there!

- A Ministry of the Legion of Mary

The Giving Tree

Attention, Santa's Helpers: Don't forget. This is the last weekend to get your gifts under the tree in the social hall. Please have them there by this coming Monday. Thanks.

Praying Advent

Check out Creighton University's online resource for daily and weekly prayers in support of your Advent journey. Please follow the website link below . . . onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent



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"The Numbers"

Total Contributions	\$51,698
Total Expenses	\$58,895
Gain (Loss)	\$(7,197)

Please contact *Tim Propeck (Chairman)* or any member of the Finance Council for further details.



The Forgiving and Penitential Heart

This year's Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation will be this coming



Wednesday, December 13th

3:00 - 5:00pm

6:00 - 8:00pm

St. Olaf Church

Our Motto: "We Make it Easy!"

St. Olaf Book Group

This Monday, December 11th, 6:00pm

The St. Olaf Book Group will be having our December Book Title 2018 selection meeting this coming Monday, December 11th, at 6:00pm. We will have a potluck meal as well. Please come to the Gallagher Center.

Please call Mary Tillotson at 360-697-2540 if you would like to participate. New members are always welcome!

Simbang Gabi at St. Olaf

Please join us as we celebrate a Simbang Gabi Mass followed by a Salo Salo dinner on Wednesday, December 20th at 6:00 pm at St. Olaf in honor of Blessed Mary anticipating the birth of Jesus.



Family & friends welcome.

Please see the bulletin board flyer for more information about the Novena in Kitsap County.

Christmas Schedule

4th Weekend of Advent, December 23/24

- Saturday, December 23rd, 4:30pm (St. Peter)
- Saturday, December 23rd, 6:30pm (en Español)
- Sunday, December 24th, 8:00am (St. Olaf)

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th

- 7:00pm (Family Mass at St. Olaf)
- 10:00pm (Formal Liturgy at St. Peter Mission)

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

10:30am (joyful bilingual Mass)



Home & Family

A Christmas Tree Blessing

Here is a wonderful way to make our Christmas Preparations have a richer meaning.

The blessing prayer of which follows is taken, in modified form, from the *Book of Blessings*.

Order of the Blessing Ceremony
The blessing may appropriately take place prior to the family meal. Everyone should gather around the tree. The lights of the tree should not be on at this time. The family member in charge of the blessing begins:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All make the sign of the cross and reply: Amen

The prayer leader then says:

Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

One of the family members should read a text from Scripture. An appropriate text would be Titus 3:4-7 that talks about how God, in his own compassion, has saved us. A brief family dis-

cussion on the text may take place.

The General Intercessions

The prayer leader then says the General Intercessions. The intercessions may be adapted to reflect things that are going on in your particular family.

The leader says:

That this tree of light reminds us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All respond: Lord, hear our prayer.

The leader says:

That the joy of Christmas may always be in our home, let us pray to the Lord.

All respond: Lord, hear our prayer.

The leader says:

That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

All respond: Lord, hear our prayer.

All say the Lord's Prayer together. Then the prayer leader says the following prayer of blessing:

Lord our God, we praise you for the lights of creation: the sun, the moon and the stars of night. We praise you for Jesus, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All respond: Amen

The tree lights are then turned on. Then everyone sits down to a festive meal.

Next weekend, this page will feature the blessing of the Christmas crib scene.

