

OUR LADY OF THE PINES



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 Office Hours: Monday through Friday
 9:00AM-12Noon and 1:00PM-4:30PM
 Parish Web Site: www.ourladyofthepines.org

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00am & 10:30am

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9:00 am

Confession: Saturday– 3:30 pm until 4:15 pm or by appointment

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: First Fridays from 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon

Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open 24/7.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:16

NEWCOMERS/VISITORS!!!

We invite you to register by completing the Parish Registration form in the Narthex or stop by the parish office during regular hours—Monday through Friday 9:00AM to 4:30PM. We are closed for lunch from 12-1PM daily.

Our Lady of the Pines Staff

Parish Office495-2351
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PARISH CONTACTS:

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Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
 Cathy Hanchett 495-9503
Mission Outreach Ministry Donations
 Dave Miller 231-0872 & Alphonse Hutmacher 495-1716
Pastoral Council
 Brian Livie (President) 633-1056

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES: Contact Father Andrzej at 495-2351 x16. Marriages must be arranged at least 12 months in advance.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES, MOVING or CHANGE OF ADDRESS? Please notify Linda at the parish office: 495-2351, Ext. 10.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please submit in writing or by Email To: office@ourladyofthepines.org by 9:30AM on Friday (10 days prior to the requested date of publication).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18, 2012

4:30 PM † Jack Perme by Randy and Shirley Kliner

Sunday, February 19, 2012

8:00 AM-Pro Populo

10:30 AM-In Memory of Rosalene Payet and Marie-Ange Gabriel by Dave and Myriam Miller

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

9:00 AM † Joan Bracken by Frank and Nancy

Billiard

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM † Charles Courtney by Rosemary

Courtney and Shirley Jack

7:00 PM-Pro Populo

Thursday, February 23, 2012

9:00 AM † Clay Bush, Jr. by Brothers and

Sisters

Friday, February 24, 2012

9:00 AM-No Intention

Saturday, February 25, 2012

4:30 PM † Jack Perme by Randy and Shirley Kliner

Sunday, February 26, 2012

8:00 AM † Christina Segalla by Victor Segalla, Jr.

10:30 AM-Pro Populo

Readings for the Week February 19, 2012

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



2012 Returning God's Gifts Appeal

Our Lady of the Pines Parish has pledged \$64,635.00, which is 79 percent of our goal of \$81,621.00 to the Returning God's Gifts Appeal.

Your generosity will fund the charitable and educational efforts throughout the Diocese, in addition to providing seminary education for our future priests.

If you have not yet made a commitment, please prayerfully consider returning your intention card which was mailed to all registered households in the parish. Blank intention cards available in the pews. You may place the cards in the offertory basket. Thank you.

I am proud of the commitment we've made to stewardship within our parish.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. Andrzej Szczesnowicz



Calling All Musically Talented Teens!



Our Lady of the Pines is excited to announce the start of our very own Youth Choir. We are looking for teens who would like to share their experience and talent by playing an instrument and/or sharing their beautiful singing voice. This is a great way of giving to others the gift that God has given you!

We are also looking for a few adults to help guide our youth with their experience of conducting a music group. Please call Linda at the office (495-2351) to let her know you are interested in joining our awesome new Youth Choir!

40 Days for Life-Our date is March 10, 2012

This is a national pro-life coordination of more than 100 cities. Partnering with St. Peter Church in Monument, our day is March 10, 2012. We will pray and keep peaceful vigil on the sidewalk near Planned Parenthood in Colorado Springs, 3480 Centennial Blvd., with the celebration of Mass at 8 AM. Hourly shifts are available from 6 AM-6PM. Sign up in the narthex to commit to an hour or more. If you cannot come out, please pray in support of this effort. Contact: sue LeFebvre at 266-1569.

Ash Wednesday Masses
and Distribution of Ashes
Wednesday, February 22, 2012
9:00AM and 7:00PM



Metro-North Lenten Penance Services

Our Lady of the Pines	Wed., March 7, 7:00PM
St. Patrick's	Tues., March 6, 6:30PM
Holy Apostles	Thurs., March 8, 6:30PM
St. Peter's (Monument)	Tues., March 13, 6:00PM
St. Francis	Thurs., March 15, 7:00PM
Divine Redeemer	Thurs., March 22, 7:00PM
St. Gabriel	Wed., March 28, 7:00PM

We encourage your attendance at OLP Penance Service on Wednesday, March 7, 7:00PM.

Please see the Lenten Regulations to be observed by all Catholics at the bottom of Page 3 in this bulletin.

The Week at a Glance

Saturday February 18, 2012
8:30 AM-Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Parish Hall)
3:30 PM-Confessions (Reconciliation Room)
4:30 PM-Mass (Church)
6:00 PM-Middle School Social Night (Parish Hall and LL Classrooms)

Sunday February 19, 2012
8:00 AM-Mass (Church)
9:15 AM-SON-Powered Sunday Elem. Form. (Parish Hall and LL Classrooms)
10:30 AM-Mass (Church)

Monday February 20, 2012
Parish Office Closed President's Day
6:00 PM-Love to Learn Ministry (Parish Hall and LL Classrooms)

Tuesday February 21, 2012
9:00 AM-Daily Mass (Church)
6:00 PM-Spirit of Grace Practice (Church)
6:30 PM-RCIA (St. Andrew Room)

Wednesday February 22, 2012
9:00 AM-Ash Wednesday Mass (Church)
7:00 PM-Ash Wednesday Mass (Church)

Thursday February 23, 2012
9:00 AM-Daily Mass (Church)
7:00 PM-Pastoral Council (Parish Hall East)

Friday February 24, 2012
9:00 AM-Daily Mass (Church)
5:00 PM-Knights of Columbus Fish Fry (Parish Hall)
7:00 PM-Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday February 25, 2012
9:00 AM-Praise and Worship for Life Practice (Church)
3:30 PM-Confessions (Reconciliation Room)
4:30 PM-Mass (Church)
6:00 PM-Adoration (Church)

"Knights of Columbus" and "Ladies Auxiliary" Annual Lenten Fish Fry



The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary Annual Lenten Fish Fries will be held on Friday, February 24th, March 16th, and March 23rd. Come and feed your family with a fresh-cooked fish dinner beginning at 5:30 PM on these Friday evenings and then feed your soul at 7:00 PM by attending our Stations of the Cross. Cost for the dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, ages 4 to 12. Children under 4 are free. Be sure you look for dinner coupons on all our flyers. You will go home filled "physically and spiritually!"

On February 24, 2012, original water and some oil paintings by Anna Mae Hawkins, a founding family member of Our Lady of the Pines, also a founding member of the Black Forest Art Guild, will be available before and during the **Fish Fry**. The display will be ready by 3:30 PM. All her family is asking for the pictures is a donation to Our Lady of the Pines. Her daughter, Gwen Burk, will be available to answer questions.

Meals for the Homeless

February 26, 2012

Please join us to assemble meals for two downtown homeless shelters in the Parish Hall after the 8 AM Mass next Sunday. If you can, please bring: lunch meat, bread, fruit, cookies, and/or chips for the lunches. This is a great ministry! We thank those who help every month and welcome anyone who wants to help!



Meals for the Homebound/Crisis

Thank You to Megan Snow and Candace Vering for coming forward to coordinate this important ministry for OLP parish families. You who have benefitted from meals during difficult times know what a special gift this is! If you were on the list of volunteers that Janet Blaser had for this ministry, your contact info has been passed on to Megan and Candace. If you would like to help prepare meals, contact our new coordinators. If you, or someone you know, is in need of meals to be delivered due to illness, surgery, or family crisis please call Megan (719-325-9898) or Candace (541-554-6312). Keep these numbers handy!

Lenten Regulations

Diocese of Colorado Springs Lenten Regulations:

1. By the law of God and the custom of the Church, all Christians are required to do penance.
2. The season of Lent retains its penitential character. The days of penance to be observed under obligation are Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of the Lenten season.
3. Abstinence from meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of lent. The law of abstinence and fast is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
4. The law of abstinence forbids the consumption of meat. The law of fasting permits only one full meal a day.
5. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, and continues until they have begun their 60th year.
6. Pastors and parents should take particular care to educate the young to a true sense of penitence and self-discipline. More frequent use of the Sacrament of Penance, and attendance at Daily Mass should be encouraged during Lent, as well as other practices of penance and self-sacrifice.
7. The Fridays of the year outside Lent remain days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance; this may be physical mortification, acts of religion, charity, or Christian witness. These works should be considered a minimal response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion of life.

Mark Your Calendar!

5TH SATURDAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 6:17^{PM}

with special guest,
nationally-known Catholic recording artist, musician, & storyteller,

Steve Angrisano!

PERFECT FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES!

STEVE HAS WRITTEN & RECORDED MANY OF THE
SONGS THAT WE SING AT CHURCH INCLUDING:

“GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE”,
“MY SOUL IS THIRSTING”,
AND THE CURRENT MASS PARTS!

Hot Dog/Chip & Salad Dinner
available after 4:30 Mass: \$1.50
or bring your own dinner!

Invite your family & friends!
Special Guests: All those who are
receiving a Sacrament for the first time.

“Incredible! No other way to describe Steve!”





This Week in Formation:

Tues, Feb 21 6:30pm RCIA
Wed, Feb 22 Ash Wednesday

**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**
July 16-20
OLP Church



REGISTRATION in April!
VBS at Our Lady of the Pines is only open to
REGISTERED parish families!

**Exact Registration Date to be announced in
the upcoming weeks. Watch the bulletin.**

Limited Space Available!

Volunteers— teen & adult— Needed!

Please contact the Brummels with

any questions: mfl@ourladyofthepines.org



If you are in high school and are interested in being part of the Sacred Heart of Avondale Mission Team this summer, July 8th—13th, applications will be available starting Feb 19th. In the mornings, we teach Vacation Bible School Children of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Avondale, and in the afternoons and evenings we will do everything from service work to leadership building to having fun with the team! You can request an application by emailing youthministry@ourladyofthepines.org. Team will be chosen by March 11th.

Middle School Social / Games Night!
Saturday, February 19th

5:30—7:00

(following the 4:30 Mass)



WHAT'S NEW IN MARRIAGE PREPARATION?



Our Lady of the Pines Marriage and Family Life Ministry, under the direction of our Pastor, Fr. Andrzej, and in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Diocese of Colorado Springs, reminds all those who are inquiring about the Sacrament of Matrimony that this is a twelve (12) month process.

It begins with an initial meeting with the Pastor, followed by the administering of the FOCCUS Inventory through the Office of Marriage and Family Life Ministry BEFORE any wedding date is set and any reservations for the Church are made.

Marriage preparation includes: FOCCUS couple sessions, our new parish in-house "A Time For Us" Engagement Retreat or Engaged Encounter Weekend, Natural Family Planning Course, and Marriage Preparation sessions. Wedding planning and rehearsals are now also under the coordination of Marriage and Family Life Ministry. New brochures detailing the marriage preparation process are available in the Narthex and at the parish office.

Questions? Contact the Brummels.

Awaken Your Faith FOR CATHOLICS WHO

- *Want to know more about and revisit their Catholic faith
- *Have been away from the Church for awhile, no matter what the reason
- *Want to know what the Church's teachings are
- *Have never been Confirmed (18 yrs or older) and would like to prepare to be confirmed



If you fall into one of these categories then come join us and AWAKEN YOUR FAITH. We will begin a 8 week process starting Tuesday March 27th. If you would like more information or would like to register to attend, please contact Vickie Welsh at 495-2351.

Confirmation Date!
Sunday, April 22nd
at 2:00pm

The Rock & Worship Roadshow
will be at the World Arena
Sunday, February 19th, 6:00—9:00 PM
\$10.00 at the Door! No tickets required!
Featured bands include: Mercy Me,
Tenth Avenue North, Lecrae, Disciple, Hawk
Nelson, Sidewalk Prophets and more!
For more information:
www.therockandworshiproadshow.com

Every Second Counts



Did you know that this year, OLP has implemented a new Sacrament Ministry called “EVERY SECOND COUNTS” for children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. This new program includes the participation of the children’s primary catechist as well...their parents. SO it is a true family affair! If you have a first grader this year please stay tuned every week to your bulletin for registration details for the next school year! This ministry is under the direction of Marriage & Family Life Ministry.

FUSION (FAMILY FAITH FORMATION) REGISTRATION FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR COMING SOON!

This “out of the box” original religious education program is for families who want to grow in their Catholic Faith TOGETHER! This year we have 62 OLP families totaling over 272 participants who participate in our monthly large group FUSION sessions in addition to their at-home sessions. This innovative program includes sacramental ministry for families who are preparing for Confirmation, Eucharist, and Reconciliation. SPACE IS LIMITED so watch your bulletin every week for further information and updates! Parents need to live out their call as the primary catechist and be willing to participate fully with all aspects of this hands on programming. This program is under the direction of Marriage and Family Life Ministry.



Engaged Couple Retreat February 10-11, 2012

Six engaged couples spent time in preparation, reflection, and prayer last weekend. Watch the bulletin for more photos next weekend!



Stewardship Bulletin Reflection for February 19, 2012

[Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41:2-3, 4-5, 13-14; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12](#)

God is merciful. He came to Earth in order to suffer and die and then rise from the dead so that we, the sinners whom He loves, could have eternal life. He came because He loves us so much that He desired to take the punishment of our sins upon Himself.

In today's gospel, Jesus shows His mercy to a suffering paralytic. He forgives him of his sins – healing him spiritually and then healing his physical ailments. The spiritual healing was, by far, the most important, even though it was only after the physical healing that the people recognized Jesus' power.

Christ offers us His merciful healing and His life of grace in the sacraments. In a particular way, Jesus forgives us of our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation. He is there for us. He pours his mercy upon us, but, like the paralytic, we have to humbly come to Him. We have to be open to receiving that spiritual healing and that new life of grace.

When we do open ourselves to God's grace and regularly receive the sacraments, He changes our lives. He makes us stronger disciples and equips us to live a life of faith here and now. He draws us ever nearer to Him and helps others to do the same so that, one day, we will all rejoice with Him in the eternal glory of the heavenly kingdom.



Diocese Events

From Bishop Sheridan

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our diocese will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012. This Collection supports essential unmet pastoral needs in Central and Eastern Europe and areas of Asia formerly under Soviet control. Our assistance is vital to the growth and strength of the Church in these regions.

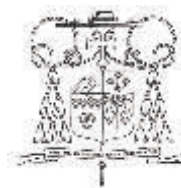
In addition to pastoral projects, scholarships, and other initiatives, the Collection supports Catholic organizations that work to ease the burdens facing those who live in the region. Many elderly residents of the former Soviet region of Georgia awoke one morning to find their pensions and life savings gone. Collection funds are essential to keeping medical dispensaries and shelters open and ensuring that religious and lay ministers are available to help those in need.

Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe where Christ, the Light, continues to illuminate the way. Your support will truly make a difference.

Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely Yours in Christ.

Most Reverend Michael J. Sheridan, Bishop of Colorado Springs



From Bishop Sheridan

Dear Friends in Christ,

On the First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2012, Catholics throughout the United States are being asked to help support the **National Black and Indian Mission Collection**. It is through the constant generosity of Church members that evangelization efforts among Black and Native American, Eskimo and Aleut communities have been possible for more than 100 years. Churches and schools in African American and Native American Indian communities depend on the annual evangelization grants to continue their programs and pastoral activities.

I ask everyone in the Diocese of Colorado Springs to make a sacrificial gift to the 2012 National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Each of us must help if we wish to bear faithful witness to our baptismal call to holiness and evangelization. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael J. Sheridan, Bishop of Colorado Springs