



Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

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The Baptism of the Lord

January 11th, 2015

**“After me comes he who is
mightier than I, the thong of
whose sandals I am not worthy
to stoop down and untie.”**

- Mark 1:7

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Mass Schedule

Weekends

Sat. 5:00pm

Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am

Weekdays

Mon. 8:00am Communion Service
(Small Chapel)

Tues. 9:15am (with OLL School)

Wed. - Fri. 8:00am (Small Chapel)

Confessions Saturdays 4:00-4:40pm and
first Wednesday of the month at 8:30am
(and by appointment).

Everyone is welcome to join us in the
Church to ***pray the Rosary*** 25 minutes
before the weekday and weekend Masses.

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the
John Paul II Chapel on Tuesdays from 3:00
to 8:00pm, and on First Fridays of the
month following the morning Mass until
midnight. Please join us for this rewarding
experience!

Church Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 8:30am - 5:00pm
(Closed Noon - 1:00pm)

Fri. 8:30am - Noon

Sat. 9:00am - Noon

Sun. 8:00am - Noon

School Office Hours

Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 4:00pm



Calendar for the Week of Jan. 11th, 2014

Sunday - Jan. 11th
 9:30am Family Faith Formation in School Cafeteria
 10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word in Church
 11:30am Confirmation Sponsor Event in Presentation Room
 6:30pm Confirmation Class in Presentation Room
Tuesday - Jan. 13th
 3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration in John Paul II Chapel

4:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal in Church
 6:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
 6:30pm Faith Formation Classes Gr. 1-8 in School Classrooms
 6:30pm Jr. High Youth Group in Presentation Room
 6:30pm Confirmation Class in Fireside Rm.
 6:45pm Adult Choir Rehearsal in Church
Thursday - Jan. 15th
 10:00am Communion Service at LMS
Sunday - Jan. 18th
 10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word in Church

Calendar subject to change without notice.

Communion at Lake Minnetonka Shores on Christmas morning was such a beautiful gift to those who did the ministering, as well as those receiving. Special thanks from the recipients and the staff to Bill Anderson, Jan Clark, Colleen Daub, Bill Edgeworth, Julian Hook, Bonnie & Joe Konrardy, Jerry Luesse, Judy & Jerry O'Neill, and Kim & Todd Truax. The Christmas cards created by the OLL Students were a hit again this year! For some people, this was their only card to brighten up their room. Thank you to our thoughtful students! --Flossie Finnicum



Our Lady of the Lake Preschool is our wonderful program for our youngest students ages 3 to 5 years old. We offer both half-day and full-day classes, with before and after school care as well. We are open from 7:00am to 6:00pm, and because of these extended hours, we are currently in need of some part-time classroom assistants. Afternoon hours are still available. If you have an interest in spending part of your day with these beautiful children, please consider becoming a classroom assistant. Please contact the School Office for more information!

Catholic Relief Services has asked that a special collection be taken up to provide support for those affected by the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. Our parish will have this collection the weekend of Jan. 17th/18th. These funds will be used by Catholic Relief Services and other various partners to meet the most urgent needs facing people in West Africa who have been exposed to the disease. The efforts made by Catholic Relief Services and the United States Council of Catholic Bishops have been aimed at reducing the mortality rate, improving access to health services, maintaining the food supply, and increasing security in affected areas. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you!

Mass Intentions for the Week beginning Monday, Jan. 12th

Mon. 8:00am Communion Service
 Tues. 9:15am †Marlin Sicheneder
 Wed. 8:00am Communion Service
 Thurs. 8:00am Communion Service
 Fri. 8:00am Communion Service
 Sat. 5:00pm †Catherine & Richard Bye
 Sun. 8:30am †Sue Williams
 10:30am Parish

Help your community, help your parish... by volunteering at The Langdon, Inc.!

We are greatly in need of volunteers from 3pm to 5pm Tuesday - Saturday. Please call Claudia Lacy at 952-836-6347 to learn more about this volunteer opportunity. Thank you!

Rosary Intention:

Pattern Our Life After Christ

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Sometimes the question is asked: Why did Jesus need to be baptized since he had no sin and was not tainted by original sin? The truth is that he did not need baptism, yet Jesus showed solidarity with those he came to save. Rather than the water sanctifying Jesus, he sanctified the water.



Baptisms are times of great joy, and we celebrate the faith and we fulfill the command of Jesus to “go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We have been blessed with a number of baptisms this past year, and at every one, we light a candle and say to the parents and godparents that it represents the light of faith that has been entrusted to them to be kept burning brightly.

The light of faith has been entrusted to us all to be kept burning brightly so that the world may see the wonders of God’s love. In this new year of 2015, may God rekindle in us the fire of our faith and may we burn with love for Him and one another.

God bless,

Fr. Tony



**Pastoral
Ministry**

Light for the Week: Lord our God, O Holy One, to the waters you call all those who thirst, to the feast of your covenant you invite all the nations. Call us by name, your beloved sons and daughters: lead us by your Spirit through the waters. May our love for one another be the victory that forever conquers the world. *Liturgy - Baptism of the Lord*

West Suburban Grief Coalition meets at
St. Phillip the Deacon Lutheran Church,
17205 County Road 6, Plymouth. 763-475-7126.
The group meets on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00pm.
Jan. 15th - Journey Following Wife’s Death
Jan. 22nd - What’s Normal About Grief
Jan. 29th - Grief & Downsizing
Feb. 5th - Journey Following Their Son’s Death

There is a new program that is available in our area! It is the Home Program through Senior Community Services. They provide indoor and outdoor home maintenance, house cleaning, light plumbing maintenance, raking of leaves, snow shoveling, etc. You need to be 60+ years and a resident in the area they serve. There is a sliding scale fee, although some services are free. Please call the Gillespie Center for more information at 952-472-6501.

Help!! Ministries are often “behind the scenes.” This one is for sure. The women who’ve washed and ironed the linens used at Mass are soon going south for the winter. It’d be terrific if we had at least four volunteers to serve in this ministry. If you can help, please call Sr. Carrie as soon as possible at 952-472-1284 ext. 168. Thanks!

**Please review the names listed below.
If you wish to add or remove someone,
please call the Parish Office.**

We pray for those in need. May the Lord comfort them in their time of sickness and bless those who care for them. Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:
*Chris A., Bob Blake, Tim Daly, David Filippi,
Mark Fliss, Greg Howard, Rosina &
F. John Jilek, Clarence Korbel, Jessica Laxen,
Bobby Reil, Adam Richardt, Mike Schultz, Laura
Sohns, Mike & Kim Sorensen, Laurie Ziebell,
John Ziminske*

We Pray for Those in the Military:
*Brittany B., David B., Mychael G.,
Nicholas G., Nicholas J., Ben M.,
Christopher P., Braden T.,
Darrell V., Noah V.*

We remember our beloved deceased,

***Anna A. “Milly” Vlach
and
Joanne Piché***

May they rest in God’s peace.



Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation meets today (Sunday) at 9:30 am in the School Cafeteria. Our topic this month is Vocations and Holy Orders. Please continue to work on your textbooks each week at home!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) meets today at the 10:30am Mass. The children will be dismissed after the Opening Prayer and will return to their families at the Presentation of the Gifts. CLOW is an opportunity for the children to discuss and relate the Scripture readings to their everyday lives. No registration is required.

Classes for Grades 1-8 will resume this Wednesday, January 14th from 6:30-7:45pm.

What’s Happening Now??

Understanding the Mass

Prayers of the Faithful (General Intercessions). The Liturgy of the Word concludes with a collection of prayers. Usually, they are grouped into 4 categories: for the needs of the Church (for example, the Pope); for public authorities & salvation of the whole world; for those burdened by any kind of difficulty (such as the sick or injured); and for the local community (especially those who have died). This practice dates back to the Acts of the Apostles when Peter was imprisoned by Herod. He asked the church community to pray for him, and an angel came and freed him from the jail (Acts 12:1-7). St. Justin Martyr also writes in 155 A.D. about the early church practice of praying together as a church community. After humbly placing ourselves before God, and listening to His Word, we pray for His intercession in our daily struggles. **Think about:** Do I really believe that God will answer my prayers to Him?



Bible Study A new Bible Study will begin on Jan. 26th & 27th, which explores the Gospel of Mark. The Sunday readings for this liturgical year are primarily from this Gospel, which is thought to be the first of the four that were written. We will be using the Seven Days with the Gospel of Mark as our study guide. The book is available in the Church Office for \$5.00. The book may also be used as a personal devotion for those who cannot attend the class. This will be a 7-week program, using the guide’s morning & evening reflection for each session. Classes will be held on Mondays at 6: 30pm or Tuesdays at 1: 30pm in the Library.

RCIA During the month of January, we will be discussing the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. We begin with a general overview and then look at each of them individually, along with the special graces that come with each one. Class sessions are open to all parishioners who wish to learn more about the faith, and are held on Thursday nights in the Library in the back of the Church. (Please note, there is no class on January 15th.)

DISCIPLESHIP ... FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship Thought

“After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.”
- Mark 1:7

We are put on this earth to love God, love our neighbor and make disciples. How many times does our own pride and ego get in the way of fulfilling God’s plan for us? Humbling ourselves before God and putting Him first in all things should be our top priority.

Financial Stewardship

Collection totals for Dec. 27th - 28th, 2014:

Envelopes...	\$12,648	Total...	\$55,339
Plate...	499	Weekly Budget:	\$15,608
Electronic...	5,987	Fiscal YTD Actuals:	\$422,193
Annual...	36, 205	Fiscal YTD Budget:	\$405,808

Collection totals for Jan. 3rd - 4th, 2015:

Envelopes...	\$9,751	Weekly Budget:	\$15,608
Plate...	607	Fiscal YTD Actuals:	433,006
Electronic...	455	Fiscal YTD Budget:	\$421,416
Total...	\$10,813		

Thank you for your generosity to Our Lady of the Lake!



Registration at Our Lady of the Lake School is Beginning Soon! Are you thinking about finding an educational home for your children that offers the beauty of a faith-filled environment as well as the best in education? If you are, please come to our January Admissions Open House & Kindergarten Round Up to see what OLL School is all about. January 25th is the date, 11:30-1:30 is the time. Join us for a pancake breakfast after Mass, then stay from noon to 1:15 to talk with faculty members & school families, tour the school, see a demonstration of our digital learning curriculum, and participate in some activities for your students. We'll have registration materials available that day, as well. Come join us on Jan. 25th... We'd love to meet you & tell you all about our wonderful school!

2015 Catholic Services Appeal *"Be Imitators of Christ."*

The 2015 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is underway. The Board of Directors of the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation thanks all who contributed in 2014 to this organization that is raising funds to support CSA-funded ministries. The 2014 campaign did just as well as the 2013 campaign.

The Appeal funds services that no one parish or individual can do alone and these services must go on despite these troubled times in our archdiocese. It is important to know that contributions to the CSA are being used for the benefit of designated ministries of the Appeal. Please visit the new Catholic Services Appeal Foundation website at csafspm.org for more information.

Many of our parishioners will soon receive or have already received a mailing from the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation requesting your support of the 2015 CSA. Please respond generously. When you give to the CSA you provide food & shelter, education, spiritual support, and sacraments to individuals who are in need, disabled, imprisoned, hospitalized, or in nursing homes. You support low-income seniors, pregnant mothers, refugees, and immigrants. You support seminarians preparing for the priesthood, make the annual Archdiocesan Youth Day happen, and help fund the evangelization & catechesis initiatives. You help our 65,000 brothers and sisters at the mission parish of Jesucristo Resucitado in Venezuela.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is "Be Imitators of Christ." Your gift to the CSA helps to meet that challenge by enabling the funded ministries to reach out and demonstrate Christ's love to many, many people in need. Funds given to the CSA help to share the message of salvation not only in our parish but throughout our local Church and beyond. Commit to helping the CSA-supported ministries. Then, please contemplate God's gifts to you and reflect on your gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish and vital ministries throughout this local Church is one way to express this gratitude. Please note that when our parish reaches its goal, 25% of *all* funds received at OLL will be returned for use in our parish.

The Westonka Food Shelf

The Westonka Food Shelf had 446 visits in December, 2014. We provided service to 255 families, many of them taking advantage of a supplementary weekly service for perishable items. We also provided Christmas baskets to 267 families.

The Westonka Food Shelf began 2014 serving just under 200 families per month. By the last quarter, we were serving over 240 families monthly. We made many changes during 2014, including the installation of a "food rescue" program with the Lund's Navarre market, and heavy reliance on two local food banks. As such, we are now distributing substantially more pounds of food to our clients each month than we were at the beginning of the year, while actually decreasing our costs! By leveraging our buying power with food banks & matching grants, we are able to stretch a dollar donation into \$9 or more worth of food. Our "food rescue" program enables us to offer fresh produce year-round as well as provide quality cuts of meat, deli products & a variety of perishable items. It has also allowed us to offer supplementary weekly service to patrons, who may now stop in once a week for a bag or two of perishable produce or bakery items. We are proud to report that our patrons recently completed surveys in which they overwhelmingly expressed satisfaction with their experiences at the Westonka Food Shelf during the year.

We would like to thank our 36 wonderful volunteers & our volunteer Board of Directors. They all work countless hours to ensure we serve our patrons as effectively as possible. We are pleased to also have the enthusiasm of great youth volunteers who have supported our efforts in amazing ways. We also thank Our Lady of the Lake Church for generously providing our facility "rent free" and without maintenance costs. This allows us to use 100% of donations for the direct procurement of food. We are blessed to have the support of our many local churches and their parishioners. We are extremely grateful for the support of Gale Woods Farms, Jubilee Foods, and Lund's Navarre. Finally, we want to thank our donors, local businesses, and organizations who generously support our mission to end hunger in our area.

Wishing you all the best in 2015!

-- Shelly Sir and Charlotte Nee



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Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:30am - Noon,
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am - Noon

and by appointment

Marriage: To confirm a wedding, please contact Fr. Tony at least 8 months before planning to marry.

Baptism: For baptismal information, please contact Carla LaBore, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, at 952-472-1284 ext. 145.

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**Our Lady of the Lake's
MISSION STATEMENT**

To be a community that worships, educates, and reaches out to others through our Catholic faith.

Our Mission Is: To proclaim Christ by celebrating the Eucharist, the Sacraments, and other liturgies & rites of the Catholic Church; To educate & enrich children & adults in living out our Catholic faith through worship, Faith Formation, a Catholic School, and by our example; To welcome, assist & reach out to the stranger, the forgotten, and those in need in our local community; To support social justice efforts here & elsewhere; & To use our talents & resources, given by God, justly & wisely.