



Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Advent

November 27th, 2016

***“For you do not know on which day
your Lord will come.”***

- Matthew 24:42

Brothers and Sisters,

There are many words to describe the purpose of Advent-renew, rejoice, repent, resign, be prepared. It seems to me that the special words are “be prepared.” It’s clear from Scripture - The Son of Man will come to judge. We need to be prepared.

We hear so many times in the Advent season the theme of being prepared. However, another important theme is waiting, not exactly a modern virtue. We are into things being instant, from coffee, to relief, to happiness. We want it NOW. We seem to have an unwillingness or even an inability to wait. In the spiritual life, waiting with patience is a necessity. We need to sit quietly to hear the Lord speak. Close your eyes, sit quietly, and listen. Especially in this season when candles are so important, symbolic of the light of Jesus, sitting quietly in the light of a candle can really help us with this listening.

Wake up to the need to be prepared and then to renew your faith as you cultivate a calm, meditative, spiritual Advent journey.

Have a Blessed and Spirit-Filled Advent Season,
Deacon Del

***Grace Family Center Mass
with Archbishop Hebda
and Reception
Saturday,
December 3rd***

Archbishop Hebda will be at Our Lady of the Lake to celebrate the 5:00pm Mass. Prior to the Mass, Archbishop Hebda will bless the Grace Family Center. *Space will be limited at the blessing.* Please join us for Mass followed by a reception and program in the PACE Center.

Refreshments and hors d’oeuvres will be provided by the Council of Catholic Women and the Knights of Columbus.

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Safety Issue at OLL During Winter Months

For your safety during the winter months, please enter and depart through the entrances that have been shoveled or plowed. We try to clear all entrances as quickly as possible. Please use the handrails located by the steps and wear appropriate footwear for snowy and icy conditions. These precautions will help to ensure your safety.



Rosary Intention: Awaken to Christ's Coming

Mass Intentions

beginning Monday, Nov. 28th

Monday 8:00am
Communion Service

Tuesday 6:30pm
†Joseph Thiem & †Maria Hien

Wednesday 9:00am
†Richard Smith

Thursday
8:00am Marie Beauchamp
10:00am LMS Residents

Friday 8:00am
†Adam Oeffling

Saturday 5:00pm
Parish

Sunday
8:30am Brett Broghammer
10:30am †Marlene Lewis

Calendar for the Week of Nov. 27th, 2016

Monday - Nov. 28th

10:00am Prayer & Playtime - John Paul II Chapel/Gym
7:00pm Boy Scouts Meeting - School Cafeteria

Tuesday - Nov. 29th

8:30am Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel
1:30pm Bible Study - Church Library

Wednesday - Nov. 30th

5:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Church
6:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - Church
6:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church
6:30pm Faith Formation Classes Gr. 1-8 - Classrooms

Thursday - Dec. 1st

10:00am Mass at Lake Minnetonka Shores - Hope
6:30pm RCIA - Library
6:30pm School Board Meeting - Fireside Room

Friday - Dec. 2nd

8:30am Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel

Saturday - Dec. 3rd

4:00pm Grace Family Center Blessing - GFC
5:00pm Mass with Archbishop Hebda - Church
6:00pm Reception - PACE Center

Sunday - Dec. 4th

10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church
10:30am Confirmation Retreat - Church & PACE Center

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Thursday, Dec. 8th (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass at 9:00am and 6:30pm

Advent Communal Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, Dec. 14th • 6:30pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve • Saturday, Dec. 24th

4:00pm Mass and 9:00pm Mass

Christmas Day • Sunday, Dec. 25th

8:30am Mass and 10:30am Mass



Christmas Needs & Wishes Parishioners at Our Lady of the Lake continue the tradition of preparing Christmas baskets and giving to families in need. Gifts are listed on tags on our Giving Tree, located near the Baptismal Font. Gifts are delivered to families submitted

by WeCAN, and other gifts are brought to parishioners who are homebound or recently have had life challenges. When you pick tags off the Tree and return your gifts, you are indeed bringing good news, a ray of sunshine, and the Light of Christ.



Pastoral Ministry

West Suburban Grief Coalition meets at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, 630 East Wayzata Blvd, Wayzata. 952-473-6601. The group meets Thursdays from 4:30 - 6:00pm.

December 1st: Grief and the Holidays

December 8th: Grieving While the Rest of the World Celebrates

December 15th: Holiday Grief

December 22nd: Journey Following Husband's Death

Lake Minnetonka Shores Senior Living Campus is offering a series on Anticipatory Grief. The next session is Thursday, December 8th, from 2:00 - 4:00pm in the Club Room. The meetings are facilitated by Rev. Gary Mueller, Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator. For more information, please call Sue at 952-471-3920.

Altar Servers who were not able to attend the training session on November 13th should contact the Parish Office if you are interested in this ministry. Please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Keeping Advent is counter-culture. Already there's Christmas décor wherever we look because preparations and sales need to be made. Then there is the Christian interpretation of the season... hold back! We're not celebrating until December 25th. The challenge for us is to keep an inner peace and prayerful expectation in the midst of the flurry: *"Comfort my people and quiet her fear; Tell her the time of salvation draws near."*

-Based on Isaiah 40

LIGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The Gospel on this first Sunday of Advent challenges us to "stay awake!" - to be attentive to Jesus' presence, to be attentive to God's time.

The way we live today prepares us to stay awake for the Life that is yet to come - and is already now.

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, Catherine Border, Tim Daly, Dan Entinger, Kathy Gnitka, Marilyn Nelson, Andra Olson, Lee Olson, Bobby Reil, and Adam Richardt

We pray for those in the Military: Travis B., Nicholas J., and Darrell V.

Parish Nurse After 7 years of serving as Parish Nurse for OLL, I have decided to retire from this position to pursue other activities. Stacy Hoh and Annette Parker are stepping up to fill this position at the end of November. What does a parish nurse do and not do? We do not replace your personal physician or health care provider. We assess the health care needs of the parish by visiting parishioners, providing information & referrals to other providers, advocating for healthy lifestyles, and being present with prayer & comfort in times of crisis and celebration. I plan to continue my involvement with this program to assist in this transition. Thank you for allowing me to serve you these past years. --Marcia Jerdee

If you have concerns about yourself or someone you love, please contact Carla LaBore at 952-472-1284 x145 or clabore@ourladyofthelake.com.

Blood Drive The next Westonka-area Community Blood Drive is Monday, December 19th, from 12:00pm to 6:30pm in the OLL Gym. Online sign-up is available at www.mbcherohub.club with sponsor code 0209. You can also call the Blood Center at 651-332-7171. If you prefer, or if you have questions, call Evert Lehtola at 952-472-6139 or send an e-mail to elehtola@aol.com. *Double Red Cell Donors are needed.* To sign-up for a double red cell donation, you will need to call the Blood Center. All donors can save some time in registering by completing the health history questionnaire online at mbc.org/idonate and bringing a printed copy with you to the Drive. This has to be done on the day of the drive. All donors must bring an ID. All presenting donors in December will have a chance to win a Polaris ATV! Visit mbc.org/atv for details.

New Bible Study!

We continue with the "Pivotal Players" series, and watch the DVD on Catherine of Sienna this week. She was one of the most influential women of her time, and became a Doctor of the Church. Next week we'll look at Blessed John Henry Newman. Please join us on Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the Church Library. For more information, contact Carla at 952-472-1284 x145 or clabore@ourladyofthelake.com.

FORMED:

Online Catholic Resource

Parish Code: **P Y W Y W J**

Here are some additional program suggestions for the month of November:

Presentation of Mary (Nov. 21st)

Movie: *Mary of Nazareth*

Program: *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*

Book: *The World's First Love*

1st Sunday in Advent (Nov. 27th)

Audio: *Prepare the Way of the King*

Feast of St. Andrew (Nov. 30th)

Movie: *Lost Gospels or False Gospels?*



Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word will *not* meet today, Sunday, November 27th.

Faith Formation Classes meet this Wednesday, November 30th, from 6:30 - 7:45pm.

Prayer and Playtime meets every Monday morning from 10:00 - 11:00. We will be meeting in the Library at the back of the Church for the month of December. Parents of preschoolers are welcome to join us anytime! No registration is necessary!

Sign-up to help at the next service opportunity at Loaves and Fishes at St. Gabriel's in Hopkins on Tuesday, December 13th, from 5:00 - 7:30pm. For more information, please contact Kathy at khejna@ourladyofthelake.com.

Council of Catholic Women



Christmas Cookies CCW Women who are able to provide homemade cookies and candies for the CCW Christmas Cookie Sale are asked to bring them to the Church Office by Noon on Friday, Dec. 9th, or to the PACE Center entrance either Friday, Dec. 9th from 4:00pm to 5:30pm, or Saturday, Dec. 10th from 8:00am to 9:30am.

Christmas Cookie Tins The CCW will be selling Christmas cookies on Saturday, Dec. 10th & Sunday, Dec. 11th, after the Masses. We need Christmas tins! If you can donate Christmas tins, please bring them to the Church Office during regular business hours, by Friday, Dec. 9th. Thank you!

PennyWise Thrift Store

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Now open on the following days:

Tuesdays & Fridays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Wednesdays: 6:30pm - 8:30pm



Looking for hostess gift ideas for the holidays? JuanAna Coffee makes an easy and delicious option! This fair trade coffee comes in a variety of roasts (dark and regular) whole bean or ground. You may purchase coffee by contacting Stephanie Greene (612-759-3332 or swgreene1@gmail.com) or in the Church Office with Dana.

Discipleship ... Faith In Action

Stewardship Thought

"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." - Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

Financial Stewardship

Collection totals for Nov. 19th & 20th, 2016:

Weekly Actual:	\$15,912
Weekly Requirement for November:	\$18,038
Fiscal YTD Actuals:	\$281,084
Fiscal YTD Requirement:	\$314,032

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

2017 Stewardship Pledge Forms If you have not yet done so, please return your 2017 Stewardship Pledge Form. You may drop it in the collection basket during Mass, or stop by or mail it to the Church Office. If you need a Stewardship Pledge Form, they are available on the tables by the Church exits. Thank you for making stewardship a way of life!

Incredible Festival Results for 2016 This year's Incredible Festival was once again a huge success, netting \$67,862! Thank you to the many volunteers and those who came to support the Festival! We appreciate everyone's support and contributions in making the Incredible Festival a success! See you next year on our new date - the third weekend after Labor Day - September 22nd, 23rd & 24th, 2017!

Christmas Flower Memorials



Help us decorate the Church at Christmas time with a gift of flowers. Consider a gift *In Honor Of* or *In Memory Of* a special person in your life. Please fill out the following information and put in in the collection basket during Mass, or stop by, or mail it to the Church Office, by 12:00pm on Monday, December 12th. Thank you!

_____ \$15.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ Other

In Honor Of / In Memory Of:

Name (please print)

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Please note: Both of the above names will be published in a future bulletin.

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 followed by last name @**schoololl.com**

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Mass Schedule**Weekends**

Saturday 5:00pm • Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

Weekdays

Mon. 8:00am Communion Service (Small Chapel)
 Tues. 6:30pm (Church)
 Wed. 9:00am (Church, with OLL School)
 Thurs. & Fri. 8:00am (Small Chapel)

Confessions Tuesdays 6:00-6:30pm,
 Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm and by appointment

Rosary 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 8:30am to 10:00pm,
 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 12 -1pm)
 Fri. 8:30am - 12:00pm
 Sun. 8:00am - 12:00pm

School Office Hours

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

OLL Committee Chairs**Cemetery Committee**

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*****Community Resources*******PennyWise Thrift Store**

Hours: Tuesday & Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm,
 Wednesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm

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 Action Network)** 952-472-0742

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