



Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

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2nd Sunday of Advent **December 4th, 2016**

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

- Matthew 3:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our Gospel for this second Sunday of Advent, we encounter the figure of John the Baptist. John the Baptist was the Lord's forerunner, the one who was sent to be the one crying out in the wilderness. The scriptures tell us that John was sent by God to be a witness...a witness to the light. He witnessed about the light of the world - Christ himself. His message was clear as he cried out, "Prepare the way of the Lord." This was his message to the Jewish people - to prepare for the coming messiah, Jesus Christ. John would say of Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." The words of John the Baptist speak also to us in this season. We are called to prepare a place for Jesus Christ in our lives and in our hearts.

This weekend we are honored to have Archbishop Hebda visit us. I am very grateful that he is here. Let's give him a rousing welcome and show our appreciation for his ministry.

God bless,
Fr. Tony

Please keep the "Drop Off Zone" on Commerce Boulevard (by Door # 1) clear on Saturdays & Sundays prior to Mass. This will allow volunteers who are dropping off individuals who are in need of a ride to Mass due to mobility issues to easily gain access to the building. Thank you for your cooperation!

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

Giving to Someone in Need on Christmas Morning

Are you a Communion Minister or volunteer at Lake Minnetonka Shores? As in the past few years, Flossie Finnicum is organizing a group to take Holy Communion to residents in the Care Center at Lake Minnetonka Shores at 7:30am on Christmas morning.

Please leave your name and number with Dana at 952-472-1284 x162 if you can help. Thanks!

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Saturday, Dec. 24th
4:00pm Mass & 9:00pm Mass



Christmas Day
Sunday, Dec. 25th
8:30am Mass & 10:30am Mass

The Church Office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th, for the Christmas Holiday, and Monday, January 2nd, for the New Year's Holiday.

Catholic calendars for 2017 are available by the Church Entrances. Please feel free to take one home with you! Special thanks to Huber Funeral Homes for their kind sponsorship of the calendar.



Rosary Intention:

*See the
Salvation of God*

**Mass Intentions
beginning Monday, Dec. 4th**

Monday 8:00am
Communion Service

Tuesday 6:30pm
✠Edward and ✠Mary Hejna

Wednesday 9:00am
✠Tom Spahn

Thursday 8:00am
✠Fran Fignar

Friday 8:00am
Archdiocese of St. Paul
and Minneapolis

Saturday 5:00pm
✠LaVonne Leroux

Sunday
8:30am Parish
10:30am ✠Catherine Border

Calendar for the Week of December 4th, 2016

Sunday - December 4th

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

Monday - December 5th

10:00am Prayer & Playtime - Church Library
5:00pm OLL School Family Fun Night - Presentation Room
6:30pm PTO Meeting - Church Library
7:00pm Boy Scouts Meeting - School Cafeteria

Tuesday - December 6th

8:30am Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel
10:00am Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group -
Church Library

1:30pm Bible Study - Church Library
7:00pm KC Officers Meeting - Fireside Room
7:00pm CCW Meeting - Presentation Room

Wednesday - December 7th

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
6:30pm Confirmation Class

Thursday - December 8th

9:00am Communion Ministry at LMS - Joy
9:00am Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass - Church
6:30pm Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass - Church
7:30pm RCIA - Library

Saturday - December 10th

6:00pm CCW Cookie Sale - PACE Center Gathering Space

Sunday - December 11th

8:30am CCW Donut Sunday - Presentation Room
9:30am CCW Cookie Sale - PACE Center Gathering Space
9:30am Family Faith Formation - School Cafeteria
10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church
11:30am CCW Cookie Sale - PACE Center Gathering Space
6:30pm Confirmation Class



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.

Support Group for Alzheimer's / Dementia Caregivers

Our next gathering is **Tuesday, December 6th, at 10:00am** in the Church Library. For more information, please contact Carla LaBore at 952-472-1284 x145 or clabore@ourladyofthelake.com.



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 8th: Grieving While the Rest of the World Celebrates

December 15th: Holiday Grief

December 22nd: Journey Following Husband's Death

December 29th: The Journey of Grief

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.

There are key words and phrases during Advent such as repent, peaceable kingdom, the voice of one crying in the desert, produce good fruit, Come Lord Jesus. Perhaps you'd like to choose one of these or another to be your mantra during the season.

Join us this Advent for the Best Advent Ever and Wrap Presents & Be Present!

We prepare for everything we consider important in life, and that includes Christmas. This year, slow down and focus on what matters most. Join **Dynamic Catholic for the free email program *Best Lent Ever: Rediscover Christmas***.

You'll receive short inspirational videos, practical tips and free Christmas music! Your experience of Christmas will be unlike any you've experienced before! Are you ready for your best Advent ever?

Sign-up at BestAdventEver.com

Blood Drive Monday, Dec. 19th • 12:00pm-6:30pm • OLL Gym

Sign-up online at mbcherohub.club, sponsor code 0209. Or call the Blood Center at 651-332-7171. If you prefer, or if you have questions, contact Evert Lehtola (952-472-6139 or elehtola@aol.com.) *Double Red Cell Donors 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 ID. All presenting donors in December will have a chance to win a Polaris ATV! Visit mbc.org/atv for details.

PennyWise Thrift Store

Sale!

50% off all clothing except specially marked items (oval racks, etc.)

Tuesday, Dec. 6th, Wednesday, Dec. 7th and Friday, Dec. 9th

LIGHT FOR THE WEEK:

In today's Gospel, there's an urgency in John's call to repentance. John teaches about Jesus' baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire. Each of us were most likely baptized many years ago. The grace of our baptism continues. We have a vocation to follow Jesus in the Holy Spirit and fire.

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, Dan Entinger, Kathy Gnitka, Marilyn Nelson, Andra Olson, Lee Olson, Maddie Poranski, Bobby Reil, and Adam Richardt

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

Mass Intentions Offering a Mass for a specific intention dates back to the very early days of the Church. (Inscriptions have been found in catacombs dating back to the second century.) Intentions are requested most frequently for the souls of the deceased, but can also be in thanksgiving for a benefit received, or for a living person, such as on a birthday. The purpose of special intentions relates to the graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass. The Eucharistic prayers address the "communion of saints," those who have already made it to heaven, and those of us who are still pilgrims on this earth. All together, as the Body of Christ, we ask for the intercession of the saints to obtain these special graces for the identified person with the goal of attaining eternal life in heaven with God.

If you would like to honor a loved one with a Mass Intention, please stop by the Church Office.

Bible Study

On Tuesday, December 6th, we will watch the Bishop Robert Barron video on Blessed John Henry Newman. He was very influential during Vatican II and is on track to becoming a saint. He converted to Catholicism after studying the Church Fathers. Please join us in the Church Library at 1:30pm on Tuesday.

FORMED:

Online Catholic Resource

Parish Code: P Y W Y W J

For the month of December, please explore the following resources:

2nd Sunday of Advent (Dec. 4th)

Program: *Advent, Session 2: Trust in God*

Immaculate Conception of Mary (Dec. 8th)

Program: *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 9: Mary and the Saints*

3rd Sunday of Advent (Dec. 11th)

Program: *Advent, Session 3: Watch and Pray*

FORMED also now has **Children's Content!**

Check out the **Program:** *Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree* or download the **Movie:** *Skiff & AJ's Fantastic Voyage* or read the **Book:** *Saint Thomas Aquinas.*



Faith Formation

Check out the Advent Wreath on the back wall of the Church. The candles on the wreath have been created by the OLL School and Faith Formation students. See all the ways that they will be a light to others this Advent season!

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets today, Sunday, Dec. 4th, at the 10:30 Mass. The children will be dismissed after the Opening Prayer and will return to their families during the Creed. We will discuss the Scripture readings at an age-appropriate level for all children Preschool through Grade 4. No registration is required.

Prayer & Playtime is a program for all families of Preschool children. We meet every Monday from 10:00-11:00am. Please join us in the Church Library in the back of the Church during the month of December and make an Advent calendar with your child(ren). No need to sign-up, just come when you can! Questions? Contact Kathy at 952-472-1284 x147.

Faith Formation Classes for Grades 1-8 meet this Wednesday, Dec. 7th, from 6:30-7:45pm. This will be our last regular class in December.

There's still space available for our service opportunity at Loaves and Fishes on Tuesday, Dec. 13th! We will be volunteering at St. Gabriel's Church in Hopkins from 5:00-7:30pm. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Kathy at khejna@ourladyofthelake.com.

Council of Catholic Women



Celebrate the season with the CCW on Tuesday, Dec. 6th! A Potluck Dinner and Caroling by the Mound-Westonka High School Madd Jazz group will follow the 6:30pm Mass. The dinner, entertainment, and a very brief meeting, is in the Presentation Room. **All women of the parish are welcome!**

The CCW is selling Christmas cookies on Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 10th & 11th, after the Masses. The cookies in decorative Christmas tins make wonderful gifts! Please stop by.

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-5:30pm, or Saturday, Dec. 10th from 8:00am-9:30am.

The CCW is collecting supplies greatly needed by the homeless. Please help by bringing socks, toiletries and bath towels to our Collection Bucket, located in the Church Hall connecting to the PACE Center, by the CCW Bulletin Board. Donations may also be dropped off in the Church Office. Thank you!

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection - Dec. 11th/12th Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95% of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to *work*." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime. Thank you.

Discipleship ... Faith In Action

Stewardship Thought

***“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”
- Matthew 3:10***

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent & treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter & junk? Our time, our talent & our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

In this season of gift-giving to family, friends, and those less fortunate, we hope you will also consider your gift to Our Lady of the Lake Church. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the parish that we are able to carry on our work. Your contributions are needed for everything from special programs to basic operating expenses. Our Lady of the Lake deeply appreciates the efforts of parishioners to make consistent donations throughout the year. To assist you, we provide an electronic-giving option for both regular offerings and one-time gifts. For details, please contact Rhonda Eurich, Parish Administrator, in the Church Office at 952-472-1284 x161 or reurich@ourladyofthelake.com. Thank you.

Gift Deadline for 2016 Tax Credit

In order to receive tax-deduction credit for your 2016 taxes, mailed checks must be postmarked by Saturday, December 31st. Thank you for your generosity!

Financial Stewardship

Collection totals for Nov. 26th & 27th, 2016:

Weekly Actual:	\$18,565
Weekly Requirement for November:	\$18,038
Fiscal YTD Actuals:	\$299,649
Fiscal YTD Requirement:	\$332,070

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



Our Lady of the Lake School Upcoming Events

Family Fun Night Monday, Dec. 5th 5:00-7:00pm
Theme: PJ Party - Come dressed in your favorite pajamas! Dinner provided.

Christmas Concert Thursday, Dec. 15th 6:30pm Gym Preschool-8th Gr.

Save the Date! Kindergarten Roundup January 16th 6:00-7:15pm

Join us and learn how OLL educates the whole child: body, mind and spirit. Meet our staff and parents of children in our School. Dinner provided.

OLL Alumni Spotlight We are looking to showcase our amazing OLL alumni and where they are now. Please contact Kassie Ricke at kricke@schoololl.com for details.

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 it 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)

Donor (please print)

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



Safety 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. Thank you!

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!



Looking for hostess gift ideas for the holidays? JuanAna Coffee makes an easy & 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 at 612-759-3332 or swgreene1@gmail.com or in the Church Office with Dana.

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

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Community Resources

PennyWise Thrift Store

Hours: Tuesday & Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm,

Wednesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Westonka Food Shelf 952-472-5599

WeCAN (Western Communities Action Network) 952-472-0742

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