

**Our Lady of the Lake
Catholic Church**

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Third Sunday of Advent



***“Rejoice always, pray constantly,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus for you”***

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**4th Sunday of Advent
Mass Schedule**

Saturday, December 23

Confessions: 4:00pm

Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday, December 24

Mass: 8:30am

Note: No 10:30am Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

4:00pm and 9:00pm



Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

8:30am and 10:30am

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The readings for today tell us to, “prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope that His presence will bestow.”

What is the secret of Christmas joy? It is rejoicing in the Lord. The Lord is near...He is with us. Once this is a reality in a person’s life, there will be joy. We hear at Christmas time, “Listen, I bring you news of great joy to be shared by the whole people.” Joy in the Lord is forward looking...the essence of our enjoyment is in the anticipation...Christ will come again to bring us eternal joy. God, who created this world with its goodness and beauty, created joy. Also, He is love, He is joy. Living in Jesus, living well, moral living...brings joy. It happens as a result of being a “Christian.”

Another theme that comes out of our reading for this Advent Sunday is prayer. As we work to prepare ourselves for Jesus, one of the most important ways to do that is through prayer. Talking to God in praise, thanking and asking in prayer, St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Thessalonians that we should pray and rejoice always and never stop. That is a marvelous way for us to be ready for Jesus.

Cheer up-----have a joyous week.

Deacon Del

Did you know that Catholics have an obligation to attend Mass every Sunday? Sunday, December 24th is the 4th Sunday of Advent.

We will have Masses on Saturday, December 23rd, at 5:00pm and Sunday, December 24th, at 8:30am (we will **not** have Mass at 10:30am). So depending on which Masses you attend for the 4th Sunday of Advent and for Christmas, you may be attending Mass twice in one day! What a blessing to celebrate so strongly this Christmas!

Dear Parishioners,

We cannot imagine not being able to receive Holy Communion on Christmas, however, this is the circumstance for many parishioners living at Lake Minnetonka Shores - many of whom have been the foundation of our parish, helping build our Church and School. Please consider giving one hour of your time early Christmas morning (7:30am) to help distribute Holy Communion, an experience that will bring you great joy. If you can help, please leave your name & phone number with Dana in the Church Office at 952.472.8200. Thank you!

-- Flossie Finnicum

The Church Office will be **closed** on Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26 for the Christmas Holiday, and Monday, January 1 for the New Year's Holiday.

Please Note: Due to the Church Campus being closed, we will **not** have Confessions, Mass, or Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, December 26.



*Rosary Intention:
Make Straight the
Way of the Lord*

**Mass Intentions
beginning Monday, Dec. 18**

Monday - 8:00am
Communion Service

Tuesday - 6:30pm
✠Richard Brenny

Wednesday - 9:00am
Our Lady of the Lake School

Thursday - 8:00am
✠Joseph Thiem

10:00am LMS Residents

Friday - 8:00am
✠James Stockinger

Saturday - 5:00pm
✠Bill and ✠Bernice Volkenant

Sunday
8:30am Parish
4:00pm ✠Jim Thibault
9:00pm Dan Entinger

**Scripture Readings for Dec. 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Reading 1 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12,
14a, 16

Reading 2 Romans 16:25-27

Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Visit usccb.org/bible/readings
for the daily readings.

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Calendar for the Week of December 17, 2017

Sunday - December 17

8:00am Pancake Breakfast - Presentation Room

10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church

Monday - December 18

12:00pm Community Blood Drive - Gym

Tuesday - December 19

8:30am Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel

Wednesday - December 20

7:00am Finance Committee Meeting - Fireside Room

5:00pm Handbell Choir Practice - Church

6:00pm Children's Choir Practice - Church

6:30pm Adult Choir Practice - Church

6:30pm Faith Formation - Classrooms

Thursday - December 21

8:30am Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel

10:00am Mass at Lake Minnetonka Shores

5:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting - Fireside Rm.

6:30pm RCIA - Fr. Jager Room

Saturday - December 23

10:00am Holiday Basket Distribution - School Cafeteria

Sunday - December 24

4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

New Year's Day Mass • Monday, January 1 • 10:00am



Knights of Columbus

WINTER BINGO • Saturday, January 6, 2018

Food & Refreshments will be available!

Join the Knights of Columbus for Winter Bingo in the Presentation Room. Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs & Refreshments sold at 6:00pm. Winter Bingo begins at 6:30pm.

Council of Catholic Women



Thank you to all who participated in the CCW Christmas Cookie Sale. Whether you donated Christmas tins, baked cookies, helped with the set-up and sale, or purchased the cookies, we appreciate your support!

2018 Stewardship Pledge Forms

If you have not yet done so, please return your 2018 Stewardship Pledge Form. You may drop it in the collection basket during Mass, 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!



Liturgy

Seeking God, Encountering God

Advent Christmas Epiphany

The early Christians believed that the end time, the moment when Christ would come in glory, was very near. Catch words in the Gospel from Mark on the first Sunday of Advent tip us off to their belief: Be watchful! Be alert!

As history has born out, the waiting for Jesus' second coming has continued to our time, the Year of Salvation Two Thousand Seventeen.

While we wait,
It's for us to watch, recognize, and be expectant
of the Messiah Jesus in our every day.
What evidence of
Jesus' presence will you notice this blessed season?
--Sr. Carrie Link

We pray for those in need. Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Chris A.	Jennifer Lacy
Russell Barger	Andra Olson
Al Blackwell	Mike Paxton
Bob Blake	Maddie Poranski
Jim Carlson	Bobby Reil
Dan Entinger	Adam Richardt
Kathy Gnitka	Mike Schulz
Dolores Kelly	

We pray for those in the Military:

Travis B.	Freddie M.	Darrell V.
Nicholas J.	Nicholas R.	

PennyWise Thrift Shop

The PennyWise Thrift Shop has a new display in the Gathering Space, with some of the religious items we have available for sale in the store. Stop and look in the case in the northeast corner. You don't have to travel to another town or go online for a religious gift. Also, Christmas decorations are currently on sale *buy one, get one* (of equal or lesser value).

STORE HOURS Tuesdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm • Wednesdays: 6:30pm - 8:30pm • Fridays: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Saturdays: 10:00am - 1:00pm • 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month: 9:30am - 3:00pm

Our Lady of the Lake School



Kindergarten Roundup • January 18, 2018 • 6:00 - 7:30pm

"The gift that lasts a lifetime... Catholic Education."

New students in Kindergarten - 8th Grade receive a 50% tuition grant.

Our Personalized Learning provides a rigorous individualized curriculum rooted in Faith to engage, encourage, and challenge our students, but also inspire their emotional intelligence through monthly service projects. Our students learn to love learning while loving others.

Open House • January 28, 2018 • 11:45am - 2:00pm

Open to all families! Join us to tour the School and learn about our Faith-based curriculum, Personalized Learning, service to others and small class sizes.

New students in Kindergarten - 8th Grade receive a 50% tuition grant.

Preschool Roundup • January 29, 2018 • 6:00 - 7:15pm

Join us to learn about our Creative Curriculum, Faith-based learning, small class sizes, and family community.

SUPERBOWL LII RAFFLE TICKETS!!

SuperBowl raffle tickets are for sale in the Church & School Offices! Win 2 tickets to SuperBowl LII at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, plus entrance into the Premier Pre-Game Party featuring one of the country's top performers and complimentary food & drinks! Value of this package is approximately \$14,000! Tickets are \$100 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. Questions? Contact Kassie Ricke at kricke@schoololl.com.



Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets today, Sunday, December 17, at the 10:30 Mass. There will be no Children's Liturgy on December 24 or December 31.

Faith Formation Classes meet this Wednesday, December 20, at 6:30pm. The students in Grades 1-6 will be making Christmas decorations for the residents at Lake Minnetonka Shores Nursing Home. At 7:30 students will be gathering in the School Cafeteria for treats and fun. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us!

Faith Formation Classes do not meet on December 27 and January 3 because of Christmas break. Classes will resume on January 10.

There will be a make-up session for the Mandatory Safety Session for Grades 1-6 on Wednesday, January 10, from 6:30 - 7:45pm. If your child was unable to be here on November 15 for the originally scheduled safety session, they should plan on attending on January 10.

Join us for our next Family Fun Night on Monday, January 8, from 5:00 - 7:00pm! There will be dinner for the family, as well as games, crafts, and fun in the Gym. Hope you can join us!

Youth Ministry

Christmas Break: There will be no Confirmation Classes from December 17 - 31 (Sunday sessions) and December 20 - January 10 (Wednesday sessions). The Sunday Class will resume on January 7. Wednesday Classes will resume class on January 17.

Our Edge Christmas Celebration is Wednesday, December 20. Parents are welcome. Edge will not meet from December 27 - January 3 and will return on January 10.

FORMED • Online Catholic Resource

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

The following resources are suggested for the month of December:

December 9 - St. Juan Diego

Watch: Guadalupe: The Miracle and Message
Listen: Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego

December 9 - Anniversary of the Death of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Study: Modern Media
Watch: Servant of All
Read: The World's First Love
Listen: The True Meaning of Christmas
Listen: Three to Get Married

December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

Study: YDisciple: Advent, Session 2: Trust in God
Watch: Christmas in Rome

December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Watch: Guadalupe: The Miracle and Message
Listen: Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego
Listen: The World's First Love

December 13 - St. Odilia

Read: Twenty Tales of Irish Saints

December 14 - St. John of the Cross

Read: Deep Conversion, Deep Prayer
Read: Fire of Love
Read: Fire Within

December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent

Study: Advent, Session 3: Watch & Pray
Watch: Christmas in Rome

December 18 - St. Flannan

Read: Twenty Tales of Irish Saints

December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

Read: The Young People's Book of Saints

December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Study: Advent, Session 4: The Gift

To Register: Go to Formed.org and click on "Register." Enter the Parish Code **P Y W Y W J** and set up your login.

The OLL Maintenance Committee has been working on many projects this past year. One of the projects was to provide a mini-split heat pump system for the John Paul II Chapel. The Chapel has become more comfortable year-round as the thermostat is set to heat or cool the room at the set temperature. It is an energy efficient unit which provides a quiet, peaceful environment.

Discipleship ... Faith In Action

Stewardship Thought

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Requirements</u>
December 9 & 10, 2017	\$ 21,729	\$ 32,440
Fiscal YTD (07/01/17 to present)	\$359,241	\$392,280

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, contact Rhonda Eurich, Parish Administrator, at 952.472.8201 or reurich@ourladyofthelake.com. Thank you.

Gift Deadline for 2017 Tax Credit: In order to receive tax-deduction credit for your 2017 taxes, mailed checks must be postmarked by Saturday, December 30. Thank you for your generosity!

Retirement Fund for Religious A religious sister writes, “When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless.” Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

New Parish App Coming Soon! In the coming weeks, Our Lady of the Lake will launch our own app for iPhone and Android smartphones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news and information via push notifications. It is also aimed at helping support your faith life. The app is very intuitive and easy to use - and completely optional. For parishioners who are interested, it will be a great resource by providing all of the following (& more!)



- Mass Schedules & Reminders
- Fr. Tony’s Homilies and Ask Fr. Tony Videos
- Daily Mass Readings
- Catholic News Feeds, Prayers, Bible Studies & Media
- OLL Bulletins & Calendar
- OLL Specific News, Info. & Staff Contacts
- Convenient Prayer & Confession Reminders
- Online Giving

We hope our new app will be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at OLL and better engaging in the New Evangelization. Watch in the coming weeks for our official launch announcement!

If you would like to see the “Ask Fr. Tony” Videos, find us on Facebook.com/OLLMound and scroll down to “Videos.”

Mound-Westonka Community Blood Drive

Monday, December 18 • 12:00pm - 6:30pm • Our Lady of the Lake Gym

To signup - Online: mbcherohub.club (sponsor code 0209) • Call Memorial Blood Center • 651.332.7171
Questions? Contact Evert Lehtola: 952.472.6139 • elehtola@aol.com. *Double Red Cell Donors Needed.* To sign-up for a double donation, call the Blood Center. Save time 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.

Catholic calendars for 2018 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.

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Church Staff e-mails are first letter of first name,
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Church Office Hours
Monday - Thursday:
8:30am - 5:00pm (Closed 12:00 - 1:00pm)
Friday: 8:30am - 12:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am - 12:00pm
School Office Hours
Monday - Friday: 7:30am - 4:00pm

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, & 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 & Thursdays from 8:30am to
10:00pm and on First Fridays of the month after
the morning Mass until 8:00pm. Please join us
for this rewarding experience!

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School News

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School – Education With Spirit!

December 2017

We are so thankful for the support of OLL parishioners! We publish this monthly newsletter to share the joy in our school with you. In it, you will find news and updates on what is happening in our school, as well as parish/community events we are involved in or hosting. Here you can see our faith alive in our school and even find some ways you can get involved. Enjoy the latest from our school below!

OLL+

OLL+ will be open during the Christmas break except for December 25th, 26th, and January 1st. Contact Mrs. A. at 952-472-8244 or ollplus@schoololl.com to reserve a spot.

Playground Helpers

We are in need of playground helpers almost any day of the week (from 11:30am to 11:55am) for the months ahead. Please let us know if you are able to help us out with this important opportunity. If interested, please call Carol in the School Office at 952.472.8228.

Toys for Tots

Our December Service project was collecting gifts for Toys for Tots. This proved to be a great way to start a conversation with our children about serving those in need.

Elf Week – Showing Our Love for the Staff

Elf Week (December 11-13) was a time when parents did a few extra things for the staff to help them during this busy time of the year. Parent volunteers provided teachers with snacks during the week. They also wrapped presents for teachers, addressed Christmas cards, and helped with any projects in the classroom. What a great example of all the love at Our Lady of the Lake School!

Mass at Lake Minnetonka Shores

On December 21st, K-8th grade will be going to Minnetonka Shores for a Mass and they will be singing Christmas carols. Permission slips will be going home soon.

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Our School Board:

Fr. Tony O'Neill, Pastor (Ex-Officio Voting)

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Nancy Erdman, Teacher Rep. (Ex-Officio Non-Voting)

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