



# *Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church*

**Fr. Tony O'Neill, Pastor**

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” -Luke 21:28**

## **Mass Schedule**

### **Weekends**

Sat. 5:00pm

Sun. 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 3:00pm to 6:00pm, 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. 8:30 - Noon

Sat. Closed

Sun. 8:00am - Noon

## **Parish & School Phone Extensions**

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Kathy Hejna ... 147

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## **School Office Hours**

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



## Calendar for the Week of November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Monday - November 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 6:30pm Bible Study - Church Library

**Tuesday - December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 1:30pm Bible Study - Church Library  
 3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel  
 7:00pm KC Officers Meeting - Fireside Room  
 7:00pm CCW Meeting - Presentation Room  
 7:00pm Grace Family Center Finance Meeting - Church Library

**Wednesday - December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal - Church  
 6:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - Church  
 6:30pm Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-6 - School Classrooms  
 6:30pm Jr. High Youth Group - Presentation Room  
 6:30pm Confirmation Class - Fireside Room  
 6:30pm OLL School Information Night - School  
 6:45pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church

**Thursday - December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 10:00am Mass at Lake Minnetonka Shores - Hope  
 6:00pm School Board Meeting - Fireside Room  
 6:00pm Liturgy Committee Meeting - Church Library

**Friday - December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30am First Friday Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel

**Saturday - December 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00am Advent Morning of Reflection - Church**

**Sunday - December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church  
 11:30am Confirmation Sponsor Event - Presentation  
 6:30pm Confirmation Class - Presentation Room

*Calendar subject to change without notice.*



### Parish Advent Retreat • Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> • 9:00am - Noon

Please join us for our Parish Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to noon. We'll begin with Mass, followed by a light breakfast and fellowship. After breakfast there will be a presentation by Fr. Nate LaLiberte, Pastor at St. Maximilian Kolbe in Delano. We will have Eucharistic Adoration with the opportunity for confessions. Please plan on attending this Advent Retreat!

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate Mass at 9:00am & 6:30pm.**

**Join us on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**, after the 10:30am Mass in the Presentation Room for a "Thank You" reception for Dan Entinger. Please plan on attending to honor Dan for all that he has done for the Our Lady of the Lake Community. Refreshments will be served.

**Advent Communal Reconciliation Service**  
**Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**  
*Christmas Eve - Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>*  
*4:00pm Mass & 9:00pm Mass*  
*Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>*  
*8:30am Mass & 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 the 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.

**In an effort to enhance parish communications, OLL is updating its list of parishioner contact information.** We would especially like to build a list of **email addresses** of our Parishioners. Please update your information and share your email address - further details to come next weekend!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent and with it the beginning of the Church's new liturgical year. The season of Advent has a two-fold character. Firstly, we prepare for the commemoration of the birth of our Lord at Christmas, and, secondly, we look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time. Our Catechism says of this season, "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming."



During the season of Advent, many things happen in our Church that help us to focus on the comings of Christ. The liturgical colors change from green to purple. Purple is the color of royalty and also of repentance. Our Mass readings change and we go back through the Old Testament hearing readings about the anticipation of the coming savior. We also hear from scripture about the end of time when Jesus will come again. We also have an Advent wreath which is symbolic. We light the candles symbolizing the coming of the light into the darkness.

In the ancient Greek manuscripts of the Bible, there are two different words used to name time. The first is *chronos*, which refers simply to the measurement of time. The second word is *kairos*, a term used to describe a time that is filled with meaning, a time of God's particular action. Kairos is always a moment of salvation, a time in which grace and redemption are offered to humanity. Advent can indeed be a Kairos time for each one of us if we are open to the coming of Christ into our hearts. There are some things that we can do to increase our vigilance in this season. A daily re-dedication of our lives to Christ will help us focus on the importance of the coming of Christ. This is also an excellent time to avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Making a special effort to pray together as a family is also a great way to prepare for the great Feast of Christmas. May this Advent truly be a Kairos time for us and may we be filled with joy at the coming of the Savior.

God bless, Fr. Tony



## Pastoral Ministry

**Light for the Week:** Eternal God, lift from our hearts the weight of self-indulgence, and strengthen us for holiness. Amid chaos and confusion, let your people stand secure. Raise our heads to greet the redemption that is drawing near, the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. Blessed Advent!

**West Suburban Grief Coalition** meets at Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church, 7600 Harold Avenue, Golden Valley, MN 55427. The group meets Thursdays from 4:30-6:00pm.

**Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Whatcha Gonna Do

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>:** Grief at the Holidays

**"TO" Committee members** sponsor our Christmas outreach, and during the year volunteers involved with "TO" offer help to those who need short-term assistance. We may very well be the first responders when someone needs a ride to an appointment, a mandatory errand, or other service as needs arise. **We need to refresh our list of volunteers.** Volunteers need to be available during the day. Please call Sr. Carrie if you can help. Thanks!

**The Anointing of the Sick** will be offered in the Daily Mass Chapel after the Masses on December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Please avail yourself on this blessed sacrament.

*We remember our beloved deceased,  
Marlene "Marty" Garvais.  
May she rest in God's peace.*

**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., Alan Blackwell, Bob Blake, Bill & Joyce Blume, Tim Daly, David Filippi, Mark Fliss, Kathy Gnitka, Fred Hanley, Greg Howard, Clarence & Connie Korbel, Joe Lofrano, Ted Mateski, Andra Olson, Bobby Reil, Ben Renteria, Adam Richardt, Monica Savage, Mike Schulz, Laura Sohns, Mike & Kim Sorensen, Warren & Louise Spigler, and John Ziminske

**We Pray for Those in the Military:**

David B., Nicholas J., Benjamin M., Christopher P., Braden T., Darrell V., and Noah V.



## Faith Formation

**Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, for our Advent Family Service Night!** All families are invited to join us to make tie blankets for the young patients at Children's Hospital. Together we can brighten up the families with children struggling with illness this holiday season!

**Faith Formation Classes will meet this Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30pm.**

**Family Faith Formation will have their December session on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am in the School Cafeteria. Our theme this month is "The Lord Keeps His Promises."** The lesson will focus on God's promises starting at Adam and Eve and continuing for us today!



**The date is set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Guatemala Mission Trip!** We will be serving in San Lucas from July 19<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Applications are due December 14<sup>th</sup>. This trip is open to both high school and adult members of the parish. To obtain an application form or receive more information on the trip, please contact Theresa Zweber at [tzweber@ourladyofthelake.com](mailto:tzweber@ourladyofthelake.com) or 952-472-1284 ext. 144. Through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, a need-based scholarship is available. Please contact Theresa Zweber to apply.

### Adult Education

Fr. Michael Gaitley is back! On January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, the follow-up to the Marian 33 Days program, Consoling the Heart of Jesus, will begin. This is a 10-week series leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, which is the Sunday after Easter. You can order the Participant's Packet for this program at [HeartsAfire.com](http://HeartsAfire.com) for \$29.95 (which includes the book), or you can order just the book at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) for reduced rates, or you can check with the local bookstores to see if they have copies. Classes will be on Mondays at 6:30pm or Tuesdays at 1:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact Carla at 952-472-1284 ext. 145.



We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions, and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! FPU classes meet for around an hour and a half each week for nine weeks. For more information, contact Carla at 952-472-1284 ext. 145 or [clabore@ourladyofthelake.com](mailto:clabore@ourladyofthelake.com).

**OLL is now selling coffee from San Lucas Mission** to support our Mission Trip Building Projects. There are three varieties (light roast ground, light roast whole bean, & dark roast whole bean) at a cost of \$12 per pound with proceeds benefiting the 2016 Mission Trip Project. Pre-Order Forms for December are available in the Church Office and are due by Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information or questions, please contact Stephanie Greene at 612-759-3332.



### Our Lady of the Lake School News



**SAVE THE DATE** for the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School Information Night! Join us and learn why Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School may be the right choice for your child. This informative event for parents will be on **Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from 6:30-7:30pm at the School. Parents will have the opportunity to meet and talk with our Principal, Becky Kennedy, parents of OLL, teachers, and students. Let your friends know about this great opportunity to learn more about our wonderful school. For more information, please contact Shawn Hogan at 952-472-1284 ext. 156 or [shogan@schoololl.com](mailto:shogan@schoololl.com).



### Council of Catholic Women

The next CCW Meeting is Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. We will start with a Potluck Dinner after the 6:30pm Mass. The Mass Intention is for Marlene Lenz, who was a past president of the CCW. A High School music group will entertain us. All women of the Parish are welcome! Please join us!

## **DISCIPLESHIP ... FAITH IN ACTION**

### **Stewardship Thought**

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." -Luke 21:28*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

### **Financial Stewardship**

Collection totals for Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015:

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Envelopes          | \$ 7,804        |
| Plate              | 548             |
| Electronic         | 6,342           |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$14,694</b> |
| Weekly Budget      | \$ 15,856       |
| Fiscal YTD Actuals | \$289,247       |
| Fiscal YTD Budget  | \$332,972       |

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

**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. Please contact Administrator Rhonda Eurich in the Church Office for details at 952-472-1284 ext. 161. Thank you.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection:** Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18).

**The Westonka Food Shelf is Grateful and Thankful!** During the upcoming holiday season the Westonka Food Shelf will provide nearly 600 baskets to local families with the ingredients for an enjoyable meal on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your donation of \$30.00 will provide a basket to a family in need.

While counting our many blessings, we would like to thank our wonderful volunteers and our Board of Directors for their countless hours of dedication and work to ensure we serve our patrons as graciously and effectively as possible. We thank Our Lady of the Lake Church and parishioners for your tremendous generosity in providing our facility and working tirelessly on our new home, the Grace Family Center. We are blessed to receive abundantly, both food and financial donations, from OLL and our many local churches and their congregations. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support of Gale Woods Farms, Jubilee Foods, and Lund's & Byerly's Navarre. Finally, we thank our donors, local businesses, and organizations who generously support our mission to end hunger in our area. Together we make a difference in the lives of many!

### **Christmas Flower Memorials**



Help us decorate the Church at Christmas 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, or stop by or mail it to the Church Office, by Noon on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.*



**Mass Intentions for the Week  
beginning Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

|        |         |                   |
|--------|---------|-------------------|
| Mon.   | 8:00am  | Communion Service |
| Tues.  | 6:30pm  | ✠Marlene Lenz     |
| Wed.   | 9:00am  | Jill Schmidt      |
| Thurs. | 8:00am  | Stacy Hoh         |
|        | 10:00am | LMS Residents     |
| Fri.   | 8:00am  | Emily Schaper     |
| Sat.   | 5:00pm  | Parish            |
| Sun.   | 8:30am  | ✠Ann Schwingler   |
|        | 10:30am | ✠Adrian Meuwissen |

***Rosary Intention:***

***Vigilance for Christ's Daily Comings***

**Blood Drive**

**The next Westonka-area Blood Drive is on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, from noon to 6:30pm in the OLL Gym.** Online sign-up is available at [www.mbc.org/searchdrives](http://www.mbc.org/searchdrives) with sponsor code 0209. You can also call the Blood Center at 651-332-7165. If you prefer, or if you have questions, call Evert Lehtola at 952-472-6139 or send an e-mail to [elehtola@aol.com](mailto:elehtola@aol.com). Double Red Cell Donors are needed. Enter ALYX or "double red cells" in the comment section of the online form. You can save some time in registering by completing the health history questionnaire online at [mbc.org/idonate](http://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 presenting donors in December are eligible to register to win a Polaris ATV. All donors must bring an ID.

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**PennyWise is currently closed.**

**Westonka Food Shelf** 952-472-5599

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