



Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

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2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6th, 2015

**“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...”
-Philippians 1:9-10**

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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Parish Administrator, Rhonda Eurich ... 161

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Kathy Hejna ... 147

Adult Faith Formation Coordinator,
Carla LaBore ... 145

Youth Minister, Theresa Zweber ... 144

Music Director, Courtney Young ... 181

School Principal, Becky Kennedy ... 151

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School Office Hours

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



Calendar for the Week of December 6th, 2015

Sunday - December 6th
 10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church
 11:30am Confirmation Sponsor Event - Pres. Room
 6:30pm Confirmation Class - Presentation Room

Monday - December 7th
 6:30pm Bible Study - Church Library
 6:30pm PTO Meeting - Fireside Room

Tuesday - December 8th
 9:00am Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
 1:30pm Bible Study - Church Library
 3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel
 6:30pm Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass

Wednesday - December 9th
 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal - Church
 6:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - Church
 6:15pm Grace Family Center Building Meeting - Church Library

Wednesday - December 9th (Continued)
 6:30pm Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-6 - School Classrooms
 6:30pm Jr. High Youth Group - Presentation Room
 6:30pm Confirmation Class - Fireside Room
 6:45pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church

Thursday - December 10th
 9:00am Eucharistic Ministry at LMS - Joy
 6:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting - Fireside

Sunday - December 13th
 8:30am CCW Donut Sunday - Presentation Room
 9:30am Family Faith Formation - School Cafeteria
 10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church
 11:30am Thank You Reception for Dan Entinger - Presentation Room
 6:30pm Confirmation Class - Presentation Room

Calendar subject to change without notice.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 8th
 9:00am Mass & 6:30pm Mass

Advent Communal Reconciliation Service

Thursday, Dec. 17th • 6:30pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

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

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

Friday, January 1st
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, Dec. 31st
 6:30pm Vigil Mass

Friday, Jan. 1st
 10:00am Mass

Gift Deadlines for 2015 Tax Credit

In order to receive tax-deduction credit for your 2015 taxes, mailed checks must be postmarked by Thursday, December 31st.
 Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You Reception for Dan Entinger

Join us on Sunday, December 13th, 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 OLL Community. Refreshments will be served.

Christmas Ministry

Communion Ministers are invited to take Holy Communion to residents at Lake Minnetonka shores on Christmas morning at 7:30 a.m. Many of these wonderful people at Lake Minnetonka Shores have been the foundation of our parish and school for years and years. If it weren't for them, we would not have a Church in which to worship or a School to educate our young. Please leave your name & phone number with Dana in the Church Office at 952-472-1284, ext. 162. Thanks!
 --Flossie Finnicum, Parishioner

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 & 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.

A Message from our Principal

A year ago at this time, I was eight months pregnant with my third child. I was so done. I wanted nothing more than to meet our newest bundle and be done with being pregnant. But that last month of actively waiting is so important for the development of our baby and us; just like our waiting for Christmas. This month of preparation is so important for us to further develop into the person that God has planned for us. I need to remember Jesus came to the earth to save us, not bring us presents in a red bag.

To help with this preparation, as a school community, we will stop everything and pray once a day together wherever we are in the building. To keep this from becoming routine, we will change the time and our intention each day. One other all-school activity we will be doing is that every classroom will be creating their own Jesse Tree. To do this, the students will read a daily classroom devotional and decorate a shape to represent that day's Bible story. As the Advent season progresses, our Jesse Trees will be filled with symbols to remind us of the Bible stories we have read. Our stories will start with creation and end with the birth of Jesus. For more information, visit www.JesseTree.info.

Students hear me say we are all different and that is good! We each have our gifts and our challenges, and we need to love each other knowing both. God gives us what we need to do his work. May this season of preparation be what you need it to be to accomplish God's work.

Becky Kennedy, Principal

Our Lady of the Lake is making an important effort to gather email addresses of our parishioners!

We would greatly appreciate your email address to add to our files. Emails will be limited to those directly from our Church and a subscription preference will soon follow to allow you to choose the emails that are of interest to you - we promise not to bombard your inbox or send you anything more than you want to hear from us! There are several ways to provide your email address to us:

#1. Go online to the following link: <http://tiny.cc/ollsignup>

#2. Scan the QR code to the right: →

#3. Stop by or call the Church Office.

We appreciate your help with this important communication initiative!



Pastoral Ministry

Light for the Week: John the Baptist is shouting to us this weekend: Prepare the way of the Lord, clear the road, fill the valleys, level mountains, straighten curves and smooth the rough places. Needless to say, there's plenty of work to do before Christmas!

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. 10th: 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 Dec. 19th & 20th. Please avail yourself on this blessed sacrament.

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, 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

God Bless our 24 Second Graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on November 21st! May this be the first of many encounters with God's saving mercy!

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets today, Sunday, December 6th, at the 10:30am Mass. Join us as we explore the Scripture readings and discuss their relevance in our everyday lives.

Classes for Grades 1-8 meet this Wednesday, December 9th, at 6:30pm in the classrooms.

Family Faith Formation meets next Sunday, December 13th, at 9:30am in the School Cafeteria. The December theme is "The Lord Keeps His Promises." The lesson will focus on God's promises starting with Adam and Eve, the birth of Jesus, and continuing for us today.

Join us on Wednesday, December 16th, for our Advent Family Service Night. We'll be making tie blankets for the young patients at Children's Hospital. Take some time from your busy schedule to brighten the lives of the children who are struggling with illness this holiday season!

ATTENTION - Families with children birth to age 5! Want to strengthen your faith and pass that faith on to your children? Are you looking for support and friendships with other families here at OLL? Sign up for Early Catholic Family Life! We'll meet for 7 consecutive Saturdays beginning January 9th, from 9:00am to 11:00am for parent/child activities, parent discussion, and children's activities. For more information or to register, contact Kathy at khejna@ourladyofthelake.com or 952-472-1284 ext. 147.



The date is set for the 3rd annual Guatemala Mission Trip! We will be serving in San Lucas from July 19th to July 27th, 2016. Applications are due December 14th. 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 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 11th & 12th, 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 for \$29.95 (which includes the book), or you can order just the book at 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.

Schedules & Rosters for Mass Ministry volunteers were e-mailed on November 19th, and hard copies were mailed to those without e-mail. If you were expecting to receive a Mass Ministry Schedule & Roster but didn't, please contact Dana at dbarrett@ourladyofthelake.com or call 952-472-1284 ext. 162. Please note that the Schedules are also available on the Church website at ourladyofthelake.com under Parish → Parish Community → Ministries → Schedules. Thank you to our Mass Ministry Volunteers!!



2016 Pledge Forms & Volunteer Opportunity Forms

If you have not yet done so, please return your 2016 Pledge Form and your Volunteer Opportunity Form. You can drop them off in the Collection Basket during Mass, or stop by or mail them to the Church Office. Thank you for making stewardship a way of life!

OLL is now selling coffee from San Lucas Mission to support our Mission Trip Building Projects. There are 3 varieties (light roast ground, light roast whole bean, and dark roast whole bean) for \$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 14th. For more information or questions, please contact Stephanie Greene at 612-759-3332.



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Stewardship Thought

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." -Philippians 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

Financial Stewardship

Collection totals for Nov. 28th & 29th, 2015:

Envelopes	\$ 9,769
Plate	459
Electronic	415
Annual	4,800
Total	\$ 15,443
Weekly Budget	\$ 15,856
Fiscal YTD Actuals	\$304,690
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$348,827

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

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

Thank you for your support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection. Through your generosity, our parish raised \$1,218.97 to support the campaign!

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 ext. 161. Thank you.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection - December 12th/13th

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from Grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you.

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 14th. 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.



Blood Drive

The next Westonka-area Blood Drive is Monday, Dec. 21st, from 12:00pm-6:30pm in the OLL Gym. You can sign-up online at mbc.org/searchdrives using sponsor code 0209 or call the Blood Center at 651-332-7165. If you prefer, or if you have questions, contact Evert Lehtola at 952-472-6139 or 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 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.



Christmas Cookies

The Council of Catholic Women will be selling Christmas cookies on Sunday, December 13th, after the Masses. Please stop by the PACE Center.

*Rosary Intention:
Announce Salvation
Through Acts of Mercy*

Mass Intentions for the Week beginning Monday, December 7th

Mon.	8:00am	Communion Service
Tues.	9:00am	✠Frank Drey
	6:30pm	✠Gilman and ✠Rita St. Peter
Wed.	9:00am	Scott Streachek
Thurs.	8:00am	Heather Hejna
Fri.	8:00am	✠Patricia and ✠James Doyle
Sat.	5:00pm	✠Theresa and ✠Jerry Kohman
Sun.	8:30am	Parish
	10:30am	✠Marvin, ✠Lucille, and ✠Ronnie Geyen

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