



Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

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3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13th, 2015

**"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."
-Philippians 4:6-7**

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

Adult Faith Formation Coordinator,
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School Principal, Becky Kennedy ... 151

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School Office Hours

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



Calendar for the Week of December 13th, 2015

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

Monday - December 14th
 6:30pm Bible Study - Church Library

Tuesday - December 15th
 1:30pm Bible Study - Church Library
 3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel
 5:15pm Maintenance Committee Meeting - Fireside
 7:00pm KC General Meeting - Fireside Room
 7:00pm Grace Family Center Finance Meeting - Church Library
 7:00pm OLL School Christmas Concert - Gym

Wednesday - December 16th
 7:00am Finance Committee Meeting - Fireside Rm.
 10:00am Mail-Out Bulletin Assembly - Presentation
 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal - Church
 6:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - Church
 6:30pm Advent Family Service Night - Presentation
 6:45pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church

Thursday - December 17th
 10:00am Mass at LMS - Peace
 6:30pm Advent Penance Service - Church

Saturday - December 19th
 6:00pm Anointing of the Sick - Small Chapel
Sunday - December 20th
 8:00am KC Pancake Breakfast - Presentation Room
 9:30am Anointing of the Sick - Small Chapel
 10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church
 11:30am Anointing of the Sick - Small Chapel
Calendar subject to change without notice.

Advent Communal Reconciliation Service
 Thursday, Dec. 17th • 6:30pm

Please Note:
The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 24th & Friday, Dec. 25th, for the Christmas holiday.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration on January 1st is canceled due to the holiday.

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

Giving to Someone in Need on Christmas Morning

Are you a Communion Minister or a volunteer at Lake Minnetonka Shores? As in the past few years, Flosie 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 & number with Dana at 952-472-1284 ext. 162, if you can help. Thanks!!

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**

Giving Tree



Thank you to those who have donated gifts for the Giving Tree. There is still time to make any donations. If you have a tag, please drop off your gift in the Church Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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!

Looking for Christmas Ideas?

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, & dark roast whole bean) for \$12 per pound with proceeds benefiting the 2016 Mission Trip Project. Pre-Order Forms for Christmas delivery are available in the Church Office and are due by Monday, Dec. 14th. For more information or questions, please contact Stephanie Greene at 612-759-3332. Limited varieties will be available after Mass on Sunday, Dec. 20th, at the KC Pancake Breakfast. Proceeds from the breakfast will support a mission trip scholarship.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Tuesday, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, began the Jubilee year of Mercy that has been instituted by Pope Francis. In announcing this year, the Holy Father said: "I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its center the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful." In this year we are invited to look upon the face of mercy who is Christ himself, to receive his boundless mercy and to show mercy to others. As we begin this year, let us pray for the grace to grow in our experience of the great mercy of God and the courage to be merciful to others.

Let's join in praying the prayer below that Pope Francis wrote and gave to the world to pray during the start of this year of Mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests His power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with His anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

God bless, Fr. Tony

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: Moments for Reflection: If I could ask John the Baptist, "What should I do?" he would say to me... If I ask Christ, "What should I do?" he would say to me... For me, bring baptized in the Holy Spirit means... For the world, it means...

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. 17th: Holiday Grief

Jan. 7th: Journey Following Daughter's Death

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., Kerry Babler, Alan Blackwell, Bob Blake, 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 remember our beloved deceased,
Bill Blume, Arlene Eskadahl & Fran Fignar.
May they rest in God's peace.***

We Pray for Those in the Military:
David B., Nicholas J., Benjamin M.,
Christopher P., Braden T., Darrell V., and Noah V.



Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets today, Sunday, December 13th, at the 10:30am Mass. All children, Preschool through Grade 4, are invited to join us as we proclaim the Scripture readings at an age-appropriate level and discuss the relevance to our lives.

Family Faith Formation meets today, Sunday, December 13th, at 9:30am in the School Cafeteria. The theme this month is "The Lord Keeps His Promises." We'll talk about God's promises to us beginning with Adam and Eve to the birth of Jesus, and continuing for us today.

This Wednesday, December 16th, is our Family Advent Service Night at 6:30pm in the Presentation Room. Parents and children are invited to come and make tie blankets for the patients at Children's Hospital. Faith Formation Classes will not be meeting that evening.

Early Catholic Family Life is an exciting program for families with children from birth to age 5. We'll meet on Saturday mornings in January and February from 9:00-11:00am for parent/child activities and parent discussion time. It's a great opportunity to connect with and share ideas with other families at OLL. For more information or to register, contact Kathy at 952-472-1284 ext. 147 or khejna@ourladyofthelake.com.

Come and help prepare and serve meals at Loaves and Fishes on Tuesday, January 26th, and Saturday, February 27th. Loaves and Fishes is a nonprofit meal program in Minnesota, serving hot meals to those in need. For more information or to sign up, contact Kathy at 952-472-1284 ext. 147 or khejna@ourladyofthelake.com.

Please help support our Guatemala Mission Trip by coming to the Knights of Columbus all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast on December 20th after the Sunday Masses. Free-will offering. Proceeds will support a mission trip scholarship.



Last chance to apply for the 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. Due to 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.

Dave Ramsey/Financial Peace University



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.



Council of Catholic Women

During the Christmas season, 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. Thanks for helping!

DISCIPLESHIP ... FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship Thought

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."
-Philippians 4:6-7*

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

Financial Stewardship

Collection totals for Dec. 5th & 6th, 2015:

Envelopes	\$ 9,959
Plate	999
Electronic	605
Total	\$ 11,563

Weekly Budget	\$ 15,856
Fiscal YTD Actuals	\$316,253
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$364,682

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. For details, please contact Rhonda Eurich, Parish Administrator, in the Church Office, at 952-472-1284 ext. 161 or reurich@ourladyofthelake.com. Thank you.

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

Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous. 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.

Thank you to the **Council of Catholic Women (CCW)** for providing and preparing the breakfast during the Parish Advent Retreat. We appreciate your hospitality!

Mass Intentions for the Week beginning Monday, December 14th

Mon.	8:00am	Communion Service
Tues.	6:30pm	Cindy Notch
Wed.	9:00am	✠Marlin & ✠Jo Sicheneder
Thurs.	8:00am	Brenda Schmalz
	10:00am	✠Marlene Garvais
Fri.	8:00am	✠Vellie Skibicki
Sat.	5:00pm	Parish
Sun.	8:30am	✠Joanne Piche
	10:30am	✠Marlin & ✠Jo Sicheneder

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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:
Kindness Made Known to All

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