





## Calendar for the Week of December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Sunday - December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 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

**Monday - December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 12:00pm Blood Drive - Gym  
**Tuesday - December 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel  
 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting - Fireside Room

**Thursday - December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:00pm **Christmas Eve Mass - Church**  
 9:00pm **Christmas Eve Mass - Church**

**Friday - December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30am **Christmas Day Mass - Church**  
 10:30am **Christmas Day Mass - Church**

*Calendar subject to change without notice.*

## 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**

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Solemnity of Mary,**  
**the Holy Mother of God**  
 (Holy Day of Obligation)

**Thursday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**      **Friday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**6:30pm Vigil Mass**      **10:00am Mass**

### Mass Intentions for the Week beginning Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

Mon.	8:00am	Communion Service
Tues.	6:30pm	✠Fr. James C. Zappa
Wed.	9:00am	✠Fr. John F. Riley
Thurs.	4:00pm	Michael Fitzgibbons Family
	9:00pm	Nancy Dominicis Smith
Fri.	8:30am	✠Carl Widmer
	10:30am	Barbara Shoudel
Sat.	5:00pm	Parish
Sun.	8:30am	✠Arthur Heitz
	10:30am	✠Jim Suhon

### Giving to Someone in Need on Christmas Morning

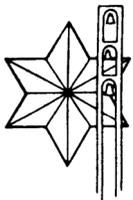


Are you a Communion Minister or a volunteer at Lake Minnetonka Shores? As in the past few years, Flossie Finnicum is organizing a group to take Holy Communion to residents in the Care Center at Lake Minnetonka Shores at 7:30am on Christmas morning. Please leave your name & number with Dana at 952-472-1284 ext. 162, if you can help. Thanks!!

### Please Note:

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, for the Christmas holiday.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration on January 1<sup>st</sup> is canceled due to the holiday.



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### Gift Deadlines for 2015 Tax Credit

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

## A Message from Fr. Tony

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the story of the Nativity of the Lord, angels play an important part. We hear of the angel appearing to Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist. The angel, Gabriel, appears to Mary, telling her that she was to be the Mother of God and we hear of the angel coming to St. Joseph in a dream, telling him that it was through the Holy Spirit that Mary had conceived.

In all three appearances, the angel says the same thing: "Do not be afraid." Each of the people that the angel appeared to was called to play an important role in God's plan of salvation for the world. Each of them was told things, that on the face of it, seemed impossible, and each of them from a human point-of-view had cause to be afraid. And yet the angel tells them: "Do not be afraid."

When God calls a person to a great and noble task, He always provides the strength and grace needed to accomplish it. We, too, are called to a great and noble task. Each one of us is called to be a part of God's plan of salvation for the world. Unfortunately, there are many things in life that lead us to anxiety and fear. We have worries about ourselves, our futures, our families, our careers...the list goes on. Just as God said to Joseph through the angel, so He says to us: "Do not be afraid." When our eyes are fixed intently on the Lord, we can be confident that He holds our lives in the palm of His hand and that He will lead us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus and hear Him say in our hearts: "Do not be afraid."

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:** Loving God, restore us now with the embrace of your compassion, and grant that we who have been found by your grace may gladly welcome to the table of your family all who long to find their way home. *-Roman Lectionary*

**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. 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>:** No Meeting  
**Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>:** Journey Following Daughter's Death  
**Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>:** Going Crazy with Grief

*We remember our beloved deceased,  
 Patricia Higus.  
 May she rest in God's peace.*

**Please review the names listed in the next column. If you wish to add or remove someone, please call the Parish Office.**

**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 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 Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:30am Mass.** All children, ages Preschool through Grade 4, can join us to discuss the Scripture readings at an age-appropriate level and discuss the relevance in their lives. No registration is necessary.

**Faith Formation Classes will not be meeting December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>.** Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Early Catholic Family Life begins on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-11:00am.** We will begin with parent/child time followed by parent discussion on sharing the faith with our children at home. Questions? Contact Kathy at 952-472-1284 ext. 147.

**Want to be part of our Loaves and Fishes Ministry?** Help us serve meals to those in need on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to sign up to help, contact Kathy at 952-472-1284 ext. 147 or [khejna@ourladyofthelake.com](mailto:khejna@ourladyofthelake.com).

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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!

### *Thank You from Dan*

After working at OLL for twenty-one years you become so familiar with everyone that after a while you feel that you are just part of one big family. I've had the opportunity to share with families a lot of the laughter and joy, sorrow and tears that come with our families' passings. It's amazing to be a part of so many families as you watch their children go from preschool to college - how time flies when you're having fun. Together we have seen a lot of festivals and parties, setups and teardowns, weddings and funerals; but most of all a lot of laughter that seemed to lighten the load. It has been an honor to get to know each of you in all of the daily activities at OLL School and Parish. I will miss all of you; so this is my heartfelt "Thank You" for your warm wishes, prayers, and generous gifts. Thank you for sharing your lives with me.

God Bless,  
Dan Entinger

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

### **Stewardship Thought**

*"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."  
- Luke 1:44*

Elizabeth, like Mary, is filled with the Holy Spirit, and the same happiness and bliss that we are reaching for at this time of year. This is what we are looking and preparing for throughout Advent ..... the ecstasy that comes by allowing the Holy Spirit to enter our hearts, and the wonder, contentment and gladness we should have at Christmas.

**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.

### **Financial Stewardship**

Collection totals for Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Envelopes . . . . .	\$12,415
Plate . . . . .	655
Electronic . . . . .	5,766
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$18,836</b>
Weekly Budget . . . .	\$ 15,856
Fiscal YTD Actuals:	\$334,690
Fiscal YTD Budget:	\$380,538

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

### **Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**

**Religious give thanks.** "We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray for God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!



**The Westonka Food Shelf is Grateful and Thankful!** During the 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 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!

### **Blood Drive**

**The next Westonka-area Blood Drive is Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, from 12:00pm-6:30pm in the OLL Gym.** You can sign-up online at [mbc.org/searchdrives](http://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](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.



**WELCOME** to our **new parishioners** who recently joined our parish community!

Blake & Toni Bristlin and Family  
 Brent & Erin Knutson and Family  
 Nicole Middendorf and Family  
 Troy & Erin Miser and Family  
 Matt & Kristin Skapyak and Family  
 Travis & Sara Wildenberg and Family



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**\*\*\*COMMUNITY RESOURCES\*\*\***

**PennyWise Shop** 952-472-1284 ext. 182

**PennyWise is currently closed.**

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

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