

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

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December 27th, 2015

January 3rd, 2016

Feast of the Holy Family AND

Epiphany of Our Lord

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."
-1 John 3:1

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

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,

Carla LaBore ... 145

Youth Minister, Theresa Zweber ... 144

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School Secretary, Carol Franck ... 150

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Example: bkennedy@schoololl.com

School Office Hours

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



Calendar for the Weeks of December 27th, 2015 and January 3rd, 2016

Tuesday - December 29th
 3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel

Thursday - December 31st
 9:00am Communion Ministry at LMS - Faith
 6:30pm Vigil Mass - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Church

Friday - January 1st
 10:00am Mass - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Church

Sunday - January 3rd
 10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church

Monday - January 4th
 6:30pm PTO Meeting - Fireside Room

Tuesday - January 5th
 3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel
 7:00pm KC Officers Meeting - Fireside Room

Wednesday - January 6th
 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal - Church
 6:30pm Faith Formation Classes Gr. 1-6 - School Classrooms

6:30pm Jr. High Youth Group - Presentation Rm.
 6:30pm Financial Peace University - Church Library

6:45pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church

Thursday - January 7th
 10:00am Mass at Lake Minnetonka Shores - Hope
 6:00pm School Board Meeting - Fireside Room
 6:00pm Liturgy Committee Meeting - Church Library

Saturday - January 9th
 9:00am Early Catholic Family Life - School Cafeteria

6:00pm KC Bingo - Presentation Room

Sunday - January 10th
 10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church
 11:30am Confirmation Retreat - PACE Center

Calendar subject to change without notice.

Please Note:

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

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**

Mass Intentions for the Week beginning Monday, December 28th, 2015

Mon.	8:00am	Communion Service
Tues.	6:30pm	Shari Gahl
Wed.	9:00am	Christy Robbins & Family
Thurs.	8:00am	Stephanie Ebert
	6:30pm	✠Leroy Piche
Fri.	10:00am	✠Samantha Stubbs
Sat.	5:00pm	Deceased Members of Gary & Ruth Bradley's Families
Sun.	8:30am	✠Helen Hughes
	10:30am	Parish

Mass Intentions for the Week beginning Monday, January 4th, 2016

Mon.	8:00am	Communion Service
Tues.	6:30pm	✠Arthur Heitz
Wed.	9:00am	Larry Whalen
Thurs.	8:00am	✠Peter Fremming
	10:00am	LMS Residents
Fri.	8:00am	✠Marilyn Ferlick
Sat.	5:00pm	Parish
Sun.	8:30am	✠Joe Kuchera
	10:30am	✠Adrian Meuwissen



Rosary Intention for Dec. 27th, 2015:

Listen to the Call to Holiness

Rosary Intention for Jan. 3rd, 2016:

Follow the Light to Christ

Bulletin for Dec. 27th, 2015 & Jan. 3rd, 2016

Please keep this bulletin for two weeks. We will not be publishing a bulletin for Jan. 3rd, 2016. Thank you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Saint Leo the Great, in his great homily on the feast of Christmas says, "Let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life... No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all." In this season, it is right that we rejoice because God is with us. This is the great message of the incarnation that God is indeed with us and He promises that He will lead us and guide us.



We have just begun the Jubilee Year of Mercy, instituted by Pope Francis. The Holy Father is calling us to reflect on the great beauty of the mercy of God for each one of us. He says, "Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive." This is the essence of our faith; that God's love and mercy is greater than our sins. Just as we are called to receive the mercy of God, so we are called to show mercy to others. If there is someone you need to forgive, then now is the time of mercy because God's grace is available. If you know there is someone that you need to ask forgiveness of, then don't delay because God will help you.

As we welcome Christ in this season, let us pray with Saint John Paul II who prayed, "O Child, who willed to have for your crib a manger; O Creator of the universe, who stripped yourself of divine glory; O Redeemer, who offered your vulnerable body in sacrifice for the salvation of humanity: may the radiance of your birth light up the night of the world. You come to bring us peace. You are our peace! In the luminous silence of your Nativity, you, Emmanuel, continue to speak to us. And we are ready to listen to you. Amen!"

God bless and Merry Christmas,
Fr. Tony

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Fr. Tony O'Neill
and the entire staff at Our Lady of the Lake!*



Pastoral Ministry

Light for the Week: January 3rd is the Feast of the Epiphany. The Wise Men learned from the Creator of the Cosmos. Students of the night sky, they studied the stars and constellations. Then, graced by night vision, they sought their God; they followed the star, and were drawn to discover God in new places! In the days ahead what will you need: an astral compass, astrologer glasses, wise counsel, another route... ? What gifts do you bring? --Joan Lickteig, PBVM

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. 31st: No Meeting

Jan. 7th: Journey Following Daughter's Death

Jan. 14th: Going Crazy with Grief

Jan. 21st: Journey Following Sibling's Death

Jan. 28th: Walking with People Thru Their Grief

Our next Liturgy Committee Meeting is January 7th, at 6:00pm in the Parish Library.

**Please review the names listed to the right.
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 Korb, Joe Lofrano, Andra Olson, Bobby Reil, Ben Renteria, Adam Richardt, Monica Savage, Mary Schmidt, 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

Many thanks to all the Faith Formation Families who attended our Advent Service Night! We had a great time making 15 blankets that will be brought to Children’s Hospital. Thanks for making a difference in the lives of the patients and their families!

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

Early Catholic Family Life begins on Saturday, January 9th, from 9:00-11:00am. Each session includes parent/child time and parent discussion time. We meet on seven consecutive Saturdays throughout January and February. Interested in volunteering? Questions about the program? Contact Kathy at 952-472-1284 ext. 147.

Loaves and Fishes provides a nourishing meal for the disadvantaged in our community. We provide not only a meal, but provide love and support for those struggling with life. Want to help? We’ll be serving on Tuesday, January 26th, in Hopkins and on Saturday, February 27th, in Plymouth. Contact Kathy to sign up or for more information - khejna@ourladyofthelake.com.

Adult Education

Consoling the Heart of Jesus, by Fr. Michael Gaitley, begins on Monday, January 11th (6:30pm) and Tuesday, January 12th (1:30pm). This is a 10-week DVD presentation by Fr. Gaitley, leading up to the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter. He draws from a number of saints, especially St. Faustina Kowalska, for a deeper look at how we can draw closer to Christ, and console each other as members of His Body. Don’t forget to order this book from your favorite retailer! If you have any questions, please contact Carla at 952-472-1284 ext. 145 or clabore@ourladyofthelake.com.

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. **Classes begin on Wednesday, January 6th at 6:30pm in the Library in the back of Church.**

Thank You

Thank you to the **Council of Catholic Women (CCW)** for recently preparing and providing the refreshments for the Thank You Reception for Dan Entinger.
We appreciate your hospitality!

DISCIPLESHIP ... FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship Thought for December 27th, 2015

*"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."
-1 John 3:1*

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received - being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

Stewardship Thought for January 3rd, 2016

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." -Ephesians 3:6

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. We were all given different gifts; we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one" in this Year of Mercy.

Financial Stewardship

Collection totals for December 19th & 20th, 2015:

Envelopes	\$10,397			
Plate	398	Weekly Budget	\$15,856	
Electronic	3,026	Fiscal YTD Actuals . .	\$353,511	
Annual	5,000	Fiscal YTD Budget . .	\$396,394	
Total	\$18,821			

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.

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 31st. Thank you for your generosity!

Kick-off Catholic Schools Week with ~

**Our Lady of the (Frozen) Lake's 1st annual Spirit of the Ice Festival
Saturday, January 30th, 2016 • 12:00 - 3:00pm**



We are having a **FREE** outdoor festival to kick-off Catholic Schools Week! Outside activities (weather permitting) will include: Ice Skating, Snow Shoeing, Ice Bowling, Ice Golfing, and a Bonfire!

Inside the PACE Center there will be crafts, games in the gym, snacks, and other carnival fun! The Knights of Columbus will host their annual **Free-Throw Contest** during the festival this year. Each class is being asked to coordinate an activity. Please check with your children's teachers if you want to help. Most importantly, come and have fun! This is a free event for anyone and everyone. Members of the school, parish, and community are all welcome! Bring your friends, it'll be a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon in the winter!

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 below

#3. Stop by or call the Church Office

We appreciate your help with this important communication initiative!



Marriage: To confirm a wedding, please contact Fr. Tony at least 8 months before planning to marry.

Baptism: For baptismal information, please contact Carla LaBore, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, at 952-472-1284 ext. 145.

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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

**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.