



# *Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church*

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## **January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

### **Epiphany of Our Lord**

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered  
him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."*

*- Matthew 2:11*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"The hidden treasure... is Jesus Himself, the Kingdom in person. In the Sacred Host, He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. Only by adoring this presence do we learn how to receive Him properly—we learn the reality of communion." These words were spoken by Pope Benedict XVI in 2006. Eucharistic Adoration is one of the great treasures of our Catholic faith. Simply spending time in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist has changed the life of millions of people. Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us."

During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait," we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. By worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

This weekend we will have an opportunity to sign up to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration. Please prayerfully consider committing an hour a week to spend time in the presence of the Lord. It will change your life!

God bless,

Fr. Tony

**"ASK FR. TONY"** Have a question you've been wanting to ask Fr. Tony, but never found the proper time to ask? Curious about something in our faith? Maybe a concern about something specific to Our Lady of the Lake Church? Or perhaps a question about the Catholic Church at large? Maybe you'd simply love to get an explanation for a part of Scripture that you've been struggling to comprehend?

**HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!** We're collecting these types of questions until Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> and then giving them to Fr. Tony. After he has had some time to review and answer them, we'll share those questions and answers through a video interview with Fr. Tony, as well as a printed transcript of the Q&A. Both will be available on our webpage through Flocknote, and through personal response where appropriate or requested. We'll also include the Q&A transcriptions in the Church bulletins. Anticipating the results by early February!

***We hope you enjoy this opportunity to ask our wonderful Pastor the questions you've been looking for answers to!***

To submit your questions, choose an option below. Include your name unless you wish to remain anonymous:

1.) Email:

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ourladyofthelake.com

2.) Mail:

Director of Communications,  
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3.) Online:

ourladyofthelake.com/  
ask-father-tony

***Remember, the deadline to submit a question is Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>!***

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***Rosary Intention:***

***Watch for the  
Guiding Star***

### **Mass Intentions beginning Monday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday 8:00am**  
Communion Service

**Tuesday 6:30pm**  
John, Clare and †Mike Ready

**Wednesday 9:00am**  
Our Lady of the Lake School

**Thursday 8:00am**  
Jack Weist

**Friday 8:00am**  
Westonka Food Shelf

**Saturday 5:00pm**  
Parish

**Sunday**  
**8:30am** Pope Francis  
**10:30am** †Laurice Lewis

*If you would like to  
honor a loved one  
with a Mass Intention,  
please contact  
the Church Office.*

### **Calendar for the Week of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Sunday - January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church

**Monday - January 9<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00am Prayer & Playtime - John Paul II Chapel/Gym  
5:00pm OLL School Family Fun Night - Presentation Room  
7:00pm Boy Scouts Meeting - School Cafeteria

**Tuesday - January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30am Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel  
10:00am Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group -  
Church Library  
7:00pm Catholic Watchmen Meeting - Presentation Room

**Wednesday - January 11<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal - Church  
6:30pm Faith Formation Classes Gr. 1-8 - Classrooms

**Thursday - January 12<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00am Communion Ministry at LMS - Faith  
6:00pm Liturgy Committee Meeting - Fireside Room  
6:30pm RCIA

**Sunday - January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30am Family Faith Formation - School Cafeteria  
10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church  
2:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Meeting - Presentation Rm.  
6:30pm Confirmation Class

### **44<sup>th</sup> Annual MCCL March for Life!**

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> • 2:00pm**

***Join thousands of Minnesotans at this inspiring  
event to march for justice, for women, for life!***

**2:00pm** March in front of State Capitol  
**2:30pm** Program on Capitol front steps

*In case of severe weather, check MCCL and Twin Cities  
news outlets or call or e-mail MCCL.*

**Your presence will send a clear message to state lawmakers  
and public officials that a majority of Minnesotans believe  
in a founding principle of this country - the 'Right to Life.'**

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life [mccl.org](http://mccl.org)  
4249 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55409  
612-825-6831 [mccl@mccl.org](mailto:mccl@mccl.org)

***A bus from St. Boniface Church  
will be stopping at OLL at 12:30pm.***

### **Adoration of Our Lord**

***In Eucharistic Adoration, we are not just  
thinking about God, we are with God!***

New Adoration times are available and we need Adorers  
who will commit to one hour each week or one hour each  
month. Please contact Jane Stone at 952-472-3825.





## Pastoral Ministry

**West Suburban Grief Coalition** meets at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, 630 East Wayzata Blvd, Wayzata. 952-473-6601. The group meets Thursdays from 4:30 - 6:00pm.

January 12<sup>th</sup>: Journey Following Daughter's Death

January 19<sup>th</sup>: Post Traumatic Connection to Grief

January 26<sup>th</sup>: Sibling Loss

February 2<sup>nd</sup>: The Miracle That Came in the Mail

February 9<sup>th</sup>: How to Get Back to Familiar Places

**Lectors** are reminded to pick up your workbooks in the Sacristy.

**About Liturgy:** One of our Mass ministers recently mentioned that her family said she was "spending a lot of time at Church." Our ministries are a way of life, a spirituality rooted in Baptism, a deep commitment of service, a service that often takes place at Church. As ministers of the assembly or as another ministry, we are serving God in each other, manifesting the risen Christ for all people at all times. Just imagine!

### **LIGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Alleluia!

-Matthew 2:2

**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., Bob Blake, Dan Entinger, Kathy Gnitka, Dolores Kelly, Marilyn Nelson, Andra Olson, Lee Olson, Maddie Poranski, Bobby Reil, and Adam Richardt

**We pray for those in the Military:**

Travis B., Nicholas J., and Darrell V.

***THANK YOU** to the Liturgy Committee and the decoration volunteers for your time and commitment in coordinating all aspects of the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Season, the Music Department and all our talented musicians for the gift of beautiful and inspiring music, Greeters, Cross Bearers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Gift Bearers, Ushers, Sacristans and the Knights of Columbus for setting out luminaries.*

*Each one helped us celebrate a wonderful time of the year.*

*Special thanks to Jesse Neve for coordinating the Giving Tree project and to those who so generously brought gifts to share with others.*

*God Bless you all!*



### **PENNYWISE NEWS**

**PennyWise** will be open regularly on Saturdays beginning this month. Hours for Saturday are 10:00am until 1:00pm. Weekday hours are Tuesdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm, Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm and Fridays from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Our Lady of the Lake School will be opening and running the store on selected Thursdays from 9:30am until 3:00pm. They will be open on January 19<sup>th</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Watch the bulletin for more dates soon. All proceeds from Thursdays will go to OLL school.

We are taking donations of clothing and household items in good or excellent condition anytime during store hours. Please stop in and take a look through our wonderful store. We have new items arriving all the time and you may find just that little thing you need, but couldn't find for the right price.

## Bible Study

The next Bible Study for adults, "Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained," is a 10-week program beginning January 17<sup>th</sup> and going through March 21<sup>st</sup>. Each week we will explore a different aspect of our Catholic beliefs. The first week talks about our "journey" here on Earth; we are called to follow Jesus, but where is He going, and what are we expected to do if we follow Him? We profess the Creed every week, but what does it really mean, and do we really believe what we are saying? Classes are Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the Church Library, but if you can't make it, please join us online through the FORMED website. Look under the Program tab, and then look for Symbolon. The videos are there, along with a Participant's Guide. Questions or concerns? E-mail Carla at [clabore@ourladyofthelake.com](mailto:clabore@ourladyofthelake.com).

## Popes in a Year, Catechism in a Year

The FORMED website offers an opportunity to learn about all of our past Popes and to read the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" in a one-year period of time.

Sign-on to [flocknote.com/popes](http://flocknote.com/popes) or [flocknote.com/catechism](http://flocknote.com/catechism) to register for these daily emails.

## Story of the Nativity

To truly understand the importance of the birth of Jesus to the Jewish people who had waited for hundreds of years for a Savior, please watch the newly released program on FORMED called "The Story of the Nativity." You will see how the Old Testament prophecies have been fulfilled by His birth, and how Mary's "yes" to the angel's announcement began the process of our salvation.



## Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes today, Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:30 Mass. All children, ages Preschool through Grade 4, are invited to join us for an age-appropriate proclamation of the Scripture readings. No registration is necessary.

**Moms, Dads, Caregivers!** Join us at Prayer and Playtime every Monday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 in the Parish Library. We begin with prayer, followed by playtime in the Gym and snacks. Hope to see you there! For more information, call Kathy at 952-472-1284 x147.



**Faith Formation Classes for Grades 1 - 8 meet this Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 7:45pm.**

**Family Faith Formation meets Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:30am in the School Cafeteria. Please note the rescheduled date.** Our topic this month is "Jesus in the Eucharist." Please continue to work on your textbooks each week at home.

**Join us at Loaves and Fishes on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:30pm at St. Gabriel's Church in Hopkins.** To sign-up, contact Kathy at 952-472-1284 x147 or [khejna@ourladyofthelake.com](mailto:khejna@ourladyofthelake.com).



The **Guatemala Mission Trip** in July still has a few spots available! Interested adults and teens in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade & above can contact Theresa Rider at [trider@ourladyofthelake.com](mailto:trider@ourladyofthelake.com).

## FORMED • Online Catholic Resource

Parish Code: P Y W Y W J

For the beginning of January, please explore the following resources:

### January 2<sup>nd</sup> - Saints Basil & Gregory

Program: *Symbolon: Living the Faith, Session 10*

Book: *History of the Catholic Church*

### January 6<sup>th</sup> - Saint Andre Bessette

Movie: *God's Doorkeeper*

### January 8<sup>th</sup> - Epiphany of the Lord

Movie: *The Story of the Nativity* Audio: *Prepare the Way of the King*

### January 9<sup>th</sup> - Baptism of the Lord

Program: *Symbolon: Living the Faith, Session 1*

Book: *Sacraments in Scripture* Audio: *Changed Forever*

### January 15<sup>th</sup> - Saint Paul the Hermit

Book: *The Book of Saints and Heroes*

### January 17<sup>th</sup> - Saint Anthony of the Desert

Book: *The Book of Saints and Heroes*

# Discipleship ... Faith In Action

## Stewardship Thought

***“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”***

***- Matthew 2:11***

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.

|  | <u>Actuals</u> | <u>Requirements</u> |
|--|----------------|---------------------|
| Christmas Offering   | \$26,469       | \$33,000            |
| December 25 Regular Offering<br>(Also includes all year-end donations) | \$120,545      | \$23,750            |
| January 1 Regular Offering   | \$7,995        | \$16,200            |
| Fiscal YTD (07/01/16 to present)                                       | \$503,320      | \$443,270           |

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Working on the Margins January 14th & 15th

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection, you give people a hand-up, not a hand-out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

## Our Lady of the Lake School Upcoming Events



**Family Fun Night • Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> • 5:00-7:00pm • PACE Center**  
Theme: Snow Days

**Kindergarten Roundup • January 16<sup>th</sup> • 6:00pm**

All prospective Kindergarten students and their parents are invited to join us to see what our Kindergarten program is about and meet families enrolled in our School. Light dinner & childcare provided. Any questions, contact Kassie Ricke at 952-472-1284 x156.

**Spirit of the Ice Winter Festival • January 28<sup>th</sup> Please join us - all families welcome!**

**Open House • January 29<sup>th</sup> • 11:30am**

ALL prospective students in Grades Preschool - 8 are invited to join us to tour the School and learn how we educate the whole child: mind, body and spirit!



Start off the New Year with a cup of **JuanAna Coffee!** All varieties available (regular roast ground, whole bean, and dark roast whole bean). To order, contact the Church Office or Stephanie Greene (612-759-3332 / swgreene1@gmail.com).

### Safety Issues During Winter Months

For your safety during the winter months, please enter and exit through the entrances that have been shoveled or plowed. We try to clear all entrances as quickly as possible. Please use the handrails located by the steps and wear appropriate footwear for snowy/icy conditions. These precautions will help to ensure your safety. Thank you!



### Mass Schedule

#### Weekends

Saturday 5:00pm • Sunday 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 8:30am to 10:00pm, 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 12 -1pm)

Fri. 8:30am - 12:00pm

Sun. 8:00am - 12:00pm

#### School Office Hours

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

### \*\*\*Community Resources\*\*\*

**PennyWise Thrift Store** 952-472-1773

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

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

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