

**Our Lady of the Lake
Catholic Church**
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Mission Statement
We are a community that
worships, educates, and reaches out
to others through our Catholic Faith.



December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent
***“Take heed, watch and pray;
for you do not know when the
time will come.” - Mark 13:33***

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Friday, December 8
**Mass: 9:00am (with School)
and 6:30pm**

I was baptized on the first Sunday of Advent. As a little baby, I had no idea that the day I was welcomed into the Church was also the beginning of a new liturgical year and the day we begin to prepare both for Jesus' coming at Christmas as well as his second coming at the end of time. I like that I spent my first few weeks as a Catholic waiting on the Lord. It seems like we spend most of our lives in a waiting period: waiting for that perfect new job, waiting for that special someone, waiting on notifications from social media apps. Often in this waiting, we are impatient; praying along the lines of, "God, give me patience and give it to me now." Instead of taking the time of waiting to prepare, we grasp for things and impatiently sit there, watching every minute pass fruitlessly. But the waiting in Advent is different. We know that the Incarnation is coming, that salvation is near. It's not just another item on our checklist to cross off before Christmas; this waiting is a *longing*, an ardent desire for Christ. This was the prophet Isaiah's prayer in the first reading today. He desperately longs for God to come in awesome wonders and signs to bring His people back to him, and ends this prayer with surrender to God's control: "We are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." Ask yourself, "Am I allowing God to shape me in my waiting?"

When we desire something this deeply, we usually prepare for it. We perfect that resume to get the job, join dating apps to meet a soulmate, and update our own social media pages. Advent isn't just a time of waiting, but of preparation. Every time my mom has company over, she makes a huge production out of cleaning, putting out decorations, and making the best food. I find that I enjoy those times with friends more because I prepared, and I learned something in that time. Jesus asks the same of us in today's Gospel: "Be watchful! Be alert!... You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming... May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." We know that God has not forgotten us, and that salvation is at hand. He is waiting for us, too. Advent is expectant waiting, hopeful anticipation, and joyful preparation. What are you going to do during these next four weeks to prepare your heart to welcome the Lord? Whether you choose to spend time in daily prayer, go to Confession and daily Mass, volunteer your time to serve others, or some other way of preparing, may He find us all watching and waiting.

-- Michelle Boris, Youth Minister

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we near the beginning of Advent, I pray that our hearts will be open to receive the coming of the Lord.

Some of you may have heard that Fr. Joe Fink, who has been the pastor at Immaculate Conception parish in Watertown, is moving to a new assignment in St. Paul. Because there is not an immediate replacement for him, Archbishop Hebda has asked me to take on the role of temporary administrator of the parish of Immaculate Conception until a new pastor is named. This role will begin Dec. 4th and will be in addition to my role as pastor here. I anticipate that this role will be for a few months.

Please pray for the Immaculate Conception parish and for me - that the transition will be filled with God's grace.

God bless,
Fr. Tony

2018 Stewardship Pledge Forms

If you have not yet done so, please return your 2018 Stewardship Pledge Form. You can drop it in the collection basket during Mass, stop by, or mail it to the Church Office. If you need a Stewardship Pledge Form, they are available on the tables by the Church exits. Thank you for making stewardship a way of life!



Rosary Intention

For Peace

this Advent Season

Mass Intentions

beginning Monday, December 4

Monday • 8:00am

Communion Service

Tuesday • 6:30pm

✠ Gary Hilgers

Wednesday • 9:00am

✠ Fr. Leo J. Tibesar

Thursday • 8:00am

✠ Maria Hien

10:00am LMS Residents

Friday • 9:00am

✠ Mary DeVinney

6:00pm Parish

Saturday • 5:00pm

Parish

Sunday

8:30am ✠ Bob DeVinney

10:30am ✠ Tom Smith

Scripture Readings for December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Reading 1 Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Reading 2 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Visit uscgb.org/bible/readings
for the daily readings.

Calendar for the Week of December 3, 2017

Sunday - December 3

10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church

11:30am Confirmation Sponsor Event - School Cafeteria

12:00pm Parish Leadership Meeting - Presentation Room

6:30pm Confirmation Class - PACE Center

Monday - December 4

6:30pm Boy Scout Court of Honor - Presentation Room

Tuesday - December 5

8:30am Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel

10:00am Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group - Library

7:00pm KC Officer Meeting - Fireside Room

7:00pm CCW Christmas Potluck - Presentation Room

7:00pm Parish Council Meeting - Fr. Jager Room

Wednesday - December 6

5:00pm Handbell Choir Practice - Church

6:00pm Extreme Faith Camp Parent Mtg. - Pres. Room

6:00pm Children's Choir Practice - Church

6:30pm Adult Choir Practice - Church

6:30pm Faith Formation Classes - Classrooms

6:30pm Confirmation Class - PACE Center

Thursday - December 7

8:30am Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel

9:00am Communion Ministry at LMS - Faith

6:30pm RCIA - Fr. Jager Room

6:30pm OLL School Board Meeting - Fireside Room

Friday - December 8

9:00am Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass

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Sunday - December 10

9:30am Family Faith Formation - School Cafeteria

9:30am Fellowship Sunday - Presentation Room

10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church

Alzheimer's / Dementia Caregivers Support Group

Tuesday, December 5 • 10:00am • Church Library

Bring any questions, cares & concerns that you may have.

Questions? Contact Carla:

952.472.8204 clabore@ourladyofthelake.com

Advent Communal Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 13 • 6:30pm

4th Sunday of Advent Mass Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 23 Confessions: 4:00pm • Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 24 Mass: 8:30am *Note: No 10:30am Mass*

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve • Sunday, Dec. 24 • 4:00pm and 9:00pm

Christmas Day • Monday, Dec. 25 • 8:30am and 10:30am

New Year's Day Mass • Monday, January 1 • 10:00am



Liturgy
Seeking God, Encountering God

Advent Christmas Epiphany

The early Christians believed that the end time, the moment when Christ would come in glory, was very near. Catch words in the Gospel from Mark on the first Sunday of Advent tip us off to their belief: Be watchful! Be alert!

As history has born out, the waiting for Jesus' second coming has continued to our time, the Year of Salvation Two Thousand Seventeen.

While we wait,
It's for us to watch, recognize, and be expectant
of the Messiah Jesus in our every day.
What evidence of
Jesus' presence will you notice this blessed season?

--Sr. Carrie Link

**We pray for those in need.
Please keep the following
individuals in your prayers:**

<i>Chris A.</i>	<i>Jennifer Lacy</i>
<i>Russell Barger</i>	<i>Andra Olson</i>
<i>Al Blackwell</i>	<i>Mike Paxton</i>
<i>Bob Blake</i>	<i>Maddie Poranski</i>
<i>Jim Carlson</i>	<i>Bobby Reil</i>
<i>Dan Entinger</i>	<i>Adam Richardt</i>
<i>Kathy Gnitka</i>	<i>Mike Schulz</i>
<i>Dolores Kelly</i>	

We pray for those in the Military:

<i>Travis B.</i>	<i>Freddie M.</i>	<i>Darrell V.</i>
<i>Nicholas J.</i>	<i>Nicholas R.</i>	

Dear Parishioners,

We cannot imagine not being able to receive Holy Communion on Christmas, however, this is the circumstance for many parishioners living at Lake Minnetonka Shores. Many of whom have been the foundation of our parish, helping build our Church and School. Please consider giving one hour of your time early Christmas morning (7:30am) to help distribute Holy Communion, an experience that will bring you great joy. If you can help, please leave your name & phone number with Dana in the Church Office at 952.472.8200. Thank you!

-- Flossie Finnicum



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 tags on our Giving Tree located near the Baptismal Font. Gifts are delivered to families submitted by WeCAN, and 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 & the Light of Christ.

Council of Catholic Women All women of the parish are invited to the **CCW Christmas Potluck on Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00pm (following the 6:30 Mass)**. The evening includes social time, a potluck meal, entertainment by the Madd Jazz singers from Mound-Westonka High School, and a short business meeting.

Fellowship Sunday, December 10th • Coffee, lemonade & donuts after all the Masses
Come say hello to your fellow parishioners & enjoy some homemade donuts before your Sunday activities.

The CCW is selling Christmas cookies on Saturday & Sunday, December 10 & 11 in the PACE Center after Masses. The cookies, in decorative Christmas tins, make wonderful gifts or are great to serve at home! Please stop by!

CCW Women who are able to provide homemade cookies & candies for the CCW Christmas Cookie Sale are asked to bring them to the Church Office by Noon on Friday, December 9, or to the PACE Center either Friday, December 9, from 4:00pm - 5:30pm or Saturday, December 10, from 9:00am - 10:00am.

SUPERBOWL LII RAFFLE TICKETS!!

SuperBowl raffle tickets are available for purchase in the Church & School Offices! Win 2 tickets to SuperBowl LII at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, plus entrance into the Premier Pre-Game Party featuring one of the country's top performers and complimentary food & drinks! Value of this package is approximately \$14,000! Tickets are \$100 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. Questions? Contact Kassie Ricke at kricke@schoololl.com.



Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets today, Dec. 3rd, at the 10:30 Mass. All children, preschool through grade 4, are invited to join us for an age-appropriate proclamation of the Scripture readings. They are called forward after the Opening Prayer and will return to their families at the Creed to celebrate the remainder of the Mass. No registration is necessary.

Faith Formation Classes for Grades 1 - 6 meet this Wednesday, December 6, from 6:30 - 7:45pm. Remember to bring an item for our "Birthday Bags for Jesus" service project.

Family Faith Formation meets next Sunday, December 10, from 9:30 - 10:30am in the School Cafeteria. Our theme this month is Advent and Christmas.

Our next serving date at Loaves and Fishes is Tuesday, December 12, at St. Gabriel's Church in Hopkins. A group from OLL meets there on the second Tuesday of each month to serve a meal to struggling families in the community. If you'd like to help with this important ministry, contact Kathy at 952.472.8202 to sign-up.

**Youth
Ministry**

Extreme Faith Camp Parent Informational Meeting
Wednesday, December 6 • 6:00pm • Presentation Room
All parents of current 6th - 8th graders are invited!

FORMED • Online Catholic Resource

Parish Code: **P Y W Y W J**

The following resources are suggested for the month of December:

December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

Study: YDisciple: Advent, Session 1:
Prepare the Way

Watch: Christmas in Rome

December 3 - St. Francis Xavier

Watch: Francis Xavier and the Samurai's
Lost Treasure

Listen: Holiness is Always in Season

December 6 - St. Nicholas

Watch: Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa

December 7 - St. Ambrose

Watch: Restless Heart
Read: The Restless Flame

Listen: Saints for Sinners

Listen: Holiness is Always in Season

**December 8 - Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Study: The Bible and the Virgin Mary,
Lesson 3: Wedding at Cana, Garden in Eden

Study: The Bible and the Virgin Mary,
Lesson 4: the New Eve

Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith,
Session 9: Mary and the Saints

Watch: Mary of Nazareth

Read: Mary: God's Yes to Man

Read: Mary: The Church at the Source

Listen: Mary: Handmaid of the Lord

Listen: Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God

December 9 - St. Juan Diego

Watch: Guadalupe: The Miracle and Message

Listen: Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego

**December 9 - Anniversary of the Death of
Venerable Fulton J. Sheen**

Study: Modern Media

Watch: Servant of All

Read: The World's First Love

Listen: The True Meaning of Christmas

Listen: Three to Get Married

December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

Study: YDisciple: Advent, Session 2: Trust in God

Watch: Christmas in Rome

December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Watch: Guadalupe: The Miracle and Message

Listen: Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego

Listen: The World's First Love

December 13 - St. Odilia

Read: Twenty Tales of Irish Saints

December 14 - St. John of the Cross

Read: Deep Conversion, Deep Prayer

Read: Fire of Love

Read: Fire Within

To Register: Go to Formed.org and click on "Register." Enter the Parish Code P Y W Y W J and set up your login.

RCIA - Rite of Welcome

This Sunday at the 8:30 Mass we celebrate the RCIA Rite of Welcome for the two candidates who are on their Journey of Faith into the Catholic Church. They have been baptized in other faith traditions, but are now discerning whether they are being called to become Catholic. If they continue this journey, they will be Confirmed and receive First Communion at the Easter Vigil on March 31. Please pray for Kari and Jessica, and ask for the Holy Spirit to open their hearts to the blessings and graces of our Catholic sacraments.

Discipleship ... Faith In Action

Stewardship Thought

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.” - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on Earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Requirements</u>
November 25 & 26, 2017	\$ 33,773	\$ 16,850
Fiscal YTD (07/01/17 to present)	\$327,524	\$327,400

Retirement Fund for Religious • December 9 & 10

Help care for elders. “Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next weekend’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Thank you.

Your Generosity Personally Touches Homeless Men, Women & Children Enduring Winter on the Cold Streets

The OLL Socks for the Soul drive has officially ended. **The final tally - over 3,500 pairs of socks donated - beat the original goal by more than three times!!** Deacon Del Wilkinson will deliver the socks to Catholic Social Services Opportunity Center downtown where they will be distributed to the Center’s patrons. Because of your bountiful generosity, some socks may be distributed to other sites that serve people living on the streets. Socks for the Soul marks the first initiative launched by the OLL Social Action Committee, with more to come. Thanks for your loving response!

Mound-Westonka Community Blood Drive

Monday, December 18 • 12:00pm - 6:30pm • Our Lady of the Lake Gym

To signup - Online: mbcherohub.club (sponsor code 0209) • Call Memorial Blood Center • 651.332.7171
Questions? Contact Evert Lehtola: 952.472.6139 • elehtola@aol.com. *Double Red Cell Donors Needed.* To sign-up for a double donation, call the Blood Center. Save time 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 donors must bring an ID.

**If you would like to see the “Ask Fr. Tony” Videos, find us on
[Facebook.com/OLLMound](https://www.facebook.com/OLLMound) and scroll down to “Videos.”**

PennyWise Thrift Shop 952.472.1773

Tuesday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Wednesday: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

1st & 3rd Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm

Friday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Donations are accepted during store hours.

Please do not leave donations at the door.

Thank you!

WeCAN 952.472.0742

(Western Communities Action Network)

Westonka Food Shelf 952.472.5599

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:

9:30am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday: 9:30am - 12:00pm & 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Friday: 9:30am - 12:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am - 12:00pm

**The Food Shelf needs your
gently used paper bags. Please
leave them in the Food Shelf bins
near the Church exits. Thank you!**

 Westonka
food shelf

Christmas Flower Memorials



Help us decorate the Church at Christmas time 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 & put it in the collection basket during Mass, stop by, or mail it to the Church Office by Noon on Monday, Dec. 11. 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.



Catholic calendars for 2018

are available by the Church entrances. Please feel free to take one home with you. Special thanks to Huber Funeral Homes for their kind sponsorship of the calendar.

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

Baptism Contact Carla LaBore, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, for baptismal information at 952.472.8204.

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 and Thursdays, from 8:30am to 10:00pm, and on First Fridays of the month following the morning Mass until 8:00pm. Please join us for this rewarding experience!

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 5:00pm
(Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm)
Friday 8:30am - 12:00pm
Sunday 8:00am - 12:00pm

School Office Hours

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm

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