

**Our Lady of the Lake
Catholic Church**

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**April 9th, 2017
Palm Sunday**



***"As they were marching out,
they came upon a man of
Cyrene, Simon by name; this
man they pressed into
service to carry his cross."***

-Matthew 27:32

MONTHLY MAIL-OUT BULLETIN

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today marks the beginning of the holiest week of the liturgical year when we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. On this Palm Sunday we hear of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but we also hear the account of the Passion from the gospel of Luke. The ones who were lauding Jesus as he entered were also the ones who in a very short space of time were crying out "crucify him." There are some powerful meditations to be had this week on the nature of the saving work of Christ and its meaning for each one of us. Let me heartily encourage you to make special efforts to attend the Holy Week services starting with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, the Good Friday Service and the Easter Vigil/ Easter Sunday Mass. The details are included in the bulletin.



May God bless all of us as a community in these sacred days.

Fr. Tony



*Stations of the Cross
During Lent*

Good Friday, April 14th,
at 3:00pm

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9th
Mass: 5:00pm (Saturday, Apr. 8th)
8:30am & 10:30am

Holy Thursday, April 13th
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00pm

Good Friday, April 14th
Stations of the Cross 3:00pm
Good Friday Service 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 15th
Easter Vigil 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 16th
Mass 8:30am & 10:30am

Confessions

Confessions will be heard on
Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:15pm
and Saturdays from 3:30 to
4:30pm through Easter.

**Annual Good Friday
Prayer Vigil**

April 14th, 2017
Mega-Planned Parenthood
671 Vandalia Street
Saint Paul, MN 55114
8:30am-4:00pm

*Area pastors of various
denominations will lead those
gathered in the reading of
Scriptures and prayers,
throughout the day.*

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

This weekend after the Sunday, April 9th Masses will be your last chance to stop by and view the way your family information will be printed in our parish pictorial directory! If you haven't already verified your information, please do so after one of the Masses on April 9th. We will be placing the print orders on Monday morning. Thank you!

Wedding Coordinators at OLL: If you would like to volunteer to help coordinate weddings at Our Lady of the Lake Church, please call the church office at 952-472-1284, ext. 162.



*Rosary Intention:
Embrace the Mystery
of Jesus' Life, Death,
and Resurrection*

Mass Intentions beginning Monday, April 10th

Monday 8:00am

Communion Service

Tuesday 6:30pm

† Jerry Luesse

Wednesday 9:00am

† Gus Knott

Thursday 7:00pm

Parish

Friday 7:00pm

Good Friday Service

Saturday 8:00pm

† Richard Diercks

Sunday

8:30am Parish

10:30am Mary Fleischhacker



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Calendar for the Week of April 9th, 2017

Sunday - April 9th

9:30am

Family Faith Formation - School Cafeteria

10:30am

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church

6:30pm

Confirmation Class

Monday - April 10th

10:00am

Prayer & Playtime - Gym

6:00pm

PTO Meeting - Library in Church

7:00pm

Boy Scout Meeting - School Cafeteria

Tuesday - April 11th

8:30am

Eucharistic Adoration - John Paul II Chapel

Wednesday - April 12th

5:00pm

Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Church

6:30pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church

Thursday - April 13th

7:00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper - Church

Friday - April 14th

3:00pm

Stations of the Cross - Church

7:00pm

Good Friday Service - Church

Saturday - April 15th

10:00am

Holiday Food Basket Distribution - School Cafeteria (Westonka Food Shelf 952-472-5599)

8:30pm

Easter Vigil - Church

Sunday - April 16th

8:30am

Easter Sunday Mass

10:30am

Easter Sunday Mass

Communion Ministry for Residents at Lake Minnetonka Shores on Easter Sunday • 7:30am

Will you be able to receive the Eucharist on Easter when you are elderly? Some of us will not be well enough to attend Mass. Consider giving the gift of taking Holy Communion to residents at Lake Minnetonka Shores on Easter morning before Mass, at 7:30am. Many of the people in the Care Center helped build and sustain the Church in which you are now worshipping. In return, please be of service to those who desire the Eucharist on Easter. Please call Dana at 952-472-1284 x162 if you can help. Thanks!

Please note: The church office is closed on Good Friday, April 14th and Easter Monday, April 17th.



**Our Lady of the Lake Boy Scout
Troop 571 Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, April 23rd,
from 8:00 a.m. to Noon**



Save the date! Plan on stopping by the PACE Center for a delicious breakfast prepared & served by the Our Lady of the Lake Boy Scouts.



Pastoral Ministry

West Suburban Grief Coalition

Meets at Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church
7600 Harold Avenue, Golden Valley • 763-545-0239
The group meets on Thursdays from 4:30 - 6:00pm.

April 13th: *Self-Care and Exercise During Grief*
April 27th: *Whatcha Gonna Do?*
May 4th: *Journey Following Husband's Death*
May 11th: *Is it Grief or Something More?*

In order to update the list of the names of the sick and those serving in the military, please review the names included in this bulletin and call Dana at the front desk if you have additional requests or if you want to make any changes. Thank you.

The Sacred Triduum begins the evening of Holy Thursday, April 13th and concludes the evening of Easter Sunday, April 16th. The word Triduum means "three days" because of this time span, one day lasting three days, maybe because we are continually in church! **Holy Thursday** is all about Jesus' self-giving. In imitation of Jesus we give our own body and blood when we serve others. The mystery of **Good Friday** calls us to the transformation of self that is the only way to love, obedience, and faithfulness. This day is a reminder that the road to abundant Life is paved by a cross. At the **Easter Vigil** we are reminded that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are encountering and being nourished by the risen One. Each time we respond to another member of the Body of Christ, we are encountering the risen One. On **Easter Sunday** we continue celebrating darkness giving way to light, death giving way to Life. The goodness of our lives challenges others to see and believe, to see and love, to see and come to the Light. Yeah!

Blessed Easter!
Sr. Carrie

Light for the Week

In the reading from Isaiah, we hear that the Lord has given "a well-trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary." Who are the weary in your life? Do you have words of comfort for them? In the Second Reading, St. Paul tells us that Christ emptied himself. Can you spend time in quiet, emptying yourself so that you might image God more fully in your life? During this Holy Week, how will you accompany Jesus to his Passion?

**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, & Adam Richardt*

**We pray for those in the
Military: Travis B., Nicholas J.,
& Darrell V.**



*We remember our beloved deceased,
Jim Sterriker.
May he rest in God's peace.*

The **Annual Community Prayer Breakfast** to benefit **WeCAN** is Thursday, April 27th, at 7:00am at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2451 Fairview Lane, in Mound. To reserve a seat, call WeCAN at 952-472-0742. A free-will offering will be taken.

PennyWise Thrift Shop

The Pennywise Thrift Shop currently has religious items and gifts that are tailored especially for Confirmation and First Communion. More items will be arriving soon. If you are not able to shop during our regular store hours, Pennywise will also have a table with many items for sale in the PACE Center after the Masses on Sunday, April 23rd.



Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation meets on Sunday, April 9th, at 9:30 am in the school cafeteria. This month's topic will be "God, the Father." Keep working on your textbooks at home!

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets Sunday at the 10:30 Mass. The children are dismissed after the Opening Prayer and return to their parents during the Creed. All children, preschool through grade 4, are invited to join us for an age-appropriate discussion of the Scripture readings. No registration is required.

Prayer & Playtime meets this Monday morning from 10:00 – 11:00. Parents and caregivers are invited for a time of prayer, fellowship and playtime in the gym for the kids.

Faith Formation Classes for Grades 1-8 do not meet this week. We hope you'll join us at some of the special Liturgies planned during Holy Week.

Our next serving date for Loaves and Fishes is this Tuesday, April 11th. We will meet at St. Gabriel's in Hopkins from 5:00 – 7:30 to serve dinner to struggling families in the area. For more information, contact Kathy Hejna at 952-472-1284, ext. 147.

A VIRTUS session will be held here at OLL on Tuesday, April 18th, at 6:00 pm. All volunteers who work with youth or vulnerable adults are required to attend a VIRTUS session. Register online at www.virtus.org. Questions? Contact Kathy at 952-472-1284, ext. 147.

The First Communion Retreat for parents and children preparing for this sacrament is on Sunday, April 23rd, at 2:00. Workbooks and banners should be turned by the retreat date.

Join us at our next Young Family Potluck on Saturday, April 29th, from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Presentation Room. Bring your favorite dish to share and meet other young families at our parish!

Join us at Hero Central VBS June 12 – 16th! Registration forms are available in the parish office and are also online at <http://www.ourladyofthelake.com/vacation-bible-school>. For more information, contact Kathy at khejna@ourladyofthelake.com.

RCIA Thank you for all of your prayers for the candidates. Please join them at the Easter Vigil as one will be baptized and all 3 will be confirmed and receive Holy Communion for the first time. There will be a reception after the Vigil where you can personally greet and congratulate them. Refreshments will be served!

LIVING IN PEACE: A Catholic Planning Seminar: Please see the enclosed flyer for details about the Planning Seminar on Tuesday, May 9th, at 7:00pm. Information is also available on our website at www.ourladyofthelake.com. Come to Mass at 6:30pm, and then to the brief talks afterward. Light refreshments will be provided.

FORMED • Online Catholic Resource

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

The following resources are suggested for the month of March:

April 13 – Holy Thursday

Program: Catholicism, Session 7: Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven

Program: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 6: The Paschal Mystery

Program: Symbolon: Living the Faith, Session 3: Walk through the Mass

Movie: No Greater Love

Audio: The Lamb's Supper

Audio: My Beloved Son

April 14 – Good Friday

Movie: Mary of Nazareth

Book: the Kiss of Jesus

Book: Mary in the Redemption

Audio: Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross

April 15 – Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

Program: Reborn

Program: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 8: Why Do I Need the Church?

Movie: Convinced

Movie: The Shroud of Turin

Book: Sacraments in Scripture

Book: Awakening

Discipleship ... Faith In Action

Stewardship Thought

“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” - Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross”. These opportunities aren’t usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Requirements</u>
April 1 st & 2 nd , 2017	\$14,751	\$14,426
Fiscal YTD (07/01/16 to present)	\$714,790	\$651,692

Our Lady of the Lake School News

Living Stations of the Cross

The 7th and 8th grade students will put on a **Living Stations of the Cross** on Thursday, April 13th, in the gym at 9:00am. Our Lord's passion will be depicted as silhouettes on a white screen with the accompanying prayers of the 14 stations. Visitors are welcome!

PURCHASE YOUR GOLDEN TICKET TODAY! Win a Disney Getaway • October 14th - 21st, 2017

We are selling 150 \$100 Golden Tickets, so if you only buy one - you have a 1 in 150 chance of winning! The winning ticket will enjoy four, one-day Park Hopper tickets to Walt Disney World for a Magical one-day Disney experience. These tickets alone are valued at \$650 - but that’s not all!

You’ll be spending a full week at the Holiday Inn Club Vacations® Orange Lake Resort. This 2-bedroom villa is equipped with a full kitchen and enough room to give everyone their space, as it comfortably sleeps eight.

Travel dates are Saturday, October 14th - Saturday, October 21st, 2017. Lodging Courtesy of: Mike & Stephanie Greene. Total value of this package is approximately \$2,000, but can be yours for as little as \$100 if you’re the lucky winner! So, what’s stopping you - purchase your GOLDEN TICKET today!

Due to Minnesota Raffle Ticket Laws - Raffle tickets cannot be purchased online. To purchase a Golden Ticket, please contact Kassie Ricke, Our Lady of the Lake Advancement Director, at kricke@schoololl.com or 612-309-3549, or stop by the Starlight Gala Information table in the PACE Center following all three Masses on April 22nd & 23rd.

Register for the 2017 Starlight Gala! Saturday, April 29th • Wayzata Country Club

The Starlight Gala (formerly known as the Starlight Bash), is a special celebration of our community. We appreciate the hundreds of supporters who contribute cash, become event sponsors, donate silent/live auction offerings, sponsor faculty, attend the event, purchase auction offerings, and support our fund-a-need efforts to provide tuition assistance. We want to thank you for your continued commitment to our School.

If you have any questions, or if you’d like to make a donation, please contact Tara Collins, Starlight Gala Chair, at tcollins@greenergy.com or 612-239-4110. Register for the event at: school.ourladyofthelake/starlightgala/

Westonka Community Blood Drive: The next Westonka Community Blood Drive will be held on Monday, May 1st, from noon to 6:30pm at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 2451 Fairview Lane, Mound. Sign up one of the following ways: Online at www.mbcherohub.club (sponsor code 0209), access the blood center at www.mbc.org, or call the blood center at 651-332-7171, Questions? Contact Evert Lehtola at 952-472-6139 or elehtola@aol.com.

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School Secretary, Carol Franck ... 150

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The Church Staff e-mails are first letter of first name, followed by last name **@ourladyofthelake.com**

Example: reurich@ourladyofthelake.com

The School Staff e-mails are first letter of first name, followed by last name **@schoololl.com**

Example: bkennedy@schoololl.com

Church Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 8:30am - 5:00pm
(Closed Noon-1:00pm)
Fri. 8:30am - Noon
Sat. Closed
Sun. 8:00am - Noon

School Office Hours

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

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, & 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 & on First Fridays of the month after the morning Mass until 8:00pm. Please join us for this rewarding experience!

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May 9 7:00 p.m.

*LIVING IN PEACE:
A Catholic Planning Seminar*

Our Mission is to support the spiritual, educational, and charitable needs of our Catholic family.

Funeral Pre-Planning:

It can happen at any time. It can happen without warning, whether by accident or disease. There are many decisions that need to be made in planning for a funeral and burial. During this stressful time, it is hard to make good choices, and it is hard to know what your loved one would have chosen. Pre-planning lets you communicate your wishes to your loved ones.

There can also be a financial burden as a result of the funeral and burial costs. Most funeral homes provide for a pre-payment of these fees, generally at a reduced price. Estimated funeral costs can be as much as \$10,000 so planning ahead can be very helpful.

Medical Directives:

There are many alternatives in planning for your medical care. Most clinics and hospitals ask you to complete these directives, especially prior to a surgery. It is important for your family and caregivers to know whether you wish to use extraordinary means to keep you alive, or if you do not want artificial life support. Providers appreciate knowing what you think is best for you and your loved ones.

Examples are: Living wills, POLST (Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment), and Minnesota Health Care Directives.

Wills/Estate Planning:

If a person dies without a will and if there are no other provisions for the transfer of assets, the State of Minnesota determines who inherits your property. Assets that have been accumulated over the years may not pass to the intended beneficiary without proper planning. For larger estates, extra taxes may also be assessed.

Examples include: Wills, Trusts, Beneficiary designations, Joint tenancy of property, IRAs, 401Ks, Pension plans, and Joint ownership of banking accounts.

Endowment Funds:

An endowment is a repository for financial gifts given to an institution with a special purpose stated by the donor. Our Endowment is designed to preserve the principal (the original gift) while using part of the interest money earned to support the work of the parish. The original gift continues to earn interest forever ("in perpetuity"). Your gift today will continue to benefit Our Lady of the Lake year after year!

For more information contact:

Funeral Pre-planning:

Carla LaBore 952-472-1284 x145

Endowment Options:

Rhonda Eurich 952-472-1284 x161

Estate Planning (Wills):

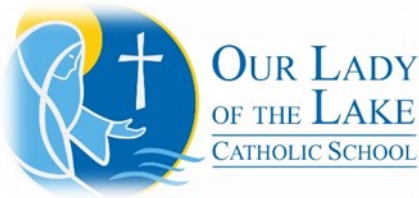
Julian Hook 952-473-3031

Health Care Directives:

Marcia Jerdee 952-472-5466

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*Praise God,
Work Hard,
Love One Another!*

April School Happenings Parish Newsletter

Dear Parishioners,

We at OLL Catholic School love our faith. We love our parish family at OLL and all that they do for our School! THANK YOU!!! Please see the items in this flyer to learn more about what is happening in our school and ways you can become involved if you are interested! We would

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Easter Egg Hunt and EGGstravaganza! Hop on over to meet the Easter Bunny, join us for an Egg Hunt and make Easter crafts! Registration begins at 9:30am in the School Cafeteria. The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10:00am: ages 2-3, 4-6, 7-10. Crafts & treats are from 10:15 - 11:15am. All are welcome! Volunteers needed. If you have any questions, please contact Kassie Ricke, kricke@schoololl.com.

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Mother/Son SuperHero Dance Join us on Friday, April 21st, from 6:00-8:30pm in the School Gym! Food, refreshments and fun will be served!

Book Fair and Generation Day Does your home library need an update? Come to our Book Fair in the School Gym on April 27th, from 2:30-4pm and April 28th, between 8:00am – 4pm! Our Book Fair coincides with our Generation Day celebration on April 28th, so lots of extended family/friends will be around too!

April Service Project During the month of April, our service project will be at Lake Minnetonka Shores. Each grade (K-8) will have a dedicated Thursday to plan and do an activity with the residents. Before the students visit, the volunteer coordinator will visit classrooms to share more information about Lake Minnetonka Shores residents and expectations of their volunteers.

Upcoming Events

April 8

Easter Egg Hunt

April 21

Mother/Son Superhero Dance

April 27 and 28

Book Fair

April 28

Generation Day

April 29

Starlight Gala, Wayzata Country Club

May 18

Middle School Spring Concert

May 31

8th Grade Graduation

School Board:

- Danny Patterson, Chair
- Mary Ament-Johnson, Vice Chair
- Rick Epple, Finance
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- Laurie Herder, Education
- Kelly Monette, Marketing & Enrollment
- Aline Ostrowski, Marketing
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- Moe Smith, Fundraising
- Nancy Erdman, Teacher Rep.
- Fr. Tony O'Neill, Ex. Officio
- Rhonda Eurich, Ex. Officio
- Becky Kennedy, Ex. Officio

Upcoming Dates in May... MS Spring Concert on May 18th, and 8th Grade Graduation May 31st

A Letter from an OLL Alumni Student - Caroline Ellingboe

Attending Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School from the age of 3 to 14 impacted my life in the most positive way, because it led me to make decisions that got me to where I am today. Growing up in the Catholic faith and in a small, personalized community environment that OLL offers, helped my classmates and me develop close relationships with each other and with our faith. Attending OLL led me to choose to continue my Catholic education at Holy Family in Victoria, where I had an amazing high school experience. When the majority of your 14-person class decides that they want to go to Holy Family Catholic High School, it is only natural to feel that is the right decision for you, too. I loved the college-prep style education and the challenges that I faced while I was there. It all felt manageable because I was challenged in similar ways as I progressed in school at OLL. The education I received at OLL prepared me to feel at ease with the work-load of high school. While I branched out and made new friends, I maintained the close relationships with my OLL friends that will always be there.

I will always cherish the memories that we made at OLL, from the earliest memories of Kindergarten to the last school Mass as an 8th grader at OLL 9 years ago, where we got to choose our favorite songs to be played at Mass. We knelt in the first row of pews as we said goodbye to the end of an era. For most of us, it was a period of 11 or so years at the same school, growing up together and saying goodbye to the community that raised us – but it was definitely not goodbye. Our Lady of the Lake is a community that sticks together, and I am so happy that I grew up here and am still a part of this community.

I graduated from Bowling Green State University in Ohio in May of 2016, finishing up my collegiate gymnastics career on an amazing and emotional note, and graduating with a BFA in Graphic Design and a minor in marketing. I am currently a graphic designer at the Builders Association of the Twin Cities, where I work on various digital and printed projects including the production of the Parade of Homes guidebooks. My fiancé, Windom, and I are getting married this August! We are so excited to start the next chapter of our lives together. I have really enjoyed being home again after 4 years of college away from home, and I look forward to spending more time in the city and state that I love!

And More Excitement from OLL Alumni Evan Epple was part of the Holy Family Math Team that recently took 2nd Place at State Competition! Congratulations Evan!

A Letter from our Principal regarding MNSAA Accreditation

Dear Parishioners,

Our MNSAA accreditation visit went very well! The MNSAA board will be reviewing the report in May, but I can share with you key findings from the team.

The team was VERY impressed with the blended learning model that our teachers have embraced. As always, our students let their light shine, and the team stated that when in the classroom, "students were kind, helpful, and courteous to each other." Also noted, was that it is apparent that the parishioners at OLL are very proud and supportive of the school and they are committed to its success.

The top five commendations from the team follow:

The team commends the teachers for the development and use of unit design plans.

The team commends OLL for its dedication to training in blended learning and the use of technology.

The team commends the students for their appropriate and respectful behavior, as well as their commitment to learning.

The team commends OLL parish and school for their financial commitment to the long-term success of the school.

The team commends the principal, pastor, and school board for their strong, dedicated leadership to further the mission of OLL school.

Our Lady has a lot to celebrate and be thankful for. I know I am thankful for the dedicated staff, supportive community, and wonderful students; I celebrate that God has brought my family and me to this great village we call OLL!

Praising, Working, Loving
Becky Kennedy, Principal