

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2011



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:30 am

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Behold, The Lamb of God

Though we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord last Sunday, today's Gospel (Jn 1:29-34) points to the importance of that event. It stresses that Jesus "outranks" John the Baptist: Jesus accepts John's baptism, even though it is he who is the Lamb of God.

In Jesus' day a lamb was a familiar image for Jews. When they celebrated Passover they remembered that lamb's blood was poured on the doorposts and lintels. This sacrifice of the lamb protected the first born of every Hebrew home in Egypt as the angel of death killed the first born of every Egyptian household. The sacrificial offering of lambs became a part of the Jewish tradition for atonement of sins. It enabled people to return to God after they had separated themselves through sin. Jesus reminded his disciples of this idea of sacrifice at the Last Supper. His actions at that meal would forever bind his followers to the sacrifice he made for each of us. Jesus had become the new Passover Lamb.

John the Baptist proclaims Jesus as "Lamb of God." Seeing the Spirit come down on Jesus like a dove, John knew, as was promised by God, this was the sign to indicate the chosen One. While it would remain unclear exactly what it meant to be the Lamb of God until after the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, John knew that this was the most fitting title for the one who approached him that day at the Jordan River.

Baptism - Not Just a Ticket to Heaven

We learned last week that Jesus' baptism shows his willingness to stand in line *(see next column)*



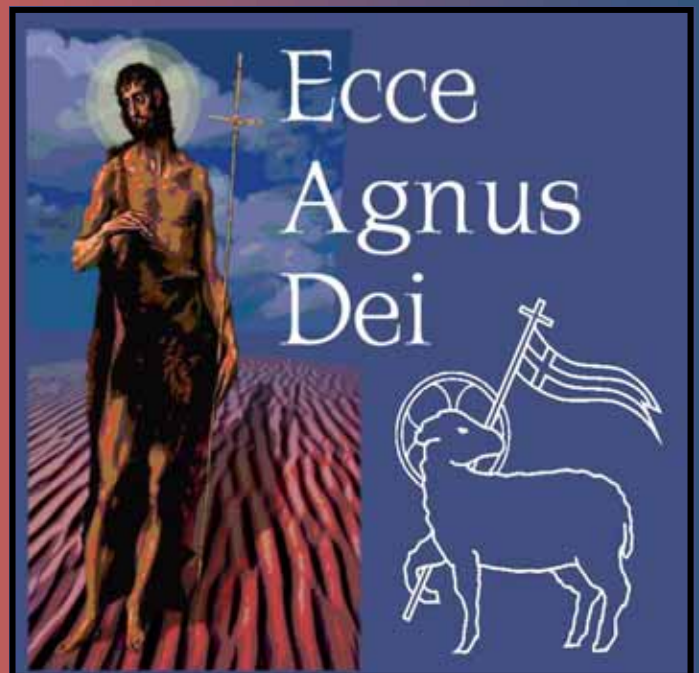
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday 7:00 pm Sunday 8:30 am

440 Lake Street North
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Big Lake, MN 55309-0100

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with sinners so that we could stand in line with him free from sin. In addition, our baptism is much more than the idea of a ticket to heaven. Like Christ, our baptism calls us to service to one another because we are united as brothers and sisters as St. Paul points out again and again in his letter to the Corinthians.

As humans, we cannot give as completely as Jesus did, but we are called to carry one another in service. By serving one another we proclaim Jesus' message of love we lift up our brothers and sisters. Ultimately, the service that we offer to others is truly the service of Jesus himself, the Lamb of God. *Fr. Geno Doyle*

STEWARDSHIP

Offering January 8 & 9

Adult (117)	\$ 2,833.00
Loose	\$ 357.46
Youth (0)	\$.00
Children (1)	\$.32
Total	\$ 3,190.78

Building Fund (13) \$ 595.00

Amount needed each week for:

Operating Budget	\$ 5,476 per week
Capital Campaign/Building Fund	\$ 2,077 per week

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, January 16, 6-7 p.m.

Mentors for Confirmation candidates (10th graders) who wish to be confirmed in 2012 meet. This meeting is for mentors only!

Tuesday, January 18, 6:30 p.m.

The **Faith Formation Committee** meets. The Parish Councils will be meeting at 7 p.m. Please bring your calendars for we will decide on another evening and time to meet.

Wednesday, January 19, 6:30-8 p.m.



Bread for the Journey sessions for M-Z families and anyone who was unable to come last week.

During the January session, **Blessings of Obedience to God**, we will be looking at the persons of Hannah, Samuel, and David!

How do these "voices" challenge us? If you wish to review the past months with your family, there are extra issues remaining on the shelf near my office.

We will be viewing the **Safe Environment video in the adult session this month**. The youth and children will be watching their assigned videos next month. As you might know, the diocese has a 3-year program assigned for us.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

This is a SOS to all parents who have children ages 4 through grade 3. Lesson plans are available

each Sunday for children to participate in the readings on their level. Lesson plans are easy to follow and children look forward to it. Parents, I depend on you to volunteer and sign up for this ministry. It is only 15-20 minutes of your time when you are at church. Let me know if I can help you to come forward to do this ministry. It would be great if every parent would do it once a month or every six weeks.



THE "YOUTH OF TRUTH" NEWS

Thought for the week:

Prayer is more effective when we spend as much time listening as we do talking!!

Reminder: Breakfast and an inspirational start to your day every Friday morning for grades 9-12 @ Youth Center from 6:45am-7:50am.

- **Mon. Jan. 17—"Sharing and Caring Hands"**
Meet at Church at 7:45am
We will return to Church around 2:00pm
Turn in your permission slips ASAP
- **Wed. Jan. 19—Youth Group @ Youth Center**
Grades 9-12 8:15-9:45
- **Fri. Jan. 21—Sr. High "Traveling Lock-in"**
Meet at Church Fri. night at 8:30pm
Return to Church Sat. at about 6:30am
Return forms and money ASAP
- **Wed. Jan. 26—Youth Group @ Youth Center**
Grades 5-8 6:30-8:00
Grades 9-12 6:00-8:00(Service Projects)
- **Adults needed to help chaperone Castaway Retreat or to be part of the "Work Crew" at Castaway.** Please let me know if you are interested!! We need your help to continue this great opportunity for our Youth!!
- **Adults interested in going on our Boundary Waters Retreat with the Youth contact me ASAP.**
- Anyone in need of odd jobs done around the house, please contact Angie Kraus for help from our Youth Group. 763-261-5077

Christ's Peace to all,

Doug Watercott

Peace, Joy and Hope in the New Year of 2011,
Julie Schleper, OSB

STEWARDSHIP

Offering January 8 & 9

Adult (113)	\$ 3,387.00
Children (3)	\$ 3.15
Loose checks	\$ 375.00
Loose plate	\$ 200.00
Total	\$ 3,965.15

Weekly budget amount needed \$ 5,618.00

YOUTH MINISTRY



- **Wed. 1/19;** 9th-12th grade; 6:30-8:00 pm; Prayer, singing, TURN IN COMPLETED LOCK-IN FORMS; snack time.
- **Fri. 1/21;** Lock-in details and parishes participating are listed on page 6.

*Richard Adams, Youth Minister Coordinator
dadams@ourladybiglake.org*

Thank you everyone for your support with this year's Giving Tree. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated by Big Lake Food Shelf, Catholic Charities, New Beginnings, and Anna Marie's House. We were truly being God's hands in reaching out to help others during the Christmas season. Thank you!!!
OLOL Outreach Committee

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Calling All Singers! If you enjoy singing, consider joining one of our choral groups here at OLOL. All groups welcome new members throughout the year. Rehearsal schedules are as follows:

Children's Choir (grades 2-6): Thursdays, 5-6 pm

Youth Ensemble (grades 7-12): Wednesdays, 5-6 pm

Adult Choir (ages 16 and up): Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Gretchen.

Liturgy Committee: Next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7:00 pm.

In Christ, Gretchen Roe

Office Hours: Wed. 9-3 and Thurs. 9-1 or by appointment

FAITH FORMATION

What's Your Catholic IQ?

The Eucharistic fast is to be a) one hour before Holy Communion; b) three hours before Mass; c) from midnight of that day; c) twenty four hours before Mass. (*answer below*)

CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS

As a faith community, let us support our Confirmation candidates by prayer and example. Baskets containing the names of our candidates have been placed at the main entrance and annex entrance. You are invited to pick a name from the basket and pray for your candidate daily.

CONGRATULATIONS!

On Tuesday, 42 children celebrated their First Reconciliation. We rejoice with these children and their families as they continue their faith journey. They now begin preparation for their First Eucharist in the spring. May these families grow together in faith and love!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

This week's questions are based on the Gospel (John 1:29-34)

Question for Children: If someone were to ask you, "who is Jesus?" how would you answer?

Question for Youth: How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today's world to really see Christ as he makes himself present today? Where do you see him or experience his presence?

Question for Adults: In the gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you, how would you answer this question: Who Jesus is for you?

January Faith Formation Calendar

*Jan. 16 (Sun) beginning with 8:30 am Mass: Rite of Calling to Confirmation and Retreat Day for Confirmation Candidates

*Jan. 18 (Tues) 7:00 pm: Faith Formation Committee meeting

*Jan. 26 OR Feb. 2 (Tues) 7:00 pm: First Eucharist Parent Introductory Session

Barb Olson, Director of Faith Formation
Office hours: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 am-3:00 pm
Email: barb@ourladybiglake.org

Catholic IQ answer: a) According to the 1983 Code of Canon Law n. 919, Catholics are to fast "for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine."

Liturgical Ministers

NOTE: Please remember that you are responsible for your ministry when scheduled. You are asked to find a replacement for your ministry when you are unavailable to serve.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, January 22nd, 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Athmann,
Lil Boser, Randy Wagner

Hospitality Ministers: Darren, Marissa,
Dean & Lori Moeller

Servers: Adam Bauman and Josie Wagner

Lector: Theresa Wagner

Sunday, January 23rd, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Jo Cobb, Lori Hanowski
Denise Kerr, Jeff Kerr, Brad Kohorst

Hospitality Ministers: Ashley Kangas, Angie Kraus,
Jacob Leistico, Charles Maurer

Servers: Alenita Maurer and Zoe Gruenes

Lector: Tim Gruenes and Theresa Slominski

Nursery: Dana Slominski and Katelyn Tasto



Saving you BECKER JUBILEE receipts has really helped the Faith Formation program. We were able to use the money collected from last quarter to help buy bibles for the 4th and 5th grade.

Some of you may not know about the receipt program that Becker Jubilee has with us. Every quarter parishioners are asked to save ALL their Jubilee receipts. They are then brought in and put in the box by Eric and Doug's office labeled "Becker Jubilee Receipts." At the end of the quarter, we take them to Jubilee and receive a 1% cash back on the total for the quarter. Last quarter it was around \$135.

We really appreciate you saving them for us; and a special thank you to our little 'Bea.' Please continue to save and bring in those receipts. We are currently saving receipts for January 1, 2011 thru March 31, 2011.

Thank you so much for supporting this program.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Saturday, January 22nd, 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Dick Schueller, Donna Otten,
Kimberly Johnson

Greeters: Patrick & Melissa Burke

Annex: Diane Quinn

Ushers: Vickie Cote, Randy Anderson,
Ernest Kroll, Paige Liebl

Servers: Patrick L. Liebl

Lectors: Patrick F. Liebl and Sue Stang

Sacristan: Norb Vossen 263-1814

Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071

Sunday, January 23rd, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Benson, James Johnson,
Keith Klein, James Ledwith, Peter Schmidt,
Becky Grandalen, Beverly Bebeau

Nursing Home: Rose Knowlton & Bernice Krutzig

Greeters: Mary Ann Perman

Annex: Randy & Laura Garding

Ushers: Kevin Thompson, Sean Thompson,
Dan John, Braden John

Annex: Bruce Kuechle and Brenda Kuechle

Servers: Isabella & Isiah Kallas

Lectors: Michelle Thompson and Terry Perman

Sacristan: Mary Kimmes 263-2971

Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071



BULLETIN DEADLINE

Bulletin Date

Sunday, January 23

Sunday, January 30

Sunday, February 6

Sunday, February 13

Deadline

Monday, January 17

Monday, January 24

Monday, January 31

Monday, February 7

Please note these dates and send bulletin information to Terri at imccc@sherbtdel.net

Meals on Wheels

During the month of January, the Outreach Committee at OLOL will be focusing on finding support for the local Meals on Wheels program. We will have an informational table set up the weekend of January 22nd/23rd, along with current volunteers, to answer any questions you may have. Meals on Wheels is currently looking for kitchen help, drivers (1st Tues./3rd Wed./every Fri) and backup drivers. If your schedule allows, please prayerfully consider volunteering for this program that allows God to work through us to bring food and fellowship to home bound people in our community. For questions, contact JoAnn Stark at 263-2930.

Save a marriage. Are you, or someone you know, living in the pain of a marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille can help. The next program starts January 21st. Call 320-255-5314 or check the website www.savingmarriages.org for more information. Register in advance.

Spiritual Adoption Update: We are now into month 5 of our babies development. We are mid-way through the pregnancy. Our babies are over a pound now! The mommy can now feel the baby kick. Check out the new poster in the annex at OLOL and continue to pray for your spiritually adopted baby!!

Other Pro-Life Happenings:

VIGIL FOR ALL NASCENT HUMAN LIFE

January 16, 2011

Church of St. Anthony

2405 North 1st Street, St. Cloud

Holy Hour 2 p.m., Rosary for Life 3:30 p.m. &

Evening Prayer for Life with Bishop Kinney 4:00 p.m.

Refreshments available after the service. Please bring a baby item to be donated to Birthline.

MARCH FOR LIFE

January 22, 2011

Cathedral of St. Paul

St. Paul, MN

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We invite you to join us on the bus for the Ecumenical Prayer Service and March for Life on January 22nd at the Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul, MN. The bus will leave from the Pastoral Center parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 3:00 p.m. A free will offering will be accepted. Please contact the Office of Marriage & Family at (320) 252-4721 to register for the bus ride.

A “Town Hall” Merger Meeting

There will be a “Town Hall” meeting at Our Lady of the Lake on Sunday, January 30th at 2:00 pm to provide an update on the OLOL/ICCC merger and give parishioners an opportunity to ask questions. ALL parishioners from Our Lady of the Lake and Immaculate Conception are welcome to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN LOCK-IN EVENTS

Parishes participating are Immaculate Conception, Becker; Our Lady of the Lake, Big Lake; Christ Our Light, Princeton-Zimmerman; St Andrew’s, Elk River.

1/21; 9:00 pm Bus picks up ICCC teens.

9:15 pm Bus picks up OLOL teens.

9:30 pm Bus arrives at Elk River YMCA.

1/22; 12:30 am Bus leaves YMCA; arrives at St.

Andrew’s at 12:45 am

2:30 am Bus leaves St. Andrew’s and goes to

Princeton Roller Rink for skating.

4:30 am Bus leaves for Christ Our Light Church

5:00 am Breakfast served by KC’s

6:15 am Bus has us home at our own parishes

BINGO

JANUARY 30TH

12:00-3:00 PM

(Concessions open at 11:30 am)

At Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

All proceeds support


“Youth of Truth” activities

Meat raffle-Door prizes-\$100 blackout finale

Concessions: Hot dogs, sloppy joes & more

Parish Cell Phone

The cell phone number below is for use in both parishes. Use it **after regular hours for pastoral needs or emergencies.** Please continue to use the regular land line numbers for all other parish business. The number (Verizon) is:

 **763-250-0233**

Pastor

Fr. Gene Doyle

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Kris Hammer

Secretary

Terri Pickarimccc@sherbtl.net

Housekeeping/Maintenance

Shelly Kasper

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Director of faith Formation

Barb Olson.....763-263-3187

Youth Minister Coordinator

Richard Adamsdadams@ourladybiglake.org

Director of Music

Gretchen Roe.....763-262-7388

Bookkeeper/Parish Census

Patti Kroll

Custodian

Merwin (Pee Wee) Metzger

Church Housekeeper

Danette Toenies

PRAYER LIST

Guidelines - A) Names may be placed on the prayer list for three weeks. B) Names can be listed as often as one wishes but the request must be renewed each time. C) The person whose name appears on the list must give permission and/or be informed before his/her name is listed.

Parish Prayer Lines

Irene Ring (ICCC) 763-261-4565

Betsy Dupay (OLOL) 763-263-7901

Rose Knowlton (OLOL) 763-295-5911

Week 1

John Holtz

Jason Treptau

Sharalyn Pfaff

Week 2

Ryan Thorn

Daryl Roy

Dave Nelson

Week 3

Ina Kelly

John Zimmel

Larry Svir

Sue King

Vicki Kral

Millie Rieland

Sue Johnson

PARISH COUNCIL

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Dick Pursley

Rick Kraus

Theresa Quinn

Lisa Thelen

Trustees: Mary Jo Cobb and Brad Kohorst

Angie Fuller

Dave Maiers

Lu Schuette

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Dan Loegering

Dan Bell

Kristen Jacobs

Bruce Kuechle

Laura Swanson

Dennis Nagorski

Keith Klien

Rose Knowlton

Chuck Reichert

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: Hebrews 6:10-20

Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17

Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: Hebrews 7:25-8:6

Mark 3:7-12

Friday: Hebrews 8:6-13

Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14

Matthew 3:20-21

Sunday: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Matthew 4:12-23

MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Travis Barrett

Kelly DeWein

Jim Sunderlin

Ed Waskosky

James Vandenuval

Paul Waskosky

Melissa Schake

Amy (Long) Wierman

Robert Wroblewski III

Robert Lambrecht III

Corey Smith

Ben Kroll

Amy Long

William Pace

Tony Wingard

Justin Wire

Zach Wierman

Michael Wilts

MASS SCHEDULE for the WEEK

Monday, January 17, St Anthony, abbot
ICCC & OLOL No Liturgies

Tuesday, January 18, Weekday
OLOL 7:00 pm No Mass

Wednesday, January 19, Weekday
OLOL 8:00 am Special Intention (PJW)
Bible Study follows

Thursday, January 20, Weekday, St Fabian, pope & martyr
 St Sebastian, martyr
OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service
ICCC 10:00 am Shepherd of Grace
 †William Mead
OLOL 9:30 am Mass @ Big Lake Nursing Home

Friday, January 21, St Agnes, virgin & martyr
OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service
ICCC 8:15 am Mass for Frank Diekmann

Saturday, January 22 — Weekday, St Vincent, deacon & martyr
OLOL 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 Saturday, January 22 - **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**ICCC 5:00 pm †Thomas Neidenfeuhr**  
**OLOL 7:00 pm †Joseph Kritzeck**

Sunday, January 23  
**OLOL 8:30 am † Sig & Sally Ronning**  
**ICCC 10:30 am Mass for the People**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule**

**First Saturday 3:00 pm - Becker, ICCC**  
**Second Saturday 3:00 pm - Big Lake, OLOL**  
**Third Saturday 3:00 pm - Becker, ICCC**  
**Fourth Saturday 3:00 pm - Big Lake, OLOL**

***Note: Regular confession times are now at 3:00 pm.***

**Marriage Encounter~a Very Special Weekend  
 Together: February 19-20, 2011 and April 2-3, 2011**

This Weekend is an experience designed to help married couples communicate more intimately with one another. It's a weekend away from home, family and responsibilities where in a comfortable environment a couple is guided in the discovery of effective ways of communicating and sharing with one another. Marriage Encounter is a weekend about LOVE. The Marriage Encounter Weekend is held at St. Francis Center in Little Falls, MN and begins Saturday morning and ends Sunday afternoon. Please call (320) 252-3220 to register or for more information, our website is: [www.stcloudme.org](http://www.stcloudme.org)

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS for the WEEK**

Sunday, January 16  
**ICCC 6-7 pm 10th Grade Confirmation**  
**Candidates/Mentor Meeting**

Monday, January 17  
**OLOL 1-7 pm Blood Mobile**

Tuesday, January 18  
**ICCC 6:30 pm Faith Formation Committee**  
**ICCC & OLOL 7:00 pm Joint Council Meeting**  
**OLOL 7:00 pm Faith Formation Committee Meet**  
**OLOL 7:00 pm AA & Al Anon Meeting**

Wednesday, January 19  
**OLOL 5-6 pm Youth Ensemble Practice**  
**OLOL 6:15 pm Cantor Practice**  
**ICCC 6:30 pm BFJ M-Z Families**  
**OLOL 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice**  
**ICCC 8:15-9:45 pm Youth Group - Grades 9-12**

Thursday, January 20  
**OLOL 5-6 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal**  
**ICCC 6:00 pm Cantor Rehearsal**  
**ICCC 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal**  
**OLOL 7:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting**  
**ICCC 8:00 pm AA & Al Anon Meeting**

Saturday, January 22  
**OLOL 9:00 am Cemetery Board Meeting**  
**OLOL & ICCC 8pm-8am Pro life All-night Vigil**

**Red Cross Community  
 Blood Drive**

Hosted by Big Lake Lioness'

Monday, January 17th  
 1:00-7:00 pm

at Our Lady of the Lake



Donate  
 Blood  
 Today

**'Prayer Vigil for Life'**

The Knights of Columbus from both parishes are sponsoring their annual all night Prayer Vigil for Life. This vigil is set for January 22, the 39th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision.

Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at end of Mass at each parish and continues through the night after sun rise on Sunday morning.

Plan to spend one hour sometime during the night with our KC's. Sign-up sheets are available at church. At Immaculate Conception contact Jim Boettcher at 763-261-4612 and at Our Lady of the Lake contact Dale Dianoski at 763-482-7237