



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

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

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The Star of Bethlehem

The Good News of the Christmas season continues today as the Church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany. The story of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It teaches us what we can expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town. Yet, it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its search for the place where the Savior was born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our own everyday lives, where we can experience Jesus' presence, showing himself in ever new ways.

The Light of the World

We call Jesus the Light of the World. To say this about Jesus is to say something about ourselves. Christ's light is meant to shine in every corner of the earth gathering all people together.

In the magi from the East we see Jesus, even as an infant, gathering people of different religions and races to his light. They bring the child their finest gifts telling others of the light they have seen. The letter to the Ephesians reminds us that all Christians are "members of the same body, and copartners" with Christ. There should be no divisions among us: all are called to gather together under the light of Christ. Isaiah tells us that we are to reflect the Light of the World so that all nations can walk by Christ's light and all rulers by his guiding radiance.

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Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh

The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh are symbolic of who Christ is. Gold emphasizes that Jesus is King as one who protects and guides those entrusted to his care. Frankincense signifies that Jesus is God. Myrrh was a perfume used for burial and foreshadows Jesus' death on the cross. Taken together they indicate that, through his suffering and death, Jesus will become both the afflicted King, in whose service we are to offer our gifts to the afflicted, and the eternal Priest, whose sacrifice we are to make known as the source of light uniting Christians and all humanity.

By our unity, our lives and our witness, we reveal that Jesus Christ is indeed the Light of the World.

Fr. Gene Doyle

STEWARDSHIP

Offering December 15, 18 & 19

Adult (132)	\$ 5,704.33
Loose	\$ 333.95
Youth (0)	\$.00
Children (1)	\$ 1.00
Total	\$ 6,039.28
Building Fund (52)	\$ 4,513.11

Amount needed each week for:

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

THE "YOUTH OF TRUTH" NEWS

Thought for the week:

*Happiness is not what makes us grateful...
 It is gratefulness that makes us happy!!*

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

- Wed. Jan. 5—Youth Group @ Youth Center
 Grades 5-8 6:30-8:00
 Grades 9-12 8:15-9:45
- **Sat. Jan. 8—Youth Mass @ 5:00**
- **Sun. Jan. 9—Jr. High Youth Rally @ St. John's**
 We will leave from Church at 9:15am.
 We will return at about 5:00pm.
- Wed. Jan. 12—Youth Group @ Youth Center
 Grades 9-12 8:15-9:45
- **Sat. Jan. 15—"Winter Wipe Out"**
 Grades 5-12
 Gathering with other
 Becker Youth Groups.
 Broomball, sledding, foot-
 ball, four-square,
 ping-pong and more!!!



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- 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

FAITH FORMATION

Happy Epiphany!

Today we continue the Christmas season by celebrating the coming of the Magi to Jesus.



*All Kings shall pay him homage,
 all nations shall serve him.*

Sunday, January 2, 6-7:30 p.m.
Confirmation candidates and mentors meet.
 Please remember to bring your Bibles and folders!

Wednesday, January 5, 6:30-8 p.m.



Catechists meet to prepare the Bread for the Journey sessions for January 12 and 19. 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?*

First Reconciliation Rescheduled

Thanks to those who have signed up your children for **First Reconciliation**. If you have not done so, please do so as soon as possible. If none of the dates are possible for you, please let me know. The form is near my office; the following are the dates and times:



Reconciliation

Thursday, January 6, 3 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.;
Saturday, January 8 at 10 a.m.; or
Saturday, January 15 at 10 a.m.

A Look Ahead:

We will be viewing the **Safe Environment** videos during the adult BFJ session in January and during the children and youth BFJ session in February. The month of **February** will also be **Catechist Appreciation month!**

**Christmas Peace and Joy,
 Julie Schleper, OSB**

STEWARDSHIP

Offering December 18 & 19

Adult (117)	\$ 3,661.00
Children (1)	\$ 1.00
Loose checks	\$ 435.00
Loose plate	\$ 253.97
Total	\$ 4,350.97

Weekly budget amount needed \$ 5,618.00

YOUTH MINISTRY

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- **Wed. 1/5;** 6th-12th grade; 6:30-8:00 pm; Wisemen come to see Jesus; Come join us in this celebration.

- **Sun. 1/9;** 6th-8th grade Youth Rally at St. John's University. 10:30 am—4:00 pm Agenda is as follows: 10:45 am Keynote speaker Craig Gould; 11:30 am lunch; 12:00 various activities; 1:30 pm session; 2:45 pm Mass at Abbey Church; 4:00 pm Closing and home. It's sure to be a special day!

- **Wed. 1/12;** 6th-12th grade; 6:30-8:00 pm; WITNESS SPEAKER-Doug Watercott from Immaculate Conception, where he is the Youth Minister Coordinator.

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

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

All Choirs—Reminder: Regular rehearsals resume this week for all groups:

Wednesday, January 5—Youth Ensemble, 5:00 pm
Adult Choir, 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 6—Children's Choir, 5:00 pm

If you enjoy singing and would like to get involved in one of our choirs, please give Gretchen a call and plan to come to our next rehearsal. All groups accept new members throughout the year. Schedules for January-May are now available for these groups. If you have not received a copy, 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?

1. "They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the _____ they saw the child with Mary his mother" (Matthew 2:10-11). a) city; b) stable; c) house; d) Temple

2. In the fourth verse of the hymn "We Three Kings," we sing "Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume, breathes a life of gathering a) gloom; b) doom; c) broom; d) groom (*answers below*)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

This week's questions are based on the Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12)

Question for Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

Question for Youth: Life can sometimes be rough: losing your home, moving, feeling fear or danger. How do you experience God being and staying with you in such times?

Question for Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?

January Faith Formation Calendar:

*Jan. 8 (Sat) 9:00 am – 12:30 pm: Session I K-6

*Jan. 9 (Sun) 1:00 – 4:30 pm: **Grades 7, 8 & 9 ONLY**

***Jan. 11 (Tues) 6:30 pm: FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION in the church**

*Jan. 15 (Sat) 9:00 am – 12:30 pm: Session II K-6

***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 answers:

1. c) Despite most popular nativity scenes that show the magi arriving at the stable, Matthew's Gospel describes the magi as entering the house where the child Jesus was with Mary his mother.

2). a) The fourth verse foretells the tragic death of the newborn King. Because myrrh was used in the embalming or anointing of the dead, it came to represent mortality, suffering, and sorrow,

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 8th, 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Youth Group

Hospitality Ministers:

Servers:

Lector:

Sunday, January 9th, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Eron Bordson, Dan Casey, Doug, Julie and Sara Haecherl

Hospitality Ministers: Katie Pursley, Jeremy Welle, Dylan & Jeff Wicklund

Servers: Travis Fisher and Alexzander Lumley

Lector: Dick Pursley and Cindy Battleson

Nursery: Rachel Rask and Brandi Scherping

On Sale Now!! Full length CD!

Our very own youth band:

The Youth of Truth

“Heaven and Earth”

Professionally recorded and mastered.

Just \$15.00 each

2 or more \$12.50 each

10 or more \$11.00 each



All proceeds will go to support our Parish Youth Group

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Saturday, January 8th, 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Donna Otten, Wini Herda, Kimberly Johnson

Greeters: Steven & Lucy Pearson

Annex: Bernice Krutzig

Ushers: Phil Henneman, Ernest Kroll, Rob Swanson, Samantha Swanson

Servers: Brandon Quast

Lectors: Jamie Swanson and Laura Swanson

Sacristan: Wini Herda 263-5011

Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071

Sunday, January 9th, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: James Johnson, Gordy Midas, Peter Schmidt, Barb Gardetto, Dennis Gail, Sandy Gail, James Ledwith

Nursing Home: Frank & Denise Barger

Greeters: Scott & Melissa Scherber Family

Annex: Robert & Ina Kelly

Ushers: Gerald Fisher, Kathleen Fisher, Geary Keppel, Nathan Overby

Annex: Richard Kantor and Marcel Osowaki

Servers: Dominic Gardetto and Katherine Gingras

Lectors: Mark Voigt and Patricia Gingras

Sacristan: Mary Kimmes 263-2971

Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071

Christmas flowers are in memory of:

(requested by OLOL parishioners)

-Mugs Hinrichs

-Robert Houle

-Joseph Kritzeck

-Ray Nelson

-Arnold & Rose Schuella

-Louis Miller Sr.

-Marie Schuella Counter

-Grandpa Essick

-Lawrence Schuella Sr.

-Grandpa Berg

-Barb Ringhofer

-Grandpa K.

-Lucille & Francis Slavik

-Robert Loeffler

-Luverne & Marion Pagel

-Ruth Ann Valiant

-Joseph & Christine Colin

-Arnold Phenow

-Leonard Dechene

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Bulletin Date

Deadline

Sunday January 9

Monday, January 3

Sunday January 16

Monday, January 10

Sunday, January 23

Monday, January 17

Sunday, January 30

Monday, January 24

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

Thank you everyone. May God bless you!

*A little something about
Some of the committees
At OLOL*

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee identifies existing organizations that serve the poor and create opportunities for OLOL to participate in serving them. They develop weekly and monthly service projects, and projects to provide material goods to those in need.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Parishioners volunteering are responsible for helping create a meaningful worship experience to encourage parish participation. Meets monthly to help plan liturgical seasons and special celebrations. Assists in training liturgical ministers.

CEMETERY BOARD

Volunteers are responsible for maintenance and beautification of cemetery property. Coordinates and hosts a spring clean-up. Meets quarterly.

STEWARDSHIP

Volunteers encourage parish life participation. Responsible for annual Ministry sign-up events, volunteer appreciation dinners, and coordinating talent with appropriate groups and committees. Meets monthly.

RESPECT LIFE

Volunteers meet monthly to discuss events and issues regarding Respect for Life from conception to natural death. This committee keeps parishioners informed of developments in this area and plans/hosts Respect Life functions.

FAITH FORMATION

Volunteers meet monthly to support and assist with the implementation of the Faith Formation program for the parish youth. The committee members plan, schedule and determine program curriculum.

MUSIC MINISTRY

To sing is to pray twice! Vocalists and instrumentalists help lead and enhance the liturgy as the assembly signs praise to God. Opportunities available for children, youth and adults.



Public Service Announcements
SUPPORT GROUPS/EVENTS
For questions, please call
320-529-0427.

Job Loss Support Group. Support Group exploring the emotional impacts of job loss and ways to incorporate well-being into the journey held 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1-2 PM at Catholic Charities Center.

Suicide Loss Support Group. Individual support offered through Life Transitions. Support Group a peer group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one by suicide held 4th Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 PM at Catholic Charities Center. Please call before attending the first time.

Widowed Persons Hope Support Group. A peer group offering a time to share and connect with others who have had a similar experience. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 7-8:30 PM at the Catholic Charities Center.

Widowed Hope and General Bereavement Support Group. A peer group for widowed men and women OR those who are grieving the loss of other loved ones. Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month from 3:30-5:00 PM at the Catholic Charities Center.

Separated/Divorced Support Group. Offered EVERY MONDAY from 7:00-8:30 PM at Caritas Family Services, 911 18th St N., St Cloud.

Kids Support. Separation/Divorce Support Group for parents and children ages 5 to 14 years old. Child care provided for children ages infant to 4 years old. Parent group at same location and time. Offered EVERY MONDAY from 6:45-7:45 PM. New registration begins at 6:30 PM.

Hope Support for Kids. Ages 6 to 16. Short term support group for children/teens who have experienced the death of a loved one.

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

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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

Ina Kelly

John Zimmel

Larry Svir

Sue King

Vicki Kral

Millie Rieland

Pat Toenies

Sue Johnson

Week 2

John Holtz

Jason Treptau

Sharalyn Pfaff

Week 3

Ryan Thorn

Ellie Holtz

Daryl Roy

Dave Nelson

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

Trustees: Juanita Johnson and Kevin Thompson

Dennis Nagorski

Keith Klien

Rose Knowlton

Chuck Reichert

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 John 3:22-4:6 Matthew 4:12-17,23-25
Tuesday:	1 John 4:7-10 Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 John 4:11-18 Mark 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 John 4:19-5:4 Luke 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 John 5:5-13 Luke 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 John 5:14-21 John 3:22-30
Sunday	Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Travis Barrett	Robert Lambrecht III
Kelly DeWein	Corey Smith
Jim Sunderlin	Ben Kroll
Ed Waskosky	Amy Long
James Vandenhual	William Pace
Paul Waskosky	Tony Wingard
Melissa Schake	Justin Wire
Amy (Long) Wierman	Zach Wierman
Robert Wroblewski III	Michael Wilts

BLESSINGS and a HUGE THANK YOU ...to one and all for the wonders of Christmas and for your gifts of time, talent and treasure shared!
 ^Thanks to all the ministers of the liturgies: cantors, musicians, greeters, ushers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, team leaders for the Liturgy of the Word for children, church decorators. You rearranged your schedules and sacrificed your time. The care with which you did all of this made our Christmas celebrations much more festive.
 ^Thanks to all who participated in the Giving Tree and the Sharing Tree. Because of your gifts many will benefit from your generosity and goodness.
 ^Thanks to all who shared gifts and goodies with our parish staffs. It means a lot to know that you remembered us in a special way at Christmas.
 ^Thanks to all who shared so generously of your gift of treasure at Christmas which keeps us on track with our budget needs.
 ^Thanks to all who continue to come regularly to Mass and give praise to God even after the holiday is over. You are the ones who helped us welcome the many visitors and guests we had these during these most precious days; each of you did so well in making them feel a part of our prayer.
 As Tiny Tim declares in Dickens *Christmas Carol*:
 "God Bless Us, Everyone!" Fr. Gene Doyle

MASS SCHEDULE for the WEEK

Monday, January 3, Christmas Weekday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus
ICCC & OLOL No Liturgies

Tuesday, January 4, St Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious
OLOL 7:00 pm † Thomas Doyle

Wednesday, January 5, St John Neumann, bishop
OLOL 8:00 am † Roman Rieland
Bible Study follows

Thursday, January 6, Christmas Weekday, Blessed Andre Bessette, religious
OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service
ICCC 8:15 am †Joan Kolbinger

Friday, January 7, Christmas Weekday, St Raymond of Penafort, priest
OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service
ICCC 8:15 am Special Intention-Reginek

Saturday, January 8 — Christmas Weekday
ICCC 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

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**Saturday, January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord**  
**ICCC 5:00 pm Mass for Tim Rushenberg**  
**OLOL 7:00 pm † Bernard & Laura Gotzian**

**Sunday, January 9**  
**OLOL 8:30 am † Jim Gallus**  
**ICCC 10:30 am Mass for the People**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS for the WEEK**

**Sunday, January 2**  
**ICCC 6-7:30 pm Confirmation Candidates and Mentors Meet**

**Tuesday, January 4**  
**OLOL 7:00 pm AA & Al Anon Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 5**  
**OLOL 5-6 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal**  
**OLOL 6:15 pm Cantor Rehearsal**  
**ICCC 6:30 pm BFJ Catechists Meet**  
**OLOL 7:00 pm Adult Choir**

**Thursday, January 6**  
**ICCC 3:00 pm 1st Reconciliation Group Meet**  
**OLOL 5-6 pm Children's Choir**  
**ICCC 6:30 pm 1st Reconciliation Group Meet**  
**ICCC 8:00 pm AA & Al Anon Meeting**

**Friday, January 7**

**Saturday, January 8**  
**ICCC 10:00 am 1st Reconciliation Group Meet**

**'Navigating Change' Workshop**  
**Thursday, January 13, 7:00 pm**  
**St. Andrew's Church, Elk River**

Perhaps you have heard that the English texts of the Mass are changing next December. Anita Fischer, director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Saint Cloud, will present the "who, what, when, where, and why" of the upcoming new translation of the Mass. You will also have an opportunity to look at the changes that have been made to the people's responses and prayers. This presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Gretchen at OLOL. Hope to see you there.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule**

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

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