



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 Baptism of the Lord

Already two weeks have passed since we heard about angels proclaiming God's glory to the shepherds in their fields on Christmas. One week has passed since we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany. We no longer focus on the images of the child Jesus surrounded by his parents or the shepherds or the magi at the manger in Bethlehem.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord by John in the Jordan River. It is as if the Church has pushed the "fast forward" button in the life of Jesus. When Jesus rises from the waters of baptism, the heavens open and a voice declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Mt 3:17).

At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry we catch a glimpse of the love God the Father has for the Son. God's voice, coming from the heavens, declares that this one is beloved, and with whom God is well pleased.

What is it that made Jesus pleasing to his Father? And what makes us pleasing to God? Perhaps the prophet Isaiah holds the key. The prophecy in the first reading gives us an image of the kind of person who is found pleasing in God's eyes. Isaiah speaks of the servant who works to establish justice on the earth. Like Jesus, we are summoned to be a light for people who are blind to the needs of others; we are charged with being servants of God. This work is not easy. It demands the strength that comes only from a close, loving relationship with God.

Too often we see these prophecies fulfilled solely in Jesus. As people baptized *(continued on back)*



**...he saw the Spirit of God
descending like a dove
and coming upon him.
And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.**

Matthew 3:16b-17

STEWARDSHIP

Offering January 1 & 2

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Adult (99) | \$ 3,387.00 |
| Loose | \$ 331.58 |
| Youth (4) | \$.00 |
| Children (4) | \$.00 |
| Total | \$ 3,718.58 |
| Building Fund (32) | \$ 1,605.00 |

Amount needed each week for:

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

THE "YOUTH OF TRUTH" NEWS

Thought for the week:

*A problem not worth praying about...
isn't worth worrying about!!*

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

- 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
- Sun. Jan. 16—Youth Group @ Youth Center
Grades 5-8 6:30-8:00
- Sat. Jan. 15—"Winter Wipe Out"
Grades 5-12
Gathering with other Becker Youth Groups.
Broomball, sledding, football, four-square, ping-pong and more!!!
- Adults needed to chaperone Castaway Retreat or to be part of the "Work Crew" at Castaway. Please let me know if you are interested!!
- Anyone in need of odd jobs done around the house, please contact Angie Kraus for help from our Youth Group. 763-261-5077



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FAITH FORMATION

Today we conclude the Christmas Season by celebrating the Baptism of Jesus. Let us give thanks for the gift of faith given at our own Baptism.

Monday, January 10, 6:30-8 p.m.

Parents of children preparing for First Eucharist meet.

Wednesday, January 12, 6:30-8 p.m.



Bread for the Journey sessions for A-L families and anyone who is unable to come next 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? We will also be viewing the Safe Environment video in the adult session. 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.

First Reconciliation Rescheduled

Saturday, January 15 at 10 a.m. is the last small group opportunity for those participating in First Reconciliation. Thanks to those who came on January 6th and 8th.



A Look Ahead:

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

Mentors for **Confirmation candidates** who wish to be confirmed in 2012 meet.

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

Faith Formation Committee meets.

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

Bread for the Journey for M-Z families and anyone unable to come this week.

Christ's Peace to all,

Doug Watercott

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

STEWARDSHIP

Offering January 1 & 2

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|--------------|--------------------|
| Adult (103) | \$ 2,958.00 |
| Children (0) | \$.00 |
| Loose checks | \$ 490.00 |
| Loose plate | \$ 147.10 |
| Total | \$ 3,595.10 |

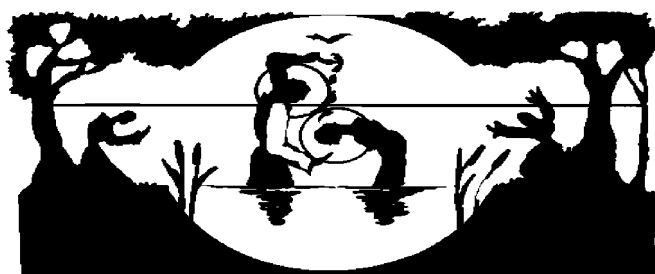
Weekly budget amount needed \$ 5,618.00

YOUTH MINISTRY

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- **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*



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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 of the Word for Children: Join us for our next session on Sunday, January 16.

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?

In the prayer of absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest says: "Through the ministry of the Church, may God give you: a) pardon and peace; b) peace and quiet; c) courage and strength; d) wisdom and understanding."

(answer below)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

This week's questions are based on the Gospel (Matthew 3:13-17)

Question for Children: What does God want you to do? To forgive? Be generous? To love?

Question for Youth: As you grow, how do you know what God wants you to do? How do you hear the voice of God saying, "you are one of mine, of my chosen?"

Question for Adults: Today's readings lead to a core question: As you follow God and do what he wants, how do you experience his loving words: "You are my own. My favor is upon you."?

January Faith Formation Calendar:

*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 answer: a) When the priest offers the prayer of absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, he prays that the penitent may receive pardon and peace from God.

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 15th, 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Paige Anderson,
Laura Schmitz, Peter Sherrard
Hospitality Ministers: Jean & Scott Anderson,
Brianna & Michelle Klinepier
Servers: Morgan Meyer and Tyler Schmitz
Lector: Peter Sherrard

Sunday, January 16th, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Battleson, Deb Yoerg,
Mike Gillham, Deb Goenner, Donna Weiland
Hospitality Ministers: Zach Arrigoni, Eric Dudek,
Mary Gillham, David Johnson
Servers: Zack Fisher and Kelli Lumley
Lector: Jason Baune and Lu Schuette
Nursery: Riley and Haley Thelen

BULLETIN DEADLINE

| <u>Bulletin Date</u> | <u>Deadline</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday January 16 | Monday, January 10 |
| Sunday, January 23 | Monday, January 17 |
| Sunday, January 30 | Monday, January 24 |
| Sunday, February 6 | Monday, January 31 |

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

Christmas Stewardship at ICC

Offering December 25 & 26

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Adult (61) | \$ 1,959.00 |
| Loose | \$ 1,111.82 |
| Christmas (143) | \$ 7,144.00 |
| Youth (4) | \$ 7.50 |
| Children (4) | \$ 7.70 |
| Total | \$ 10,230.02 |
| Building Fund (5) | \$ 364.00 |

Amount needed each week for:

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

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Saturday, January 15th, 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Adams, Vickie Cote,
Richard Adams
Greeters: Brian & Lynn Jensen Family
Annex: Delrose Stein
Ushers: Donna Forge, Clara Adams,
Rachel Adams, Samuel Adams
Servers: Coy Bailey
Lectors: Joell Bailey and
Mary Ellen Kerber Eisenreich

Sacristan: Norb Vossen 263-1814
Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071

Sunday, January 16th, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Beverly Bebeau, Deb Bell,
Bruce Kuechle, Brenda Kuechle, Barb Gardetto,
Charles Reichert, Nathan Overby
Nursing Home: Roger & Sue Stang
Greeters: Dennis & Bonnie Fiegle
Annex: Bruce & Vickie Erickson
Ushers: Dan Bell, Amanda Bell, Jaclyn Bell,
Dennis Gail
Annex: Daniel Thomalla and Steven Thomalla
Servers: Jennifer and John Thomalla
Lectors: Norb Vossen and Patrick F. Liebl
Sacristan: Mary Kimmes 263-2971
Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071

Christmas Stewardship at OLOL

Offering December 25 & 26

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Adult (106) | \$ 3,643.00 |
| Children (6) | \$ 6.00 |
| Christmas (172) | \$ 11,401.36 |
| Loose checks | \$ 180.00 |
| Loose plate | \$ 53.97 |
| Total | \$ 15,315.85 |

Weekly budget amount needed \$ 5,618.00

Central Minnesota Koinonia #186 at the TEC Center in Belle Prairie January 21-23, 2011.

Koinonia is a three day experience of community, prayer and vision based on the Pascal Mystery of Jesus Christ. Email address; cmkoinonia@clearwire.net or call Mary Lou or LeRoy Raden at (320)293-2080 to register or for an application. Website is centralmnkoinonia.org Fr. Ernest Martello from the Crosier Community will be the Spiritual Director on this weekend.



Do you enjoy cooking with friends or family? Are you looking for a way to help your Community that is fun and rewarding?

Anna Marie's Alliance needs groups of 2-4 volunteers to join our weekend cooking crew and prepare lunch or dinner on a Saturday or Sunday at our shelter for battered women and children.

We provide the groceries, the kitchen, and the hungry kids— you prepare the meal and enjoy it with our residents.

One-time or repeated opportunity

Men and women both welcome to volunteer


Youth ages 13 and up are welcome, if supervised

(320)253-6900/annamaries.org

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.

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**

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.

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

Perhaps you've heard that the English texts of the Mass are changing. 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.

CONCERT OF CHRISTMAS SEASONAL MUSIC

Sunday, January 9th at 2:00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral of St. Cloud. Music for organ, violin, oboe, guitar and voices. Performers are Charles Echols and musicians of St. Mary's Cathedral. Donations accepted.



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Parish Youth Group

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

Ryan Thorn

Daryl Roy

Dave Nelson

Week 2

Ina Kelly

John Zimmer

Larry Svir

Sue King

Vicki Kral

Millie Rieland

Sue Johnson

Week 3

John Holtz

Jason Treptau

Sharalyn Pfaff

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 1:1-6

Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12

Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18

Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14

Mark 1:40-45

Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5,11

Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 2:13-17

Sunday: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

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

(continued from front) into Christ Jesus, we, too, can be the fulfillment of these prophecies.

On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, today is a good day to begin anew to grow in our love for God because we are already beloved daughters and sons of God. We too are daughters and sons with whom God is well pleased. Like Christ we can nurture that love by spending more time in prayer. How else can we grow in intimacy with God? This does not mean whole nights or even hours at a time. If our time in prayer is only a few moments, if at all, perhaps we could up the ante to say 10 minutes at a time. We could do that by coming to Mass a little earlier, or shutting down the computer, drop the texting, step away from the TV, anything will do just for a few minutes. But it must be regular, at least once a day every day. After all, we are beloved of God. Let us commit to a few moments everyday so that we can hear God speak to our heart: "with you I am well pleased" because God is pleased. *Fr. Geno Doyle*

'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.

Red Cross Community Blood Drive

Hosted by Big Lake Lioness'

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

at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Big Lake



Donate
Blood
Today

For an appointment, please call
Mary at 763-263-3303.

Walk-ins are always welcome!

Give the gift of Life!

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.

MASS SCHEDULE for the WEEK

- Monday, January 10, Weekday
ICCC & OLOL No Liturgies
- Tuesday, January 11, Weekday
OLOL 7:00 pm No Mass
- Wednesday, January 12, Weekday
OLOL 8:00 am † Fr. Chris Trussell
Bible Study follows
- Thursday, January 13, Weekday, St Hilary, bishop & doctor of the Church
OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service
ICCC 8:15 am † Roger Schotl
OLOL 9:30 am Mass @ Big Lake Nursing Home
- Friday, January 14, Weekday
OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service
ICCC 8:15 am † Oscar Theis
- Saturday, January 15 — Weekday
ICCC 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
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Saturday, January 15 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
ICCC 5:00 pm † Basil & Dorothy Schillewaert
OLOL 7:00 pm † Dale Gotzian
- Sunday, January 16
OLOL 8:30 am † George Herda
ICCC 10:30 am Mass for the People

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for the WEEK

- Sunday, January 9
OLOL 1-4:30 pm Faith Formation-Grades 7, 8 & 9
- Monday, January 10
OLOL 6:30 pm KC Meeting
ICCC 6:30 pm 1st Eucharist parent Meeting
- Tuesday, January 11
OLOL 6:30 pm 1st Reconciliation Celebration
OLOL 7:00 pm AA & Al Anon Meeting
- Wednesday, January 12
OLOL 5-6 pm Youth Ensemble Practice
OLOL 6:15 pm Cantor Practice
ICCC 6:30 pm BFJ A-L Families
OLOL 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice
ICCC 8:15-9:45 pm Youth Group - Grades 9-12
- Thursday, January 13
OLOL 5-6 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
ICCC 8:00 pm AA & Al Anon Meeting
- Saturday, January 15
OLOL 9-12:30 pm Faith Formation-Session II K-6
ICCC 10:00 am 1st Reconciliation Group Meet
- Sunday, January 16
OLOL 8:30 am Rite of Calling to Confirmation and Retreat Day