



**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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P.O. Box 100
Big Lake, MN 55309-0100

Parish Telephones
Office/Church: 763-263-2863
Fax/Faith Formation: 763-263-3187

E-mail: parish@ourladybiglake.org
Website: www.ourladybiglake.org

Giving God Some Space

We continue to listen to Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount this weekend. Again this week, he offers another challenge. He states that we cannot serve two masters. He points out the danger of seeking security in material possessions rather than putting one's trust in God who can be relied upon to provide everything one needs. The risk one takes with spending too much time in the pursuit of worldly things is that God gets precious little space, is easily forgotten or is pushed into the background. The world encourages us to set our hearts on acquiring more and more and to find security in possessions. We have this sense that our worth is measured in what we own. It matters not whether we got it honestly or at the expense of pushing others aside.

Jesus suggests that greed can get the best of us. It can so easily become a vicious cycle: the more we have the more we want. We fail to remember that a time will come when everything we own and cherish will have to be left behind. On that day human approval will count for nothing. All that will matter is how we measure up in God's eyes: how did we treat others? How did we use the gifts God gave us?

Because of the constant danger of becoming too immersed in the things of this world Jesus calls for a detachment from material goods. We are not to throw everything away. Instead, he invites us to a simpler lifestyle, thus making room for God. This helps us to stand back and turn our hearts heavenward so that we can get in right relationship with God, others and ourselves.



Unfortunately, it sometimes takes an illness or misfortune to make us realize who is the master. It helps to get in right relationship with others when we empty ourselves of selfish desires and personal ambitions in order to see their true beauty.

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STEWARDSHIP

Offering February 19 & 20

Adult (88)	\$ 2,413.00
Loose	\$ 286.47
Youth (2)	\$ 12.00
Children (1)	\$ 1.00
Total	\$ 2,712.47

Building Fund (3) \$ 250.00

Amount needed each week for:

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

FAITH FORMATION



THE "YOUTH OF TRUTH" NEWS

Thought for the week:

Who wants to be a Christianaire??!

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

- **Sun. Feb. 27—Pancake Breakfast**
Serving from 8:30-12:30
Served by our 10th Grade Confirmation Class.
Money raised will help pay for their Confirmation Retreat this fall.
- **Wed. March 2—Youth Group @ Youth Center**
Grades 5-8 6:30-8:00
Grades 9-12 8:15-9:45
- **Sat. March 5—Ski Trip to Powder Ridge**
Sign-up Forms by my office
Please return forms and money by Mar. 2nd
Meet at Church at 3:30pm
Return to Church at about 1:45pm
- **Wed. March 9—Ash Wednesday**
Mass at 5:00
Grades 5-8 meet at Church at 4:45
We will all sit together for Mass.
6:00—Castaway Parent Meeting
All parents of those going to Castaway meet at Youth Center after Mass.
Final Castaway payments due.
- 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*

Wednesday, March 2, 6:30-8 p.m.

Catechists meet to prepare the **Bread for Journey** sessions for March 16th and 23rd. We will be looking at **Moses and Miriam** this month as we explore **The Exodus Experience! How do their "voices" challenge us during our Lenten season? If you wish to review the past months with your family, there are extra issues remaining on the shelf near my office.**

Sunday, March 6, 6-7:30 p.m.

Confirmation class of 2011 meet with their mentors. Remember to be prepared to share your faith story.

Monday, March 7, 6:30-8 p.m.

Parents and Children preparing for First Eucharist meet for an evening of reflection and review of Chapters 1-6.



Bibles for \$5.00



The **New American Bibles** have arrived. If you signed up for one, please stop by to pick up a Bible for just **\$5.00** each!

Blessings of Peace, Joy and Hope,
Julie Schleper, OSB

STEWARDSHIP

Offering February 19 & 20

Adult (103)	\$ 2,817.00
Children (0)	\$.00
Loose checks	\$ 715.00
Loose plate	\$ 183.01
Total	\$ 3,715.01

Weekly budget amount needed \$ 5,618.00

YOUTH MINISTRY

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- **Sun. 2/27;** Teens come at 2:00 pm to set up for spaghetti dinner; serve and clean up from 3:00-7:00 pm.
- **Wed. 3/2;** 6:30-8:00 pm; 6th-12th grade; Prayer, singing, view video of Lock-in; kitchen snacks;
- **Wed. 3/9;** NO YOUTH MEETING; SPRING BREAK BEGINS.

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

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Ash Wednesday Ministry Sign-up: Ash Wednesday is *March 9 and Masses will be at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm* here at OLOL. If you serve in any area of liturgical ministry and are available, please sign up on the sheet in the annex. *Thank you!*

Cantors: If you are available to sing for the 8:00 am Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 9, please let me know. Thank you!

Collecting of Palms: Please bring any old palms you may still have from previous Palm Sunday celebrations and place them in the large box by the annex entrance. These palms are burned and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. Thank you!

Liturgy Committee: Next meeting is Thursday, March 10, at 7:00 pm.

In Christ, Gretchen Roe

Office Hours: Wednesday 9-3 and Thursday 9-1 or by appointment.

FAITH FORMATION

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. Which of the following is *not* one of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary? a) The scourging at the pillar; b) The laying of Jesus in the tomb; c) The crowning with thorns; d) The agony in the garden
2. How many Commandments begin with "Thou/You shall not?" a) 7; b) 6; c) 4; d) 5 (*answers below*)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's questions are based on the Gospel (Matthew 6:24-34)

Question for Children: What do you worry about?

What can you do to stop worrying and rely on God?

Question for Youth: Do you serve two masters? If so, what can you do to stop and serve only God?

Question for Adults: Who really is the master of your life?

Faith Formation Calendar

- *Mar. 5 (Sat) 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Session I K-6
- *Mar. 6 (Sun) 1:00 – 4:30 pm, Grades 7-10
- *Mar. 19 (Sat) 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, Session II K-6
- *Mar. 23 (Wed) 6:00 pm: First Eucharist Learning Centers

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

Catholic IQ answers:

1. b) *The "laying of Jesus in the tomb" is the Fourteenth Station of the Cross: Jesus is laid in the tomb.*
2. a) *See the "Traditional Catechetical Formula" on pages 496-497 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

Founders Day Festival Chairperson Needed!

We are in need of a chairperson for our Festival. Materials and some help getting started are available. If you would like to step forward, or would like more information, please contact Norb at 263-1814. We would like to begin meeting in March to get plans started.



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, March 5th, 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Dean Moeller,
Terri Pickar, Jim Richter

Hospitality Ministers: Jasmine, Jocelyn,
Tracy and Rick Johnson

Servers: Bridget Buchholz and Sydney Richter

Lector: Christopher Thue

Sunday, March 6th, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandra Hart, Steve Hammer,
Doug, Julie and Sara Haecherl

Hospitality Ministers: Connor Mevissen,
Austin, Colton, Brenda and John Graber

Servers: Travis and Zack Fisher

Lector: Deb Goenner and Lu Schuette

Nursery: Julie Leistico and Alex McDowall

We are currently looking for additional

Eucharistic Ministers for both Masses at Immaculate Conception. Please prayerfully consider whether you might be called to minister. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Terri at the ICCC parish office.



Catholic Women's Spring Retreat

Celebrating Women of Faith

Saturday March 12, 2011

8 am—2:30 pm

Church of St Marcus, Clear Lake, MN

Keynote speaker: Deb Rudolph,
Pastoral Associate Five Parish Catholic Community,
Holdingford

For more information: (320)393-2472 Irene
Or to register call Kathy (320) 743-5415

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Saturday, March 5th, 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Adams,
Richard Adams, Norb Vossen

Greeters: Dale & Sandy Dianowski

Annex: Emily Freeman

Ushers: Ernest Kroll, Melissa Burke,
Patrick Burke, Randy Anderson

Servers: Scott Peterson

Lectors: Sue Stang and Wini Herda

Sacristan: Vicki Cote 263-3030

Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071

Sunday, March 6th, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Betty Benson, Bruce Kuechle,
Brenda Kuechle, Wini Herda, Karen Colin,
Sandy Gail, Becky Grandalen

Nursing Home: Dave & Mary Ann Nelson

Greeters: Maurice Meyer

Annex: Todd Daniel

Ushers: James Johnson, Daniel Loegering,
Gerald Fisher, Kathleen Fisher

Annex: Dennis Gail, Bruce Erickson

Servers: Michael Loeffler & Mason Krause

Lectors: Daren Berglund & Charles Reichert

Sacristan: Mary Kimmes 263-2971

Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071



BULLETIN DEADLINE

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Sunday, March 6	Monday, February 28
Sunday, March 13	Monday, March 7
Sunday, March 20	Monday, March 14
Sunday, March 27	Monday, March 21

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

**Mardi Gras
Is next Friday,
March 4th**



At Immaculate Conception

Agenda for the evening

- 6:30 pm Social Hour (BYOB)**
- 7:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner**
- 8:00 pm Fun! Activities/Contest
Silent Auction**
- 9:00 pm Entertainment; Gambling;
Karaoke**

**Drop off your theme baskets for the
Silent Auction any time this week.**

Central Minnesota Koinonia will hold a week-end retreat for adults 20 and older interested in experiencing the reality of Christian community, fellowship and sharing at the TEC Center in Belle Prairie. The retreat begins at 5:30 pm March 18th and ends about 5 pm on March 20th. The cost is \$60 per person. For registration or more information call LeRoy or Mary Lou Raden at 320-293-2080 or email cmkoinonia@clearwire.net.

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 March 18th. Call 320-255-5314 for more info.



The Outreach Committee is looking to collect **plastic Easter eggs** for this years Easter Dinner Basket Drive. This will be a coordinated effort between OLOL and ICCC. If you have any plastic, colored Easter eggs that you no longer need, please bring them to Church. The eggs can be dropped off in boxes, at each entrance, at either church. Thank you!!



Outreach Committee

OLOL LOST AND FOUND

If you are missing any personal belongings, please check the Lost and Found area in the bell tower entrance. Any items remaining at the end of March will be donated. Thank you!

Collecting of Palms: Each year old palms from previous celebrations of the Palm Sunday Liturgy are collected. These palms are then burned and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. If you have any palms to contribute, please place them in the large box by the annex entrance at either parish.

**K C FISH DINNER
Friday March 18th**

5-7 pm

Mary Queen of Peach Church Hall

(downtown Rogers)

COST: 4yrs & under—\$ 3.00

5 yrs - 12 yrs—\$ 5.00

13 yrs and older—\$ 8.00

Sponsored by K C Council #11941

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

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. Gene Doyle

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Shelly Kasper

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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

Jason Treptau

Sharalyn Pfaff

Zalini

Bill Johnson

Mary Ann

Watercott

Week 2

Ryan Thorn

Daryl Roy

Dave Nelson

Week 3

Lisa Fradette

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

Trustees: Juanita Johnson and Kevin Thompson

Dennis Nagorski

Keith Klein

Rose Knowlton

Chuck Reichert

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sirach 17:20-24

Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sirach 35:1-12

Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sirach 36:1, 4-5a,10-17

Mark 10:32-45

Thursday: Sirach 42:15-25

Mark 10:46-52

Friday: Sirach 44:1,9-13

Mark 11:11-26

Saturday: Sirach 51:12c-20

Mark 11:27-33

Sunday Deuteronomy 11:18,26-28,32

Romans 3:21-25,28

Matthew 7:21-27

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

Kory Lindbom

Justin Wire

Zach Wierman

Michael Wilts

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It would benefit us to reflect for a few moments on what influence God really does have in our lives. Answers can be found in the respect we have for others and the importance we attach to symbols of status, power or prestige (i.e., the car we drive, the home we live in, the job we have, and the like). Yet, trusting in God does not mean sitting back and acting irresponsibly as if food, money or clothing are unimportant. We must be good stewards and good use of the material things at hand. However, worry and anxiety, which come from being overly concerned with our own welfare, are such a wasted effort, and they betray an attitude which is not really based on faith in Christ. Constant fretting takes all the joy out of life; it wears our mind and body. Jesus tells us that trust in the God who cares for the whole of creation gives us a freedom of heart, a deep inner peace and the realization that we are loved. We are made for God and our hearts are restless till they rest in God.

Fr. Geno Doyle

**Big Lake Knights of Columbus
Are hosting a Spaghetti Supper**

Today, February 27th
Serving from 3:00 to 7:00 pm



A free will offering will be taken, with all proceeds going to Our Lady of the Lake Youth Ministry

Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class for both parishes is Wednesday, March 2, at 6:30pm at Immaculate Conception. Please note the time change. If you have not taken the class in the last three years and are expecting a baby, please plan to attend. Please call to register: 763-263-2863 or 736-261-4242.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for the WEEK

Tuesday, March 1

- OLOL 6:30 pm** LOWC Meeting
- OLOL 7:00 pm** Joint Council Meeting
- OLOL 7:00 pm** AA & Al Anon Meeting

Wednesday, March 2

- OLOL 5-6 pm** Youth Ensemble Practice
- OLOL 6:15 pm** Cantor Practice
- ICCC 6:30 pm** Baptism Class
- ICCC 6:30 pm** BFJ Catechist Night
- ICCC 6:30-8 pm** Youth Group - Grades 5-8
- ICCC 8:15 pm** Youth Group - Grades 9-12
- OLOL 6:30 pm** UJAM (6-12 grade)
- OLOL 7:00 pm** Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, March 3

- OLOL 5-6 pm** Children's Choir Rehearsal
- ICCC 6:00 pm** Cantor Rehearsal
- ICCC 6:30 pm** Choir Rehearsal
- ICCC 8:00 pm** AA & Al Anon Meeting

Friday, March 4

- ICCC 6:30-?** Mardi Gras

Saturday, March 5

- OLOL 9-12:30 pm** Session I K-6

MASS SCHEDULE for the WEEK

Monday, February 28, Weekday

- ICCC & OLOL** No Liturgies

Tuesday, March 1, Weekday

- OLOL 7:00 pm** No Mass

Wednesday, March 2, Weekday

- OLOL 8:00 am** †Oscar Theis
Bible Study follows

Thursday, March 3, Weekday, St Katharine Drexel, virgin

- OLOL 8:00 am** Word & Communion Service
- ICCC 8:15 am** †Gary Kolbinger

Friday, March 4, Weekday, St Casimir

- OLOL 8:00 am** Word & Communion Service
- ICCC 8:15 am** †Roger Schotl

Saturday, March 5 — Weekday

- ICCC 3:00 pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, March 5 - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ICCC 5:00 pm** Special Intention-Reginek
- OLOL 7:00 pm** †Frank Diekmann

Sunday, March 6

- OLOL 8:30 am** Mass for the People
- ICCC 10:30 am** †Heidi Deters