



# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

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## The Woman at the Well

We step away from Matthew's gospel for the next three weeks and turn to John's gospel where we find that Jesus has three different encounters. Each will help us focus on something new in our relationship with Christ. The encounter this week is with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well (John 4:4-42). The major theme running through this passage revolves around Baptism: thirst, water, and the life-giving relationship that Jesus offers to us in Baptism.

However, another curious note is worth looking at: John does not reveal the Samaritan woman's name. In the previous chapter a man comes to Jesus in the middle of the night, and John does give us his name, Nicodemus. Why? We can begin by asking, "What's in a Name?" Names are important. Parents alone have the privilege of choosing children's names. We use a person's name to get her/his attention. We are honored when someone remembers our name.

The early Christians understood the importance of names, and so they gave a name to the woman at the well: *Photina*. It means "she who is enlightened" or "she who has received [the] light." This notion of naming follows the biblical tradition of bestowing names on others to help us understand their role in experiencing God's saving love. Giving or changing of a name showed that a person or a group now belonged to God in a new way; i.e., Abram became Abraham, Sarai became Sarah, Jacob became Israel. New names were given to show a significant change in one's relationship or a new direction in life.

In addition, the gospel writers, John in particular, show that people who

*(see next column)*



# Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

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

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Jesus said to the woman,  
"Whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst!"  
John 4:14



encounter Jesus were often seen to be models for us. For instance, just like all of us, Photina doesn't "get it" at first. It takes a long dialogue with Jesus (in this case, a rather argumentative one) for her to admit who she is to herself. Jesus helps her discover where she can find the true streams of eternal, life-giving water, thus satisfying her inner, deeper thirst. By the end of the encounter, she is enlightened, and she becomes a source of enlightenment to others in her town. Her enlightenment is the reason the early church chose this passage as one of the Gospels always to be read for those seeking entrance into the church.

The naming of the woman

*(see back page)*

## STEWARDSHIP

*Offering March 15, 19 & 20*

Adult (137)	\$ 5,963.33
Loose	\$ 346.00
Youth (1)	\$ 2.00
Children (0)	\$ .00
Total	\$ 6,311.33

Building Fund (48) \$ 4,784.11

*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:*

*"Your actions speak so loud I can't hear what you are saying!!"*

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

- **Wed. Mar. 30—Youth Group @ Youth Center**  
 Grades 5-8 6:30-8:00  
 \*Grades 9-12 8:15-9:45  
 \*Bon-fire (weather permitting)
- **Sat. April 2-Taco Dinner after 5 pm Mass**  
 Served by the 11th Grade Confirmation Class  
 Free will offering - All proceeds go toward the Parish Capital Campaign.
- **Wed. Apr. 6—Youth Group @ Youth Center**  
 Grades 5-8 6:30-8:00  
 "Kid's Against Hunger"  
 Grades 9-12 6:00-8:15  
 Local Service Projects  
 Youth Leadership Meeting 8:15
- **Canoes needed for Boundary Waters Trip**
- **Thank you so much for all the cards, flowers, prayers, memorials, and your presence you so freely shared with my family during the loss of my Mom. It is truly during times like this you realize the importance of each other!! My family is blessed to be a part of this Faith Community!!**

Christ's Peace to all,

*Doug Watercott*

## FAITH FORMATION

**Week Ahead, March 28-April 1st**

Enjoy the extra time with your family that this week provides. This is my week to plan the sessions and the activities for April and May.

**Sunday, April 3, 6-8:30 p.m.**

**Confirmation candidates and sponsors** meet in preparation for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday.



**Wednesday, April 6, 6:30-8 p.m.**



Catechists meet to prepare the April session for Bread for the Journey entitled "**The Heart of the Scriptures.**" These will be held on **April 13 and 20.**

**Thursday, April 7, 7 p.m.**

**Confirmation candidates** will be confirmed at St. Andrew's Church in Elk River. The group picture will be taken in front of the altar at 6:15 p.m. *Please be prompt!*

**Saturday, April 9, 8:45-12 noon**

**First Eucharist Community Building Blocks** for parents and children preparing for First Eucharist. **Children**, please bring your books. **Parents**, please bring a pot-luck item for the luncheon.



**Lenten Opportunities**

I invite you to share in **Lenten** opportunities *which are never too late to begin*

- 1) **The Word Among Us**, a guide that provides *daily meditations* based on the Lenten readings. Its main theme this Lent is "**I Will give You Rest.**"
- 2) **Catholic Relief Services** provides us with the **Operation Rice Bowl** and a calendar to help us be mindful of our brothers and sisters around the world.
- 3) Do some of the ordinary acts suggested by the "**Family Lent Calendar.**" *(available in narthex)*

**Lenten Blessings,  
Julie Schleper, OSB**

## STEWARDSHIP

### Offering March 19 & 20

Adult (120)	\$ 4,223.00
Children (0)	\$ .00
Loose checks	\$ 460.00
Loose plate	\$ 265.06
Total	\$ 4,948.06

Weekly budget amount needed \$ 5,618.00

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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**J**  
**A**  
**M**

**Wed. 3/30; 6:00-8:00 pm; 6th-12th grade;** We will be playing the movie "The Passion"

**Wed. 4/6; 5:00— ; 6th-12th grade; 5:00 pm** eat hot dogs at OLOL; 5:30-6:30 pm COLLECT FOOD for Big Lake Food Shelf.

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

## MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

**Festival Choir:** Our OLOL choir is already hard at work preparing for the liturgies of Holy Week. If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of this celebration, we would love to welcome you as a member of our Festival Choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Please contact Gretchen with any questions or to sign up (263-2863 or 262-7388).

**Liturgical Ministers:** Sign-up sheets for the Holy Week liturgies are now available on the table in the annex. If you are able to serve, please sign up today! *Thanks!*

**Holy Thursday Foot Washing:** If you would like to be a part of the Foot Washing during the Holy Thursday liturgy, please sign up on the sheet provided on the table in the annex. Anyone of any age may participate.

**Liturgy Committee:** Next meeting is *Saturday, April 9 at 8:00 am.* Please note this is a change from the regular meeting time.

In Christ, Gretchen Roe

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

## FAITH FORMATION

### What's Your Catholic IQ?

In addition to the *Alleluia*, this part of the Mass is omitted during Lent: a) Holy Holy Holy; b) Holy Moly; c) Gloria; d) Agnus Dei (*answer below*)

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent)

This week's questions are based on the Gospel (John 4: 5-42)

**Question for Children:** How do you experience Jesus helping and loving you?

**Question for Youth:** Share about a time in your own life when you experienced the power of Christ guiding and strengthening you, especially as you grow into young adulthood, facing the range of options before you in life.

**Question for Adults:** When you are tempted to try to satisfy your "thirst for meaning" through some other means, what keeps you coming back to the living water of intimacy with Christ? Through what means do you experience Christ's power in your life: sacraments? Scripture? prayer? others?

### Faith Formation Calendar:

- \*Apr. 2 (Sat) 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, FINAL Session I K-6 with Family Barbecue
- \*Apr. 3 (Sun) 1:00 – 4:30 pm, Gr. 7-10 FINAL Session with closing prayer service
- \*Apr. 7 (Thurs) 7:00 pm: CONFIRMATION Celebration at St. Andrew's, Elk River
- \*Apr. 9 (Sat) 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, FINAL Session II K-6 with Family Barbecue
- \*Apr. 10 (Sun) 8:30 am Mass: Welcoming and reception of newly Confirmed, with KC Breakfast to follow

### 2011-12 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registrations for next year's Faith Formation programs will be mailed to all families in the parish near the end of March. Again this year there will be a lottery--families who register by July 1 will be entered into a drawing for FREE REGISTRATION FEES (not to include Sacramental Prep fees). Three lucky families will be chosen!

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

### Catholic IQ answer:

*c) The Gloria is omitted during the Lenten season as part of the more austere liturgical tone that is appropriate to that season. Its return on Easter adds to the festive and joyful spirit of the liturgies of the Easter Season.*

## 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

### OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

**Saturday, April 2nd, 5:00 pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amy Chmielewski,  
Lil Boser, Lorene Loscheider

**Hospitality Ministers:** Chuck Maurer,  
Matt Sadlowsky

**Servers:** Alenita Maurer & Logan Jurek

**Lector:** Lil Boser

**Sunday, April 3rd, 10:30 am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cindy Battleson, Dan Casey,  
Deb Goenner, Sandra Hart, Deb Yoerg

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

**Servers:** AJ Buntrock & Matt Yoerg

**Lector:** Steve Hammer & Julie Miller

**Nursery:** Roseanne Tripp & Kayla Zenner

**Saturday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Donna Otten, Norb Vossen,  
Kimberly Johnson

**Greeters:** Harland Hinrichs

**Annex:** Michele Wagner

**Ushers:** Larry Svir, Ernie Kroll, Emily Freeman,  
Randy Anderson

**Servers:** Scott Peterson and Michael Loeffler

**Lectors:** Jamie Swanson and Laura Swanson

**Sacristan:** Vickie Cote 263-3030

**Scheduler:** Alice Kantor 263-0071

**Sunday, April 3rd, 8:30 am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Beverly Bebeau, Deb Bell,  
Keith Klein, Charles Reichert, Barb Gardetto,  
Becky Grandalen, James Ledwith

**Nursing Home:** Roger and Sue Stang

**Greeters:** Sue, Samantha, Michael and Nick Perovich

**Annex:** Maurice Meyer

**Ushers:** Geary Keppel, Stan Brey, Gerald Fisher,  
Marcel Osowski

**Annex:** James Johnson and Mary Kimmes

**Servers:** Katherine Gingras and Mason Krause

**Lectors:** Andrew Rush and Stephen Gingras

**Sacristan:** Arlene Opstad 263-2347

**Scheduler:** Alice Kantor 263-0071

We extend our deepest sympathy  
and prayers to the family of



### Agnes Kolbinger

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

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### BULLETIN DEADLINE

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Sunday, April 3	Monday, February 28
Sunday, April 10	Monday, April 4
Sunday, April 17	Friday, April 8
Sunday, April 24	Friday, April 15

Please note these dates and send bulletin information to Terri at [imccc@sherbtel.net](mailto:imccc@sherbtel.net)

**Nominations for Parish Council at Our Lady of the Lake will be held for the second and final weekend on April 2-3.** Please consider for nomination those parishioners who you think would be a good addition to our parish council team. Parishioners can also nominate themselves.

**Results from the OLOL Parish Council Constitution Proposals**

PROPOSED: Council members shall be selected by a random draw during Mass.

YES: 162 NO: 44

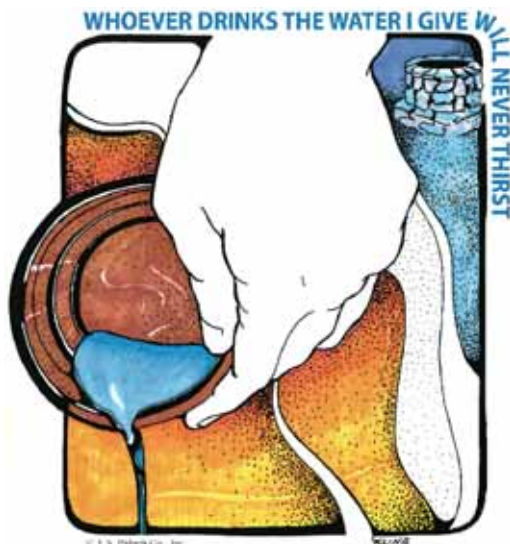
PROPOSED: Council meetings shall be held monthly with a minimum attendance of two (2) *ex officio* members (one of which must be the pastor,) and five (5) elected members.

YES: 180 NO: 16

**March Natural Family Planning First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method Offered as follows:**

~~St. Cloud on Monday, April 25th at 6:30 pm at the Office of Marriage & Family. For more information, or to register call 320-252-4721.

~~St Michael on Tuesday, April 12 in Room #4 at St. Michael's Church. For more information, or to register call Nora Dehmer at 763-263-8297.



When the Israelites felt that they were out of options in the desert and pleaded with God for help, God answered their prayers. Your support of **Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl** provides options to workers in Senegal and throughout the world. With CRS' support, workers can access small loans to establish businesses so that they can provide for their families. Everyone has the right to work!



**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!**



**March is Minnesota food shelf month Please support our local Food Shelves**

Remember...any food donated by April 3 will qualify for Minnesota FoodShare. This means that your donation will be worth from four (4) to as much as nine (9) times your amount and will be multiplied accordingly by sponsoring agencies throughout Minnesota.

**Parish Cell Phone**

The cell phone number below is for use in both parishes. Use it **after regular hours for pastoral needs or in any emergency.** 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*

**Director of Faith Formation**

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**Bookkeeper**

Kris Hammer

**Secretary**

Terri Pickar .....imccc@sherbtl.net

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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

Rose Knowlton (OLOL) 763-295-5911

Week 1

Lisa Fradette  
Ina Kelly  
John Zimmel  
Larry Svir  
Sue King  
Vicki Kral  
Millie Rieland  
Sue Johnson  
Suzanne Smith

Week 2

Jason Treptau  
Sharalyn Pfaff  
Zalini  
Bill Johnson

Week 3

Ryan Thorn  
Daryl Roy  
Dave Nelson

**PARISH COUNCIL**

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Dick Pursley	Angie Fuller
Rick Kraus	Dave Maiers
Theresa Quinn	Lu Schuette
Lisa Thelen	
Trustees: Mary Jo Cobb and Brad Kohorst	

*OUR LADY OF THE LAKE*

Dan Loegering	Dennis Nagorski
Dan Bell	Keith Klein
Kristen Jacobs	Rose Knowlton
Bruce Kuechle	Chuck Reichert
Laura Swanson	
Trustees: Juanita Johnson and Kevin Thompson	

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	2 Kings 5:1-15b Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Daniel 3:25,34-43 Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23
Friday:	Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hosea 6:1-6 Luke 18:9-14
Sunday	1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

**MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**

Travis Barrett	Robert Lambrecht III
Kelly DeWein	Corey Smith
Jim Sunderlin	Ben Kroll
Ed Waskosky	Rick Zenner
James Vandenhual	William Pace
Paul Waskosky	Kory Lindbom
Melissa Schake	Justin Wire
Robert Wroblewski III	Michael Wilts
Evan Kohorst	

*(continue from front)* at the well has fallen into disuse in recent years. Yet, especially for our society, the naming of places and things tends to be primarily about claiming those things as our possessions. People name their pets, their houses, their cars, and so on. Most often, today we name things to in order to claim that ownership.

It may be a good thing that we no longer name the woman at the well, for her name could be any one of our names, male or female. She could be—she is—all of us. All of us, in baptism, are named for Christ. We are “christ-ened” and through our life, we bear our most important name: *Christian* – for in Baptism, Christ claims us as his own. Like the woman at the well we thirst for a deeper meaning in life. Lent is a time for us to remember that Jesus offers life-giving water to quench that thirst. Lent calls us back to that name, back to a renewed dialogue with Christ, that we might once again be enlightened by the gift of his truth and love.

*Fr. Geno Doyle*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS for the WEEK**

- Tuesday, March 29**  
**OLOL 7:00 pm AA & Al Anon Meeting**
- Wednesday, March 30**  
**OLOL 5-6 pm Youth Ensemble Practice**  
**OLOL 6:15 pm Cantor Practice**  
**OLOL 6:30-8:00 pm U-JAM**  
**ICCC 6:30 pm BEJ M-Z Families (Rescheduled)**  
**ICCC 6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group Grades 5-8**  
**OLOL 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice**  
**ICCC 8:15 pm Youth Group Grades 9-12**
- Thursday, March 31**  
**OLOL 5-6 pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal**  
**ICCC 6:00 pm Cantor Rehearsal**  
**ICCC 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal**  
**OLOL 6:30 pm Baptism Class**  
**ICCC 8:00 pm AA & Al Anon Meeting**
- Saturday, April 2**  
**OLOL 9-1 pm Session I K-6 W/BBQ**

**MASS SCHEDULE for the WEEK**

- Monday, March 28, Lenten Weekday**  
**ICCC & OLOL No Liturgies**
- Tuesday, March 29, Lenten Weekday**  
**OLOL 7:00 pm † Jason Neiser**  
**OLOL 5:30-6:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation**
- Wednesday, March 30, Lenten Weekday**  
**OLOL 8:00 am † Eunice Doyle**  
*Bible Study follows*  
**ICCC 5:30-6:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation**
- Thursday, March 31, Lenten Weekday**  
**OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service**  
**ICCC 8:15 am † Ronald Rose**
- Friday, April 1, Lenten Weekday**  
**OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service**  
**ICCC 8:15 am Special Intention-Reginek**  
**ICCC 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross**
- Saturday, April 2 — Lenten Weekday, St Francis of Paola, hermit**  
**ICCC 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation**
- Saturday, April 2 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**ICCC 5:00 pm † Agnes Kolbinger**  
**OLOL 7:00 pm Mass for the People**
- Sunday, April 3**  
**OLOL 8:30 am † Margie Mason**  
**ICCC 10:30 am † Oscar Theis**

**Taco Dinner**  
**Saturday, April 2**  
**At Immaculate Conception**  
**Starts after 5:00 PM Mass**  
**Served by the 11th Grade**  
**Confirmation Class**



**Free will offering**  
**All proceeds go to Parish Capital Campaign**

**Baptism Preparation Class**  
 The next baptism preparation class for both parishes is Wednesday, March 31, at 6:30pm at Our Lady of the Lake. 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**  
*See additional times at right.*