



**Immaculate
Conception
Catholic Church**

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

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Lent — Fast - Pray - Alms

The season of Lent is upon us; this year it comes to us very late. Yet, no matter when it falls in the calendar Lent is a time when the Church invites us to once again do a bit of house-cleaning.

Lent is to be a season of fasting, self-denial, Christian growth, penitence, conversion, and simplicity. Lent, which comes from the German word for springtime, can be viewed as a spiritual spring cleaning: a time for taking spiritual inventory and then cleaning out those things which hinder our personal and communal relationships with Jesus Christ and our service to him. Thus it is fitting that the season of Lent begin with a symbol of repentance: placing ashes on one's forehead. We must remember that our Lenten disciplines are supposed to transform our entire person: body, soul, and spirit. Our Lenten disciplines are supposed to help us become more like Christ. Eastern Christians call this process *theosis*, which St. Athanasius aptly describes as "becoming by grace what God is by nature."

There are a few basic traditions associated with Lent which have a long history.

Fasting: More than just giving something up of Lent, the purpose helps one to learn to control a particular part of his or her life, which leads to greater self-discipline even when Lent is over. As such in Lent we are able to learn, examine, and get under control our material excesses. Whatever you decide to fast from, remember, "Lent is more than a diet." Lent is about spiritual results, not material ones. While losing a few pounds may be a nice side benefit, all fasting should be done for spiritual growth.



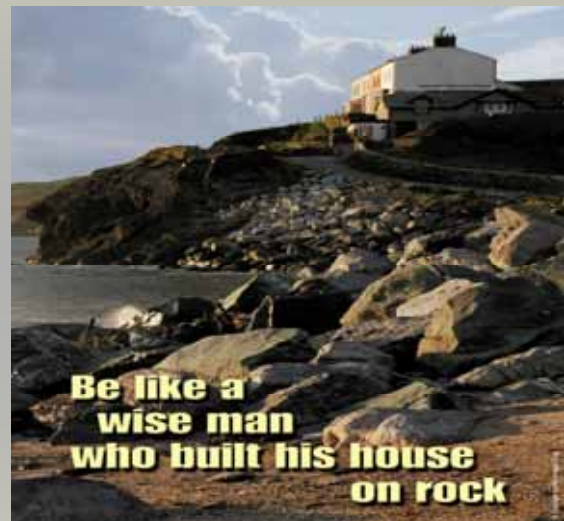
**Our Lady of
the Lake
Catholic Church**

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

440 Lake Street North
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



Prayer: Lent is a great time to develop/strengthen a discipline of daily prayer. A good goal would be to take time each morning and evening, if you are not already doing that. Some of the time should simply be in silence and trying to listen to God. A great help would be to pray one of the seven penitential psalms from the Bible (Psalm 6, 32, 38 51, 102, 130 or 143). Take a different one each day every week and allow yourself to be embraced by God's mercy.

Almsgiving: While Lent is about giving something up (i.e. fasting), it is also about putting something positive in its place. The best way to remove a vice is to cultivate virtue. Lent is a time of helping the poor, and doing acts of charity and mercy. Though this is something we must do year round, Lent is a good time to make sure that we actually do something. Our two parishes have already invited us to help out with our Easter Dinner Baskets. Yet *(continued on back)*

STEWARDSHIP

Offering February 26 & 27

Adult (132)	\$ 3,417.00
Loose	\$ 246.12
Youth (0)	\$.00
Children (0)	\$.00
Total	\$ 3,663.12
Building Fund (15)	\$ 929.00

Amount needed each week for:

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

FAITH FORMATION

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.

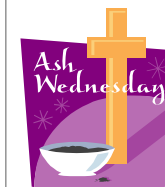
Monday, March 7, 6:30-8 p.m.

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



Tuesday, March 8, 6:30-8 p.m.

Faith Formation Committee meets at OLOL.



Ash Wednesday, March 9, 5 p.m.

We begin our Lenten journey with the celebration of Eucharist and the receiving of ashes.

Sunday, March 13, 6-7:30 p.m.

Confirmation class of 2012 meet with their mentors. (10 graders)

Wednesday, March 16, 6:30-8 p.m.



Bread for Journey session for A-L families and anyone who is unable to come next Wednesday. 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. Some of the inserts are excellent learning material for different ages.

Bibles for \$5.00

The New American Bibles have arrived; please stop by the office to pick up a Bible for just \$5.00 each!



THE "YOUTH OF TRUTH" NEWS

Thought for the week:

Where He guides...He provides!!!

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

- **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 for all parents of those going to Castaway.
Final Castaway payments due.
After Parent Meeting there will be a meeting for all Castaway Chaperones.
- **Sat. March 12—Youth Mass @ 5:00**
6:00-8:00 Chicken Dinner
Served by Youth attending Castaway.
All proceeds go to help pay for Castaway.
- **Sun. Mar. 13—Youth Group @ Youth Center**
Grades 5-12 6:30-8:00
- **Wed. Mar. 16—Youth Group @ Youth Center**
Grades 9-12 8:15-9:45
- **Mar. 18-20—Castaway Retreat**
29 Youth, 7 Adults, & 3 Work Crew will be representing our parish at Castaway this year. Please be in prayer for these 39 parishioners!

Christ's Peace to all,

Doug Watercott

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

STEWARDSHIP

Offering February 26 & 27

Adult (100)	\$ 3,039.00
Children (2)	\$.00
Loose checks	\$ 545.00
Loose plate	\$ 229.44
Total	\$ 3,813.44

Weekly budget amount needed \$ 5,618.00

YOUTH MINISTRY

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- **Wed. 3/9;** NO YOUTH MEETING; SPRING BREAK BEGINS.
- **Wed. 3/16;** 6:15-8:00 pm; 6th-12th grade; New River-St Patrick's Party & Bingo for Residents.
- **Fri. 3/18 thru 3/20**—CASTAWAY RE-TREAT for High School Students in Detroit Lakes. Bus pick-up Fri. @ 12:00 pm.

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

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Ash Wednesday—Liturgical Ministers Needed:

Additional ministers are still needed for both Ash Wednesday Masses—8:00 am and 7:00 pm. *PLEASE* sign up today on the sheet in the annex if you are available to serve. *Thank you!*

Choir Reminders:

Children's Choir—No practice this week, March 10—Happy Spring Break! We will resume our regular rehearsal schedule next week, March 17, from 5-6 pm.

Youth Ensemble—No practice this week, March 9, on Ash Wednesday. Rehearsals resume March 16, 5-6 pm.

Adult Choir—Please meet at 6:20 pm on Ash Wednesday, March 9. We will also rehearse briefly after Mass.

Cantors: Practice will be at **5:15 pm this week, March 9**, for those who are scheduled to sing on March 12/13. If you are unable to attend, please contact me to arrange an alternate time. Thank you!

Liturgy Committee: Next meeting is Thursday, March 10, 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. "A clean heart create for me, God; renew in me a steadfast _____" (*Psalms 51:12*). a) love; b) heart; c) mind; d) spirit
2. "O Lord, bless these ashes by which we show that we are _____." a) dust; b) dirt; c) sand; d) sinners (*answers below*)



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week's questions are based on the second reading (Romans 3:21-25, 28)

Question for Children: How big is God's love?

Question for Youth: How can God forgive us over and over again before we ask?

Question for Adults: Do you deserve God's favor?

Do you accept it wholeheartedly regardless of your feelings of unworthiness?

Faith Formation Calendar

*Mar. 6 (Sun) 1:00 – 4:30 pm, Grades 7-10

*Mar. 8 (Tues) 6:30 pm: FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING, joint with ICCC's Faith Formation Committee, at Our Lady of the Lake

*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. *d) Psalm 51 is one of the most loved psalms in the bible and is a most appropriate prayer in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It appears nearly 20 times in the Lectionary as the responsorial psalm at Mass, including the First Sunday of Lent, Year A (this year).*

2. *a) On Ash Wednesday (March 9), when the priest blesses the ashes, we are reminded of our total dependency on 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, March 12th, 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Youth Group

Hospitality Ministers:

Servers:

Lector:

Sunday, March 13th, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Brad Kohorst, Dick Pursley,
Lu Schuette, Deb Wegeleben, Donna Weiland

Hospitality Ministers: Chuck Maurer, Jeremy Welle,
Dylan & Jeff Wicklund

Servers: Kelli Lumley & Alenita Maurer

Lector: Dan Casey & Theresa Slominski

Nursery: Rachel Rask & Dana Slominski



**ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 9TH**

**Mass at Immaculate Conception
5:00 pm**

**Masses at Our Lady of the Lake
8 am
7 pm**

**If you serve in any area of liturgical ministry
and are available, please sign up on the sheets
provided. Thank you!**

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Saturday, March 12th, 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Donna Otten, Vicki Cote,
Kimberly Johnson

Greeters: Steven & Lucy Pearson

Annex: Bernice Krutzig

Ushers: Phil Henneman, Paige Liebl,
Les Hinricks, Harland Hinricks

Servers: Patrick L. Liebl

Lectors: Patrick F. Liebl & Bonnie Miesen

Sacristan: Vicki Cote 263-3030

Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071

Sunday, March 13th, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: James Johnson, Gordy Midas,
Christina Rush, Barb Gardetto, Dennis Gail,
Sandy Gail, James Ledwith

Nursing Home: Roger & Sue Stang

Greeters: Scott & Melissa Scherber Family

Annex: Joan Schmidt & Mary Ann Perman

Ushers: Gerald Beabeau, Beverly Bebeau,
Geary Keppel, Dan Bell

Annex: Richard Kantor & Marcel Osowski

Servers: Dominic Gardetto & Emma Pace

Lectors: Mark Voigt & Terry Perman

Sacristan: Mary Kimmes 263-2971

Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071



BULLETIN DEADLINE

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Sunday, March 13	Monday, March 7
Sunday, March 20	Monday, March 14
Sunday, March 27	Monday, March 21
Sunday, April 3	Monday, March 28

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

Nominations for Pastoral Council at Immaculate Conception will be held next weekend. Please consider who you think would be a good addition to our parish council team. Parishioners will be asked to nominate three males and three females. Parishioners can also nominate themselves.

As we begin our Lenten journey, you are invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' **Operation Rice Bowl**. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice.



**Mary Queen of Peace
Religious Education Breakfast
Sunday, March 13th**

Serving from 8 am - 1 pm
At St. Martin Campus, downtown Rogers
Menu: pancakes, sausage, hash browns,
fresh fruit, doughnuts
Free will offering
(matching grant by Catholic United Financial)

Eighteen years ago, the Diocese of St. Cloud established a program to help victims of sexual misconduct. Anyone who wishes to bring forward a complaint of such misconduct is encouraged to contact a victim advocate who will assist the person to take whatever steps the person feels is appropriate to resolve the issue. (Confidentiality is assured to anyone who speaks with them.)

Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of St. Cloud is Roxann Storms 320-248-1563.
Diocesan Victim Advocates are: Jane Blee 320-251-3430; Tom Klecker 320-253-2866; Jim Otremba 320-253-3540; Dolores Saurer 218-736-3592; Rev. Stanley Wieser 218-863-5161; Jennifer Wirz 320-339-0622.

**National Hotline for Child Abuse
1-800-422-4453**

Come one...Come all...

**Chicken Dinner
Saturday, March 12th
6:00-7:30 pm
In Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
Served by "Youth of Truth"**



Meal includes: Chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggie, salad, roll, dessert and beverage

**Adults \$ 8.00
Youth 5-12 yrs old \$ 6.00
Pre-sale tickets only**

Proceeds will help fund the Castaway Retreat

March is Minnesota Food Shelf Month

which means all of our donations earn special points/credits which can be redeemed later on to help re-stock the Food Shelf when supplies begin to dwindle. Your gift(s) really do matter at this time of year! It's a great time to give to your local food shelf.



Some of the items needed:

- Canned fruit
- Muffin mix
- Rice or pasta
- Syrup
- Cooking oil
- Cereal (hot or cold)
- Boxed potatoes
- Jelly/jam
- Cake mix & frosting
- Soups
- Coffee or tea
- Crackers

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!

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

Director of Faith Formation

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320-241-3827

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Eric Dahlberg612-812-8946

Bookkeeper

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

Lisa Fradette

Ina Kelly

John Zimmel

Larry Svir

Sue King

Vicki Kral

Millie Rieland

Sue Johnson

Week 2

Jason Treptau

Sharalyn Pfaff

Zalini

Bill Johnson

Mary Ann

Watercott

Week 3

Ryan Thorn

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 Klein

Rose Knowlton

Chuck Reichert

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Tobit 1:3;2:1a-8

Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tobit 2:9-14

Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18

2 Corinthians 5:20-62

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Luke 9:22-25

Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday: Isaiah 58:9b-14

Luke 5:27-32

Sunday: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Travis Barrett

Kelly DeWein

Jim Sunderlin

Ed Waskosky

James Vandenuval

Paul Waskosky

Melissa Schake

Robert Wroblewski III

Robert Lambrecht III

Corey Smith

Ben Kroll

Rick Zenner

William Pace

Kory Lindbom

Justin Wire

Michael Wilts

(from front) our concern for the poor must go beyond our own neighborhoods. For more than 35 years our bishops have invited us to participate in *Operation Rice Bowl* by asking us to eat just a bit less each day and put the estimated amount saved into the rice bowl. This money is then used to reach out to the poor that we cannot see. (It is helpful to know that 25% of the Rice Bowl goes to the hungry within our diocese while the remaining touches the poor around the world.) The annual Diocesan Appeal is another great way to help the diocese in its various ministries to reach out hundreds of fellow Minnesotans.

Lent (springtime) is upon us and a time to clean our homes. Be sure to include some spiritual cleaning as well: Pray - Fast - Give Alms. *Fr. Gene Doyle*

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Come join the KC's at Big Lake for a pancake breakfast. Pancakes, French toast, waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, sweet rolls, coffee and juice.



Serving from 7:30 am - 10:00 am
Sunday, March 13th

Welcomed through the
Waters of Baptism
at Our Lady of the Lake



Regan Marie Hollenbeck
daughter of Dan & Julie Hollenbeck

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**Alexander James Stangl**  
son of Michael & Katie Stangl

**Stations of the Cross**  
7:00 pm

**Our Lady of the Lake**  
March 11, 25, & April 6

**Immaculate Conception**  
Every Friday  
Starting with a Soup Supper at 6:00 pm



**Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule**

- First Saturday** 3:00-3:30 pm - Becker, ICC
- Second Saturday** 3:00-3:30 pm - Big Lake, OLOL
- Third Saturday** 3:00-3:30 pm - Becker, ICC
- Fourth Saturday** 3:00-3:30 pm - Big Lake, OLOL

Note: Regular confession times are from 3:00-3:30pm or by request or appointment at other times.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS for the WEEK**

- Sunday, March 6**  
OLOL 1-4:30 pm Faith Formation Grades 7-10  
ICCC 6:00 pm 2011 Confirmation Candidates/Mentors
- Monday, March 7**  
OLOL 5:00 pm Lent Decorating  
ICCC 6:30-8 pm 1st Eucharist Reflection Evening  
OLOL 7:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, March 8**  
OLOL 6:30 pm Joint Faith Formation Mtg @ OLOL  
OLOL 7:00 pm AA & AI Anon Meeting
- Wednesday, March 9**  
OLOL 5:15 pm Cantor Rehearsal  
ICCC 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
OLOL 8:00 pm Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday, March 10**  
OLOL 7:00 pm Liturgy Committee  
ICCC 8:00 pm AA & AI Anon Meeting
- Saturday, March 12**  
ICCC 6 pm Chicken Dinner

**MASS SCHEDULE for the WEEK**

- Monday, March 7**, Weekday, St Perpetua & St Felicity, martyrs  
ICCC & OLOL No Liturgies
- Tuesday, March 8**, Weekday, St John of God, religious  
OLOL 7:00 pm † Jerome Moorman
- Wednesday, March 9**, Ash Wednesday  
OLOL 8:00 am † Amandus & Betty Rolfes  
*Bible Study follows*  
ICCC 5:00 pm † Leo & Dolores Crowley  
OLOL 7:00 pm † Barb Reuter
- Thursday, March 10**, Thursday after Ash Wednesday  
OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service  
ICCC 8:15 am † Laura Rausch  
OLOL 9:30 am Mass @ Big Lake Nursing Home
- Friday, March 11**, Friday after Ash Wednesday  
OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service  
ICCC 8:15 am Mass for Jack Flustos  
OLOL & ICC 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, March 12** — Saturday after Ash Wednesday  
OLOL 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
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**Saturday, March 12 - First Sunday of Lent**  
ICCC 5:00 pm † Cyril Welsh  
OLOL 7:00 pm † Dale Gotzian
- Sunday, March 13**  
OLOL 8:30 am † Ray Pionk  
ICCC 10:30 am Mass for the People