



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

12100 Sherburne Ave
P.O. Box 426
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The Man Born Blind

Just as early Christians gave the unnamed woman at the well in last week's gospel a name Photina," so too did they give a name to the unnamed blind man in today's gospel, "Celidonius." The man blind from birth receives sight from Christ by having the barrier of his blindness removed. In Jesus' day, being blind from birth had an important distinction: if one were blinded by an accident, it was not necessarily seen as a punishment from God because of one's sinfulness. But birth blindness was thought of as a sign of sinfulness, possibly even the sinfulness of a person's parents.

Here Jesus crossed the line of the religious teaching of his day twice: 1) He removed the obstacle that supposedly God had put in place as a sign of the presence of sin, and 2) he committed "sin" by working on the Sabbath, i.e. making mud to heal the blind man. By healing the man Jesus did something beyond the law of Moses which drew the condemnation of the Pharisees. They were quick to label the blind man and Jesus as sinners.

After the man born blind was healed, he could have done any number of things. He could have used his newly-received sight for good or for ill, or he could have just said "thanks" and gone on his way. As the story unfolds, we discover that he comes to faith in Jesus. The gospel writer makes this point by having the blind man first refer to Jesus as 'the man called Jesus,' then later, 'a prophet,' and finally, 'I do believe, Lord.'

The gospel writer wants us to 'see' the difference between the man born
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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



Jesus found him (the man born blind) and said,
"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

He answered,
"Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"

Jesus said to him,
"You have seen him,
and the one speaking with you is he."

The man born blind said,
"I do believe, Lord."

John 9:35-38

STEWARDSHIP

Offering March 26 & 27

Adult (115)	\$ 3,424.00
Loose	\$ 306.65
Youth (1)	\$ 1.00
Children (1)	\$ 1.00
Total	\$ 3,732.65

Building Fund (5) \$ 663.00

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:

We do not fail...we just give up trying!!!

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

- 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
 - **Thur. Apr. 7—Confirmation Mass**
7:00pm @ St. Andrew's in Elk River
 - **Sat. Apr. 9—Youth Mass @ 5:00**
 - **Sun. Apr. 10—"Youth of Truth" Bingo**
Lunch starts at 11:30
Bingo from 12:00-3:00
Door prizes including \$100.00 & \$50.00
Grand Finale Blackout worth \$100.00
Donate a \$10.00 Bingo Prize and receive
10 free games of Bingo!!
 - Sun. Apr. 10— Youth Group @ Youth Center
Grades 5-8 6:00-8:00 (Movie Night)
 - **Canoes needed for Boundary Waters Trip**
 - **Also Chaperones for a group of graduates.**
- Christ's Peace to all, *Doug Watercott*

FAITH FORMATION

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.

Sunday, April 10, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Special welcome to newly-confirmed

Sunday, April 10, 6-7:30 p.m.

Confirmation candidates 2012 and mentors meet.

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.

Christ's Blessings,
Julie Schleper, OSB

STEWARDSHIP

Offering March 26 & 27

Adult (118)	\$ 3,699.00
Children (3)	\$ 2.13
Loose checks	\$ 605.00
Loose plate	\$ 172.37
Total	\$ 4,478.50

Weekly budget amount needed \$ 5,618.00

YOUTH MINISTRY

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- **Wed. 4/6;** 6:30-8:30 pm; 6th-12th grade; Movie "The Passion."
- **Wed. 4/13;** 6:30-8:00 pm; 6th-12th grade; Prepare palms for Palm Sunday - finish movie "The Passion."
- **Wed. 4/20;** 6-7 pm; 6th-12th grade; Collect food for Big Lake Food Shelf.

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

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

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.

Festival Choir: Our Festival Choir will be singing for the Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil liturgies. If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of these celebrations, please consider joining us this year. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Contact Gretchen with any questions or to sign up (263-2863 or 262-7388).



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: Wednesday 9-3 and Thursday 10-2 or by appointment.

FAITH FORMATION

What's Your Catholic IQ?

Veronica, who wiped the face of Jesus (Sixth Station of the Cross) is mentioned in this Gospel: a) Matthew; b) Mark; c) Luke; d) None of these (*answer below*)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK (4th Sunday of Lent)

This week's questions are based on the Second Reading (Ephesians 5: 8-14)

Question for Children: What are the things that Jesus wants you to do as his friend?

Question for Youth: Share what it means to produce goodness, justice, and truth – by your actions, words, and thoughts.

Question for Adults: Share how you, as a child of the light, in the power of Christ, produce goodness, justice, and truth for the world. What specific actions do you take to do this?

Faith Formation Calendar

- *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 have been mailed to all families in the parish. Registration information can also be accessed on our website (www.ourladybiglake.org > Faith Formation > Registration) 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! Completed registration forms can be mailed to the church, dropped off in the office, or returned to Barb's mailbox in the annex.

Barb Olson, Director of Faith Formation
Office hours: Tues.-Fri. 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Email: barb@ourladybiglake.org

Catholic IQ answer:

d) The story of Veronica wiping the face of Jesus is not found in scripture but is rather part of the Tradition of the Catholic Church. The name Veronica means "true image."

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, April 9th, 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: YOUTH GROUP

Hospitality Ministers:

Servers:

Lector:

Sunday, April 10th, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Eron Bordson, Steve Hammer, Doug, Julie and Sara Haecherl

Hospitality Ministers: David Johnson, Brad Kohorst
Ashley Kangas, Jacob Leistico

Servers: Noah Arrigoni and Brady Gruenhagen

Lector: Lu Schuette & Theresa Slominski

Nursery: Lindsey Baloun & Dana Slominski

Liturgical Ministers Needed: Our schedule for Holy Week will be:

Holy Thursday (April 21): 7:00 pm

Good Friday (April 22): 12:00 pm OLOL

Good Friday (April 22): 5:00 pm ICCC

Easter Vigil (April 23): 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday (April 24): 8:30 and 10:30 am

Extra ushers, greeters, servers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers will be needed for these liturgies. If you are available, please check the sign-up sheets on the table in the annex. Thank you!

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Saturday, April 9th, 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Suzanne Stang, Vickie Cote, Donna Otten

Greeters: David & Diana Quinn

Annex: Andy Lindquist

Ushers: Brian Jensen, Tanner Jensen, Lynn Jensen, Trevor Jensen

Servers: Catherine Eisenreich & Rachel Eisenreich

Lectors: Bonnie Niesen & Mary Ellen Kerber Eisenreich

Sacristan: Vickie Cote 263-3030

Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071

Sunday, April 10th, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Colin, Gordy Midas, James Johnson, Christina Rush, Betty Benson, Dennis Gail, Sandy Gail

Nursing Home: Rose Knowlton & Bernice Krutzig

Greeters: Bruce & Vickie Erickson

Annex: Judy Brandt

Ushers: Richard Kantor, Bruce Kuechle, Brenda Kuechle, Dan Loegering

Annex: Daniel & Steven Thomalla

Servers: Jennifer & John Thomalla

Lectors: Norb Vossen & Patrick Liebl

Sacristan: Arlene Opstad 263-2347

Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Bulletin Date

Sunday, April 10

Sunday, April 17

Sunday, April 24

Sunday, May 1

Deadline

Monday, April 4

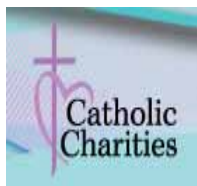
Friday, April 8

Friday, April 15

Monday, April 25

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





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

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 the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 PM at Catholic Charities Center. Please call before attending the first time 320-529-0427.

Next Meeting: April 12 and 26.

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. All faiths welcome. Donations suggested. Confidentiality respected. Please call 320-529-0427.

Next meeting: April 5 & 19.

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.

Next meeting: April 12 & 27.

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.

Co-parenting Program. Two session 8 hour) program for separated/divorced. Upcoming dates April 13 & 20, 2011, 5:00-9:00 PM. Cost is \$ 75.00 per person. Pre-registration required. Call 320-650-1550. All classes are held at Caritas Family Services, 911 18th St N, St Cloud, MN.

In today's Gospel, Jesus recognizes the blind man as one who has been made in God's image and likeness. Jesus demonstrated God's goodness to all by healing the blind man. By giving to Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we support health programs in Honduras and around the world, which continue the healing work of Jesus and demonstrate God's love for all of our human family.



Do you know someone **Looking for ways to be of service** to the local community **as a volunteer?** **The 2011 Volunteer Opportunity Expo** hosted by the **Volunteer Bridge** is a great place to start! **Please join us:**

Elk River Activity Center
413 Proctor Ave
Elk River
3:00-6:00 pm

This event will also include a bake sale, raffle and silent auction to benefit Volunteer Bridge Activities.



Franciscan Community Volunteers invites the public to attend their fund raiser, **"Taste of St. Cloud"** on Monday, May 2, 5-7:30 pm at the Territory Golf Club/Coyote Moon Grille in St Cloud. Advance tickets for "Taste of St. Cloud" can be purchased for \$25 and are also available online at: fcvonline.org. Contact Sister Clara Stang at 320-229-0307.

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



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

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Fr. Gene Doyle

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Kris Hammer

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Shelly Kasper

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Patti Kroll

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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

Ryan Thorn
Daryl Roy
Dave Nelson

Week 2

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

Week 3

Jason Treptau
Sharalyn Pfaff
Zalini
Bill Johnson

PARISH COUNCIL

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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 Miller

Rose Knowlton

Bruce Kuechle

Chuck Reichert

Laura Swanson

Trustees: Juanita Johnson and Kevin Thompson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21

John 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9

John 5:1-16

Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15

John 5:17-30

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14

John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1a,12-22

John 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20

John 7:40-53

Sunday: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Travis Barrett

Robert Lambrecht III

Kelly DeWein

Corey Smith

Jim Sunderlin

Ben Kroll

Ed Waskosky

Rick Zenner

James Vandenuval

William Pace

Paul Waskosky

Kory Lindbom

Melissa Schake

Justin Wire

Robert Wroblewski III

Michael Wilts

Evan Kohorst

(from front) blind who cannot see will come to recognize who Jesus is; while at the same time those who can 'see' are blinded and fail recognize who Jesus is. The blind man gains 'in-sight' while those with 'sight' continue in their blindness (sin). We may not know his name or even remember the name that early Christians gave him, but we can remember what he teaches us about 'sight' vs. 'in-sight.'

When we receive the light of Christ in baptism, as well as God's anointing Spirit (as does David in today's first reading), we join the community of faith that professes Jesus Christ as 'Light from Light, true God from true God.' We become part of the Body of Christ—the church—who glorify God and worship Christ, as does the blind man.

Yet we are called upon to do more. Ephesians tells us that we, who were blind but now see, are called to live, day by day, as children of the Light. We don't just say "thanks" for our baptism. Rather, we are called to live out that thanks by doing deeds of light, and by spreading the gospel of joy, justice, beauty, and peace that we find in Jesus. This is one of the goals of our Lenten practices: to help us leave behind the deeds of darkness and to live out the light of the Good News.

Fr. Gene Doyle

Bingo
Sunday, April 10
12:00 - 3:00 pm



Immaculate Conception Church

All proceeds support "Youth of Truth" activities

Concessions open at 11:30 am
 Hot dogs, sloppy Joes, and more...

Cash prizes including a \$100 Blackout Finale

Door Prizes: \$100 and \$50 Gift Certificate

Meat Raffle

This is a "Matching Grant" Event
 with Catholic United Financial

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

1st & 3rd Saturdays 3:00 pm - Becker, ICC
2nd & 4th Saturdays 3:00 pm - Big Lake, OLOL
See additional times in schedule to the right

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for the WEEK

Sunday, April 3
OLOL 1-4:30 pm Faith Formation Grades 7-10
ICCC 6:00 pm 2011 Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor
Monday, April 4
OLOL 7:00 pm Outreach Meeting
Tuesday, April 5
OLOL 6:30 pm LOWC Meeting
OLOL 7:00 pm AA & Al Anon Meeting
Wednesday, April 6
OLOL 5-6 pm Youth Ensemble Practice
ICCC 6-8:15 pm Youth Group (9-12)
OLOL 6:15 pm Cantor Practice
OLOL 6:30 pm U-JAM
ICCC 6:30 pm BFJ Catechist
ICCC 6:30 pm Youth Group (5-8)
OLOL 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice
Thursday, April 7
OLOL 5-6 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
ICCC 8:00 pm AA & Al Anon Meeting
Saturday, April 9
ICCC 8:45 am 1st Eucharist Bldg Blocks
OLOL 9-1 pm Session II (K-6)

MASS SCHEDULE for the WEEK

Monday, April 4, Lenten Weekday, St Isidore, bishop and doctor
ICCC & OLOL No Liturgies
Tuesday, April 5, Lenten Weekday, St Vincent Ferrer, priest
OLOL 5:30-6:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
OLOL 7:00 pm † Frank Diekmann
Wednesday, April 6, Lenten Weekday
OLOL 8:00 am † Laverne Enneking
Bible Study follows
ICCC 5:30-6:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thursday, April 7, Lenten Weekday, St John Baptist de la Salle, priest
OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service
ICCC 8:15 am † Laura Rausch
7:00 pm Confirmation at St Andrews, Elk River
Friday, April 8, Lenten Weekday
OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service
ICCC 8:15 am † Oscar Theis
OLOL 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 9 — Lenten Weekday
ICCC 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
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**Saturday, April 9 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**ICCC 5:00 pm † Virgil & Lucy Pickar**  
**OLOL 7:00 pm † Mugs Hinrichs**  
**Sunday, April 10**  
**OLOL 8:30 am † Jim Gallus**  
**ICCC 10:30 am Mass for the People**