



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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As Parishes Merge...

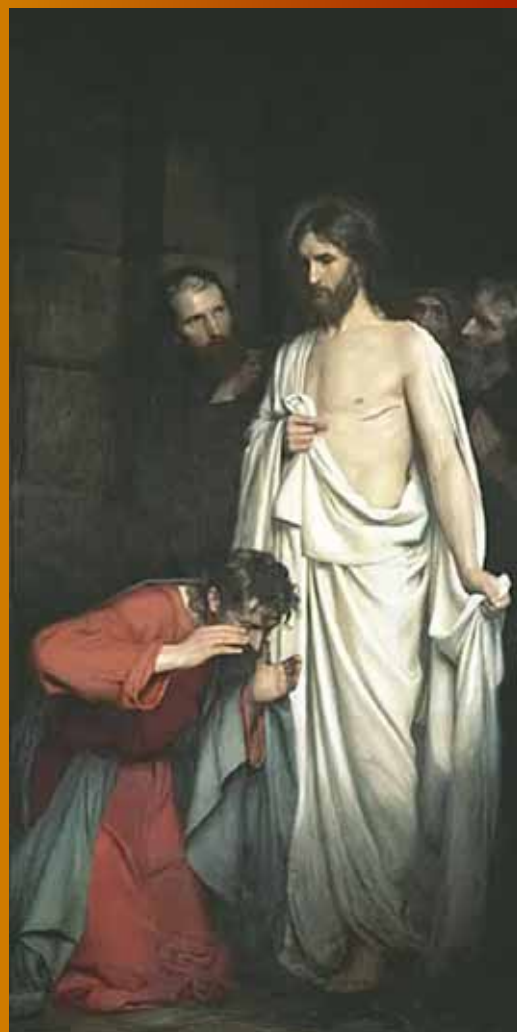
Beginning this week, I will begin to post weekly, information in the bulletin with regards to the merging of our two parishes. There has been much discussion in our Parish Pastoral Councils as well as on various levels in our committee network. It is important that this information be shared with the parishioners.

Some background may be helpful: the process of our merging is part of a larger and a very long process which goes back many years to the diocesan level. Discussions began more than 10 years ago in the Diocesan Planning Council of the Diocese of St. Cloud under the direction of Bishop John Kinney. A major issue in this planning revolves around the fact that fewer priests are available to serve in our parishes, and that this number will continue to diminish in the foreseeable future. Already other parishes in the diocese have felt the impact of the planning process because of the diminishing number of priests. In some cases, clusters of parishes were formed; in other cases, two parishes have been merged into one. At this point, every area of the diocese has been involved in some type of planning.

In our region, the process began in 2007 when 30 representatives from six area parishes came together for a series of meetings. Our task was to offer three recommendations to Bishop Kinney. Ultimately, he had the responsibility and authority to accept, reject or tweak these recommendations as he believed to be most appropriate. For Our Lady of the Lake and Immaculate Conception he made the decision that the two parishes would merge into one parish. A letter was sent to all parishioners informing us of his decision in April 2008. We must bear in mind that he made this decision in consultation with representatives in our area.

Much has happened since including a Town Hall meeting for the people of the Becker community in October 2009. Communication is so essential, yet we have not done very well getting information out. Beginning this week, that changes, and we will start with the January 30th Town Hall meeting at Our Lady of the Lake. The first of several installments of that meeting begins on the back page of this bulletin.

Fr. Gene Doyle



*Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!"
Jesus said to him, "You became a believer
because you saw me.
Blest are they who have not seen
and have believed."* John 20-28-29

STEWARDSHIP

Income for week ending April 17, 2011

Adult Collection	\$ 5,660.33
Children/Youth	\$ 2.00
Loose Collection	\$ 522.28
Building Fund	\$ 2,098.11
Easter Flowers	\$ 10.00
Easter Dinner Baskets	\$ 348.00
Home Missions	\$ 10.00

 Actual Revenue and Expense July 1, 2010 through March 2011

Adult Giving	\$ 172,098.96
Children/Youth Giving	\$ 114.34
Diocesan Collections	\$ 2,628.00
Debt/Building	\$ 82,260.60
Other Revenue	\$ 43,737.32
Total Revenue	\$ 300,839.22
Operating Expense	\$ 238,477.56
Revenue Less Expense	\$ 62,361.66
Less: Principle Pmt on Loan	\$ 37,431.50
Excess (Deficit)	\$ 24,930.16

(Please note: our change in reporting the status of our finances. It shows our financial standing at the end of the third quarter.)

THE "YOUTH OF TRUTH" NEWS

Thought for the week:

- Talent is God-given...be Humble.*
- Fame is society-given...be Thankful.*
- Conceit is self-given...be Careful!!*

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

- Wed. May 4—Youth Group @ Youth Center
 Grades 5-8:6:30-8:00 (Letters to orphanage)
 Grades 9-12: 6:00-8:15(Service Projects)
 Youth Leadership Meeting @ 8:15
- Thur. May 5—Youth Advisory Meeting @ 8:00
- Wed. May 11—Youth Group @ Youth Center
 Grades 5-8 6:30-8:00 @ Youth Center
 Grades 9-12 7:00– 9:45 @ Church
 Led by Youth Leadership Team
- Sat. May 14—Youth Mass @ 5:00
 Confirmation Mini Retreats
 9th Grade: 2:00—6:00
 10th Grade: 5:00—9:00
 9th graders will end with Youth Mass.
 10th graders will begin with Youth Mass.
- Canoes needed for Boundary Waters Trip
- Chaperones needed for a group of graduates going on our Boundary Waters Trip.

Christ's Peace to all, **Doug Watercott**

FAITH FORMATION

Easter Blessings to all! May these days be ours of great joy as we rejoice in the Risen Christ and anticipate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost!



Our Bread for the Journey Festival!
Wednesday, April 27, 6:30-8 p.m.

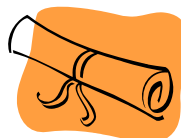
Thanks to all who helped to make our celebration one of great joy! Once again the pot-luck desserts were delicious and varied! The children and youth seemed very happy with their prizes. Thanks to everyone!

First Eucharist Celebration
Sunday, May 1, 1 p.m.
Special Thanks

First Eucharist celebration for 38 children went very well. Once again I thank everyone for helping with the celebration and all parents for the preparation. A special thanks to the choir for their participation in the celebration!



A Look Ahead!



May 22, 11:30 a.m.

Brunch for Graduating Seniors and their families; invitations will be in the mail in the next week. Please RSVP.

June 13-16, 9-11:30 a.m.

"The Sea, The Sand, The Son!" is the title of our Vacation Bible School this year!

Children who have completed Grades K-5 are invited to attend these morning sessions. We will need help as catechists to tell the Bible stories, guide the Crafts, lead the Music, prepare the snacks, and lead the games! If you are willing to help, please call me and we will set up some planning times.



**The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you!,
 Julie Schleper, OSB**

STEWARDSHIP

Income for week ending April 17, 2011

Adult Collection.....	\$ 1,475.00
Youth/Children	\$ 2.43
Loose	\$ 272.55
Palm Sunday.....	\$ 3,881.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$ 560.00

Actual Revenue and Expense July 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011

Adult Giving	\$ 181,573.48
Children/Youth Giving	\$ 151.40
Diocesan Collections	\$ 7,486.51
Other Revenue	\$ 83,287.89
Total Revenue	\$ 272,499.28
Operating Expense	\$ 254,485.51
Revenue Less Expense	\$ 18,013.77
Excess (Deficit)	\$ 18,013.77

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YOUTH MINISTRY



- **Wed 5/4;** 6th-12th grade; 6:30-8:00 pm; Mothers Day Prayer. Mothers, please come with teens.
- **Wed 5/11;** 6th-12th grade; FAITH IN ACTION-service project; meet at Church at 6:15; ends at 8:00pm.
- **Sat 5/14;** 6th-8th grade; 9am-2pm BOWL-ATHON at McPete's.

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

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Rehearsal Reminders:

Youth Ensemble—Regular rehearsals continue through the summer: Wednesdays from 5-6 pm.

Adult Choir—Rehearsals resume this week, Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 pm.

Children's Choir Surveys: All Children's Choir families will be receiving a survey this week. Please take a few moments to complete this short questionnaire; your feedback is very important in helping us continue to improve our program. Forms can be returned to the box on the table in the annex, or to Gretchen in the office. Thanks!

Liturgy Committee: Next meeting is *Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30 pm.* Please note this is a change from the regular meeting time.

In Christ, Gretchen Roe

Office Hours: Wed. 10-3 and Thurs. 10-2 or by appointment.

FAITH FORMATION

What's Your Catholic IQ?

During the Easter Season, the First Reading at Sunday Mass is not from the Old Testament. Rather, it is from which New Testament book? a) Revelation; b) Hebrews; c) John's Gospel; d) Acts of the Apostles (*answer below*)

CELEBRATION OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Beginning this weekend, small groups of children will be celebrating their First Eucharist at our regular Saturday and Sunday parish Masses. Eucharist is an initiation sacrament, and initiation sacraments properly take place within the midst of the celebrating community into which they are being initiated. We, the faith community, have a place at all initiations, to encourage, support, and celebrate with these children and their families! Dates on which First Eucharist celebrations will take place are: May 1, 7, 8, 15, 21 & 22.

2011-12 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registrations for next year are due **August 15, 2011**. Registration information can be accessed on our website (www.ourladybiglake.org > Faith Formation > Registration) Completed registration forms can be mailed to the church, dropped off in the office, or returned to Barb's mailbox in the annex.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK (Second Sunday of Easter)

These questions are based on the Gospel (John 20:19-31)

Question for Children: Even though you can't see him with your eyes, how do you "see" Jesus in others?

Question for Youth: In today's visual and audio world, how do you maintain your faith in the Risen Christ whom you really do not see or hear?

Question for Adults: When and how do you experience the "new birth" which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others?

Faith Formation Calendar:

- *May 10 (Tues) 7:30 pm: Faith Formation Committee Mtg
- *May 14 (Sat) 9:00 am: Practice for First Eucharist families celebrating on May 15, 21 & 22

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

Catholic IQ answer:

d) Readings from the Acts of the Apostles provide us with a sense of the enthusiasm that the early Church had for proclaiming the Risen Christ to others.

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, May 7th, 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Terri Pickar,
Anita Pilarski, Randy Wagner
Hospitality Ministers: Anna Perry, Melanie Perry,
Charlie Robeck, Ellen Robeck
Servers: Bridget Buchholz and Josie Wagner
Lector: Theresa Wagner

Sunday, May 8th, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Burt Arrigoni, Steve Born,
Eron Bordson, Cindy Battleson, Deb Goenner
Hospitality Ministers: Zach Arrigoni,
Matt Sadlowsky, Dylan & Jeff Wicklund
Servers: Noah Arrigoni and Adam Bauman
Lector: Jason Baune & Deb Goenner
Nursery: Alex McDowall and Riley Thelen

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

Jason Treptau
Sharalyn Pfaff
Trey Winfield
Dennis Nagorski
Don Driessen

Week 2

Ryan Thorn
Daryl Roy
Dave Nelson
Suzanne Smith

Week 3

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Sunday, May 8	Monday, May 2
Sunday, May 15	Monday, May 9
Sunday, May 22	Monday, May 16

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

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Saturday, May 7th, 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Adams,
Lynn Adams, Norb Vossen
Greeters: Dale & Sandy Dianowski
Annex: Emily Freeman
Ushers: Vickie Cote, Melissa Burke,
Patrick Burke, Randy Anderson
Servers: Scott Peterson
Lectors: Sue Stang and Bonnie Miesen
Sacristan: Donna Forge 263-3996
Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071

Sunday, May 8th, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Bruce Kuechle, Karen Colin,
Brenda Kuechle, James Ledwith, Keith Klein,
Charles Reichert, Becky Grandalen
Nursing Home: Dick Boecker & Todd Daniel
Greeters: Judy Brandt
Annex: Joan Schmidt
Ushers: Dennis Gail, Stan Brey, Gerald Fisher,
Kathleen Fisher
Annex: Dennis Nagorski & James Johnson
Servers: Michael Loeffler and Emma Pace
Lectors: Daren Berglund & Joann Pace
Sacristan: Rose Knowlton 295-5911
Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071



MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

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

**Congratulations to our First Communicants!
Immaculate Conception—May 1, 2011**



*Jenna Bernier
Raeanna Cota
Lucas Eigen
McKayla Ewing
Megan Gamble
Theodore Halvorson
Thomas Halvorson
Emma Henneman
Matthew Huffman
Nathaniel Kerzman
Jaden Kraus
Hunter Malisheski
Keegan Murphy
Kaylin Peterson
Brendan Schmidt
Sarah Schmidt
Aaron Seitz
Zachary Stanz
Nicholas Weyer*

*Emily Bloom
Ashlyn Croal
Dominic Esler
Josh Fobbe
Kamryn Gass
Josephine Green
Wyatt Hiltner
Joseph Huber
Michelle Johnson
Jacob Jurek
Jenna Kringler
Faith Madsen
Brynn O'Connor
Carolina Robles
Mason Schmidt
Michael Schmitz
Kalyn Sherman
MaKenna Thelen
Jackie Yoerg*

Our Lady of the Lake

These children will be celebrating at regular weekend Masses on April 30, May 1, 7, 8, 15, 21, 22



*Alec Anderson
Brennan Bebeau
Reed Bottema
Daniel Chmielewski
Abigail Debes
Isabel Dillon
Cole Duchene
Samuel Hagberg
Avery Hunt
Cory Martin
Trevor McCauley
Isabelle Morine
Joseph Peters
Rebecca Psyk
Reggie Riebel
Trenten Rupar
Mick Scherber
Mitchell Spanier
Kelly Stowell
Savannah Voigt
Katherine Wachowiak*

*Sabrina Bach
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Mary Carlin
Vincent Dailey
Jesse Dechene
Blake Douglas
Allyson Dudley
Dalton Hollenbeck
Josephine Lentz
Taylor Matzke
Benjamin Molitor
Phong Nguyen
Claire Petersen
Hannah Renslow
Zachary Robeck
Lucas Ruppelius
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Joseph Stowell
Tyson Vetsch
Erika Werner*

Red Cross Community Blood Drive

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Tuesday, May 3rd, noon until 6:00 pm
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appointment 263-1814

OLOL is looking for volunteers to replace Duane with the cemetery lawn maintenance, including cutting grass and trimming. The church supplies the equipment, we just need reliable volunteers to do the work. Lawn care would need to be done on a weekly basis on Thursdays or Fridays. Volunteers should be at least 18 years old. If you are interested, even just on an occasional basis to help out, please contact PeeWee Metzger at 763-229-7533, or leave a message for him at the church office.

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

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Merwin (Pee Wee) Metzger

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Danette Toenies

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Jim Valiant (OLOL)612-889-0488
Randy Wagner (ICCC)763-261-6018

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31
John 3:1-8
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
John 14:6-14
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26
John 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33
John 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42
John 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7
John 6:16-21
Sunday Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35



Summary of Town Hall Meeting - Parish Merger

The agenda for the Town Hall meeting covered the following topics: 1) *Why we are merging*; 2) *What is happening now*; 3) *Financial status of each parish*; 4) *What are the next steps*; 5) *Greater Vision for us*; 6) *Q & A and additional comments*.

January 30, 2011 - Town Hall meeting

After acknowledging the need for better communication, mention was made of the an earlier Town Hall at Becker in October of 2009, and that this was the second of what may be a number of other similar meetings.

Why we are the two parishes merging? There is a shortage of the number of priests. Currently, we have 78 priests serving 134 parishes. In the next five years, it is estimated that we will have only have 53 priest serving the same 134 parishes. The letter that Bishop Kinney sent in April 2008 informing us that when one of the current pastors was to leave either parish, that there would only be one priest serving both parishes, and that within two years of that event the two parishes were to merge as one. There would still be two worship sites. Within six years of that merger, the 'new parish' would be encouraged to consider finding one worship site. Keep in mind that the Becker parish had already broken ground for its new addition before the letter came out. In October 2009, the bishop sent another letter postponing the merger because of the debt in the Becker parish. The parishes would be twinned, served by one priest, but encouraged to continue to look at consistent collaboration of ministries and programming. The merger of the two parishes would still happen, but not on the original timeline as set forth in the bishop's first letter.

Next week: What's happened so far? Other joint efforts.

Welcomed through the waters of Baptism
at Immaculate Conception



Max James Gallus

son of Carey & Heidi Gallus

Katelyn Rose VanDenheuvel

daughter of Mark & Stefanie VanDenheuvel

Baptism Preparation Class

The next baptism preparation class for both parishes is Wednesday, May 4, 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

Monday, May 2

OLOL 7:00 pm Outreach Meeting

Tuesday, May 3

OLOL 7:00 pm AA & AI Anon Meeting

Wednesday, May 4

OLOL 5-6 pm Youth Ensemble Practice

ICCC 6-8:15 pm Youth Group (grades 9-12)

OLOL 6:15 pm Cantor Practice

OLOL 6:30-8 pm UJAM 6-12 grade

ICCC 6:30 pm Baptism Class

ICCC 6:30-8 pm Youth Group (grades 5-8)

OLOL 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, May 5

ICCC 8:00 pm AA & AI Anon Meeting



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MASS SCHEDULE for the WEEK

Sunday, May 1

ICCC 1:00 pm First Eucharist Celebration

Monday, May 2, St Athanasius, bishop & doctor

ICCC & OLOL No Liturgies

Tuesday, May 3, St Philip & James, apostles

OLOL 7:00 pm † Jason Neiser

Wednesday, May 4, Easter Weekday

OLOL 8:00 am † Robert Knowlton

Bible Study follows

Thursday, May 5, Easter Weekday

OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service

ICCC 8:15 am † Roger Scholt

Friday, May 6, Easter Weekday

OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service

ICCC 8:15 am † William Mead

Saturday, May 7 — Easter Weekday

ICCC 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, May 7 - Third Sunday of Easter

ICCC 5:00 pm † Dolores & Leo Crowley

OLOL 7:00 pm † Laura & Bernard Gotzian

Sunday, May 8

OLOL 8:30 am † Ray Pionk


ICCC 10:30 am Mass for the People

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