



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Weekend Mass Times
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THE RIGHT CONNECTION (in the midst of multitasking)

Centuries ago when most people could not read or write, storytellers kept the community connected with tales that were entertaining, thought provoking, and informative. Their task was seen as crucial in keeping people connected. Nowadays public storytelling is almost a forgotten art. Instead, we are overwhelmed with information, news, and commentary by everybody about everything 24/7. Against this background, many of us must "multitask" in our efforts to be more productive, efficient and connected. We try to get as many things done at one time as we possibly can in order to make a little free time for ourselves.

Every parent knows how to multitask! It comes as second nature to young people. With the rise of the Internet, blogs, texting, and Twittering, something new is emerging, which has been called "continuous partial attention": paying partial attention—continuously—scanning for the best opportunities, activities, and contacts at any given moment. In general, multitasking allows us to stay in face-to-face connection with people, but continuous partial attention can isolate us in our own little bubble, where we simply view a screen, sometimes with negative consequences.

We are told that the average American watches more than four hours of TV each day. In a sixty-five-year life, that person will have spent nine years glued to the tube and seen two million commercials, with over 53 percent of viewing time focused on crime, disaster, and war. Internet use is growing rapidly; studies show that texting while driving makes people eight times more likely to suffer a serious car accident (thus many states outlaw it).

In today's second reading, St. Peter writes, "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness..." (Peter 3:15-16). Peter asks that, as Christians, we are to stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others. In our world of multitasking, we may want to ask ourselves just how central to our lives is Christ.

(see next column)



**"I will ask
the Father,
and he will
give you
another
Advocate
to be
with you
always.
*John 14:16***

(continued) In the Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned (John 14:15-21). He promises to send the Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always.

We have fewer storytellers to keep us connected. We multitask regularly. If in our everyday lives of multitasking we make an effort to keep Christ the single most important connection in our lives, from which everything else flows—how we prioritize our daily life, how we spend our time, our relationships with other people, how we use our abilities, how we use our resources—then others will be able to see us as people of hope. Jesus has given us the Spirit to help us make the connection to a Christ-centered life and live!

Fr. Geno Doyle

STEWARDSHIP

Income for week ending May 22, 2011

Adult Collection	\$ 2,693.00
Children/Youth	\$ 2.00
Loose Collection	\$ 381.70
Building Fund	\$ 320.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$ 186.00



Just a reminder that the Liturgical Schedule for May through August is available on the shelf by Doug and Eric's office. If you did not receive a copy via e-mail, please be sure to pick up a copy.

Thank you.

THE "YOUTH OF TRUTH" NEWS

Thought for the week:

The task ahead of us is never greater than the Power behind us!!

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

- Wed. June 1 - Youth Group @ Youth Center
 Grades 5-8; 6:30-8:00 pm
 Guest Speakers: Youth Leadership Team
 Grades 9-12; 8:15-9:45 pm
 Guest Speaker: Riley Bertram
 Topic: "His Story"
 Special invitation to all graduating seniors
 Last Youth group meeting before graduation!
- Tues. June 7 - "Ruah" Celebration Night
 6:00-9:00 pm @ Becker Baptist
 A lot of games, food, fun and fellowship!!
- Thur. June 16—Make-up for Pre-Confirmation
 Mini-Retreat @ Youth Center 9:00am to Noon
- June 24-26—Camping @ Big Oaks for Grades 5-8
 Sign up by my office
- Wed. June 29—Valley Fair Trip for Grades 5-12
 Sign up by my office
- Canoes needed for Boundary Waters Trip



Doug Watercott

Christ's Peace to all,

FAITH FORMATION

Easter Blessings to all! We have two more weeks to ready ourselves for the gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost on June 12! How are you getting ready?

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 sessions. Registration forms are in the narthex; please return these with the \$10 fee no later than today, Sunday, May 29. Three adults have volunteered to tell the Bible stories to guide the crafts, and to lead the games. Would you wish to lead the music or help prepare the snacks? If you are willing to help, please call me. Three youth have also offered their help, but we need more youth as helpers as well!



Special Thanks . . .



Thanks to the 14 graduating seniors who attended Eucharist and Brunch with their families last Sunday!

Thanks to Theresa, Tim and Marie Quinn; Jeanne and Elizabeth

Henderson; Jeff, Lisa, Riley, and Haley Thelen; Julie Miller; and Eileen and Hannah Pursley who helped with preparing, setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up the most delicious brunch!

Are you aware?

. . . that I am busy preparing the schedule and topics for our next season on Basic Beliefs for Bread for the Journey?

. . . that you are able to offer suggestions and comments at this time?

. . . that around July 1st you will be able to pick up your registration form and brochure in the narthex?

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

STEWARDSHIP

Income for week ending May 22, 2011

Adult Collection.....	\$	3,438.00
Youth/Children	\$.00
Loose	\$	329.13



FAITH FORMATION

What's Your Catholic IQ?

"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in _____ and your faith is in _____." a) vain; b) danger; c) memoriam; d) question (*answer below*)

Thank you!

The end of May is once again upon us, and with that our Faith Formation year winds down. As always, volunteers and a supportive staff are integral to the success of any Faith Formation program: the adults and young people who taught or assisted and subbed in our sessions; those who organized the food, prepared, served, and cleaned up in the kitchen; all who helped with tear down and clean-up; my faithful office helper; Faith Formation Committee members; the KCs for our end-of-year barbecues and Sunday ice cream and cookies; our photographers for First Eucharist Masses; Gretchen and the youth music group; the Youth Ministry group for sharing space and preparing and serving our Catechist appreciation gathering; and any others (who I may have missed) who stepped forward in any other way to assist as needed. I am so grateful to all of you! May God bless you for your faithful service to this community.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

These questions are based on the Gospel: John 14:15-21
Question for Children: Jesus promises to be our friend forever. How do friends treat each other?

Question for Youth: Amid all the demands of young adulthood, what strategy do you use to keep love a priority in your life?

Question for Adults: Which one of the promises in today's Gospel gives you the most hope?

2011-12 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration information and forms can be accessed on our website (www.ourladybiglake.org > Faith Formation > Registration). Registrations for next year are due **August 15, 2011**. 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
I will be out of the office June 8-10 & 20-24
 Email: barb@ourladybiglake.org

Catholic IQ answer:

a) *Saint Paul wrote about the centrality of the Resurrection for our faith in his First Letter to the Corinthians 15:17, reminding us that, without the Resurrection, his preaching and our faith are in vain.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

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- **Wed. 6/1; No teen meeting this evening**
- **Tues. 6/7; 6:00-7:30 pm; 6-12th grade; PARTY FOR THOSE WHO WORKED MAY 25th @ Becker Baptist Church.**
- **Sat. 6/11 ; FEED OUR STARVING CHILDREN church service project. Bus leaves at 8 am.**
- **Wed. 6/15; 6:30-800 pm; 6th-12th grade; TEEN MEETING for SPUDFEST.**

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

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Memorial Day Mass: Monday, May 30, is Memorial Day and Mass will be celebrated at the OLOL cemetery at 9:00 am, weather permitting. All are invited to attend.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Members of the LOWC team in Big Lake will be meeting on Monday, June 13, at 6:30 pm. This program provides an opportunity for children in the parish to experience the Gospel message at an age-appropriate level through activities and discussion. The meeting will include a review of this past year as well as preliminary planning for the 2011-2012 school year. Anyone who is interested in becoming involved with this program is welcome to attend.

Liturgy Committee: Next meeting is Thursday, June 16, at 7:00 pm.

In Christ, Gretchen Roe

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

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, June 4th, 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Chmielewski,
Judy Hamilton, Randy Wagner
Hospitality Ministers: Darren, Dean, Lori, & Marissa Moeller
Servers: Bridget Buchholz and Josie Wagner
Lector: Tim Hinds

Sunday, June 5th, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Dick Pursley, Lu Schuette,
Deb Wegeleben, Donna Weiland, Deb Yoerg
Hospitality Ministers: Brandon Fisher, Denise Kerr,
Brad Kohorst, Katie Pursley
Servers: Travis & Zack Fisher
Lector: Dick Pursley
Nursery: Haley & Riley Thelen

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Saturday, June 4th, 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Vickie Cote, Norb Vossen,
Wini Herda
Greeters: Harland Hinricks
Annex: Jerry Johnson
Ushers: Duane Marsolek, Ernie Kroll, Larry Svir,
Randy Anderson
Servers: Dennis Gail
Lectors: Jamie and Laura Swanson
Sacristan: Vickie Cote 263-3030
Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071

Sunday, June 5th, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Beverly Bebeau, Deb Bell, Keith Klein,
Becky Grandalen, James Ledwith, Rose Knowlton,
Dennis Nagorski
Nursing Home: Dick Boecker & Todd Daniels
Greeters: Sue, Samantha, Michael & Nick Perovich
Annex: Maurice Meyer
Ushers: Dan, Jaclyn and Amanda Bell, Stan Brey
Annex: James Johnson and Dan Loegering
Servers: Kallie & Amanda Nelson
Lectors: Deb Bell and Mark Voigt
Sacristan: Mary Kimmes 263-2971
Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071

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

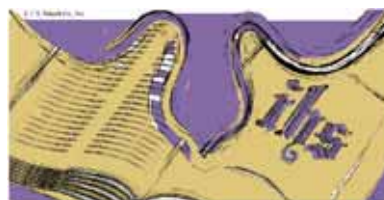
Irene Ring (ICCC) 763-261-4565
Rose Knowlton (OLOL) 763-295-5911

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

Jason Treptau	Ryan Thorn
Sharalyn Pfaff	Daryl Roy
Trey Winfield	Dave Nelson
Dennis Nagorski	Suzanne Smith
Don Driessen	
Steven Ely	



MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

BULLETIN DEADLINE

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Sunday, June 5	Monday, May 30
Sunday, June 12	Monday, June 6
Sunday, June 19	Monday, June 13

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

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	

Volunteers needed at ICCC

We are in need of volunteers to take over several positions at Immaculate Conception. If you are interested, please give Terri a call at 763-261-4242.

1. Server altar robe care. Washing, ironing, and maintaining server altar robes, as needed.
2. Eucharist linen care. Washing and ironing Eucharist linens on a weekly basis.
3. Grounds clean-up and weeding coordinator. To contact list of volunteers to schedule grounds maintenance.

Founders Day Festival 2011, kick off meeting

Our Founders Day Festival at Our Lady of the Lake will again be a two day event this year. We have set the dates for Friday August 5th and Saturday, August 6th. We need your ideas and help! Our first meeting will be Sunday, June 12 after Mass, around 9:45 am. Please come to share your ideas with us; coffee and cinnamon rolls will be served. If you are unable to attend, but would like to share with us, feel free to call either of the Festival coordinators, Louie Miller at 651-343-1712 or Norb Vossen at 763-263-1814.



The Outreach Committee is hosting a volunteer event at Feed My Starving Children.

FMSC is a Christian organization whose mission is to package and distribute food to the poor of the world through the aid of volunteers. This event is a wonderful opportunity for members of Immaculate conception and



Our Lady of the Lake to work together packaging food for the poor of the world. We will meet at Our Lady of the Lake on Saturday, June 11th and travel by bus to the packing facility. We will work from 9:00-11:00 am. A fellowship meal will follow. Sign up sheets are located in the Annex/Narthex at both parishes. Space is limited.

Estate Planning Seminar presented by Peter Spaniol from Catholic United Financial on Sunday, June 5th

9:30 am - Our Lady of the Lake
11:30 am - Immaculate Conception

Come receive practical advice about using proven, time-honored methods like wills, trusts and charitable giving plans to ensure that all you've worked for can live on according to your wishes. Planning ahead can safeguard your assets and your ability to help others.

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 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 PM at Catholic Charities Center. **Next meetings: June 14 and 28, 2011.** Please call before attending the first time.

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. **Next meetings: June 7 & 21.** All faiths welcome.

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 meetings: June 8 & 22.**

ST. CLOUD WIDOWED PESONS SOCIALS for June 2011:**Breakfast:** Sat. June 11, Twin Pines Family Restaurant, 1490 110th St NW, Rice, 9:30 am **Lunch:** Saturday, June 18, Anton's, 2001 Frontage Rd N, Waite Park, 11:30 am **Dinner:** Sunday, June 26, Molitor's Quarry Grill, 35715 5th Ave NE, Sauk Rapids, 4 pm social, 5 pm dinner.

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.

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:

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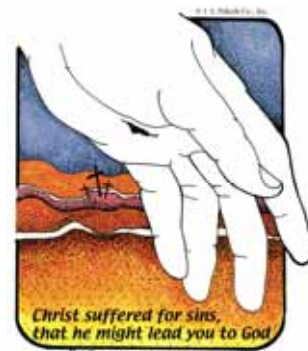
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15
John 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Luke 1:39-56
Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22-18:1
John 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18
John 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28
John 16:23b-28
Sunday Acts 1:12-14
1 Peter 4:13-16
John 17:1-11a



As Parishes Merge...

(This is the fifth installment of the Town Hall Meeting on January 30, 2011, and a summary of its minutes.)

After the presentation we encouraged people to work in small groups and surface question. A number of questions surfaced after the presentation. Note: These are presented here in the order they were received. Fuller clarifications will be addressed in upcoming communications.

Q. What does merger mean?

A. We are working to become one parish. We will combine ministries, and encourage people to worship at each other's church. The ultimate goal is to become one parish that currently will have two campuses for some time into the future.

Q. What is the process for choosing a new name? Who decides?

A. Tradition and church law allows only the bishop to choose the name. But there any number of ways that are used in the process of choosing a new name. Often what happens is that parishioners are invited to surface names. From these many names there is an effort to reduce those names surfaced to a manageable number. Parishioners may be asked to vote for one. Usually, three names are submitted to the bishop. He may choose from one of these or he may choose another name.

Q. What is the dollar amount of the debt in Becker? What does that amount have to be before the merger happens?

A. The Long Range Planning Committee at Becker began its expansion project long before the issue of the merger surfaced. Space issues demanded that expansion was necessary. Before the expansion the debt was \$120,000 from a land purchase. The expansion of the church and building of the new youth center came in at about \$700,000. The Becker parish has reduced the debt to roughly \$600,000--reducing the debt by \$220,000 as of the end of January.

The issue of the amount of debt should not be seen as the determining factor of when the merger takes place. The two parish councils need to work out the details of the merger. The bishop is the person to choose when to finalize the merger. We expect that he would concur with the discussions of the Councils. There has never been any expectation on the part of Immaculate Conception parishioners that the parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake should assume any responsibility of helping reduce the debt. Reducing debt is dependent on the participation of those who voluntarily step forward. We can only extend the invitation to people for help, but no one can be forced into helping.

The timeline for merging is dependent on more things than just the debt, e.g., details of ministries, personnel and the like.

Next Week: More Q & A.



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Memorial Day Mass At Our Lady of the Lake Cemetery, Big Lake at 9:00 am

All are invited to an outdoor Mass at the cemetery in Big Lake on May 30th. In case of rain, Mass will be at Our Lady of the Lake Church.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for the WEEK

Monday, May 30

OLOL 9:00 am Mass at the Cemetery
10:30-noon American Legion Picnic after service

Tuesday, May 31

OLOL 7:00 pm AA & AI Anon Meeting

Wednesday, June 1

OLOL 5-6 pm Youth Ensemble Practice

OLOL 6:15 pm Cantor Practice

ICCC 6:30-8 pm Youth Group Grades 5-8

OLOL 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

OLOL 7:15 pm Off campus - UJAM

ICCC 8:15-9:45 pm Youth Group Grades 9-12

Thursday, June 2

ICCC 8:00 pm AA & AI Anon Meeting

Sunday, June 5

OLOL 9:30 am Estate Planning Seminar

ICCC 11:30 am Estate Planning Seminar

with Greg Steele at both parishes

MASS SCHEDULE for the WEEK

Monday, May 30, Easter Weekday

ICCC & OLOL No Liturgies

Tuesday, May 31, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

OLOL 7:00 pm No Mass

Wednesday, June 1, St Justin, martyr

OLOL 8:00 am † Regina Wessel

Bible Study follows

Thursday, June 2, The Ascension of the Lord

OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service

Rosary follows service

ICCC 8:15 am † Stella Eilers

Friday, June 3, St Charles Lwanga & his companions, martyrs

OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service

ICCC 8:15 am † Gary Kolbinger

Saturday, June 4 — Easter Weekday

OLOL 1:00pm Celebration for the Marriage of

♥♥ Adam Brezinka & Andrea Sullivan ♥♥

OLOL 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, June 4 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

ICCC 5:00 pm † Dolores & Leo Crowley

OLOL 7:00 pm † Mary and Joseph Dahinder

Sunday, June 5

OLOL 8:30 am Mass for the People

ICCC 10:30 am † Florence Gorman

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

1st & 3rd Saturdays 3:00 pm - Becker, ICC


2nd & 4th Saturdays 3:00 pm - Big Lake, OLOL

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