



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

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Website: www.ourladybiglake.org

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...

We continue for the third straight Sunday to hear Jesus share with us images of the kingdom. It is helpful to remember the tiny phrase 'is like' because Jesus is unable to put in human speech what exactly the kingdom of heaven is.

A HIDDEN TREASURE

The first parable does not tell us what the man was doing digging in a field that was not his, but that does not really matter. The man stumbles upon a great treasure; He recognizes its value and gives up everything he has to purchase the field. He now possesses something of greater value than the price of the field.

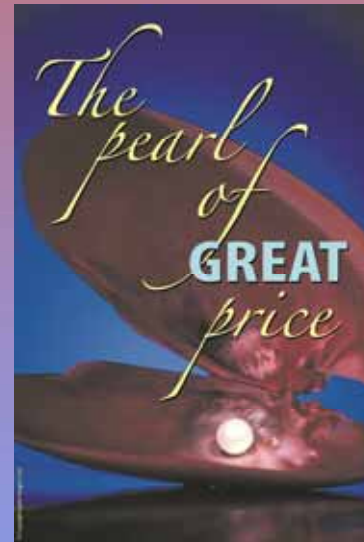
A PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

The same is true of the pearl merchant. In ancient times, pearls were very rare and expensive. They are found in oysters, deep in salt or fresh water. Divers had to dive for them without air tanks of any kind. They had to collect many thousands of oysters to find just a few good pearls. To obtain enough beautiful pearls that matched to make a necklace took a very long time. Such necklaces were very rare and expensive. Therefore, a single, large pearl was worth a king's ransom!

A DRAGNET

The image of the dragnet is a great image especially when we apply it to the things we truly value in our minds and hearts. What is hidden in our minds and hearts is everything that we experience, good and bad, that influences us in our lives. Also, hidden there is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is always at work sorting the good from the bad, the treasure from the drudge. The Spirit is at work helping us to know our deepest desires for God.

Some of the great saints in history have written about our deepest selves as being the dwelling place of God. While our minds are concerned about all kinds of ideas, things and distractions, our deepest selves focus on those values that are most closely connected with God. To discover the difference is a great gift, a priceless treasure.



In recent weeks, Paul has reminded us that the Holy Spirit is at work within us even when we do not know how to pray. Because the Spirit is at work within us, drawing us closer to God, it does not mean we do nothing. Rather, we are free to seek God and pay attention to these inner workings. God can and will strip away whatever prevents the unfolding of God's goodness in our lives. This is not always comfortable because it often calls us to turn away from those things that distract us.

However, when we allow God to work in us and try to tune into what the Holy Spirit is doing, we can be assured that we will find God in a new way. The treasure and the pearl are real. One was found by stumbling upon it; the other by much searching. The dragnet pulls much ashore, and sorting of the good and bad must be done. Each image shares with us the underlying beauty of what Jesus wants to say. If we are attentive, we will find God. 'The kingdom of heaven is like...' Jesus used this intro many times to let us know that we have a God who wants to be found, who is waiting to be found!

Fr. Gene Doyle

STEWARDSHIP

Income for week ending July 17, 2011

Adult Collection	\$ 6,008.33
Children/Youth	\$ 2.00
Loose Collection	\$ 251.25
Building Fund	\$ 2,414.11



THE "YOUTH OF TRUTH" NEWS

Thought for the week:

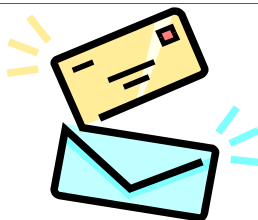
*Challenges are what makes life interesting;
Overcoming them is what makes life meaningful!!*

- ◇ *Tue. July 26—Boundary Waters Leader Meeting
7:00 @ Youth Center*
- ◇ *Aug. 1-5—Boundary Waters Retreat
Please be in prayer for the 35 Youth and 10 Adults attending our Boundary Waters Retreat. Final preparations are being made and looking forward to good weather as we prepare to encounter God in the wonder and awe of all creation!!*
- ◇ *Sun. Aug. 28—World Mission Sunday
Our Youth Group has been invited to lead a decade of the World Mission Rosary at St. Mary's Cathedral for this year's Solidarity in Mission Celebration. We were asked because of our ongoing partnership with the Karungu Orphanage in Homa Bay. This is quite an honor to be asked to participate in this annual Tradition, and our particular decade in which we will be leading will focus on Africa. The Rosary will begin at 1:15 followed by Mass with Bishop Kinney at 2:00. A reception will follow the Mass. If you are interested in taking part in this event please sign up by my office.*

Christ's Peace to all,

Doug Watercott

FAITH FORMATION



Bread for the Journey Brochure and Registration forms for 2011-2012

Just one more week to please pick up your envelope containing the information for next season's **Bread for the Journey** available in the narthex. **Thanks to those of you who have taken time to find yours! Thanks also to those of you who returned your registration form and volunteered to be catechists or to do childcare the opposite week of your Bread for the Journey session. Thanks to all who have taken advantage of the Early Bird Special! If you have any questions regarding the letter enclosed, please call for clarification.**

\$5 New American Bibles



I still have **New American Bibles** available for sale for \$5. If you wish to purchase one (or more), please give me a call or stop by the office.

Vacation Bible School Memories!

Enjoy the memories of this summer's Vacation Bible School: "The Sea. The Sand. The Son!" Also, enjoy the previous years' memories as well!



Are you aware?

... that you are now able to pick up your registration form and brochure for next season's **Bread for the Journey**?
... that the up-coming season invites us to look at the **Basic Beliefs** of our faith and say, "**This is our Faith! Yes, We believe!**"

... that the **Credo at Eucharist** in which we profess our faith will be changing some words at the beginning of the Advent season and the **Bread for the Journey** sessions will provide an opportunity for all of us to understand how these changes are rooted in the Bible?



... that our **Basic Beliefs** are rooted in the Bible?

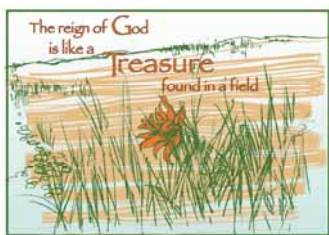
- ... that the "Early Bird" registration for **Bread for the Journey** applies only until August 15th?

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

STEWARDSHIP

Income for week ending July 17, 2011

Adult Collection.....	\$ 3,880.00
Youth/Children	\$ 3.50
Loose	\$ 483.00



YOUTH MINISTRY

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- Wed. 7/27; 4:30-7:00 pm; BIG LAKE BEACH PARTY at West Shelter; dogs, burgers, chips, games; Bring your friends! 6th-12th graders! Aug. 5th & 6th is the Founders Celebration.
- Aug. 5th is the Founders Day Dunk Tank; 6:00-8:00 pm.
- Aug. 6th is Dunk Tank; Minute to Win it Competition with prizes for top 3 places. 12-3 pm

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

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

Adult/Summer Choir Invitation: The choir will be singing once more during the summer on August 7 at the 8:30 am Mass. Rehearsal will be Wednesday, August 3 at 7:00 pm. *New members are always welcome*—come put your singing talents to use and join others who love to praise the Lord in song! If you have questions or would like more info, call Gretchen (763-263-2863 or 763-262-7388).

Correction—Liturgy Committee: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 2, at **7:30 pm**. *Please note this is a change from our normal meeting schedule.*

In Christ, Gretchen Roe

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

FAITH FORMATION

What's Your Catholic IQ?

The priest, deacon, and altar servers normally vest in a room called the a) sacristy; b) sanctuary; c) vestibule; d) sacrarium (*answer below*)

2011-12 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Remember, there's less than 1 month left to register! Absolute deadline for next year's registrations is **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. **CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of Free Faith Formation fees for 2011-12: Ronnie & Renee Bianchi, Matt & Lori Martin, and Nathan & Nicole Overby!**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

From the Bishops' statement Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: "Maturity of faith is the intent of all catechesis from the earliest years. Thus, all catechesis is geared to a life-long deepening of faith in Christ. How necessary, then, that the catechetical ministry with adults set an example of the highest quality and vitality." (no. 41)



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

These questions are based on the 2nd Reading (Romans 8: 28-30)

Question for Children: If you could be with Jesus, what would you trade from your own things for that?

Question for Youth: As you grow into young adulthood and begin owning things, what is most valuable to you, and how will you balance that with the value of your faith?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words what the Reign of God is for you personally, and use a parable to describe it: "The reign of God is _____."

Barb Olson, Director of Faith Formation
Summer office hours vary; please call or email.
Email: barb@ourladybiglake.org

Catholic IQ answer:

a) *The sacristy is also the place where the sacred vessels used for Mass are kept.*

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, July 30th, 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Ron & Shelly Kasper, Tim Hinds
Hospitality Ministers: Brianna & Michelle Klinepier, Joey & Terri Plckar
Servers: Bridget Buchholz & Morgan Meyer
Lector: Christopher Thue

Sunday, July 31st 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Steve Born, Carol Brunn, Dan Casey, Deb Goenner, Mike Gillham
Hospitality Ministers: Connor Mevissen, Austin, Brenda, Colton, & John Graber
Servers: Cody Gruenhagen & Ryan Nohner
Lector: Deb Goenner
Nursery: Katelyn Tasto & Kayla Zenner

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Saturday, July 30th, 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn & Richard Adams, Mary Ellen Kerber Eisenreich
Greeters: Dale & Sandra Dianowski
Annex: James Valiant
Ushers: Brian, Lynn, Tanner & Tyler Jensen
Servers: Norb Vossen
Lectors: Sue Stang & Wini Herda
Sacristan: Wini Herda 263-5011
Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071

Sunday, July 31st, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Colin, Charles Reichert, Rose Knowlton, James Johnson, Peter Schmidt, Dennis Nagorski, Nathan Overby
Nursing Home: Dave & Mary Ann Nelson
Greeters: Robert & Ina Kelly
Annex: Maurice Meyer
Ushers: Joan Morical, Mary Kimmes, Daniel & Steven Thomalla
Annex: Geary Keppel & Bruce Erickson
Servers: Mason Krause
Lectors: Dick Boecker & Mark Voigt
Sacristan: Arlene Opstad 263-2347
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

Jason Treptau
 Daryl Roy
 Millie Rieland
 Sue Johnson

Week 2

Dave Nelson
 Lu Schuette
 Donna Anderson
 Stan Anderson

Week 3

Patrice Neidenfeuhr
 Wes Kral



The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field

MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

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| Travis Barrett | Robert Lambrecht III |
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| Adam Tough | Maki Camell |

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Bulletin Date	Deadline
Sunday, July 31	Monday, July 25
Sunday, August 7	Monday, August 1
Sunday, August 14	Monday, August 8

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

A special retreat for men and women will be held at Christ the King Retreat center in Buffalo on August 5-7, 2011. The retreat will be conducted by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI. Men and women of this parish are cordially invited to a beautiful, inexpensive, lakeside weekend of wonderful relaxation and spiritual rejuvenation. Please call 763-682-1394 for a registration form or visit www.kingshouse.com.



Weeding at Immaculate Conception. Anyone who has some extra time, and enjoys being outside, is more than welcome to come weed around the church grounds. It would very much be appreciated. *Thanks!*



SAVE THE DATE....

Immaculate Conception Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 11th



This is Immaculate Conception's major fundraiser for the year. We need your help with donations of time and prizes to make our picnic a success.

- ▲ New hand made quilts, afghans, table runners, wood working items, etc. would be great for the raffle.
- ▲ Theme baskets for our silent auction.
- ▲ Surplus produce, canned goods, flowers, new crafts, etc. for the farmers market.
- ▲ Small prizes for games.
- ▲ Cakes and bars for the cake walk.

***Give Us This Day* booklets**

are available free for the month of **August**. Deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition, this booklet is about prayer—praying daily, praying well, praying with confidence. It gives insightful reflections on the Scriptures for Mass for each day with new perspectives on traditional prayers. These are available in the narthex/annex at both parishes.

Feel free to help yourself.

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

FOUNDERS DAY UPDATE...

Be sure to check out the items in the Annex for the bucket raffles (including items guys would be interested in). They are on display all month. You may purchase tickets for these items before and after all Masses to win the item you want.



Please pick up your Grand Raffle tickets to sell; they are available before and after Mass. All tickets sold or UN-SOLD must be returned by August 6th.

Do you have a Theme Basket to donate? You may drop it off any time the Church is open, or call Norb (263-1814) to set up a time.

Looking for entries & judges for the Chili Contest. Sign up forms are in the Annex.

Phantom of the Opera is running July 22-24 and July 28-31, in Elk River at the High School. The show is being done by the Elk River Community Theatre in conjunction with the ERHS Theatre Dept., with a cast of 40+ and an orchestra of 27. Kristina has the role of Madame Giry and Mike, Steph and Gretchen are in the pit. If you're looking to get out of the heat for a little fun, check it out.



BECKER FARMERS' MARKET
May 13 - September 30, 2011
Friday afternoons 3-7 pm
Downtown Becker corner of
Hancock & Central Ave

Still Needed!

Area Churches & Fund-Raising Groups to join us!! Have a bake sale, hand out information about your Church or Organization. Raise money for Mission Trips, charity, events, etc. Sell your own items or crafts, play music or sing, do demos, be creative! Please come out and join the community.

Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Western Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 7-night Cruise with Father John Dorn, December 4-11, on the Carnival Valor out of Miami, FL. Ports of Call; Grand Cayman, Cayman Island, Mahogany Bay ISLA Roatan, Belize, and Cozumel, Mexico. Prices begin at \$980 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Space is limited. For further info contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/dpayttc@aol.com.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Matthew 20:20-28
Tuesday: Exodus 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28
Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday: Exodus 34:29-35
Matthew 13:44-46
Thursday: Exodus 40:16-21,34-38
Matthew 13:47-53
Friday: Leviticus23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37
John 11:19-27
Saturday: Leviticus 25:1,8-17
Matthew 14:1-12
Sunday: Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35,37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

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WHAT DO YOU WANT? WHAT DO YOU NEED?

Imagine wearing the same dress, day in and day out for a whole year. Seattle resident Alex Martin did just that. She washed it frequently, wearing different sweaters, jackets, and a little jewelry, and hardly anyone noticed that she had it on every day for a whole year. She was protesting over-consumption and the intensive marketing that pushes us to buy "stuff."

Most of us aren't going to stop shopping, but we could ask ourselves why we focus so much on outward appearance. Do we give equal attention to our inner self? In today's first reading Solomon could have prayed for more riches, the defeat of his enemies, or long life. Instead, he asks for a heart that knows right from wrong in order to fulfill his kingly responsibilities. God grants him wisdom, and he uses the gift for the good of all. Perhaps you dream of winning the lottery or making a fortune. Pray, rather, for the inner gifts you need to help build the kingdom of God. Copyright © 2010, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

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"Cure yourself of the affliction of caring how you appear before others. Concern yourself only with how you appear before God."

—Miguel de Unamuno (1864–1936), Spanish man of letters



**Founders' Day Festival
Only Two Weeks Left
August 5-6**

Raffle tickets are available for pick up before/after weekend Masses. All tickets, sold or unsold, must be returned by the end of the day on August 6. There are plenty of openings left to work at the various booths/tents. Chances can be purchased for prizes on display in the annex.

*We extend our deepest sympathy
and prayers to the families of*

Mary M. Anderson

and

Mary Aagaard

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord,
and let the perpetual light
shine upon them.*



Welcomed through the waters of Baptism
at Immaculate Conception

Blake Alan Weisz
son of Randy & Becky Weisz

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for the WEEK

- Tuesday, July 26
OLOL 7:00 pm AA & AI Anon Meeting
- Wednesday, July 27
OLOL 5-6 pm Youth Ensemble Practice
OLOL 6:15 pm Cantor Practice
- Thursday, July 28
ICCC 8:00 pm AA & AI Anon Meeting

Time for a P.I.G. Party???

I will be joining two of my brother priests this week for our annual Lake of the Woods journey into the Northwest Angle. This will be our 29th trek up there. We will be on Magnuson Island where the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus have provided use of cabins they built back in 1950. Sometimes when the pastor of a parish takes a bit of time away, parish staffs have Pastor Is Gone (P.I.G.) parties! So if you stop by either office this week, I trust they will serve you will.

In case of emergency, please contact one of the area parishes for help.

MASS SCHEDULE for the WEEK

- Monday, July 25, St James, apostle
ICCC & OLOL No Liturgies
- Tuesday, July 26, St Joachim & st Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
OLOL 7:00 pm No Liturgy
- Wednesday, July 27, Weekday
OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service
Bible Study follows
- Thursday, July 28, Weekday
OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service
Rosary follows service
ICCC 8:15 am No Liturgy
- Friday, July 29, St Martha
OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service
ICCC 8:15 am No Liturgy
- Saturday, July 30, Weekday, St Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor
3:00 pm No Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Saturday, July 30– Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
ICCC 5:00 pm † Virgil & Lucy Pickar
OLOL 7:00 pm † John Zimmel
- Sunday, July 31
OLOL 8:30 am Mass for the People
ICCC 10:30 am † Bill & DelRose Mead

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

- 1st & 3rd Saturdays 3:00 pm - Becker, ICCC
- 2nd & 4th Saturdays 3:00 pm - Big Lake, OLOL

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