



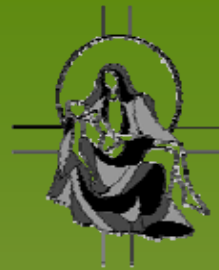
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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

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

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Yoked - Side by Side

Almost every religious tradition in the world requires its followers to humble themselves before their god. The one exception is Christianity. Every other religion has the image of their God being in the heavens and that life's journey consists of trying to 'go up' to heaven to encounter God. Whereas, in Christianity we find that it is God who makes the journey to 'come down' to earth to be with us. What a great way of describing our God who desires close intimacy with us.

This truth is borne out in today's gospel (Mt 11:25-30), as we hear Jesus' invitation: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Did you hear that? Jesus is speaking to us; to all of us who carry heavy burdens, worry too much, labor tirelessly, experience sleepless nights, struggle in relationships, and spend countless emotional, spiritual, psychological or mental energies on just about anything. He uses an image that would have been very familiar to the people of his day – a yoke.

Jesus would have known a lot about yokes. As a youth he would have helped Joseph, his carpenter father, fashion a good many yokes. Some of them might have been massive and heavy. As carpenters they would have been asked from time to time to make wooden yokes for area farmers for their oxen. Most were designed so that two oxen could pull a plough together. The yoke was the wooden crossbeam that joined the two animals at the neck and that crossbeam dragged the plough. Since animals are different sizes it was common to have a yoke cut to measure for the animals pulling it. Otherwise it would not fit the animal correctly and cause considerable discomfort.

It was also common that farmers would have yoked a young, inexperienced plough animal alongside one that was well trained. The more experienced animal trained the other by example; the novice gradually learned how to work until it can manage to pull an equal share of the load. An older animal near the end of its working life may likewise be yoked to one in its prime, so that the strain of the hardest work is taken by the stronger partner.

"Take my yoke and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart...
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."



Having fashioned so many yokes, Jesus knew full well what he was trying to teach his disciples about the burdens in one's life that people carry. He did not want his teachings to be like heavy, restricting beams of wood. That is why he said, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light!"

Jesus invites us to take on his yoke so he can teach us that we need not go through life alone. He wants to reassure us of his desire to walk alongside us and helping us through life's journey. He does not promise to carry the full weight of that journey, but he will never leave us to "pull" it alone. When it all gets too much or we lose our way, he will be there alongside us again—gentle, humble, but infinitely powerful and wise. And he shares with us that wonderful example that at times when we are strong we in turn can yoke ourselves to someone else who needs that extra pull to get to firmer ground. *Fr. Gene Doyle*

STEWARDSHIP

Income for week ending June 26, 2011

Adult Collection	\$ 3,832.00
Children/Youth	\$.00
Loose Collection	\$ 347.75
Building Fund	\$ 744.00



THE "YOUTH OF TRUTH" NEWS

Thought for the week:

T.G.I.F.—Today God Is First!!

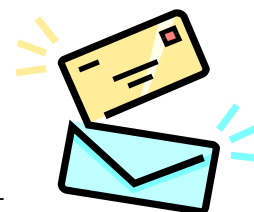
- Sun. July 10—Becker Youth Summer Concert
4:00—8:00 @ Salida's
Exceptional Music, Food and Fun!!
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Wide variety of live music.
Contact Dave Maiers for tickets.
- Aug. 1-5—Boundary Waters Retreat
- Sun. Aug. 28—World Mission Sunday
Our Youth Group has 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.
- Canoes needed for Boundary Waters Trip

Christ's Peace to all,

Doug Watercott

FAITH FORMATION

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



Please pick up your envelope containing the information for next season's **Bread for the Journey** now available in the narthex. If you do not have an envelope addressed to your family, please take one without an addressee and let me know. The letter enclosed explains policies regarding First Reconciliation and First Eucharist as well as Confirmation. **Thanks for making an effort to pick them up!** This helps us cut down on the cost of postage! They will remain in the narthex until August 1 before they are mailed.

Vacation Bible School Memories!

These should be available soon! Hannah Pursley, our photographer, did an excellent job taking pictures of the many events! Enjoy the previous years' memories as well!



\$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.

Are you aware?

- ... that you are able to offer suggestions and comments at this time for next season's **Bread for the Journey?**
- ... that you are now able to pick up your registration form and brochure for next season's **Bread for the Journey?**
- ... that the "Early Bird" **Bread for the Journey** registration applies until August 15th?
- ... 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 **Creed 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?

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

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Income for week ending June 26, 2011

Adult Collection.....	\$ 3,008.00
Youth/Children	\$ 2.00
Loose	\$ 202.48



YOUTH MINISTRY

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- Wed. 7/13 - 5:00-7:00pm; CAR WASH AT OLOL
- Wed. 7/27; 5:00-7:30 pm; Big Lake Beach; teen night-dogs & burgers.
- Aug 5 & 6; Founder's Day Celebration. Teens: Minute to win it : Competition on Sat. Events with prizes for top 3 places.

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

MUSIC & LITURGY NOTES

This Week!

Adult/Summer Choir Members: The choir will be singing next weekend, July 10, at the 8:30 am Mass. Rehearsal will be Wednesday, July 6 at 7:00 pm. *New members are always welcome*—if you would like to get involved in the music ministry here at OLOL, this is the perfect opportunity to find out what it's all about. Remember: Those who sing, pray twice! If you have any questions, please call Gretchen any-time at 763-263-2863 or 763-262-7388.

Spudfest Thank You: Many thanks to all those who ministered and participated in the annual Spudfest Ecumenical Service last weekend. We had a great celebration sharing faith, prayer and fellowship with our neighbors from Saron Lutheran and New Day Methodist Churches. As we continue to unite ourselves in common endeavor, may the kingdom of God grow ever stronger here in our community!

Liturgical Ministers: Just a reminder—in this season of vaca-tions, please remember to find a substitute if you find you are unable to serve when you are scheduled. Please also contact the sacristan for the month to let them know of the change. *Thank you!*

In Christ, Gretchen Roe

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

FAITH FORMATION

What's Your Catholic IQ?

This word describes the experience of being returned to right relationship with God through Jesus Christ. a) personification; b) justification; c) detraction; d) redaction (*answer below*)

2011-12 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Thanks to all who submitted registrations by July 1st! The winners of the drawing for Free Faith For-



ma-tion Fees will be announced next week! However, it's still not too late to regis-ter. Absolute deadline for next year's regis-trations 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

In their statement Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us, the Bishops relate adult formation to the Gospel story of Emmaus. Like Jesus, we must walk side by side with people on their daily path-ways, ask questions and listen to their joys, hopes, griefs, and anxieties. Through shar-ing the word of God and opening up it's meaning our eyes will be opened to the pres-ence and love of Christ and we will be motivated to live and share the Good News in the world. (nos. 7-9)



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

- These questions are based on the Gospel (Matthew 11: 25-30)
- Question for Children:** When you are generous, honest, and loving, how do you know it is Jesus who helps you do that?
 - Question for Youth:** As you grow in your ability to love and make sacrifices for others, how do you find comfort and peace in knowing Jesus Christ?
 - Question for Adults:** As you go about your daily life, dying in love for others, how do you experience Christ giving you conso-lation and peace?

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

Catholic IQ answer:

b) St. Paul used the word justification to talk about what faith in Jesus Christ does for us, bringing us into right relationship with God. (See Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1987-1989)

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 9th, 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Hinds, Dean Moeller, Jim Richter
Hospitality Ministers: Jasmine, Jocelyn, Rick & Tracy Johnson
Servers: Morgan Meyer & Sydney Richter
Lector: Tim Hinds

Sunday, July 10th, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Brad Kohorst, Julie Miller, Dick Pursley, Lu Schuette, Deb Wegeleben
Hospitality Ministers: Katie Pursley, Matt Sadlowsky, Dylan & Jeff Wicklund
Servers: Alex & Kelli Lumley
Lector: Jason Baune
Nursery: Kathleen Lumley & Rachel Rask

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Saturday, July 9th, 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn & Richard Adams, Kimberly Johnson,
Greeters: Steven & Lucy Pearson
Annex: Bernice Krutzig
Ushers: Patrick and Melissa Burke, Rachel and Clara Adams
Servers: Amanda & Kalli Nelson
Lectors: Norb Vossen and Mary Ellen Kerber Eisenreich
Sacristan: Wini Herda 263-5011
Scheduler: Alice Kantor 263-0071

Sunday, July 10th, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: James Johnson, Gordy Midas, Dennis Nagorski, Barb Gardetto, Peter Schmidt, Betty Benson, Karen Colin
Nursing Home: Roger and Sue Stang
Greeters: Nancy Dechene
Annex: Leona Rakotz
Ushers: Gerald and Beverly Bebeau, Geary Keppel, Richard Kantor
Annex: Nathan Overby and Marcel Osowaki
Servers: Katherine Gingras
Lectors: Christina Rush and Stephen Gingras
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

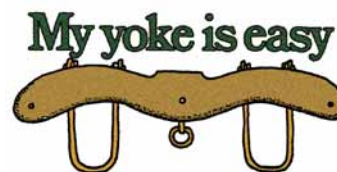
Week 3

Patrice Neidenfeuhr
 Wes Kral

BULLETIN DEADLINE

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Sunday, July 10	Monday, July 4
Sunday, July 17	Monday, July 11
Sunday, July 24	Monday, July 18

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



MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Travis Barrett	Robert Lambrecht III
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Evan Kohorst	Jon Wegeleben
Adam Tough	

Saving your BECKER JUBILEE receipts really helped the Faith Formation program.



Some of you may not know about the receipt program that Becker Jubilee has with us. Every quarter parishioners are asked to save ALL their Jubilee receipts. They are then brought in and put in the box by Eric and Doug's office labeled "Becker Jubilee Receipts." At the end of the quarter, we take them to Jubilee and receive a 1% cash back on the total for the quarter. Last quarter it was around \$135.

We really appreciate you saving them for us; and a special thank you to our little 'Bea.' Please continue to save and bring in those receipts. We are currently saving receipts for April 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2011.

Thank you so much for supporting this program.

A silent midweek retreat for women will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo on July 12-14. The theme of the retreat is: **Jesus Heals Our darkness.** Women are cordially invited to a beautiful, inexpensive, lakeside week of wonderful relaxation and spiritual rejuvenation. Please call 763-682-1394 for a registration form and more information.



The Becker Youth Summer Concert
 Presented by: Immaculate Conception Church & Salida Depot
 Sunday, July 10th
 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Hwy 10 & Co. Rd. 11
 Spaghetti Dinner Included
 Tickets available at Immaculate Conception Church
 Adult - \$ 5 ; 10 & under - \$ 3
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COME, join us for an evening of music, food and

**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: July 12 & 26, 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: July 5 & 19.** 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: July 13 & 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.

Volunteers needed at ICC

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

1. Grounds clean-up and weeding coordinator. To contact list of volunteers to schedule grounds

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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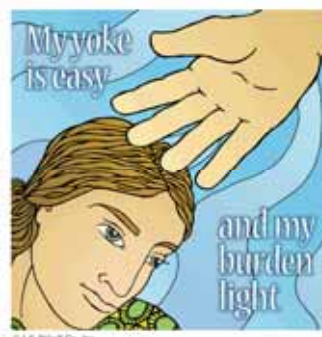
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Genesis 28:10-22a
Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33
Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-57:42:5-7a,17-24a
Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday: Genesis 44:18-21,23b-29,45:1-5
Matthew 10:7-15
Friday: Genesis 46:1-7,28-30
Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday: Genesis 49:29-32:50:15-26a
Matthew 10:24-33
Sunday: Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

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As Parishes Merge...

(Because of the holiday weekend, reflections on the merger will be set aside for the week.)



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 It's Independence Day week-end. There is a link between the Declaration of Independence and the language of liturgy. One of the signers of the Declaration on July 4 long ago was Charles Carroll, probably one of the wealthiest men in the colonies and one of the few Catholics on the political scene. It should also be noted

that his name was a fairly common one at the time. So as a flourish to his signature, he sought to distinguish himself from other prominent citizens bearing the same name by penning "Charles Carroll of Carrolltown." It was a defiant gesture, almost as if he wanted to say, "come and get me if you dare" postscript that was aimed at the British.

Carroll's brother, John, was a priest and patriot who in 1789 was given the task of organizing the Catholic Church in this country. By 1791 he had assembled a synod, or assembly of delegates, to launch that task formally. Archbishop Carroll wanted to gain acceptance of our Catholic faith by many American people who mistrusted our customs and could not comprehend our liturgy. He made the amazing proposal to Rome that our liturgy should be prayed not in Latin, but in the vernacular, English. His wish was denied, but one hundred sixty years later, his deep desire helped the American bishops and scholars at the Second Vatican Council to win the vote in favor of the vernacular not just for the United States, but for the Church throughout the world.



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*Welcomed through the waters of Baptism*

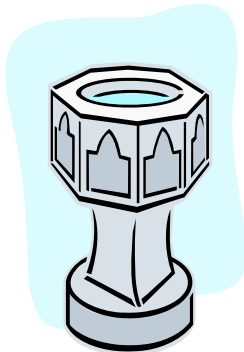
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>Brynlie Regan Brannan<  
 daughter of William and Anita Brannan

>Kian James Callahan<  
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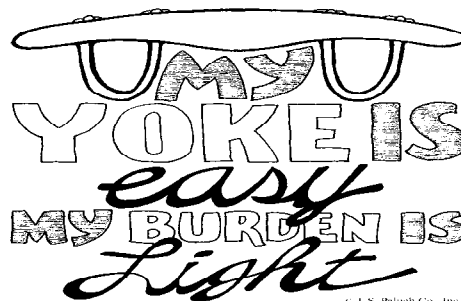
*Our Lady of the Lake*

>Ethan Anthony Eichhorn<  
 son of Christopher & Jolene Eichhorn



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS for the WEEK**

- Tuesday, July 5  
 OLOL 7:00 pm AA & AI Anon Meeting  
 OLOL 7:00 pm Outreach Committee
- Wednesday, July 6  
 OLOL 5-6 pm Youth Ensemble Practice  
 OLOL 6:15 pm Cantor Practice  
 ICC 6:30 PM Baptism Prep. Class  
 OLOL 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, July 7  
 ICC 8:00 pm AA & AI Anon Meeting



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**MASS SCHEDULE for the WEEK**

- Monday, July 4, Weekday  
 ICC & OLOL No Liturgies
- Tuesday, July 5, Weekday, St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, priest  
 OLOL 7:00 pm † Jason Neiser
- Wednesday, July 6, Weekday, St Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr  
 OLOL 8:00 am † Omer Sieben  
*Bible Study follows*
- Thursday, July 7, Weekday  
 OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service  
*Rosary follows service*  
 ICC 8:00 am † Joan Kolbinger
- Friday, July 8, Weekday  
 OLOL 8:00 am Word & Communion Service  
 ICC 8:00 am † Roger Schotl
- Saturday, July 9, Weekday, St Augustine Zhao Rong, priest & martyr, and his companions  
 OLOL 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Saturday, July 9- Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 ICC 5:00 pm † Ryan Thorn  
 OLOL 7:00 pm † George Herda
- Sunday, July 10  
 OLOL 8:30 am † Glenn Benson  
 ICC 10:30 am Mass for the People

**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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