

Serving the Communities of the Almanor Basin

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CATHOLIC PARISH

220 Clifford Drive, Lake Almanor



Our Lady of the Snows Parish is a community that is ever mindful of the presence of God in the Blessed Sacrament, in our church, in each other and in ourselves. We envision all who enter our doors will be welcomed and valued for their gifts. We strive to respond to the needs of all -- to bring about joy and spiritual growth. We open our hearts to the poor and vulnerable. We promote peace and justice for all. We are committed to be active stewards of God's creation, to preserve the beauty of nature and our surroundings and be ever grateful for His bountiful blessings.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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October 22, 2023

Good News

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b / Matthew 22:15-21

It was a gathering of longtime friends. The conversation drifted from the shore of one topic to another like leaves bouncing down a river. Eventually the talk bumped up against politics. Because we tended to think alike, it turned to smashing and bashing the opposition—all until someone asked, “Can you name the wisdom in the others?” “There isn’t any,” came someone’s swift reply. “But surely there is,” the questioner persisted. “No one has all the wisdom, and everyone has some of the wisdom.” What followed was dumbfounded silence. Truth can do that.

We live in a time when the wisdom on the street, over our backyard fence, and at the coffee pot at work all tend to skew “You’re only OK if you think the way I do.” It’s a hard-core bias that surrounds not only politics but also raising children, what constitutes a clean house, and the best way to boil spaghetti. Nothing remains untouched.

When Jesus was challenged about whether or not to pay taxes to Caesar, his response was, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” (Matthew 22:21b). In other words, it’s OK to pay taxes to Caesar because even Caesar belongs to God. Everything and everyone does. God’s wisdom finds a home everywhere.

Having faith is a bit like wearing night goggles. We begin to see what no one else sees, even though it may be a bit blurry, and what we see is the hand of God at work everywhere, even in the opposition.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

dear Padre

Is it a sin to break the law? It is illegal to use fireworks in my city, but every year I do it anyway. Should I mention this in confession?

Strictly speaking, to break a government law does not automatically constitute the definition of sin, so it needn’t be mentioned in the sacrament of penance. By definition, sin damages (or, with grave sin, destroys) communion with God and the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1472). Some actions may not be objectively destructive to our relationship with God and Church—and therefore are not sinful—but they may affect others. Church members are part of society, which depends on its citizens to abide by the laws. Saint Paul encouraged everyone to obey the authorities, for all authority that exists is established by God (see Romans 13:1-7).

Not all sins are equally offensive to God; similarly, not all civil laws are equal in their gravity. To knowingly travel a few miles over the posted speed limit isn’t the same as intentionally starting a fire in a posted area of a forest. The danger is in thinking one’s actions are without consequence. Sensible civil laws are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens, and many municipalities outlaw fireworks because of the hazards they pose.

When any civil law is broken for mere self-indulgence or when breaking the law places others at risk, the act has the potential of constituting the definition of sin. In that case, it would rightfully warrant sacramental reconciliation.

--Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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OLS News

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekdays Tues. thru Fri. 8:30 AM

Confessions: Sat. 4 to 4:30 PM or by appt.

THIS WEEKEND: October 21st-22nd there will be a 2nd collection for the World Missions. Envelopes are available in the Social Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

Our Lady of the Snows Men’s Group will meet Mon. Oct. 23rd at 5pm in the Social Hall. We will discuss the shed project and the Community Dinner that we are sponsoring in January. Hope you can attend! Dinner will be served, and we can watch Monday Night Football together after the meeting.

Tickets for the Christmas Basket Raffle are on sale after our weekend masses. The basket will be raffled at our Christmas Dinner on Dec. 8th. \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets. Thanks for supporting the Altar Society by purchasing raffle tickets!

October is the Month of the Rosary. Make a commitment to say the rosary daily, especially for peace in our world, an end to wars and violence.

Coming soon: November is the month of All Souls. There are envelopes in the Social Hall to list the names of your deceased loved ones. Drop into any collection basket or place in mail slot of office door (in Social Hall). Your deceased loved ones will be remembered in all of our November masses.

Please take a moment to say a prayer for all of our sick and deceased parishioners.

Liturgical Tidbits: The Mass as a Meal

As we start to talk about the *Liturgy of the Word* in the celebration of the eucharist, I think it's important that we talk about the mass as a *meal*. When we're having friends over at home for some occasion, what are the two basic things that we all usually do? Typically, we *talk* and then we *eat*. When our friends come over and we're hosting a meal, we usually don't immediately serve dinner, but rather we typically first sit around, talk with our visitors, see what's going on, listening to their stories, etc.

I'm not sure if we've ever noticed, but that's very similar to the *The Liturgy of the Word*. During the Liturgy of the Word, we are having this privileged encounter as Christ is speaking to us through the stories of the Old and New Testament. We also participate in this conversation as we listen and say "*Thanks be to God*" after each reading and as we participate in the *Responsorial Psalm*. We are first visiting with the host of the meal, Jesus Christ, and then we move on to the *eating* part of the meal: we will then proceed to the *Liturgy of the Eucharist* where we partake of the living body of the host. It is through this act of communing with each other—visiting with each other, telling stories, and the partaking of the living food—that the mystical body of Christ, the Church, becomes formed.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday, October 15th	\$ 1,743.00
Maintenance	\$ 5,852.00
Helping Hands/Westwood Resource Ctr.	\$ 155.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 80.00
Priests Retirement (Diocesan)	\$ 100.00

--- This Weekend's Ministry Schedule ---

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

SAT. 5 PM Toni Pleau Lori Koehnen

SUN. 9:30 AM Julie Chavez Larry Gibbs

Email us at: olslakealmanor@gmail.com

To receive our bulletin by email, contact Steve DeWitt: crannmorti@gmail.com or call him at 530-258-4222.

Sunday mass is live on Facebook: <https://fb.me/ourladyofthesnowslakealmanor>. You can also find the link on our website, ourladyofsnowparish.org. Check out all of the great information on our website, including a [link for online giving](#) (click on "Donate Now").

Commemorative Bricks can be ordered for \$100. Forms are available in the Social Hall. Contact Steve DeWitt at 530-258-4222 or crannmorti@gmail.com for more information. The proceeds from the bricks help with many special projects, such as the beautiful flooring in the Social Hall.

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Joe Beuchat	Helen Karch †	Mitchell Padula †
Jayden Bird †	Erin Kelly	Diana Pallari †
Vernon Burgess	Karen Klemek †	Miguel Pena †
Paul Burke	Abigail Krebs	John Pezzi †
Troy Buzzell †	Alma Kopernik	Kerry Phillips †
Lucia Carillo †	Nancy Lambert †	John Price
Reuben Chavez †	Ronald Longacre †	Linda Porter
Ron & Fran Dennis	Lou Ann Martin †	Joe Rawson
Mary Deveny †	Pat Martin	Janet Saitone
John Fehrman †	Andrea Maumoynier	Robert Shadley †
Jean Fernandez †	Priscilla McEfee †	Lori Sinclair
Monique Figlietti	Fran Moale †	Marcella Unalles
Dan Higgins	Kathy O'Donnell	Bruce Van Alostyne
Mary Hasselwander	Lawrence Oliver †	Faye Wilkinson
Aubrey Hawkins †	Scott Oswold	Carolyn Willhoit
Jane & Reed Hilliard	Francis Ouellette	Ruby Vocke †
Matthew Hunt †	Cindee Padula †	† indicates deceased

Weekly Mass Intentions

Oct. 21	Saturday	5:00 pm	Ronald Longacre † and Larry Gene † and Diane Miller †
Oct. 22	Sunday	9:30 am	Reuben Chavez †
Oct. 23	Monday	-----	NO MASS
Oct. 24	Tuesday	8:30 am	Jack Carter †
Oct. 25	Wednesday	8:30 am	Amy and Keith Smith
Oct. 26	Thursday	8:30 am	Pat Martin
Oct. 27	Friday	8:30 am	Greg McIntire †

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Sacred Heart Parish in Susanville is having a **Basque Dinner** beginning at 5:30 pm on **Saturday, Nov. 4th** in their parish hall, 140 N. Weatherlow St. in Susanville. This is a fundraiser for youth in their parish who will be making a 3-day pilgrimage next May from Paris, France, to Chartres Cathedral. Entrée is lamb or chicken. Tickets are \$25 each, with a maximum cost per family of \$100. Mark the date for a great dinner to support these young people as they undertake this wonderful religious experience!

Forty Days of Life Campaign, **Sept. 27-Nov. 5**: Flyers available in the Social Hall about this Diocesan event. You can also find information on the Diocese website: <https://www.scd.org/family-and-faith-formation/40-days-life>

Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, special anointing, or just information—call the Rectory (530-259-3932) for an appointment. We are here to help and to ease your burden.