

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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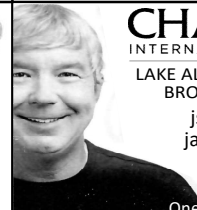
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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October 29, 2023

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(A) Exodus 22:20-26 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 / Matthew 22:34-40

Dennis is one of the local street people who lives around the parish where I live. He is usually pleasant and courteous and wants to do things right, though he also struggles with his own set of demons. For the most part, Dennis seems to be finding his way through the mazes of life, as people do in their own fashion.

In some ways, the parishioners have become a family for Dennis, or at least a part of the family scattered about the neighborhood. Frequently he will be gone for a time, and we will wonder what happened to Dennis, only to find him drifting back among us.

These days Dennis is angry with us. For whatever reason, Dennis brought his assembled belongings and took up residence on our garage roof. The roof is flat and has a two-foot-high wall around the edge, a place that affords a bit of shelter from the wind. Soon, however, the parish came up with a list of reasons why it would be best if Dennis did not live on our garage roof—safety, security, and insurance among them. So Dennis was asked to move on, and that's why Dennis is angry with us.

The parish staff tries to be sensitive and caring about the street people. They try to let them make their own way when that is what they want to do. Yet at other times the staff needs to do what is best for everyone involved in the parish. It's not always easy to know how to love someone.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

Pray the Rosary for peace in our world!

How does a person become a saint?

Saint Alphonsus Liguori challenged those who entered the Redemptorists saying, "Don't become a Redemptorist unless you want to be a saint." I would widen his expression to say, "Don't get baptized unless you want to be a saint." To be a saint means that you want to go to heaven. Most people are not canonized, but anyone who leads a holy life is a member of the communion of saints. This mystical body spans heaven, earth, and purgatory. As St. Paul said, "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1).

Technically speaking, to be canonized, that is, given the title of "saint" by the Church, a person's life should serve as a model for others, and two miracles must be attributed to his or her intercession. The formal process begins after death with the creation of the person's "cause," often with the leadership of local clergy.

The beatitudes offer us a blueprint for holiness. If we are poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure, peacemakers, or persecuted for doing what is right, we are on the road to sainthood. Reflect on one of the beatitudes. It can be one you do well or one that challenges you. Discern how you live it out and how you could live it out better. Slowly you will find yourself growing holier, and one day you will find yourself a saint in heaven.

--Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR

Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for their release to praise the Lord. In return, these Souls will pray for us.

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.

Wednesday, Nov. 1st is All Saints Day--a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two masses on All Saints Day: 9:30am and 5:30pm.

Holy Hour is this Friday, Nov. 3rd at 9am (after morning Mass). Please join us for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend, Nov. 5th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sat. night before you go to bed.

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!

Thursday, Nov. 2nd is All Souls Day. 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 remember in your prayers the Holy Father's prayer intentions for November: "For the Pope--We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit."

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

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

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.

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 Maumoyner	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 Offerings

Sunday, October 22nd	\$ 1,257.00
Maintenance	\$ 120.00
World Missions	\$ 558.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 75.00
Helping Hands & Westwood Resource Ctr.	\$ 25.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

SAT. 5 PM	Sonja Burton	Pat Didier
SUN. 9:30 AM	Ray Pallari	Steve DeWitt

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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, ourladyofthesnowsparish.org. Check out all of the great information on our website, including a [link for online giving](#) (click on "Donate Now").

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Oct. 28	Saturday	5:00 pm	Genny Amante †
Oct. 29	Sunday	9:30 am	Carolyn Willhoit
Oct. 30	Monday	-----	NO MASS
Oct. 31	Tuesday	8:30 am	Fran Moale †
All Saints Day Nov. 1	Wednesday	9:30 am 5:30 pm	Diana Pallari † Mary Deveny †
Nov. 2	Thursday	8:30 am	Reuben Chavez †
Nov. 3	Friday	8:30 am	Janet Saitone

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Our neighbors at Sacred Heart Parish in Susanville are 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.

It is not too early to start thinking about **Year-end Charitable Giving**: If you have a 2023 "Required Minimum Distribution" (RMD) from a retirement account, please consider a donation to Our Lady of the Snows. Thank you to all our donors!

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.