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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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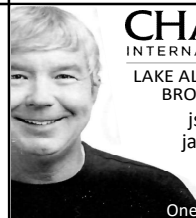
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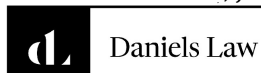
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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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September 15, 2024

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Isaiah 50:5-9a / James 2:14-18 / Mark 8:27-35

Pain is the body's alarm clock that something is broken or not working correctly. Suffering, on the other hand, is a marker of our identity and points to what we value. Suffering through the struggles of raising a family says, "I am a parent. That's what parents do." Mental suffering that accompanies committed love says to the world that "I am married. This is something to be valued." Suffering seems to accompany our commitments and consequently contributes to our identity. We don't suffer over what is unimportant in our lives. When Peter recognized that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, Jesus then pointed out what sort of commitment accompanied being the Christ—that he would suffer greatly, be killed, and then rise on the third day. It was all much to Peter's dismay, especially when Jesus noted that those who follow him can expect similar suffering.

The suffering that flows from our own commitments may not pin us to a physical cross, but it often reveals a faithfulness to live out the values of Jesus. For people of faith, those values become woven into our everyday living: of raising a difficult child, caring for aging parents, working at jobs that sap our energy, or tolerating those who are unkind. Many times, we may not display those values as a conscious expression of our faith, yet it does point to who we are—followers of Jesus.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

May the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, always smile on you and obtain for you, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing.

Why does OCIA take so long? I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and the new name for RCIA) was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ, or who has never participated in a church community. OCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshipping community, learn to pray, and reflect on God's word.

The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the process are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year.

Talk to your priest about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you.

—Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org © 2024 Liguori Publications

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.

The second collection this weekend is for our Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you!

Have you seen our beautiful commemorative bricks, which are installed near the patio? An inscribed brick is a wonderful way to honor family members or friends. Commemorative Bricks can be ordered for \$100. Forms are available in the Social Hall. Contact Steve DeWitt at 530-258-4222 or email him at cranmorti@gmail.com for more information. The brick donations help us make improvements to our church, such as the beautiful flooring in the Social Hall. Thank you!

Guide to Bricks now available! Inside the entrance of the church, there is a binder that lists the coordinates of the Commemorative Bricks to help you quickly locate your brick(s). The list is in alphabetical order by last name of the person that purchased the brick.

Men's Group Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 24th at 5 pm. Dinner will be provided. Hope you can join us in the Social Hall.

Missing Dish: Please help us find an antique clear green "Depression Glass" dish that was misplaced after our picnic on Aug. 4th. It was being used to serve dessert. Did someone mistakenly take it home? Call or text Sally Harvey if you can help us locate it: 530-570-5437.

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

Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits: The Sign of Peace

The Sign of Peace was originally referred to as the Kiss of Peace. Due to our cultural sensibilities, however, the name was changed to a more general one, as how one shares the sign of peace is not dictated by liturgical norms. Depending on what cultural context we're in, we can see that some embrace, some shake hands, some smile to acknowledge another, or bow their head to share the sign of peace.

Whatever the form, the intention is to acknowledge the presence of Christ in the other person and to wish them genuine spiritual peace for their lives. The practice of sharing peace before the reception of the Eucharist stems from Matthew 5:23-24: "If you are offering your gift at the altar ... first, be reconciled with your brother." In this sense, it becomes an important part of our preparation before we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Sign of Peace is also a great way to transition to finally receiving our Lord as it expresses the unity that is prayed for in the Eucharistic Prayer and will finally brought about to completion by our reception of the Eucharist.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday September 1st	\$2,934.00
Maintenance Fund	\$1,710.00
Helping Hands & Westwood Resource Center	\$ 50.00
Stipends	\$ 321.00
Donations for Candles	\$ 322.00

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

Eucharistic Ministers Lector

SAT. 5:00 PM **Toni Pleau** **Nita Jimenez**
 and volunteer

SUN. 9:30 AM **Julie Chavez,** **Sonja Anderson**
 Ruthie Hinman, Jessica Dowling

Email us at: olslakealmanor@gmail.com

Sunday Mass is live on Facebook: <https://fb.me/ourladyofthesnowslakealmanor>.

ONLINE GIVING: simply click the "Donate Now" link on our website ourladyofthesnowsparish.org. There are also information cards in the Social Hall. Thank you for your contributions!

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

From May 1st until October 1st, a 2nd collection for Maintenance will be taken up at all weekend Masses—except for the 2nd Sunday of each month when the 2nd collection is for those in need in our own community. The only exceptions will be a few weekends that have a Special Diocesan Collection as our 2nd collection. Thank you for helping our parish with our many upkeep and maintenance costs!

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Joe Beuchat	Ronald Longacre †	Miguel Pena †
Vernon Burgess	Lou Ann Martin †	Kerry Phillips †
Lucia Carillo †	Pat Martin	Linda & Dennis
Al & Estelle	Priscilla McEfee †	Porter
Cartlidge	Jack Meissner †	Janet Saitone †
Reuben Chavez †	Mary Meissner	Lori Sinclair
Ron & Fran Dennis	Diane & Larry	Frances Smith †
Mary Deveny †	Miller † †	Marcella Unalles †
Dolores Gard †	Fran Moale †	Ruby Vocke †
Paul Gray	Dante Najera †	John Willhoit
Dan Higgins	Colin & Susan	Carole Zimmerman †
Aubrey Hawkins †	O'Brien † †	
Jane † & Reed	Kathy O'Donnell	
Hilliard	Lawrence Oliver †	
Matthew Hunt †	Scott Oswold †	
Nancy Janus †	Francis Ouellette	
Erin Kelly	Cindee & Mitchell	
Karen Klemek †	Padula † †	† indicates deceased
Alma Kopernik	Diana Pallari †	

Weekly Mass Intentions

September 14	Saturday	5:00 pm	Lyndra Canal
September 15	Sunday	9:30 am	Jacquie Springer
September 16	Monday	-----	No Mass
September 17	Tuesday	-----	No Mass
September 18	Wednesday	-----	No Mass
September 19	Thursday	-----	No Mass
September 20	Friday	-----	No Mass

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The 2nd collection on Sept. 21-22 is a special Diocesan collection for Priests' Retirement, which provides basic needs for retired priests in our diocese. Thank you for considering a donation to this worthy cause! Envelopes are available in the Social Hall.

Let's pray the rosary together! We are asking people to gather near the statue of Our Lady in the front pews of the church to pray the rosary for world peace, as Our Lady told us to do when she appeared at Fatima. Please meet 30 minutes before each weekend mass. There are free rosaries and booklets available in the Social Hall. Consider participating in this wonderful devotion. If you see others praying the rosary before Mass, please join them!

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.