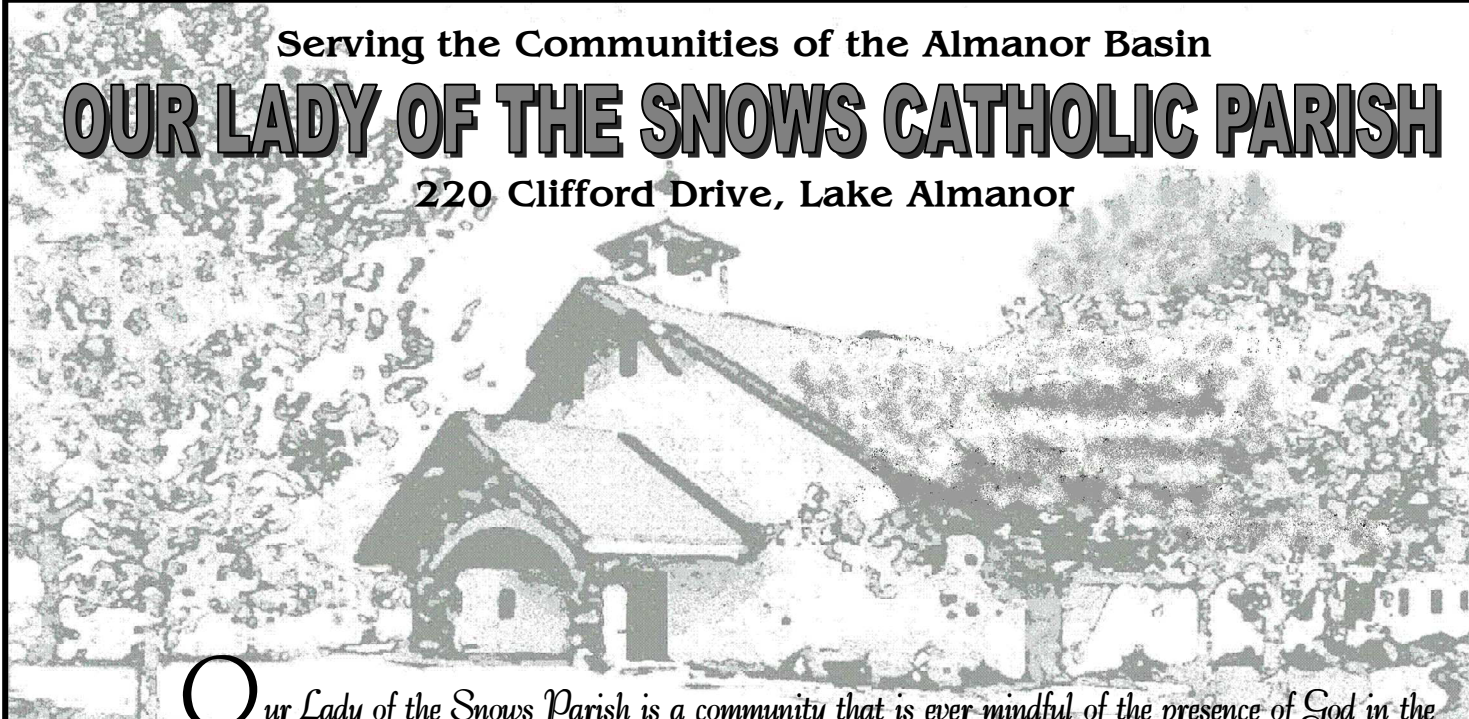


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Our Lady of the Snows Parish is a community that is ever-mindful of the presence of God in the Blessed Sacrament, in our church, in each other and in ourselves. We envision all who enter our doors will be welcomed and valued for their gifts. We strive 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.

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May 18, 2025

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C) Acts 14:21-27 / Revelation 21:1-5a / John 13:31-33a, 34-35

We have an instinct to love; this is something woven into the foundation of human life. It's also a godly instinct, for anything embedded into the human spirit with such intensity must surely be of God. In fact, it is how God is creating a new heaven and a new earth, thereby making all things new as is written in the Book of Revelation.

So intense is that inclination to love, we read in the first letter of John that God is love. While our culture tends to romanticize love, the reality is that, all too often, if we are seriously committed to loving someone, it can also be a lonely effort. Love is not always romantic or satisfying. At times, it can be demanding and even harsh.

One day, when I was meeting with an engaged couple in preparation for their marriage, I asked them, as I often do, for their definition of love. Usually, couples are tongue-tied when I ask that question. They know they're in love, and, to them, that seems to be enough. This time, however, the young groom-to-be did not hesitate. He said that love is caring for someone even when they are unlovable—an insightful definition, for it is precisely during such times that we need someone's love.

It is the weakest moments of life that are in need of rebuilding, the loneliest moments of life that are in need of someone reaching out a hand, and the darkest moments of life that are in need of light. When that happens, creation is made new.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

I have gay/homosexual friends and coworkers. How do I respond appropriately when they announce they got married or are engaged, as we Catholics do not believe in same-sex marriage?

Context and perspective are always useful and necessary. It is also important to remember that your beliefs can often conflict with another person's belief system. It does not change the truth of what you believe, but it can be sobering.

When you offer someone congratulations, it does not mean you are giving your approval or acceptance. It just means you are engaging in respectful social protocol. Let's assume that most people are mature enough to understand the difference between acceptance and protocol.

Confusion arises when some people insist that you cannot be "both/and," as they reduce everything to "either/or." With this kind of perspective, life is a battle to be fought rather than an opportunity to live a life of graciousness and thanksgiving that invites us to celebrate.

Be respectful. Be gentle. Be loving. Be compassionate. Each of those virtues speak much louder than judgment, rigidity, and a posture that proclaims, "I am better than you."

—Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR

"God loves us, all of us. Evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs His light. Humanity needs Him like a bridge to reach God and His love. You help us to build bridges with dialogue and encounter so we can all be one people always in peace....So may we all walk together towards that homeland that God has prepared for us."

—Pope Leo XIV, May 8, 2025

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.

Thank you, Father Anson Anthony, for being with us while Father Josh is away! God bless you!

Pancake Breakfast in our Social Hall: June 1st after the 9:30 am Mass, sponsored by Our Lady of the Snows Men's Group. Suggested donation \$20, children under 12 eat for free. Hope you can join us! This fundraiser helps us with our many projects for the parish.

Sacred Heart Pilgrimage, June 26th-27th, hosted by Sacred Heart Church in Susanville. This will be an important Jubilee Year event in our area! Flyers and information available in the Social Hall and also online at sacredheartpilgrimage.net. The event includes an afternoon of Recollection at Sacred Heart Church in Susanville on Friday, June 27th (Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus), followed by Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Rey, and a dinner. Please make plans to attend!

Attention all bakers! We need you! The ALTAR SOCIETY MEMORIAL WEEKEND BAKE SALE will be Sat. May 24th at Peninsula Market, beginning at 7 am. You do not have to belong to the Altar Society to bake something for this event. Sign-up sheet for bakers is in the Social Hall. Call Julie Chavez (530-596-4951) or Carolyn Willhoit (530-258-1765) for more information. Thank you in advance!

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

Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits

The Fracturing Rite

One of the things that you may have noticed while singing the Lamb of God is the Fracturing Rite. This is when the priest takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece of the host in the chalice, while he prays quietly: "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it."

Placing a piece of the host in the chalice is a very ancient custom dating back to at least the fourth century. Originally, it was designed to show unity and communion between the pope, bishops and their local Churches. Fragments of the host from the Masses celebrated by the pope or bishop were carried by the deacons to the local churches and placed into the chalices during the celebration of the Mass. It symbolized the reality that the entire Church is present at every Mass.

Even though it is not practiced as such today, the commingling of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ remains a beautiful part of the Communion Rite as it expresses a great reality within the Liturgical life of the Church. It is a sign of unity in our worship in the Body and Blood of Christ.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday May 4th	\$ 825.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,184.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 270.00
Bricks	\$ 200.00
Easter	\$ 100.00

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

Distribution of the Cup at Communion is reinstated now - We need 3 Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat. 5 pm	Toni P, Pat D, Volunteer	Pat Didier
Sunday 9:30 am	Julie C, Ruthie H, Jessica D	Sonja Anderson

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From May until the beginning of October, a second collection for Maintenance will be taken up at weekend Masses. Exceptions: the monthly 2nd collection for Helping Hands and Westwood Resource Center (2nd weekend of the month) and an occasional Diocesan Special Collection. Many thanks!

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Genny Amante †	Ronald Longacre †	Kerry Phillips †
Joe Beuchat	Lou Ann Martin †	Linda & Dennis Porter
Kim Burgess	Pat Martin	Janet Saitone †
Vernon Burgess	Priscilla McEfee †	Lori Sinclair
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Lucia Carillo †	Diane & Larry Miller † †	Rikki Taddei
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Jane † & Reed Hilliard	Cindee & Mitchell Padula ††	Carole Zimmerman †
Matthew Hunt †	Diana Pallari †	
Nancy Janus †	Miguel Pena †	
Erin Kelly		
Karen Klemek †		
Alma Kopernik		

† indicates deceased

Weekly Mass Intentions

May 17	Saturday	5:00 pm	Everett "Pinky" Spencer
May 18	Sunday	9:30 am	Andy Willhoit †
May 19	Monday	—	NO MASS
May 20	Tuesday	8:30 am	George Hormel
May 21	Wednesday	8:30 am	John Willhoit
May 22	Thursday	8:30 am	Julie Wann
May 23	Friday	8:30 am	Sonja Burton

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There is a 2nd collection this weekend for our Maintenance Fund! Thank you!

Commemorative Bricks can be ordered for \$100. Forms are available in the Social Hall. Contact Steve DeWitt at 530-258-4222 for more information, or email him at cranmorti@gmail.com.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: New Guidelines from Father Josh have been emailed to you, and there are copies in the Social Hall. Thank you for all that you do! Schedules for May through August have also been mailed to you and are in the Social Hall.

Are you able to help with cleaning our church and Social Hall? All supplies are provided. Think about getting together with a few others to clean occasionally. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.

Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, special anointing, or just information—call the Rectory (530-259-3932)