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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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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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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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August 3, 2025

Good News

dear Padre

OLS News

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 / Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 / Luke 12:13-21

Remember this: Jesus said, "one's life does not consist of possessions." But, if not that, what then?

Think back upon your memories: the first warm day of spring, when the fireworks of new life exploded upon you; laughing so hard that your sides hurt, and you and your friends could not stop laughing even to breathe; walking barefoot in the dewy grass; your best friend telling you you're best friends; learning to finally ride a bike no-handed and thinking that you moved up a rung on the ladder of awesomeness; the first time you dared to risk reaching for the hand of someone you discovered you liked more than anyone else; the unbelievable wonder at the birth of your child; making googly faces at a burbling baby, and the baby googling back; your child snuggling into bed with you at two in the morning because she's frightened by the thunderstorm; talking with friends on and on into the night and wishing it could go on for forever; a cold beer, the reward for cutting the grass on a dizzying summer afternoon; being young with an abundance of dreams of what might be; growing old and thinking life was worth it all.

Remember this: there is so much more to life than one's possessions. We all know this, and yet we forget. Perhaps in forgetting, we might be surprised again and again by the beauty of what cannot be purchased and so recognize the loving touch of our God.

—Father Joseph Juknialis

Sometimes after Mass, I go to the late service at a "Bible church" with the rest of my family. Once a month, this church serves communion, but they make it clear that it is only as a memory of Jesus and the Last Supper, and that Jesus is not present at communion. Is it OK to receive this communion?

The Catholic understanding of Holy Communion includes not only the understanding of Communion as the Body and Blood of Christ, but it includes something more. Communion is a statement of belief and a statement of belonging.

When Catholics participate in the sacrament, they are identifying with divinity as well as with the community of believers who are joined together in "one mind and in one spirit." It is an act of unity, a real "communion."

Even though the "Bible church" clearly teaches a different theology of communion, it would seem to me that, for a Catholic, the fullest meaning and understanding of Communion is important and worth witnessing to.

For this reason, I would refrain from participating in communion at the "Bible church." Do so quietly and respectfully, because what is being celebrated is important; it just does not have the full meaning that you understand is necessary.

--Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the month of August:

"For mutual coexistence: Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons."

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.

Second Collection this weekend, August 2nd and 3rd, will be for our Maintenance Fund. Thank you in advance!

Join us for our Annual Parish Picnic this weekend: Sunday, Aug. 3rd, after the 9:30 Mass. The picnic is free, courtesy of the Altar Society. We will gather in our Social Hall and on our patio to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Snows. Also: A SILENT AUCTION will take place during our Parish Picnic on Sunday August 3rd. This will be a delicious and fun event! See you there!

Altar Society meets Tues. Aug. 5th at 11 am at Bailey Creek Grill. Join us! This is our annual celebration of members' birthdays.

To our Summer/Seasonal Parishioners: You are members of our "parish family" year-round, even if you are only here part of the year. We would love having you join any and all of our activities and parish groups. We are blessed to have you in our parish!

Our Lady of the Snows Men's Group will meet on Tues. August 12th at 5pm in the Social Hall. Dinner will be served. We hope that you can join us.

Friday August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Masses will be at 9:30 am and 5:30 pm.

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

Father Josh's Liturgical Tidbits:
The Lord's Prayer (Part II)

We continue now our reflection of the use of the Lord's Prayer in Mass. Thus far, the prayer is all about positive things: God's glory and His gifts to us. But there are also obstacles to His glory and His gifts. These are our sins and other people's sins against us. 4) We need God's forgiveness for our ungratefulness in sinning, especially when we are in the act of asking Him for good things. 5) We have to be willing to forgive others if we ourselves want to be forgiven. If we can forgive those who have hurt us, we will be acting like Him and pleasing Him — God loves a forgiving heart. 6) But there is also the struggle against sin when we are tempted. While God does not tempt anyone, He allows us to be tempted. He created us to have free will, and so He wishes for us to be His friends and not His puppets. When we are tempted, we are in complete need of help and grace and He will be faithful to us in times of trial.

7) The last negative: there is the devil, our spiritual enemy who constantly tries to remove us from God's glory, His holiness, His kingdom, His Eucharist, His pardon, and His help. Although the English and Latin versions of the Our Father pray simply for us to be delivered from "evil," the Greek original clearly prays for us to be delivered from the "Evil One." Thus, our most common prayer taught us by the Lord Himself contains a little exorcism against the devil. And this exorcism is a great way to purify ourselves as we prepare for our reception of the Eucharist.

Weekly Offerings

Sunday July 20th	\$ 1,575.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,215.00
Brick Donations	\$ 300.00
Those in Need who live near us	\$ 60.00

--- 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	Pat Didier and 2 volunteers	Lori Koehn
Sunday 9:30 am	Jessica D, Julie C, Ray P	Larry Gibbs

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

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Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Genny Amante †	Alma Kopernik	Miguel Pena †
Justin Bergmann †	Ronald Longacre †	Kerry Phillips †
Joe Beuchat	Lou Ann Martin †	Linda & Dennis
Kim Burgess	Pat Martin	Porter
Vernon Burgess	Priscilla McEfee †	AJ Rose
Claudia Caramella †	Jack & Mary	Janet Saitone †
Lucia Carillo †	Meissner ††	Lori Sinclair
Marcela Cayabyab	Diane & Larry	Keith Sinclair †
Reuben Chavez †	Miller † †	Frances Smith †
Ron & Fran Dennis	Fran Moale †	Marcella Unalles †
Mary Deveny †	Dante Najera †	Ruby Vocke †
Olga Golden †	Colin & Susan	Andy Willhoit †
Aubrey Hawkins †	O'Brien ††	John Willhoit
Jane † & Reed	Lawrence Oliver †	Mike Willhoit
Hilliard	Scott Oswald †	Carole Zimmerman †
Matthew Hunt †	Francis Ouellette	
Nancy Janus †	Cindee & Mitchell	
Erin Kelly	Padula ††	
William Koehn †	Diana Pallari †	† indicates deceased

Weekly Mass Intentions

Aug 2	Saturday	5:00 pm	Andy Willhoit †
Aug 3	Sunday	9:30 am	Cindee and Mitchell Padula ††
Aug 4	Monday	—	NO MASS
Aug 5	Tuesday	8:30 am	John Willhoit
Aug 6	Wednesday	8:30 am	Andy Willhoit †
Aug 7	Thursday	8:30 am	Pat Martin
Aug 8	Friday	8:30 am	Gary McGowan †

OLS NEWS (continued)--

Coming soon! Tri-tip barbeque dinner! The Men's Group will hold a barbeque fundraiser dinner after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, August 16th in our Social Hall and on our patio. Save the date!

Calling all bakers! Bake Sale August 30th! Our Lady of the Snows Altar Society will have a bake sale on Saturday, August 30th, from 9 am to 4 pm at Rec 1 in the Lake Almanor Country Club during the Lake Almanor Peninsula's Annual Arts and Crafts Faire. **WE NEED BAKERS!** There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall if you would like to bake something. You do not have to belong to the Altar Society to bake for our bake sale! We appreciate all bakers! Thank you in advance!

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.