



FEBRUARY 16, 2025

The 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.” - LUKE 6:22

Message From Father Peter

You may have noticed that there have been several changes in the parish staff in the last year. Several people have moved on, and we have hired three new staff. The change has been difficult, though I continue to put our faith in the Lord and his goodness through the change. I am confident that we will continue to grow into the mission of “Igniting the Fire of God One Heart at a Time”.

There will be more changes in our staff coming at the beginning of March. Anna Schmidt has decided to take a position in another organization. If you want to know what that is, I invite you to ask her about it.

Anna has been our communications director at OLL since 2019. She got us through all the COVID restrictions, and added needed media through that time, including the social media that continues. She also led some needed upgrades to our website and in our Internet Technology among other things. We are so grateful for her work in communications and on the parish staff team. Anna is not leaving the parish. She, her husband Todd, and two daughters will continue to be active Catholics, including here at OLL. Here is Anna’s announcement:

“I want to share some bittersweet news with you. I've been presented with an incredible opportunity and have decided to take the leap and accept it. Consequently, I will be leaving Our Lady of the Lake at the end of the month. It's difficult because I truly love my role here and wish I could continue alongside the new opportunity. However, I'll still be around to assist wherever I can until a replacement is found. I will also continue co-chairing the Incredible Festival with Kassie and Jerry Ricke. You can still find me at the 10:30 Mass! Anna Schmidt”

Please say a prayer for Anna as she begins her new venture. Pray, too, that our staff continues to let the Holy Spirit lead us and have faith in the Lord through the changes.

I love you, OLL, and God loves you beyond measure! -- Fr. Peter Richards

Our Mission

“Light the Fire of God One Heart at a Time”

In urgent need of Adorers during the following Holy Hours:

Mondays, 3-4pm, 2 committed Adorers
Tuesday 3-4pm, 2 committed Adorers
First Friday 4-5pm, 2 committed Adorers
Mondays, 6-7pm, 1 committed Adorer
Mondays, 7-8pm, 1 committed Adorer

Sign up at <https://ourlady.weadorehim.com>

**SouthWest Options for Women
Baby Bottle Campaign**

Fill a bottle - change a life!

If you didn't get a baby bottle last weekend for the SouthWest Options baby bottle campaign, you can pick up one at the back of church today. The baby bottle campaign ends next weekend, but you can still drop off your filled bottle with change, cash or checks at the parish office anytime after that. Our goal this year is \$5,000. Thank you for your support!

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**Adoration is closed
Feb 17th and Feb 18th**

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, February 20th, for a staff development day.

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one, please contact the Church Office. The suggested offering for a Mass Intention is \$7.00.

Sun. February 16th

8:30am Mass (Mass Intention: Parish)
10:30am Mass (Mass Intention: † William & † Jeannene Otto)
10:40am Liturgy of the Word for Children

Mon. February 17th

7:00om The Eucharist, Colin Faust (Presentation Rm)

Tues. February 18th

11:00am Funeral for John Repeg (Visitation 1 hour prior)
2:00pm Bible Study w/Colin Faust (Fireside Rm)
5:30pm Confessions
6:30pm Mass (Mass Intention: Tom Faust)
7:00pm KC Faith, Fellowship and Fun (Presentation Rm)

Wed. February 19th

8:30am Confessions
9:00am Mass (Mass Intention: † Marcia Gilbertson)
6:00pm Faith Formation & Confirmation

Thurs. February 20th

8:00am Mass (Mass Intention: † Randall Johnson)
8:30am Eucharistic Adoration (John Paul II Chapel)
8:30am Women's Faith Sharing Group (Youth Rm)
5:30pm Divine Will Small Group (Youth Rm)
6:30pm OCIA (Fireside Rm)
6:30pm Adult Choir (Choir Loft)

Fri. February 21st

8:00am Mass (Mass Intention: Persecuted Christians)

Sat. February 22nd

3:45pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (Mass Intention: † Jerry and † Theresa Kohman)
6:00pm Around the Campfire (Presentation Rm)

Sun. February 23rd

8:30am Mass (Mass Intention: Parish)
10:30am Mass (Mass Intention: † William Evans)

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.'

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.
Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.'

(Lukas 6:20-26)



Mission: Ignite the Fire of God

We invite you to join our Parish community to ignite hope and spread joy to those around us. Let us unite to share His love and light with our neighbors and the world. We can't achieve this without your gifts of prayer, volunteering and donations!



Donate now! Thank you for your generosity!

To donate online, visit: www.ourladyofthelake.com/online-giving/

Support Non-Public School Students

The Problem

The Governor's proposed budget, released in January 2025, **defunds students by eliminating nonpublic pupil aid** that supports each student with funding for testing, textbooks, counseling, nursing, and busing.

These proposed cuts would increase the costs of nonpublic education and therefore **raises costs for families**, including likely tuition increases, potentially putting their school of choice out of reach.

The Solution

The Governor is backing away from the state's **commitment to fund essential services for all students**, increasing costs for nonpublic school students and families.

Protect these investments in nonpublic pupil aid and nonpublic transportation aid from harmful cuts.

Bottom line: Many nonpublic schools are ministries that serve low-income families. Each dollar helps families afford nonpublic school.



Tell your state legislators to protect our students by opposing the governor's proposed cuts!

THE MUSIC BOX

HEAR THE ADULT CHOIR AT THE UPCOMING MASSES:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD AT 10:30
MARCH 5TH, ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
AT 6:30

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH AT 10:30

Do you like to sing? Do you like to meet new people? We want you to join us! **You do not need to know how to read music or be the next Broadway star to be part of our group.** We practice Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 in the choir loft and a half hour before Mass in the Fireside Room. Can't make every practice or Mass? No problem! Come when you can.

Reach out to Molly Jones with questions
mjones@ourladyofthelake.com



AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

NEW adult faith formation!

"Around the Campfire" – a fun, family friendly, faith filled evening that is centered on fellowship and a casual, discussion-oriented interaction with various faith-related topics.



2/22 - Catholic Trivia (Colin)

3/8 - The Jubilee Year (Deacon Chris)

Bring your own food and drinks (beer and wine are welcome)

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE

Starlight Gala

A Night to Shine – Be the Light for a Child's Future

BENEFITTING
**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

APRIL 26, 2025 | 5:30 PM
WAYZATA COUNTRY CLUB



THE EUCHARIST

WINTER SERIES

Join us for an enlightening 5-class course on the Eucharist, the source and summit of Christian life! This course will present a basic theology of sacraments, the biblical foundations of the Eucharist, the dogma of the "Real Presence", and explore the profound significance of the Eucharist in our faith as both sacrament (Holy Communion) and sacrifice (the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass). Through engaging discussions, reflective practices, and deeper theological study, participants will discover how the Eucharist nourishes our spiritual journey and fosters a deeper communion with Christ and one another. Whether one is new to the faith or seeking a more robust understanding, this class is for everyone eager to grow in their relationship with God and the Church.

**Mondays at 7pm in the Presentation
Room – 2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10.**



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Faith, Food & Friendship! Men's Event



Share an evening with fellow parishioners
and Father Peter, sponsored by
The Knights of Columbus

When: Tuesday, Feb. 18 after 6:30pm Mass
Mass 6:30pm - social 7pm - games 8-9pm

Where: OLL Pace Center and gym

Who: All men are welcome - Catholic or Not

Food: Light meal & beverages will be provided

Video Series: Venerable Fulton Sheen's presentation,
"Love is a Many Splendored Thing"

Fun: Pickleball, Axe Throwing, and Cornhole Toss

Please join us. If you have any questions,
call or text Dave Wilson at: **612-275-6647**

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday: Closed

School Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 7:45am - 3:45pm

Marriage: To confirm a wedding please
contact Fr. Peter at least eight months
before planning to marry.

Baptism: Please contact Colin Faust for
baptismal information at (952) 472-8210.

Pennywise Thrift Shop: (952)472-1773

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