



# MARCH 23 AND MARCH 30, 2025

The 3rd and 4th Sunday of Lent

*He said to the gardener, "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none." - Luke 13:7*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's Gospel passage (Luke 13:1-9), the Parable of the Fig Tree, speaks directly to us in this holy season of Lent. We are the fig tree, planted in God's vineyard, meant to bear fruit through our faith, love, and good works. Yet, at times, we may find ourselves spiritually stagnant, failing to grow in holiness. As a mom of three, I find comfort in this story as I don't always remain calm and peaceful in the midst of chaos, tantrums, and ears that seem to be incredibly selective to hearing my voice. Oh, how often I can feel like that fig tree - overwhelmed, and not quite measuring up.



Lent is a season of second chances. and renewal. Just as I try to be patient with my children when they make mistakes, God is infinitely patient with me, with us. He sees where we fall short, yet He never gives up on us. He nurtures us, giving us everything we need to grow - if only we open our hearts to Him.

This Parable also carries a sense of urgency *"Sir, give it one more chance. Leave it another year...if not you can cut it down"*. As much as I remind my kids that they don't have to be perfect, I also teach them that growth requires effort. We can't just sit back and expect change. We have to let God's grace work in us, by making space for prayer, repentance, and love in our daily lives.

On this 3rd Sunday of Lent, half-way point if you will, it is a perfect time for self-examination, repentance, and renewal - a time to allow the Divine Gardener to nourish us with His grace so that we may flourish. So this week, I am asking myself: Am I bearing the fruit God calls me to? Am I leading my children by example, showing them faith in action? Am I allowing God to shape me into the mom, the wife, the disciple He wants me to be?

If you've been feeling weary or unfruitful, take heart - God isn't done with you yet. He's the loving gardener, tending to our souls, giving us the grace we need to bloom. Let's trust in His patience and make the most of this season of renewal. With love and prayers, Maggie Sartori



**OUR MISSION**

**"To Light the Fire of God One Heart at a Time"**

## Mass, Adoration & Confession

Week of March 23rd

### Mass Schedule

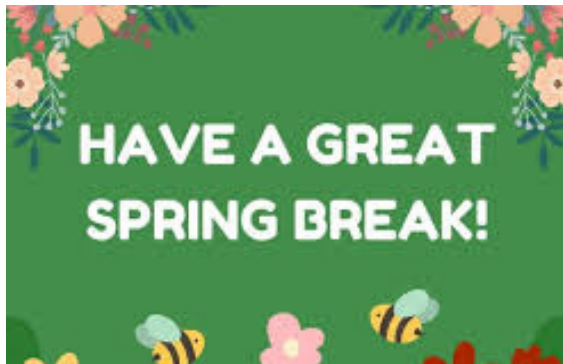
Sunday	8:30am
	10:30am
Tuesday	6:30pm
Wednesday	9:00am
Thursday	8:00am
	10:30am At LMS
Friday	8:00am
Saturday	5:00pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Thursday	Closed

### Confession

Tuesday	5:30pm-6:20pm
Wednesday	8:30am-8:50am
Friday	6:30-6:50pm
Saturday	3:45-4:50pm



## Calendar of Events

The Parish Office will have reduced hours due to Spring Break. We will answer voice messages within 24 hours.

### Monday, March 24

- **9:00am-noon** Parish office open
- No Adoration

### Tuesday, March 25

- **9:00am-noon** Parish office open
- No Adoration
- **7:00pm** Seeking the Lost Sheep (Fr Jager Library)

### Wednesday, March 26

- **9:00am-noon** Parish office open

### Thursday, March 27 (*parish office closed*)

- No Adoration
- **10:30am** GIFT Small Group (Fireside Rm)
- **5:30pm** Divine Will Small Group (Youth Rm)
- **6:30pm** OCIA (Fireside Rm)
- **6:30pm** Adult Choir (Choir Loft)

### Friday, March 28 (*parish office closed*)

- **6:30pm** Confessions before Stations
- **7:00pm** Stations of the Cross (Sanctuary)

## Mass Intentions

Week of March 23rd

<b>Sat. March 22</b>	5:00pm	Parish
<b>Sun. March 23</b>	8:30am	Mely Smith
	10:30am	†William Evans
<b>Tue. March 25</b>	6:30pm	†Jayne Moerbitz
<b>Wed. March 26</b>	9:00am	†Father Mike Tedegr
<b>Thurs. March 27</b>	8:00am	Persecuted Christians
<b>Fri. March 28</b>	8:00am	OLL School
<b>Sat. March 29</b>	5:00pm	Jerry & Theresa Kohman
<b>Sun. March 30</b>	8:30am	Parish
	10:30am	† Jeff Ridley



***Thank you to everyone who supported the Raffle. Together, we raised over \$11,000 for OLL School!***

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*To schedule a Mass Intention for a loved one, please contact the Church Office. Suggested offering is \$7.00.*

Our Lady of the Lake Lenten



## Shrimp Dinner



Join us for our 4 Deep Fried Shrimp Dinners on the following dates:

**Our Lady of the Lake**  
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Friday,  
March 7th

Dinner includes:  
6 Jumbo Deep Fried Shrimp, French Fries or Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Cookie & Beverage

Friday,  
March 14th

Friday,  
April 4th

Adults: \$17  
Seniors(65+): \$15  
Children's Dinner: \$7  
3 Shrimp/Macaroni & Cheese/Fries  
Kids 5 & under: Free

Friday,  
April 11th

## HAM BINGO

★ ALL WELCOME ★

PRIZES | FOOD | FUN

Saturday, April 12 at 6pm

Bingo begins at 6:30pm

Our Lady of the Lake Pace Center

**A ham will be awarded to all winners!**

\$10 for 20 games plus a coverall

Food: Pizza, Mac N Cheese, Hotdogs, & Popcorn

Beverages: Pop or water

## THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH 6:45 PM  
OR FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH AT 9:15 AM



FOR OUR PRESENTATION OF THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
LED BY OUR OLL 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

## BULLETIN CHANGES

**This is a two week bulletin.** This week's bulletin is a two week glance at what is happening between now and April 5th, as we will not have a new bulletin the weekend of March 30th for the 4th week of Lent.

We are moving the printing of our Bulletin to LPI. Interested in placing an ad to support our parish bulletin? Please contact Gary Stang at (320) 266-0520 or Gina Shaughnessy at (952) 356-6488.

## WE ARE HIRING

### OLL+ Summer Care Assistant

Both Full-time and Part-time positions available. Assist with both preschool and elementary students in our summer care program. Interested: Email [OLLPlus@schoololl.com](mailto:OLLPlus@schoololl.com)

### Front Desk Assistant: Parish Office

Initially part-time position available (20 to 25 hours). In office support Monday 8am to 4pm, Tuesday - Thursday in office 11am to 4pm. For more information: Contact Maggie Sartori 952-472-1284

## SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**OLL Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 9-13th, from 9:00-11:30am. All kids ages 3-10 are invited to join the fun! More details to come!**

## SOUP SUPPER

April 9th  
4:00-6:30pm  
100% of proceeds  
support OLL  
School!



HOMEMADE  
BREAD TOO!



FREE WILL  
DONATION

Donations are tax deductible. Use an envelope or donate using the QR code, and it will be added to your yearly contribution statement!



## Mass, Adoration & Confession

Week of March 30th

### Mass Schedule

Sunday	8:30am	Monday	8:30am-9:00pm
	10:30am	Tuesday	8:30am-6:00pm
Tuesday	6:30pm	Thursday	8:30am-6:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am	1st Friday	8:30am-6:00pm
Thursday	8:00am		
	10:30am At LMS		
Friday	8:00am		
Saturday	5:00pm		

### Confession

Tuesday	5:30pm-6:20pm
Wednesday	8:30am-8:50am
Friday	6:30-6:50pm
Saturday	3:45-4:50pm




Calling all soon to be 3-5 year olds  
Join us for our Preschool Open House. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and boogie with live music by Safari Greg. Meet our wonderful staff and discover why OLL was voted the BEST preschool in the West Lakes area!

## Youth Faith Formation

Wednesday, April 2, Youth Night

- Youth Dinner starting at 6pm in Presentation Room
- Large group prayer starts at 6:30pm in the Gym
- Activity: **Choir & Altar Server Training**
  - 3rd grade and up
  - OLL students welcome



## Calendar of Events

Week of March 30th

### Tuesday, April 1

- **2:00pm** Bible Study w/Colin Faust (Fireside Rm)
- **7:00pm** CCW Meeting (Presentation Rm)
- **7:00pm** KC Officers Meeting (Fireside Rm)

### Wednesday, April 2

- **9:30am** Pray the Rosary with LIFT (Fr Jager Library)
- **6:00pm** Faith Formation & Confirmation
- **6:45pm** Altar Server Training (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, April 3

- **8:30am** Women's Faith Sharing Group (Youth Rm)
- **10:30am** Mass at LMS
- **5:30pm** Divine Will Small Group (Youth Rm)
- **6:30pm** OCIA (Fireside Rm)
- **6:30pm** Adult Choir (Choir Loft)

### Friday, April 4

- **8:30am** First Friday Adoration
- **4:30pm** KC Lenten Shrimp Dinner (Presentation Rm)
- **6:30pm** Confessions before Stations
- **7:00pm** Stations of the Cross (Sanctuary)

### Saturday, April 5

- **9:30am** Preschool Open House (School)

## Mass Intentions

Week of March 30th

<b>Sat. March 29</b>	5:00pm	Jerry and Theresa Kohman
<b>Sun. March 30</b>	8:30am	Parish
	10:30am	† Jeff Ridley
<b>Tue. April 1</b>	6:30pm	Deceased members of CCW
<b>Wed. April 2</b>	9:00am	† Carlon Family
<b>Thurs. April 3</b>	8:00am	Ministries of the Parish
	10:30am	† Flossie Finnicum
<b>Fri. April 4</b>	8:00am	Westonka Food Shelf
<b>Sat. April 5</b>	5:00pm	† Lachin Family
<b>Sun. April 6</b>	8:30am	Parish
	10:30am	† William and † Jeannene Otto

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REGISTER TODAY

# Starlight Gala

A NIGHT TO SHINE - BE THE LIGHT  
FOR A CHILD'S FUTURE



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

SPONSOR OR DONATE:



WHEN:

APRIL 26, 2025

5:30 PM

WAYZATA COUNTRY CLUB

## HELP THE AUCTION!

OLL Gala team is looking for Sports, Theater or Concert tickets to add to our Auction. If you would like to donate, please email [office@schoololl.com](mailto:office@schoololl.com). Thank you for your generous support!

## PARISH COUNCIL PANEL

Thank you to everyone who so thoughtfully contributed to the Parish Council Panel! We value and appreciate your honest feedback. We're excited to continue growing our parish. With your help, we will Light the Fire of God, One Heart at a Time!

## Easter Flowers



Help us decorate the Church for the Easter Season with a gift of flowers, greenery, and liturgical decorations. Consider a gift *In Honor Of*, *In Memory Of*, or *In Celebration Of* a special person in your life. Please fill out the following information and put it in the Collection Basket during Mass, or stop by the Parish Office by Monday, April 7th. You may also donate electronically using the QR code below OR this link: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/bfb81359-d7df-4274-94db-a54e8dbec5b3>

***In Honor / In Memory / In Celebration of:***

(Please print name - this will be listed in a future bulletin, as well as donor's name)

**Donor:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print name)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15    \_\_\_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_\_\_ Other



Friday, February 28, 2025		REVENUE			EXPENSE			Operating Net Income (Revenue - Expenses)
Financial Dashboard		Actual Year to Date	Year to Date Last Year	Year to Date Budget	Actual Year to Date	Year to Date Last Year	Year to Date Budget	
Parish		\$ 1,162,161	\$ 1,066,061	\$ 1,422,167	\$ 1,139,807	\$ 953,102	\$ 1,196,972	\$ 22,354
School		\$ 1,160,407	\$ 1,089,079	\$ 1,018,114	\$ 1,128,218	\$ 1,132,819	\$ 1,149,097	\$ 32,189
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,322,568</b>	<b>\$ 2,155,140</b>	<b>\$ 2,440,281</b>	<b>\$ 2,268,025</b>	<b>\$ 2,085,921</b>	<b>\$ 2,346,069</b>	<b>\$ 54,543</b>

\*Excludes Westonka Food Shelf

\*\* Sunday collections are falling short of budget by \$203K, while ahead of last YTD \$27K.

\*\*\* Year to Date is Fiscal Year to Date

From our Stewardship push this past November, we are seeing a 9% increase in giving; We budgeted a ~15% increase hence we are behind budget.

## Mission: Light 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/](http://www.ourladyofthelake.com/online-giving/)

## BE THE SPARK OF OUR MISSION!

**Volunteer today** and join our mission to light the fire of god one heart at a time! Areas of immediate need:

- **Day of Baptism Coordination**
- **Lake Minnetonka Shores and Harrison Bay Communion Ministers**
- **Volunteer Coordination**
- **Rectory House Support**

Want to learn more? Call or stop by Parish Office, 952-472-1284

### PARISH OFFICE

**Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm**  
**Friday: Closed, by appointment only**  
(952) 472-1284

#### Pastor

Fr. Peter Richards.....(952) 472-1284

#### Deacon

Dcn. Chris Richards .....(952) 472-8200

#### Business Administrator

Maggie Sartori.....(952) 472-8201

#### Administrative Assistant

Katie Miller .....(952)-472-8200

#### Administrative Assistant

Kathy Hayes.....(952) 472-8206

#### Director of Discipleship & Evangelization

Colin Faust.....(952) 472-8210

#### Director of Youth Ministry and Faith Formation

Ben Tlougan.....(952) 472-8211

#### Music Director

Molly Jones..... (952) 472-8202

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

**Baptism:** Please contact Colin Faust

**Funerals, Cemetery, Facilities:** Contact Parish Office

### SCHOOL OFFICE

**Monday - Friday: 7:45am - 3:45pm**  
(952) 472-8228

#### School Principal

Becky Kennedy..... (952) 472-8229

#### Administrative Assistant

Carol Franck.....(952) 472-8251

#### Director of Enrollment

Amanda Moodie.....(952) 472-8250

### PENNYWISE THRIFT SHOP

(952)472-1773

#### PennyWise Store Manager

Sheryl Delke..... (952) 472-1773

### WESTONKA FOOD SHELF

(952) 472-5599

#### Westonka Food Shelf Director

Michelle Bottenfield.....(952) 472-5599

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