

The Parish Press

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church - Easter 2019



H E I S R I S E N

C E L E B R A T E T H E S A V I O R

*"Father, how wonderful your care for us!
How boundless your merciful love!
To ransom a slave you gave away your son."
Easter Proclamation (Exsultet)*

Once again, we come to the very threshold of the entire faith, the Paschal Mystery. This is not one of the seasons of the year or one of the celebrations of the Church. This is the very heart and core of the entire faith. May we once again kneel in awe and thanksgiving before the depths of Divine Love.

Holy Week and Easter are celebrated at Our Lady of the Lake in a very beautiful and profound way. I invite you to attend the Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum. The Holy Triduum, or Three Days, is the period that begins with the celebration of the Mass of the Lords Supper on Holy Thursday evening, includes the devotions and Liturgy of Good Friday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and concludes on the evening of Easter Sunday. If you have never participated in these powerful and moving celebrations, please seize this opportunity this year to join in the very best that our Catholic faith offers us. Easter will mean so much more to you if you have been part of the celebrations of the entire Triduum! Don't miss this opportunity!

Welcome to our new Catholics who become part of our family of faith at the Easter Vigil! It is a great blessing for all of us to see the joy and enthusiasm of those who enter the faith during this time of year. Thank you to Sister Maria, our RCIA team, the sponsors and to all who have been part of this journey of faith.

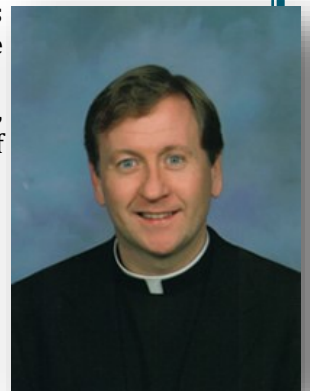
This year we are also blessed with the ability to offer to see our celebrations on our parish website! Special thanks to Doug Blake, Tim Kolp and all who have helped to make this possible! The ability to watch our celebrations of mass is intended to assist those who are unable to join us due to illness or other difficulties that prevent them from being present at the celebration of Mass. This is not intended as an alternative to participating in mass for the rest of us! How wonderful that those who are homebound can now have this opportunity to see mass and join in our prayers.

Also, you will see a beautiful new addition to our parish facilities as you come for Easter this year. Due to generous gifts from our parishioners we now have a fountain and benches at the main entrance of our church. This is a gift to our parish that was made possible by Earl Fischer, Ernie Spiess and family and Mark Botsko. The new fountain was given in honor of Paula Fisher, the benches in memory of Lisa Spiess and the additional benches through the generosity of Mark Botsko. We are very grateful for these beautiful gifts!

Wishing you and your loved ones a very Blessed Easter!

In His Love,

Fr. Eric





We hope you enjoy this issue of *The Parish Press*

Thank you to everyone who contributed articles, ideas, and pictures.

Blessings,
Jennifer C. Harris
OLOL Communications

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Holy Week Schedule

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 PM.

Good Friday

Live Stations of the Cross in Spanish, 1 PM.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7 PM

Easter Vigil Mass

Saturday, 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday Mass

8:30 AM (no incense)
11:00 AM
6 PM in Spanish



Palm Sunday



Holy Thursday - 7pm

THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

HOLY WEEK

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH
HENDERSONVILLE, TN



Good Friday - 1 & 7pm



Easter Vigil - 7:30pm

WHO'S WHO?

Parish Council Spotlight



My name is **Carrie Melvin**. My family and I have been a members of Our Lady of the Lake since 2016. I came into the Catholic church through RCIA at the Easter Vigil in 2018. After that Easter season, I became very passionate about giving back to OLOL. I currently serve as the **Parish Council co-chair** and the **Family Life co-chair**. I am also very involved with Moms PLUS. I look forward to helping the Family Life ministries and being responsive to the needs of our families. Our Lady of the Lake has been such a blessing to my family, and I feel privileged to serve and give back to our parish.

A little more about me: I was born and raised here in Hendersonville. I am married to Joseph Melvin, and I am a stay-at-home mom to two boys, Sam, who is 8 and Harrison, who is 4. My hobbies are crocheting, reading and spending time with my boys.

Meet Our Staff: Rhonda Wigger

I have been married to my wonderful husband, Joe, for 29 years. We have two adult children. I am a convert. I was raised Church of Christ but attended Catholic schools: St. Pius X for grade school and Father Ryan High School. I converted to Catholicism in 2000.

I was working at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Nashville in 2004 when our new pastor arrived, Fr. Eric Fowlkes. When Fr. Eric was assigned to Our Lady of the Lake in 2008, I was very fortunate to be able to continue working with him.

I feel very blessed to work at Our Lady of the Lake. From my desk I witness:

- Our wonderful priests taking care of their flock
- Our Legion of Mary leaving to visit the sick
- Our Knights of Columbus standing guard at their brothers' visitation
- The wedding guild meeting with new brides
- Young families preparing for baptisms
- Older couples planning for funerals
- Our youth running around our campus happy to be together
- Golden Guys & Gals preparing for their bus trips
- Volunteers doing everything from serving at Mass to mowing our grass
- Acts of love every day!



OLOL Parish Coordinator

LOL Youth

LOL's Youth Ministry **Lake House** has had a wonderful year thus far bringing teens into a closer encounter with Christ. Utilizing the beauty and power of music, Lake House has welcomed some of Nashville's talent and led worship with our teens each night. Inspirational talks engage the heart and mind giving way to moments of Christ's presence with us.

The culmination of the year for many is the summer Mission Trip with Catholic Heart Work Camp. Lake House has been hosting fundraiser events all through this year. From the Halloween Spooktacular to the Christmas Coffeehouse, Wine Tasting to Taco Tuesday, our parish has been more than generous in supporting our youth and making it possible for many to attend this transformative trip. We thank you!

As we get closer to the school's year end, we have a few more opportunities to work together, raise funds and share these experiences. For some, the summer fun awaits, for others, the challenge of graduating and leaving for the next level looms closer. From Freshmen to Seniors, each moment carries the potential to renew the love of God and become Christ to another. We are excited to see what the rest of the year will bring!

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11



Fraternus & Fidelis

The Our Lady of the Lake chapter of **Fraternus** has had a successful start to 2019. With many new members joining in the new year, the Brotherhood is growing stronger with each meeting. In every meeting, our Fraternus chapter has shared in adventure and brotherhood while growing in virtue.

The main meetings for our brotherhood are on Mondays at 6:30PM in Bevington Hall. Our "Frat Nights" always begin with some sport (whether it's kickball, Boscoe ball, dodgeball, or basketball) and a delicious meal. We then watch a video clip related to one of the seven virtues. The rest of the evening is filled with talks and discussion on how to live out the virtues and how to better follow Christ. Every Frat Night is an authentic opportunity for spiritual growth, both for captains and for brothers. It's never too late to join! Young men from grades 6-12 are welcome to join at any point during the year.

The Brotherhood also went on Excursion at Eagle Retreat Center in Bowling Green, KY this past January. This retreat was filled with recreation, contemplation, fun, and prayer. Our next Excursion will be on April 27 at Fall Creek Falls. We hope to see all of our Fraternus brothers there.

Ranch is another great event that the Brotherhood is looking forward to this summer. Ranch is when Fraternus chapters from all across the country join together for a week-long retreat. This year, Ranch is July 13-17. Fraternus brothers are encouraged to sign up early before the price increases.

Throughout these excursions and the remainder of the year, we look forward to continued success and for continued growth in 2019. If you have any other questions about joining our brotherhood, please contact our Outreach Officer Anthony Dana at anthonydana@comcast.net.



What is **Fidelis**? Fidelis is a sisterhood of young women in 6-12th grade that seek joy and beauty. We meet on Monday evenings for dinner, movie clips, activities and lessons.

The Fidelis ministry at OLOL is in its second year and what a great year it has been! We are so grateful to all those who make our ministry possible like Fr. Eric and the parish staff. We are especially thankful to our Fraternus brothers for their support, parents for their help, Moms PLUS for their treasure and mentors for their time. This year, we had the pleasure of partnering with the Love Good ministry. This is a ministry of creative young people, from around the world, who came weekly to share and mentor our sisters. The collaboration of our ministries has truly been a blessing.

Our goal for OLOL Fidelis is to offer three retreats a year along

with weekly meetings and Inspire camp in the summer. These retreats are focused on truth, beauty and goodness. This year we were able to offer our first retreat. Our focus was truth. We held a lock-in where the girls participated in skits, games, confession, Adoration and Mass. It was a beautiful event enriched by the many talented people that assisted us like Love Good and St. Edward's Fidelis ministry. Though, our biggest thanks are to our own mentors. Thank you, Anna Dana, Ashley Sabo, Joan Sabo, Jordan Martin, Shelby Miller, Becky Knight, Karlyn Coble, Patti Defendall, and Angela Rojas. Currently, we are preparing for Inspire summer camp from July 13th to July 17th at Ocoee Ridge. This year two Dominican Sisters from St. Cecelia's in Nashville will be joining us. We can't wait for the summer fun!

As we head towards Easter, Fidelis sisters are full of Hope. Hopeful that their hard work throughout the year will result in receiving this year's insignia at the Accolade ceremony on May 6th. To receive the insignia, sisters complete weekly Invitations which challenge them to grow in the virtues. The insignia is a charm which attaches to the charm bracelet they received when they joined this ministry. This year's insignia a flame for the virtue of faith. It is a reminder for their faith to always burn bright for all to see.

Moms PLUS



Moms PLUS (Moms Providing Love, Understanding and Support) has been enjoying another fantastic year of friendship and fellowship. Our dedicated members recently spent much time and energy working on the 2018 Spring Wiggles Giggles consignment sale. The Wiggles Giggles sale has a long tradition of providing quality children's items, at affordable prices, to members of our community, and of philanthropy towards many different needs at Our Lady of the Lake with a special focus on our youth programs. We had a great sale, and we would like to thank the OLOL community for their support and for shopping with us. Thanks also

to everyone who chose to work alongside us for their community service hours. This was our most successful sale to date and that wouldn't be possible without the support of our parish community.

Besides the consignment sale, Moms PLUS continues to have an active schedule of weekly meetings and regular Moms Night Outs, and our children are looking forward to the regular play-dates that will happen over the summer. We have been blessed to see many new faces at our meetings this year. If you or someone you know is a mother looking to make some new friends, please join us! We will continue to meet weekly through the remainder of the school year.

Women Within

Women Within is a growing group of women of diverse ages and backgrounds. We enjoy each other's company and doing things for the parish and our community! Every year we host a Valentine's Bake Sale that the parish loves! In December we feed the bus drivers and the police for the Christmas4kids bus tour and shopping. In August we have an annual Margaritaville and we donate towards a scholarship to JPIL. We also assist veterans and our youth group.

We started Women Within to equip women to know the Lord and lead with strength, using their gifts and talents in order to serve in the church, reach the world and make disciples.

Our goals for all we do are:

- To embed a theological vision for life in ministry for women.
- Create and maintain sisterhood among the women in our church
- To empower women to do ministry in the church.

Join us and enjoy using your talents and gifts to empower each other. We bring women of our church together to



Quilt Ministry



Our goal is to provide a quilt as a small comfort to our parishioners that might be dealing with health issues or other life struggles. You do not need any experience to join. We are more than happy to share our knowledge and experience. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 - 2:00.

Before each quilt is delivered, it is blessed by a priest or deacon. As of April 1, 2019, we have distributed 46 quilts. We are blessed to be able to provide this ministry to our parishioners. It has been a very rewarding experience. If you have any questions, please call Donna Kobza at (615)382-2299 or Paula Weller at (615) 417-1879.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council 9132 had a spectacular first quarter for 2019. With approximately 400 Knights, our council is the largest and one of most active in the state of Tennessee. We typically have many ongoing activities. Some highlights from the first quarter are as follows: Brother Thorn Schoch led a Novena for Life in the Daily Chapel in January. We hosted a Super Bowl Party and Chili Cookoff for the entire parish in the St. Joseph Hall. In February we participated in the Knight out with the Predators



in which the Fourth Degree Color Guard presented the colors prior to the game. March brought a return to the parish of the Personal Spiritual Awakening Workshop. Several Knights participated as leaders for this event which saw 73 parishioners attend and will now become an annual event. We are currently involved in fund raising to support the Persecuted Christians and The Warriors to Lourdes projects. Information on both of these is available before and after Masses in the Narthex at the Knights Table. We hosted two Parish Fish Fry's in the St. Joseph Hall. We saw over 1,100 people served at the first fish fry and even more at the second fry on April 5th.

The Knights have many upcoming projects and fund raisers planned for 2019. Our council is a welcoming environment for men looking to get more involved and new Catholics as well, we added 16 new Knights just in the first quarter. If you are a practicing Catholic man over 18 and would be interested in joining this organization, please email or call Tim Kolp at rjiassociates@comcast.net or by phone 615-934-6564. Or Jerry Taylor at jt0723@att.net. Or by phone 901-230-8570. Feel free to stop by the Knights table in the Narthex after Mass.

*Love one
another with
brotherly
affection.
Outdo one
another in
showing honor.
Romans 12:10*

Golden Guys & Gals

Golden Guys and Gals has been very active the last couple of months. Besides our regular activities of playing games and watching movies at church, we went on our first mystery lunch. Nineteen of us traveled to White House for lunch at the Colorado Grill and finished up with a stop at Dairy Queen. We attended dinner at Texas Road House and then saw the play Sense and Sensibility.

March's activities included lunch at Logan's and a trip to the Upper Room Chapel and Museum, St. Mary's Bookstore and lunch. In April we will celebrate Easter with a potluck and a special bingo game.

Also, our big trip for this year will be to Myrtle Beach and Charleston in October. Information will be in the bulletin and we will have a table after Mass during some weekends.

We would like to welcome Patti Carleton, Judy Jackson, and Chris Fenton to the group. If you need information or have questions, call Kandie G'Francisco at 615-420-0029.



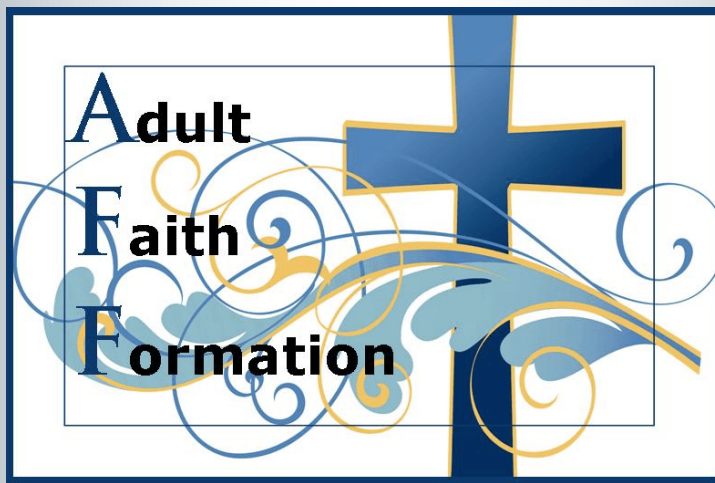
Adult Faith Formation

ALPHA:

Is there more to Life than this? How can I resist evil? Alpha answers life's big questions. The Our Lady of the Lake Alpha is growing, and you are invited to join us. We begin by enjoying a meal together, talking about our families and the events of our lives. Next, we watch a dynamic video that answers one of life's big questions. We examine evidence for the existence of Jesus, and we consider the aspects of our Christian faith that are often questioned in the current post-Christian culture. Following the video, we discuss what the ideas presented mean to us, and how we can apply them to our lives and especially our relationships

"All eight of us ladies are loving our Lenten Connect group. We love connecting with other women in our huge parish and are so inspired by each other. We are not only growing in our faith and knowledge through the book, but by sharing our thoughts, questions, and personal experiences and doubts, our hunger for lifelong growth and community is fueling the fire of the Spirit in all of us!"

- Connect-Small Group Bible Studies



Catholic Stuff:

Wednesday night at OLOL is a great night for parents to go deeper in their faith. The perfect way to do that is to join fellow parishioners at the "Catholic Stuff You Want to Know" speaker series. This spring has offered talks by well-known Evangelists, Musicians, Journalists, as well as Deacon Mike and Fr. Eric's presentations, teaching us how to really enter into the Mass, as a celebration of life with Jesus. On April 24th, Fr. Thomas will share lessons and memories from the trip to the Holy Land. On May 1st, Fr. Eric and Dr. Tim Lynch discuss "Evangelization," and on May 8th, Sr. Maria will tell her story. At the final meeting on May 15th, Doug Blake will share inspiring spiritual music. Please consider joining this dynamic class and growing in your knowledge and love of the Church.

Scriptural Answers to Catholic Beliefs:

Have you ever been asked to defend a Catholic teaching with Scripture? St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." A new class is now offered by Cijo Isaac which answers these questions with Scripture. This type of study is called "Apologetics" but we are not apologizing for our beliefs and practices of our faith. Cijo wants to help us know and understand the Scriptural foundations of Catholicism. His class meets before the 5 PM Saturday Mass from 3:30-4:30 PM in Room 201.

St. Vincent de Paul

In Mathew's Gospel, Chapter 25:31-46, Jesus said:

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him and say: Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and visit you? And the King will say to them in reply: Amen I say to you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did unto me!"

In the Society of St. Vincent de Paul these words from Mathew's Gospel are our watchwords and in those that we help, we see the face of Christ! We are gathered in His name to hear the cry of the poor because Jesus exhorted his Apostles and his disciples and all who believe in him to hear the cry of the poor! For whatever you do for them, you also do for me!

Is Jesus knocking at your door?

Have you asked yourself: What can I do, Lord, to love you more deeply? Should I become a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Can you be like our patron: St. Vincent de Paul and give up the nice life that you have and dedicate some of your leisure time to helping the poor of our community?

If you would like to know more about our ministry and how you might help, contact Tom Ashton at thomasa615@yahoo.com or 615-653-2970.

If you need our help, call 615-824-3276 ext. 3921.



The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD

Isaiah 11:2

RCIA

Our 2019 RCIA class is eagerly awaiting our Easter Vigil.

They are filled with anticipation, but they know too, that *"The best is yet to come"*. Please plan to join them for this joyful celebration. The Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 21st begins at 7:30PM and will be followed by a reception in Bevington Hall.



But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

2 Timothy 4:5

Evangelization

Pope Francis wrote about Evangelization in his encyclical, *EVANGELII GAUDIUM*, which speaks of joy as it is encapsulated in the title of this writing. Furthermore, this writing begins with a very different message of Evangelization from the previous two encyclicals, the first by Pope John Paul VI and the most recent by Saint John Paul II. From the very beginning, Pope Francis begins his encyclical with an upbeat of hope, “the joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.” These are refreshing thoughts from the previous writings which of course took place at the time of the Nazi movement, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the prevailing corruptness of communism spreading in many parts of the world. Ironically, it does not take Pope Francis very long, literally the next paragraph, to speak of the great danger in today’s world is consumerism, complacency and yet a covetous heart with a feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures and a blunted conscience, just for starters! Pope Francis continues to speak to those who accept the offer of salvation will be set free from sin and sorrows as well as the inner emptiness and loneliness... And furthermore, with the joy of Christ, we are born anew and embark upon a very different Evangelization which is marked with Joy as the church begins a new journey with a greater renewal of concern for other people especially the poor. So many fall prey to resentment, anger, and the experience of being lost we are encouraged to renew our personal encounter with Jesus Christ and to realize that is all doing we renew our covenants with Jesus Christ and in so doing we see the heart of the risen Christ. As we are blessed and as we passed through the Paschal mystery that we celebrate each year we become keenly aware of the risen Christ in our lives! Let us now truly become an Easter Christian people who truly encounter the fullness of the risen Christ!



Seven Sisters Apostolate

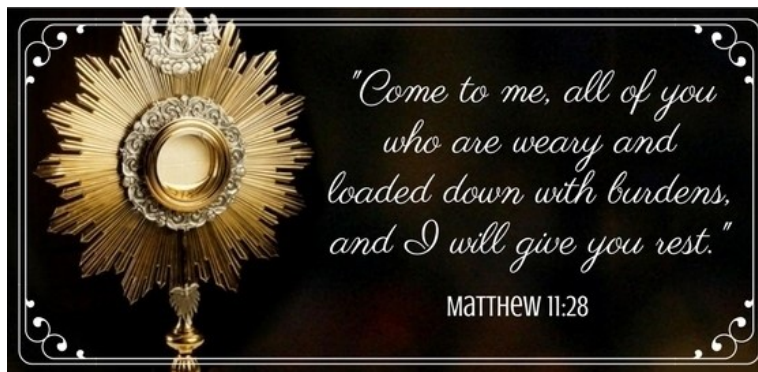
The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week ideally in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament either in an Adoration Chapel or in front of a Tabernacle for the sole intention of the parish pastor or associate, a retired priest, or a bishop. Our Lady of the Lake currently has three Apostolate groups: one for Fr. Eric, one for Fr. Thomas and one for Fr. Luke. The intention of this Apostolate is to form a group for every priest and associate in the Nashville Diocese. For information please contact: Rosemary Geiger at (760) 505-6625 or email at mysrose@att.net

Good Friends

St. Alphonsus de Ligouri tells us “good friends find pleasure in one another’s company”. He goes on to say, “Let us know pleasure in the company of our best friend, a friend who can do everything for us, a friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to Him straight from the heart.”

Consider spending an hour once a week with your good friend, Jesus, who waits in the Eucharistic Chapel for your visit. Read the scriptures or any of the many spiritual books on the shelves. Pray the rosary, pray for your needs or pray for others. Talk to Him heart to heart about your dreams or fears. Or just sit in silence and enjoy being in His presence.

If you are interested in signing up for an hour in Eucharistic adoration, please fill out the form on the Adoration table in the Narthex or contact Dick Emery at 615-714-6049 or TnEmery@aol.com.



Spring Season of Stewardship

We spent our Lent focused on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we sing the Alleluia on Easter Sunday, we come out of the darkness to renewed life. We have a new awakening in this season of spring, as the buds turn to flowers and the blossoms turn to fruit and when the season of summer arrives, we can focus on sharing and fruit bearing.

Our Lenten practices showed us how to weed out what shouldn't be there. How can we turn our knowing into loving and finding God in the world? Be a good steward! Some examples of being a good steward are to pray every day, make time for family a priority, drive an elderly person to church or doctor visits, volunteer for Vacation Bible School, recycle, make regular donations to the church and the poor. Consider joining one of the many ministries or activities at OLOL. A list of these ministries and their contact information can be found in the hallway rack near the library. You'll be glad you answered the call from Christ to follow His example of loving service to others.

Historians

Hopefully by the time this newsletter is sent to everyone the transcript for the 50th Anniversary History Book will be at the publisher! It was a labor of love from its beginning almost 3 years ago. Thousands of photos and documents were scanned so they will be saved for future generations. Peggy Kime spent months reviewing the photos and documents and writing the text for the book. She spent hours each day writing the book in a very personable style. The book records the facts but they are presented as the story written as we, us and our to make it very personable! Peggy is a published author and wrote a great story for OLOL.

Help the book sales by contacting family and friends that may have moved from the parish but would love to have a copy. The easiest way to purchase is using the link on the parish website and choose the link to the book purchase or choose the “Donate” section and scroll to the bottom You can choose to have the book mailed to them.

During the book process we found that much of the parish history had been recorded in Parish newsletters. They are invaluable! We urge every ministry to take the time to write your story for each newsletter. Let current parishioners know what you have done and what is planned for the future. Including photos with your story is always a plus! You are recording our history for future generations!

Respect for Life

We have been really busy working with 40 Days for Life Ministry the past few weeks. With the changes in several states to promote full-term abortion laws and a new abortion clinic opening in Mount Juliet, we are trying to increase efforts to keep up.

There was a showing of the film *Gosnell* in the St Joseph Hall Saturday 3/23/19 to coincide with 40 Days for Life. If you missed the showing and would like to view it, please contact Pattie McGuire to borrow the film.

We are also compiling information to have available for the parish on Respect for Life Issues. These will include information on adoption options, pregnancy centers and their services provided, programs available for abortion healing, as well as many other programs included under Respect for Life.

Upcoming events: Our annual Memorial Day run to support Cumberland Crisis Pregnancy Center will be May 27, 2019. We will need runners and walkers to participate, as well as sponsors for the runners. I hope this year we can improve our participation in this program. Sign up information will be forthcoming. We are also planning to host a Novena in honor of Mother's Day.



A special thanks to our Respect for Life Team: Helen Rupert, Karen Summerford, Carrie Melvin, and Roxanne Carreon for all the effort and time they have spent developing our programs.

Cursillo



Welcome to our new Cursillistas: We are thrilled to welcome Steve Carlson, Stephanie Everhardt and Jennifer Wood. All three made their Cursillo in late February and early March at Camp Marymount. Congratulations Steve, Stephanie and Jennifer! May the Holy Spirit guide you through your lives especially as you develop the three pillars of Cursillo; Piety, Study, and Action.

On the Horizon: We are planning to host another event in August for anyone who would like more information about Cursillo and the Cursillo weekends. Watch the bulletin, parish app and website for more information. Please let us help you experience this spiritual renewal!



To learn more about this exciting ministry, please contact Helen Rupert, OLOL Coordinator to the diocesan Cursillo, at hrupert1@live.com or 615-712-4292.

"Heart of the Home" Retreat

Introducing the "Heart of the Home" retreat for Our Lady of the Lake women's ministries! The first 3-day women's retreat at Bethany Retreat House will be August 23-25. There will also be a Women's Prayer Breakfast on November 9, 2019 at the church. All women are invited. Be on the lookout for additional information! For questions, call Rosemary Geiger at 760-505-6625.

"Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!"



Divine Mercy

The world will gather together on Sunday, April 28, to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. On this Octave Day of Easter in 2000, Saint John Paul II canonized Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, and established Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast day for the entire Church. Jesus Christ, through His revelations to Saint Faustina, reinforced His message of love and mercy. You can learn more about the Divine Mercy message and devotion by going to thedivinemercy.org.

Please join us as Our Lady of the Lake celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy at 3:00pm. The Little Flower Girls Club will host a reception of cookies and punch immediately following the service.



VITAL MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

A Ask FOR GOD'S MERCY

God wants us to fervently approach Him in prayer, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. God completely understands us and accepts us as we are.

B Be MERCIFUL

God desires for us to receive the fullness of His mercy and allow it flow through us to our loved ones, our workplace, our society. To be merciful is not just an option of the Divine Mercy Devotion; it's a requirement! *Luke 6:36* "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful,"

C Completely TRUST IN JESUS

God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive. Simply because if we do not desire, we will be closed to receiving.

Newcomers' Dinner



Please join Father Eric, Father Thomas & the OLOL Welcoming Committee for an evening of Great Food, Fun & Fellowship! Our Spring Dinner is scheduled for **TUESDAY May 7th**! Social hour begins at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:30pm in the lower level Bevington Hall. There will be a staffed Arts & Crafts activity center for the children! Please **RSVP** no later than Friday May 3rd at raecollier@realtracs.com or 615-305-0465 Hope to see everyone there!

At the end of this newsletter is a list of all the newly registered families at Our Lady of the Lake. Be sure to welcome these new members to our Parish. We are excited that you are here!

Mission for St. Bertin in Haiti

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

— Mother Teresa

Together, we can and will do great things for St. Bertin, our twin parish in Haiti, and now is the time to do it!

Special Prayer Request for Assistance for St. Bertin

As you may know, in October 2018, a major earthquake struck northwest Haiti damaging the facilities at St. Bertin. The earthquake and aftershocks seriously damaged the church and rectory buildings, which lacked solid structural support. Based on input from a structural engineer, it is unlikely that these buildings can be salvaged, which means that they will have to be demolished and rebuilt. Meanwhile, the people of St. Bertin are very concerned about having a safe place to go to church. Right now, Father Geordani celebrates Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall; unfortunately, it is not large enough to accommodate everyone. Recently, Father made an appeal asking parishioners to do their part by giving money for the reconstruction of the facilities. The people are doing as Father asked; however, similar to the "widow's mite," while they are giving all they can, it is a mere "drop in the bucket" of what is needed to rebuild the church.



The OLOL Haiti Mission Committee is working earnestly to create a plan to help St. Bertin rebuild its parish home. We are talking to funding organizations, engineers and contractors to try to determine how much money is needed to rebuild the facilities. Once we have a more accurate picture of what it will take, we plan to organize a capital campaign to raise the money needed to rebuild St. Bertin's facilities. Lori Gettelfinger answered God's call to lead our fundraising efforts.

We will keep OLOL parishioners informed in coming weeks as we learn more. Please pray that God will enable us to conduct a successful capital campaign to accomplish this important project for our brothers & sisters at St. Bertin.

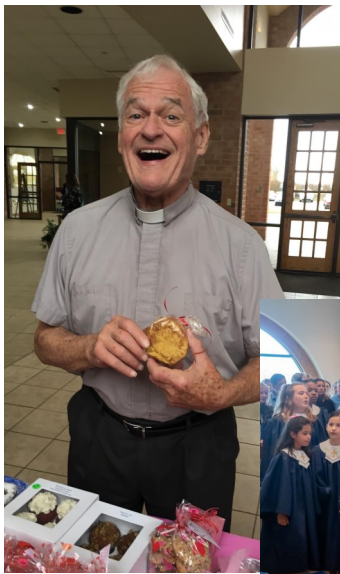
January 2019 Mission Trip

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for a very successful dental and eyeglass mission trip in January. A team of 14 people traveled to St. Bertin and saw 158 dental patients for extractions and fillings and 281 patients who received eyedrops and glasses. We also checked on the schools at St. Bertin and met with a representative from DigitalKap, a company in Port-au-Prince that is helping us make needed repairs and install solar panels to the electrical system that supports the schools.

We are grateful to the many OLOL parishioners who support our mission for St. Bertin through prayers and donations. For more information or to get involved with the OLOL Haiti mission, contact Diane Huggins at 615-476-2667 or dphuggins@comcast.net, or Therese Casler at 615-519-1863 or thersecasler@gmail.com.



OLOL in Action



Baptisms

Mark Turner	Erwind Perez
Leighton Aikins	Chris Valladares
Cassidy Tarcaso	Alisson Quijano
Soledad Garcia	Nestor Quijano
William Pieri	Jessica Navarrete
Jaxon Wilkins	Luis BaEstuardo
Evelyn Davis	Alessia Diaz
Jeffrey Kearns	Andrea Sanchez
River Rayner	Melvin Vega
Carly Webster	Joselyn Perez
Joshua Lara	Kelsey Galvez
Ana Blanco	Alvaro Martinez
Mia Hernandez	Kimberly Carrilo
Glamis Nunez	Nancy Cordova
Jessica Flores	Eleanor Raynes
Gustavo Flores	Ava Raynes
Adrianna Flores	Anne Hill
Kelly Fuentes	Evelyn Rubright
Martha Perez	Hannah Budd
Daleyza Perez	Adelyn Schiros
Christopher Ventura	Riley Sullivan
Emily Ventura	Gunner Hearn
Eva Bassul	Charles Wagenka
Rodrigo Flores	Gerard Timmie
Daniel Flores	Madalynn Brown
Valeria Sanchez	Eleine Chamorro
Lupita Sanchez	Dayanara Pineda
Brayden Torres	Nash Reid
Martin Suarez	Jameson Lubbers
Blanca Perez	



Deaths

Our heartfelt condolences
to the families of:

- ◆ Richard Kirkpatrick
- ◆ Camille Rotier
- ◆ Ralph Collier
- ◆ Kyle Manor
- ◆ Jonathan Arreza
- ◆ Elinda Cunningham
- ◆ Craig Miller
- ◆ Carol Becvar
- ◆ Charlie Welch

Marriages

Our very best to the newlyweds:

Ryan Gallas & Paige Baechle
 Danilo Landaverde & Karla Molina
 Christopher Buehler & Andrea Diamante
 Rufus McAdoo & Samantha Reamy
 Telwin Edathil & Carolyn Joseph
 Michael Green & Stephanie Flick
 Thomas Strubel & Nancy Mattson
 Matthew Wigger & Jamie Shoulders
 Jeffrey Kearns & Milexa Coromoto
 Gary Cothran & Rebekah Roberts



Please join us in welcoming the following families who have recently registered at Our Lady of the Lake.

Our Parish family is a large and active one and is always in need of newcomers involvement.

For additional questions or volunteer opportunities, please contact:

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Welcoming Chair
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OLOL New Members

Melissa Ayme

Mike & Jenny Baricevich
Abigail

Hannah Brenzie

Mike & Theresa Brisky

Patti Carleton

Rebekah Cothran

Brian & Angela Cullen
Kane, Carter & Brennan

Adam Daniel

Bryan & Molly Dejanovich
Connor & Ella

Scott & Margaret Denton

Jesse & Kelly Folk
Lennon & Rory

Tana Fragale

George & Maria Hastings

Matthew & Tessa Hearn
Wyatt, Caleb & Gunner

Pamela Hoscheit

Ronald & Carol Ann Jacobs

Christina Jovanovic
Alexander & Sofia

Karl & Cheri Kalas

Richard & Monica Krampotich
Zeny & Jasmine

Michael & Alicia Lajoie
Michelle

Jennifer Lawson
Layla

Doug & Rhonda Lewis

OLOL New Members (continued)

Jeff & Danielle Long

Kylie & Connor

Michael & Kristen Parker

Shawn, Trevor, David & Caitlyn

Becca Vitrano

Sruthi Madanu

Melia Peters

Joyce Wawrzynski

Richard & Ellen Mahoney

Andy & Susan Peyret

Kaylee, Addysen & Austin

Larry & Jennifer Werner

Brooke & Jacob

Ramon & Marlene Martinez

Matt & Renee Reid

Corey & Rachel Whitaker

A.J. & Diane Matel

Scott & Lisa Roe

Kelli

Sean & Carol McLean

Elijah, Evelyn & Lora

Vila & Stella Roman

Natalia & Nicholas

Dennis McMahon

Bill & Laurie Ryan

Joshua & Katie Murphy

Hallie, Brooklyn & Alley

Tyler & Natalie Sangster

Hixon

Anna Narkhova

Destin

Tom & Eileen Santangelo

Robert & Judith Norris

Bridie Sellers

Christian & Megan O'Saile

Nathan & Krsten Schiros

Adelynn

Thomas & Patti Osucha



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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church Mission

A parish is a place of encounter with Christ where His followers gather in His name to worship and find spiritual nourishment for our pilgrimage of faith.

Our Lady of the Lake is a welcoming and committed family of believers, centered in the Eucharist, who strive to authentically

Mass Schedule at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday Mass 5:00 PM (fulfills Sunday Worship obligation)

Sunday Masses* 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Spanish Mass 6:00 PM

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:15 AM

Friday (Communion Service) 6:30 AM

Wednesday Youth Mass (when school is in session) 6:15 PM

Reconciliation Saturday, 4:00 - 4:50 PM or by appointment

* Nursery for infants & toddlers provided during Sunday morning Masses



Our hearts and doors are open. We hope to see you here.