

The Parish Press

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church ~ December 2018

THE
Savior
WAS BORN FOR YOU.

LUKE 2:11

IN THIS EDITION

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"And the word became flesh and dwelt among us."

With the celebration of Christmas drawing near, we are reminded once again of the depths of Divine Love that Christ was born for us and for our eternal salvation. May we approach this great solemnity of our faith with a sense of wonder and profound gratitude.

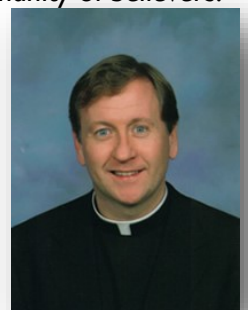
Christmas also provides us with a great opportunity for Evangelization. Each of knows of someone who has been away from the church or may be feeling rather isolated and alone. Why not invite people to come home for Christmas? Better yet, offer to bring them to Mass or to meet them at church, welcome them, sit with them and introduce them to others in the community. The best Evangelization is always personal. Remember that each of us are called to be ambassadors for Christ.

I am very grateful for everyone who helps to make our Advent and Christmas season so meaningful and beautiful. From outreach to the poor, many hours of choir rehearsal, planning liturgies, activities and special events, decorating the church and much more. We are very blessed to have such an active community of believers.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very joyful Christmas and blessings in abundance! Christ is born! Glorify Him!

In His Love,

Fr. Eric



Christmas Schedule

We hope you and your family will join us this Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

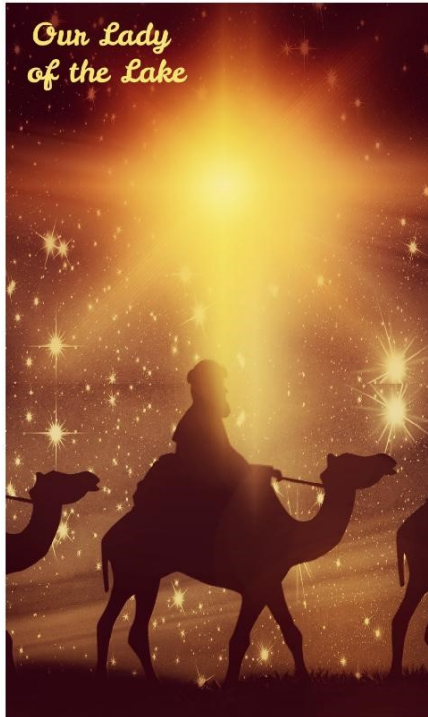
We hope you enjoy this issue of *The Parish Press*

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

Blessings,
Jennifer C. Harris
Editor

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Council Communications Team

Our Lady of the Lake



Advent & Christmas Schedule

Immaculate Conception Masses

Vigil Mass: December 7th at 6:30 PM
December 8th at 10:00 AM

Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 PM Children's Mass
6:00 PM
9:00 PM

Christmas Day Mass

10:00 AM

OLOL Communications

Did you know OLOL is on social media? Connect with us today! Feel free to share your photos from parish activities and interact with us on whichever platform works best for you.



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Connect with us!
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This app will allow you to see daily readings, receive messages from OLOL, schedule confession and it will even remind you to silence your cell phone before Mass!

For questions, please contact Jennifer Harris, 615.417.2234 or email ololcommunications@gmail.com.

PARISH STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Getting to know better, those who serve you

My given name is Sandra Jeanne Edwards, but you know me as **Sister Maria Edwards.**



I was an only child born and raised in Memphis. I went to a Sister of Mercy run school called Immaculate Conception Church for all 12 years. Life at home was usually unpleasant and chaotic due to my father's alcoholism and school was fun and a refuge for me. I went to dance classes 7th & 8th grades at a local park and met a young man named Bobby who went to St. Michael's school which was located near my home. Bobby and I were the same age and we dated each other once a week for three years. Dating meant he would come by my home and we would catch a bus and go see a movie. I found out from his mother he was diagnosed with stomach cancer when we were in the eighth grade. She told me not to say anything to him because he didn't know yet about his diagnosis. He died around Christmas time in our sophomore year. It was a difficult time for me because I have never forgotten him nor what a wonderful and saintly young man he was. I excelled in academics and also won awards for my singing and acting all four years of high school. I was voted prom queen my senior year and the boy I was dating proposed that night. I told him I had to turn him

down because I was entering the Sisters of Mercy that fall to become a Sister. I was saddened by the hurt I had caused him but I knew I had to follow my path to God. I had prayed all my life and especially felt close to Mary the Mother of Jesus. My mother told me if I left it would kill her. On the other hand, my father was supportive and proud of me. My mother died at 46 eight years later of a stroke and my father died a year and a half after that of cancer. So by 26 years old I had lost both parents.

For about eighteen years I struggled with God about prayer and its purpose and its meaning. I learned that God gives people free will and that God does not interfere with one's free will. I learned that we have to open our hearts to receive God's grace and strength. I learned that God never promised us a life without suffering. I learned that because of my life's experiences I might be able to help others through counseling and spiritual direction. I have Master's degrees in Counseling and Religion. I am a licensed Psychological Examiner and a National Board Certified Counselor. I love directing the RCIA and guiding and loving new Persons into the Church. I love Our Lady of the Lake Parish which has become a second home to me. In 2020 I will have been in the parish for 40 years. I am very grateful to God and this parish community for loving me into their hearts these many wonderful years!

From the very beginning of the church men and women have set about following Christ with greater freedom and imitating him more closely through the practice of the evangelical counsels, each in their own way leading a life dedicated to God.

—Second Vatican Council, Decree on the Adaptation and Renewal of Religious Life

WHO'S WHO?

Parish Council Spotlight



My name is **Babs Rector**, and I am the chairperson of the **Worship and Spiritual Life Committee**. This committee is responsible for training and scheduling Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Commentators, and Children's Liturgy leaders. We also assist with special liturgies and with decoration of the narthex and worship spaces, and we take care of the items needed for liturgies, including altar linens, candles, and other items.

My personal interest is in planning liturgies. I was fortunate to pick out songs for school Masses as a teen at St. Joseph's and to plan banquet Masses here at OLOL when I was in high school. Currently I help parish families plan funeral liturgies when their loved ones die, and I am also involved in Children's Liturgy, choir, religious education, and VBS. My parents are one of the original OLOL families, so I've been a parishioner for almost 49 years. I'm a retired school teacher who now enjoys volunteering at TPAC and educational programs. Mike and I have been married for 21 years and are blessed with many nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Join us for a night filled with wonderful by fellow parishioners as well a "Live Nativity" presented by our Youth. This annual event benefits the Lake House Youth program.

A Christmas Coffeehouse FEATURING a LIVE Nativity

COST
\$10 single, \$15 couple
\$25 family
St. Joseph Hall

Saturday, Dec. 15th
4:30 pm Nativity
6:30 pm Coffeehouse

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Twenty-six parishioners from OLOL attended a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 2 to the 11th. It was an amazing experience for everyone to be inspired by connecting to Jesus where he walked, lived, preached, healed, died, and rose from the dead. The trip included daily Mass with Father Thomas and Deacon Mike Kopczynski in some of the most beautiful locations.

Deacon Mike accurately expressed the thoughts of many of us with the following statements...

“And Jesus, full
of the Holy
Spirit, returned
from the Jordan
and was led by
the Spirit into
the wilderness.”

Luke 4:1

“It was the most spiritual, cultural, and political pilgrimage that I have ever attended. It was the nearest and dearest to my heart. To offer my prayers at all those spiritual sites was inspiring. I felt the Holy Spirit with us at all times. I trust good things will happen to all of us now that we are home.”

Really scripture will never be the same. It will seem more alive and vivid after the experience in Israel. The week was a blessing that changes hearts forever



Parish Council News



Welcoming Committee Co-Chairs: Rae Collier and Gail Staub

Rae is a long time member of OLOL and her late parents, Rae and Dick Bundy, were founding members of OLOL. Rae is an active member of the community serving on several boards including Hendersonville Medical Center, Pope John Paul and Volunteer State College. She still enjoys her 30 year career as a Realtor. Rae has served in various capacities at OLOL over the years and currently serves as Parish Council Chair and Welcoming Committee Chair. She enjoys being an active part of her parish family and welcomes Gail Staub as her new co-chair of the Welcoming Committee.

Gail and her husband Joe joined OLOL around the time we dedicated our new church building in the summer of 1999 after moving from Atlanta. Since that time, she has been an active member of the church while working full time job as a recruiter, until she finally retired in the summer of 2017. Gail is active in multiple ministries. She is a Eucharistic Minister, has volunteered with Room in the Inn, is a member of the Bereavement Committee as well as Disciples in Action and volunteered for many years with the Angel Tree Program. In the past, Gail started the Saturday Morning Bible Study for women. Gail is an active member of the Welcome Committee functioning as a regular greeter at the 8:30 mass.

Education Committee Chair: Kara Brumley

Kara and her husband, David, are Pennsylvania natives but have lived in Hendersonville for over 10 years and now call it home. They have twin boys, Kolby and Kooper, in the second grade and a 4 year old daughter, Kenzie Lynn. Kara holds a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education and has over 20 years of experience working with children.

Family Life Committee: Erika Reinhard and Carrie Melvin

Erika is continuing to serve our parish through her leadership of the Family Life Committee. Erika, her husband Eric and her two daughters became members of OLOL when they moved to Tennessee in 2005. Their daughter Ashley is a sophomore at Western Kentucky University and daughter Lucienne is a junior at Dayspring Academy. Erika has taught CCD at OLOL and enjoys being on the Parish Council. She facilitates a Women's Tuesday morning Bible Study. She is happy to begin working with her new Family Life Co-Chair Carrie Melvin.

Carrie and her husband Joseph have been members of OLOL since 2016. Carrie, born and raised in Hendersonville, loves being a stay at home Mom to Sam, age 8, and Harrison, age 3. Carrie came into the Catholic Church on Easter 2018 and immediately became passionate about giving back at OLOL. She is currently a co-leader of Moms PLUS and Vacation Bible School. Carrie also serves on the Respect for Life Committee and as a Catechist. Carrie is very excited to be co-chairing the Family Life Committee and looks forward to being responsive to the needs of our parish families.

Communications Committee: Jennifer Harris and Jorge Jimenez

Jennifer Church Harris, a self-proclaimed "army brat" has lived all over this country as well as Germany. She and her husband Neal are proud to call Hendersonville home for the past 10 years. They stay busy with their two young sons, Neal Michael, age 7 and Nolan, age 4. Jennifer feels blessed to be able to be a stay at home Mom! Jennifer wears many hats at OLOL, but she considers her most important ministry to be sharing her gift of music by singing for weddings and funerals for members of our parish and being a part of the choir at 8:30 Mass! Also, Jennifer is co-leader of the Moms PLUS group and she helps to manage the twice-annual Wiggles and Giggles Kids Consignment sale at OLOL.

Jorge has been a member of OLOL for the past three years. He has a 2 ½ year old son, Isaac. Jorge, who hails from Mexico, teaches second year Spanish at Station Camp High School. Jorge holds an undergraduate Degree and a Masters in Corporate Communication from Austin Peay State University. He has been an integral part of helping to create and implement our OLOL mobile app as well as our parish website. Jorge is looking forward to another term as co-chair of the Communications Committee with Jennifer Harris.

THANK YOU! We would also extend a SPECIAL thanks to Jan & Javier Morales for their many years of service as Education co-chairs! Even though they are finishing these duties as Parish Council members, they remain very active in a multitude of other ministries at OLOL. We are all truly blessed by their service!

Continuing in their roles moving into 2019 are:

- ◇ Evangelization Committee Chair, Tim Lynch
- ◇ Worship Committee Chair, Babs Rector
- ◇ Stewardship Committee Chair, Pat Weaver

OLOL Youth

As the new school year started, the **OLOL Youth** program started with a fresh outlook. Our new Youth Director Mike Zimmerman has been with us for a year and with the new year has rebranded the Youth program as “Lakehouse”. While still using the Lifeteen materials and curriculum as a guide, Lakehouse is a fresh take for the youth that integrates music, inspirational talks, speakers, and fellowship. Utilizing the amazing space of the OLOL Youth Room next to St. Joseph Hall, Lakehouse is a welcoming atmosphere that features live music performances, inspirational TED Talk style talks, and community building fellowship.

The first months of the year have featured guest performances from talented friends in our parish and across the diocese. Performers such as Shelby Miller, PJ Anderson, Jordan Smith, Lexi Peto, and even Matt Maher have graced the Lakehouse stage. Using the power of worship through song, the youth have been invigorated in the faith.

The youth have also begun fundraising for next summers Mission Trip to Catholic Heart Work Camp in Cocoa Beach, Florida. Having at least one fundraiser per month, the teens are working hard to pay their own way for their summer trip. In addition to annual favorites planned such as the Christmas Coffeehouse, Wine Tasting, and Taco Tuesday, some new exciting fundraisers are helping the teens raise funds, while engaging in the parish community. OLOL's first annual Halloween Spooktacular partnered Lakehouse with the Knights of Columbus and Moms PLUS to have a Trick-or-Treat, food and Haunted House to bring the parish together on Halloween night for a family fun safe alternative. Women Within partnered with Lakehouse in November to host the Sugar Plum Fashion Show featuring styles from local boutique Ginger Bean.

Lakehouse looks forward to the year and many amazing opportunities for the youth to grow in their faith, serve the community and deepen their relationships.

*Don't let anyone
look down on you
because you are
young, but set an
example for the
believers in
speech, in
conduct, in love,
in faith and in
purity.*

1 Timothy 4:12



Religious Education

Another wonderful year of **Religious Education** classes are in full swing! Welcome to our new families that are joining us this year, we are happy to have your children in our program. And we welcome back all our returning families as well. We thank our Catechists who have committed both their time, talent, and love for our youth to serve in our Ministry of catechesis. We are blessed to have you both in our parish and program.

As our children grow, together as a parish and parents, we make a path for them spiritually. Our main purpose as a parent is to form their faith and show them the beautiful paths they will take to grow closer to God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Our faith can be seen in many forms, such a loving God, oneself, and others, and through the sacraments. Baptism is a way to welcome our children into our faith and our church community. We then take this to a deeper level with the preparation of the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation within their Religious Education classes. It is our hope as a parish and program that your child will come away from their formation class not only with a greater knowledge about our Catholic Faith, but also with a deeper awareness of God's great love for them, and a stronger sense of belonging in our Church.

On September 26, 2018 in a Confirmation Ceremony, 51 Confirmation Candidates committed to their Catholic Faith and their willingness to be open to the sacrament of Confirmation, as their parents, sponsors, and catechists recommitted to their Catholic Faith and their Baptismal Promises during a Confirmation Ceremony. Confirmation will be held on May 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake. Please come and celebrate as our youth receive the Sacrament of Confirmation by the Most Reverend Mark Spalding, and our beloved Pastors Father Eric and Father Thomas.

During the month of October, we celebrated Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Our students and catechists shared a moving experience as they prayed the Rosary on our beautiful prayer path throughout the month of October.

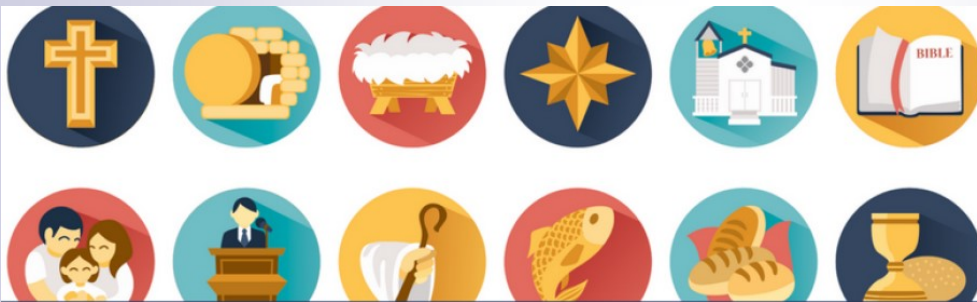
November 15, 2018, 69 students celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. They experienced the Love of Jesus and our priests as they joyfully completed their penance and then celebrated with a reception with their family and friends. The children will celebrate their First Communion on May 11, 2019. As a parent of a first communicant the path you are forming for your child is still at the beginning stage. The sacraments of the Church are not simply goals, milestones or customs, but are ways to live with Christ and receive His grace.

On December 1, 2018 close to 1,800 students, adults, Directors of Religious Education, and Youth Leaders attended Holy Fire, a Catholic Youth Day at the Catholic Pastoral Center. It was a day of great Speakers, Music, Confession, Adoration, and closed with a dynamic Mass and Bishop Mark Spalding. All that attended were on fire with a day that was filled with fun and spiritual renewal.

On December 16, 2018 our children in the Religious Education Program will re-enact the Christmas story at 9:45 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary. The Children's Christmas Play has been an annual tradition here at Our Lady of the Lake for

many years. We will see the birth of Jesus come alive and even the children who are playing the role of the animals at the manger scene.

May this Holiday Season bring you Grace and Peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.



Religious Education

Fraternus

Our Lady of the Lake's chapter of Fraternus started off Frat Year 2018-2019 with Ranch at Whitewater Express Ocoee Camp in Copperhill, TN. Thirteen Brothers and five Captains From OLOL joined 240 Fraternus Brothers and Captains from across the U S accompanied by four priests and four seminarians. The days were packed with challenging physical activities coupled with quiet spiritual time, mass, adoration, sacraments, King's message and squad time.

Camp activities were many including white water rafting, paint ball, high ropes, rock wall climbing and many more culminating with the annual Warrior Dash. To see pictures of Fraternus Ranch 2018 go to this link in your internet browser.

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The ninth year of OLOL Frat Nights started on the first Monday of August 2018. Frat Nights are every Monday night during the school year starting with supper at 6:30pm in Bevington Hall. The curriculum includes recreational activities and spiritual time based on the three theological and four cardinal virtues. Frat Night is over at 8:30pm, a power packed two hours. All young men grades six through twelve are invited to attend. To learn more about Fraternus and to register go to the following link in your internet browser.

The Fraternus Fund Raiser Gala which took place September 10th in St. Joseph Hall was a great success. The OLOL Fraternus chapter thanks all of the guests whose donations will send our Fraternus brothers to Ranch and cover expenses related to ceremonies among other operating expenses.

The Challenge Ceremony, wherein the Brothers and Captains accept the Fraternus Challenge, was held September 24th with Fr. Thomas officiating. Commander Paul Dana presented the challenge to the Brotherhood to strive to lead a virtuous life after which each professed his acceptance.

- * Excursion 2 will be at Eagle Retreat Center in Bowling Green, KY January 25, 2019 with HAWC Brothers departing January 24th. All inside accommodations and always great food.
- * Excursion 3 is planned for April 27, 2019 at Group Camp 2 (cabins), Fall Creek Falls in Spencer, TN.
- * Ranch 2019 is scheduled for July 13 – 17, 2019 with HAWC Brothers advance party attending July 11th and 12th. Register now for the early bird reduced price at the following link on your website browser. Click on Ranch in the heading.

For further information contact OLOL Fraternus Outreach Officer Anthony Dana at anthonydana@comcast.net.



Moms PLUS

Moms PLUS has had an exciting, fun filled semester and we are growing! We hosted another successful Wiggles Giggles Kids Consignment sale and had our first “Moms Night Out” overnight trip in Nashville which was an awesome time to connect with each other and have a lot of fun, too! We enjoyed supporting the parish through various activities such as Oktoberfest and the first annual Halloween Spooktacular! Our families recently kicked off the Christmas season with Pizza with Santa.

At Moms PLUS, we know how important it is to foster friendships while balancing the family life. If you're looking for a group of women who will offer support and friendship, come visit us on Wednesday mornings during the school year at 9:30AM. Each week has a different theme such as crafts, social time, Bible studies, and more. Childcare is provided.

For more info, contact Jennifer at 615.417.2234 or Carrie at 615.268.4805.



Filled with the Spirit

by Patti Deffendall

Do you want to live life more fully, feel more alive, filled with purpose and joy? Through your Baptism, God's Holy Spirit has already been placed within you, but if you are like most of us, the Spirit within you needs a little stirring up.

As Catholics, we have many ways to stir the Spirit within us. We can go to Mass where we are not just observers, like an audience at a concert, or even fans at a football game, but each one of us in the pew is in the game. We are part of the radical crashing of heaven into earth that happens at the altar every Sunday. We are each celebrating the Mass with the priest who is celebrating in the place of Jesus, our High Priest. If we want to live “fully alive” as St. Irenaeus suggests, Mass is the foundation of the rest of our week. At the end of Mass, we are sent into the world, ready to be Christ to others.

As Catholics, the dramatic stirring of the Spirit happens when we serve others. Room In The Inn, Knights of Columbus, Moms PLUS, Food Pantry, St. Vincent DePaul Society are just some of our ministries which will stir God's Holy Spirit within you. Jesus says, “The harvest is great but the laborers are few” (Luke 10:2). Our hearts will be stirred when we serve others.

Finally, if you want to stir the Spirit within you, try learning something new. St. Dominic said, “Study is a form of prayer.” Have you heard about CAFÉ, Catholic Adult Faith Education? You can begin in January, 2019, learning more about God's very specific plan for your purpose, for which only you were chosen. “**Connect**” offers opportunities for you to grow in your knowledge of Scripture in small group sessions. On Wednesday nights, “**Chosen**” is a class for parents of 8th grade students who want to go deeper in understanding of the teachings of the Church to help engage their teen in the Faith. “**Catholic Stuff**” offers a series of fascinating Catholic

speakers at a drop-in class also on Wednesday nights. “**Alpha**” is a great place to start if you haven't yet decided if you quite accept that you are known and loved by God, whether you are a cradle Catholic or a recent convert to the Faith.

What are you waiting for? Don't let 2019 go by without stirring the Spirit who is already in us, waiting for us to open our hearts to His amazing Love. A new year is coming soon, and as “fully alive” we are meant to be the Glory of God.

Knights of Columbus

Our Lady of the Lake **Knights of Columbus**, a 400+ fraternal brotherhood organization, has been an active group in our parish for many years. We are focused on assisting our Priests to create a vibrant and alive Catholic service community. Our theme is "Faith in Action" and have programs in areas of Faith, Community, Church and Family.

Recently we supplied 120 new winter coats for needy children in the parish in need of warm outerwear. Also, throughout the year we provide the Living in Faith books you see in the narthex periodically. Some events coming up are the youth basketball free throw competition in Jan and at the 8:30 Mass on Dec. 30 we will be renewing our marriage vows and we welcome all parishioners to join us in that.

We are a strong fraternal team but can always use a few more brothers. If you would like to strengthen your service or just want to grow as a Catholic gentleman, please take action and join the Knights of Columbus.



Evangelization

The birth of Christ was actually the beginning of EVANGELIZATION! Jesus Christ was the first EVANGELIZER, and this is announced in Chapter 1 of Luke as he reminds us of the prophecy of Zacharias from the Old Testament.

"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel for he has visited and redeemed his people.... Who has been since the world began... so that we should be safe from our enemies, and from the hands of all who hate us, grant us that we be delivered from the hands of our enemies so that we may serve him without fear in the holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our lives.... And you, child, will be called the prophet of the highest for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death to guide our feet in the way of peace."



Even before the baby Jesus could speak a word the prophecy that preceded him carried with it a true sense of fearlessness from the hatred and misdeeds of our enemies and replacing this darkness (darkness is not the opposite of light but the absence of light) with LIGHT, PROTECTIVE GUIDANCE, AND PEACE. This is what evangelization is all about and this GIFT is what we share with all others.

Winter Season of Stewardship

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us... *"there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens."*

We are coming to the end of the autumn season, the harvest season where we are reaping what we planted. Many new beginnings happened at Our Lady of the Lake as we saw another new start to our Religious Education program and many opportunities for Adult Education. Our focus was on formation and education and thanksgiving to God for all the gifts he has bestowed on us.

As we approach the winter season, let our focus be on giving. Give time to God through personal prayer or perhaps an hour in Eucharistic Adoration. Give your talents (yes, we all have them) by participating in the many ministries and activities we offer at Our Lady of the Lake. We are God's co-workers, so seek out ways to help others. Give back to God by generously returning a portion of your financial treasure by using the offertory envelopes and supporting the various ministries. Stewardship is not about our generosity, but our response to God's generosity.

If you have any questions about opportunities to give your time, talent or treasure, please contact Therese Casler at theresecasler@gmail.com or 615-519-1863.

Mission for St. Bertin in Haïti

In the words of Mother Teresa, together, the OLOL community is doing many wonderful things with great love for the people of our twin parish, St. Bertin in Petit Bourg de Port Margot, Haiti.

St. Bertin School Update - We exceeded our goal to raise \$50,000 during this year's Building Hope Together campaign for St. Bertin School. Thank you to everyone who made a donation. Your generosity made it possible for us to give the teachers a moderate raise this year. They are very grateful. Also, this year for the first time ever, the secondary school is in full operation and children are able to continue their education through the 9th grade. More than 750 students are enrolled in preschool, primary school and secondary school this year, an all-time record for St. Bertin School!

Recent Mission Trip – In October, Laurie and Ronnie Gibbs and Diane Huggins visited St. Bertin to check on the progress of a new electrical system for St. Bertin School and clinic. The weekend before their arrival, an earthquake struck northwest Haiti damaging homes in the community of Petit Bourg de Port Margot and several buildings at St. Bertin, including the church, rectory and a school building. We are working with Fr. Jean Baptiste Geordani and Food for the Poor to determine the extent of the damage at St. Bertin and develop a plan to repair these facilities. Please keep the people of St. Bertin in your prayers.

Upcoming Dental and Eyeglass Clinic – In January, a team of 15 people from OLOL will travel to St. Bertin to conduct a dental and eyeglass clinic. The mission team will care for individuals in the St. Bertin community who otherwise do not have access to these needed services. The team will also deliver needed medications and supplies to the healthcare clinic at St. Bertin.

Sea Container Collection – Many thanks to everyone who has donated items needed by St. Bertin church and school, the healthcare clinic and poor individuals in the parish community. Following an additional collection drive in early spring, all items will be sent to St. Bertin on a sea container shipment in April.

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 theresecasler@gmail.com.

"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."

Mother Teresa



Parenting is a Vocation

By Patti Deffendall

The love of a family is the **visible sign** of an **invisible reality**. It connects all of us to the beginning of creation, when God breathed life into man and woman in Genesis all the way to the ending celebration, the big family reunion around the throne of God in Revelation. The family reflects the relationships in the Holy Trinity. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Even in the messiness of family life, there is love. Your family is the most perfect sign of God's love in the world.

If you are like most Christian parents, you love your child more than anything else in the world. We want what is best for them, and we want them to be happy, growing up to be their best intellectually, emotionally and physically. We enroll them in great programs at school, such as drama, dance, sports and chorus. We drive them to different activities after school every day to fill their lives with good things. We make a lot of sacrifices to give them opportunities with friends that perhaps we didn't have. However, according to Dr. Leonard Sax, MD, PhD, in "The Collapse of Parenting" even though we are doing and spending more, statistics on children are getting worse and worse. Our children are suffering from being overmedicated, overweight, over anxious, and over scheduled. Why is this happening? Dr. Sax diagnosis is that there has been a "role reversal" in which parents have given to their children their role as parents, and children are buying into the value system of the friends, immature people being raised by their immature peers, leading to a culture of disrespect. Parenting gets harder and harder in a culture in which none of your children's friends have parents who are parenting them. It's easier to go with the flow than it is to say no. However, in our marriage vows, we promised God that we would raise our children in the faith. According to John Paul II's Theology of the Body, the sacrament of marriage is both unitive and procreative, and the two cannot be separated without distorting God's plan for man and woman. Parenting is a vocation, a promise to God to teach our Faith, "You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up." (Deut. 11:19). We have promised to talk about God in our homes, our cars, on the field, in the classroom, and everywhere we go. We can't expect anything that our children experience at church to make sense to them if we are not reinforcing the teachings of the Church with intentionality in their lives. Currently, by the age of 23, 78% of young adults are leaving the practice of their faith. So where will they turn when the inevitable storms of life come crashing in? One day, our children will be spouses and then they will become parents who need God's grace in their marriages and parenting. While sports and academics are good things, they are not lasting things, such as Faith and trust in a God who loves us....forever. If your child is talking back to you in a disrespectful way, he or she is telling you they are on a painful road and need you to step up to a new pattern of parenting, beginning with strengthening your faith for the parenting journey ahead. Our children need spiritual leadership in our homes, beginning with a mom and dad who love God and His Church. God chose you specifically from among all the people in the world to parent your child. He chose you to lead a family, the visible sign of His love to the world.



SAVE THE DATE!

LOL Vacation
Bible School 2019!

“And I pray
that the fellow-
ship of your
faith may be-
come effective
through the
knowledge of
every good
thing which is in
you for
Christ’s sake.”

Philemon 1:6

Golden Guys & Gals

Wow! **Golden Guys and Gals** has just celebrated our third anniversary. These years have been filled with friendship, a few sad moments, fun, laughter and loads of activities. We have taken two long trips, numerous day trips, attended concerts, plays and, always, eating out.

Our group celebrated our third anniversary with a potluck luncheon and bingo. One of our members, Peggy Bokesch, makes special bingo cards which reflect our activities. Father Eric joined us for this celebration. A great time was had by all.

In October, we traveled to Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, the Biltmore, the Smoky and Blue Ridge Mountains. Our trip included four shows, a visit to the Titanic, an opportunity to see the Chihuly exhibit and wine tasting at the Biltmore. We had loads of fun and the chance to meet new people. We had people from Missouri and Michigan join us.

We continue to take day trips in the area. Upcoming trips include the Hermitage and the new Tennessee State Museum.

Golden Guys and Gals continues to add new members. Each new member brings something special to our group. We want to welcome Janie Botello, Bob Howell, Lori and Barry Insley and Sandy Sawyer.

If you want to join us or have questions, contact Kandie G'Francisco at 615.420.0029.



OLOL 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. We currently have ten ladies. 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. Before each quilt is delivered, it is blessed by a priest or deacon. Currently, we have distributed 40 quilts. We are blessed to be able to provide this ministry to our parishioners. It has been a very rewarding experience.

For questions, please call Donna Kobza at 615.382.2299 or Paula Weller at 615.417.1879.

Women Within



Women Within is a social and spiritual organization of women within the parish of various ages, backgrounds, cultures and interests. We promote fellowship through monthly get-togethers and periodic social events open to the Parish. We often support the activities of other groups that serve the needs of our Church and Her community. Our members enjoy each other's company in friendship, in fun and in service. We learn from one another and appreciate and celebrate our similarities, as well as the differences among us, and those things that make each one of us unique. Every year we enjoy each Holiday and celebrate the things we have done during the year. We have grown to over 40 women who come and participate and add new members

every month. Our goal is to have a Christian loving environment for women to share their experiences as well as help each other in difficult times. We pride ourselves on doing good deeds and we hope you will join us for some great times together and help us create even greater memories for our future.

Women Within meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm on the main floor of the Church. Our "get-to-gathers" are open to all women of the Parish. Every month we have an abundance of great food, camaraderie and a lot of laughter. We celebrate many themed months such as Valentine's Day, Cinco de Mayo and Christmas.

We host a Bake Sale at Valentine's day and this helps us have funds to help families in the parish, veterans and give scholarships to girls at JPll and our youth group, Lake House. This past month we held the first ever Sugar Plum Fashion Show to benefit Lake House and a local charity, Grace Place. It was a great event and we hope to do it again next year. We also will be feeding the bus drivers and police who are helping Christmas4Kids this year again.

In August for the past six years, we have hosted Margaritaville and it has helped us fund even more needs of the church as well as provide a nice kick off "vacation type" event just before school starts. The Women Within members work the event which has food stations and a silent auction. We always enjoy a great live band and wonderful Margaritas. This year we host our first "BEST Hawaii Shirt" Contest. Tickets are kept at \$20 and we sell out every year.



*"She is clothed
with strength
and dignity; she
can laugh at the
days to come."*

Prov. 31:25

OLOL in Action



Baptisms

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| Camden Sureda | Ana Custodio | Casey Kruger |
| Sofia Arredondo | Leo Amaya | Ava Heppeard |
| Jaxton Poff | Isabella Tinajero | Claudia Moreland |
| Allison Weber | Estella Tinajero | Lola Peladeau |
| Valentine Weber | Ruby Zaragoza | River Zullo |
| Ainsley Weber | Joshua Lara | Emery Fedun |
| Anderson Basile | Eliana Monroy | Analía Sanchez |
| Lillian Meadows | Brisa Zaragoza | Charlotte Shade |
| Jackson Snyder | Kaylee Mendez | Aria Heseman |
| Amaleigh Caudill | Vanessa Lopez | Lily Knisley |
| Ava Galvin | Iker Lopez | Catherine Knisley |
| Jakson Ivey | Julian Lopez | Michael Tatum |
| Samuel Melvin | Ian Balderas | Samantha Sloan |
| Harrison Melvin | Jesus Belmares | Matthew Sloan |
| Dafne Rodriguez | Sebastian Stallard | Melrose Gonzales |
| Marely Rodriguez | Lilia Anderson | Colt Gonzales |
| Victor Palacios | Michael Rossom | Christopher Fryer |
| Fatima Venegas | William Jennings | Charlotte Schaheen |
| Miley Limon | Melanie Gordillo | Everly Mcfarland |
| Himena Collazo | Quinn Reed | Emberlee Moore |
| Keyla Rodriguez | Frederick Reed | Derek Catignani |
| David Denby | Thiago Gordillo | Gabriel McNutt |
| Jordi Villanueva | Darey Matias | |
| Briana Lopez | Yaretzi Matias | |
| Allan Chavez | Yoatzin Granados | |
| Dilan Chavez | Charlotte Kolber | |
| Lucero Chavez | Bayron Ledesma | |
| Bryan Landaverde | Gael Mendoza | |



Deaths

Our heartfelt condolences to the families of:

- ◆ Ann Deathridge
- ◆ Doug Schott
- ◆ Marlene Kopczynski
- ◆ Erlinda Tungua
- ◆ Casper Russo
- ◆ Ray Dobson
- ◆ Audrey Reynold
- ◆ Dayna Cook

Marriages

Our very best to the newlyweds:

- ◆ Gerald Everett and Darlene Drotar
- ◆ Caleb Bauer and Kelsey Carver
- ◆ Alex Griepentrog and Becca Selner
- ◆ Jimmy Clark and Ashley Rizer
- ◆ Ryan Scott and Hannah Nivison
- ◆ Drew Martin and Jordan VanDegejuchte



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

Ben & Krista Allen

Timothy Perez &

Rocio Angel
Jasmin & Daleyza

Patty Bearfield

Bev Bolton

William & Brooke Bolyard
Brant & Barrett

Janie Botello

Jacob & Kathleen Bourget

Nancy Boyers

Chris & Phyllis Brown

Dennis & Jan Brown

Justin & Katy Bryant

Jan Buckner

Robert & Jennifer Burghardt
Carter & Ethan

Rick Cambron
Nick

Scott & Julie Cameron
Lauren, Catherine & Christopher

Mike & Thelma Carlson
Emelia

Steve & Ruth Carlson

Robert & Margaret Cook

The Cordero Family

Dale & Gina Cunningham

J.D. Detlefsen & Jenn Raynes
Maggie

Zach Dombrowski & Rebecca Hardy

David & Cynthia Doris

Kent Dumont

Telwin & Carolyn Edathil

Bradley & Elizabeth Everett

Carlos Finol & Mariela Guevara
Mariela

Montse Garcia
Maygan

Andy & Leah Gilchrist
William & Wyatt

Blanca Gomez
Martin & Blanca

Derek & April Grandinetti
Sophia, Cordelia, Luca, Noah, Alanna & Alexander

Rodney & Divina Grayson
Rodney & Ethan

Christopher Gonzales & Misty Armour
Brody, Melrose & Colt

Jim & Denise Hayes
Jaidyn & Jason

Kim Heslin

Corey & Kathleen Holland

OLOL New Members (continued)

Jeff & Tasha Hook

Aubrey & Bryce

Devin Howerton**Artie & Annette Imperati****Joij & Tena Job**

Jonah, Gia & Jayden

Bram & Kenia Kane

Angelina & Selena

Jeffery & Milexa Kearns**Dan King****Dot King****John & Hannah King****Nancy Kolle****Christen Lally**

Jaxon

Colin & Stacey Lancaster

Cole, Carly & Clay

Donnie & Maureen Lyons**Connell & Debbie Maguire****Jessica Malandra****Sherry Martell****Sergio & Lynda Mendoza**

Sergio & Mariana

Warren & Kimberly McConkey

Matthew & Journey

Patrick & Amy McKenna

Mary McKenna, Matthew & Christopher

Heidi Meigs**Emily Mills****Michael & Edlinda Morales****Adam Nicholson & Kelly Lovelace****Scott & Kat Osborn**

Harper

Keith & Nichole ParrackDorothy, Alice, Frederick, Roslyn,
Calvin & John**Gary & Marianne Wood-Raynes****Richard & Charissa Rotundo****Daniel & Monique Rohricht**

Nicole

Javier & Lucero Salas-Ortega

Jayleen, Janelle, Jayden, Ayden

Basil & Emily Schaheen

Charlotte

Mike & Lynnett Echwendal

Zachary

John & Mary Shaw

Marissa & Brandon

Bill Sherman**Scott & Jennifer Sloan**

Samantha & Matthew

Bobby & Diana South**Bella Steigerwald****Jody & Rebecca Stewar****Tyler & Tisha Stokes**

Ethan, Liam & Theodore

Joey & Mika Suson

Emma & Kira

Chase & Jennifer Tatum**Peter Thomas****Scot & Margie Timmins****Jessie & Addie Torres**

CeCe

Diann Vaccaro**Charles & Cara Wade**

Briana, Mia & Olivia

Peggy Wallace**Michael & Seana Walters****Jeremy & Carrie Weber**

Allison & Ainsley

Debi Young

Malia

Clint & Melodie Zack



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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 live as disciples of Our Lord.

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 at Sunday morning Masses

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