



ST. MARY OF THE LAKE

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Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 9:15 & 11:00 am

Daily Masses

Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri-8 am

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm

Baptism

Contact the Pastor for instructions and date.

Marriage

Call the pastor at least four months before the proposed date.

To Register

Call the Parish Office
763-545-1443

Office Hours

8:30-4:30 Mon-Thur
8:30-3:30 Friday

Bulletin Articles

Due every Monday morning by 10 am unless otherwise noted in bulletin.



Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" — Mk 13:33, 37

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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-Deacon

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Nov 26/27	N-to-N Collection N-to-N Share-A-Gift Mitten Tree	Dec 7	Alanon, 11:30-Lib Elem CGS, 4:30/6:30—St Nick Night Xmas Drama Practice, 5:45-Church 7th-10th gr, 6:30-meet at GV Rehab for Caroling High School Catechists, 7:45-
Nov 27	No CGS	Dec 8	Alanon, 11:30-Lib Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation, Masses 8 am & 7 pm
Nov 27-Dec 4	Families Moving Forward Week	Dec 9	Montessori, 4:30-6:30-CR
Nov 28	Level I Catechist Mtg, 5:30-208 On-Belay 6 to 8 pm, CR	Dec 10/11	Retirement Fund/Religious Mitten Tree N-to-N Share a Gift
Nov 29	Schola, 7:00-203	Dec 11	Retrouvaille, 5:00-7:30-CR/202
Nov 30	Alanon, 11:30-Lib No Religious Ed AA Meeting, 7:30-RB	Dec 12	Sort Gifts, 8:30 On-Belay, 6 to 8 pm-CR RCIA, 7:00-RB
Dec 1	Alanon, 11:30-Lib On-Belay, 6:30-202 Handbells, 6:30-203 Sowers of Justice, 7:00-Lib	Dec 13	ACCL, 7:00-Lib
Dec 2	RidgePointe Mass, 10:00	Dec 14	Alanon, 11:30-Lib Elem CGS, 4:30/6:30 Elementary Reconciliation Religious Ed 7th-9th grade, 6:30 Confirmation 10th grade, 6:30 PCYI 9th & 10th grade Christmas Drama Practice, 5:45-Church
Dec 3/4	N-N Share-A-Gift Mitten Tree		
Dec 4	Youth Activity Night, 5 to 7 pm-CR		
Dec 5	Girl Scouts, 5:30-205 Catechist Level II Mtg, 5:30-208 On-Belay, 6 to 8 pm-CR RCIA, 7:00-RB		
Dec 6	Schola, 7:00-203		



Worship—First Sunday of Advent

Readings:

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

Pray for the caregivers and the ill of the parish community:

Jane Koehler, Marilyn Marben, Myrtle Lamusga, Bonnie Shovlin, Brenda Skora, Jerine Polack, Margaret Kadlec, Joan Boline, Leah Severson, infant daughter of Jen & Ty; Jessie McKenzie, niece of Sue & Mark Wagener; Kelly Schroeder, granddaughter-in-law of Harriet; Arleen & Lloyd Favre, mother & father of Tammy Guderian, Neva Tuvholke, sister of Aurelia Dreier; Braylin Hiley & her family; niece of Mary Lou & Jerry Hebert; Billy Sverkerson, son of Kay; Laverne Fleischhacker, sister of Marvin Butkowski; Barb Rivard, mother of Michelle & Nicole Rivard.

We hold in prayer those from our parish in nursing homes, homebound and special care. Please call the Parish Office, 763-545-1443 to add someone to our prayers.

Please continue to pray for: Pat LaBissoniere, Henrietta Schilling, Laurel Flemming, Doris McNabb, Mark Bowers, Joe & Betty Leach, Delores Gulbranson, Christy Unekis, Doris Kramer, Rosalind Shovlin, Lloyd Banaszak, Eldrene Stumne, Mary Wheeler, Becky Loegering, John & Cathy Drury, Cy Gildner, Matty Cuta, Greg Dreier, Chris Marinelli, Patricia Schultenover, Ross Beard, Martina Maslow, Sue Paskoff, Pat F. Murphy, Joanie Hunter, Sean Murphy, Todd Johnson, Pat Weekley, Ralph Wheeler, Margaret Rose, Diana St. Peter, Russel & Annette Hughes, Anthony Kroeten.

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

	Sun	11/27	The Parishioners	9:15am
†	Sun	11/27	Dora De Otiz	11:00am
†	Mon	11/28	Jerome Reichel	8:00am
†	Fri	12/2	Peter Phenow	8:00am
†	Sat	12/3	Evenell "Evie" Kleve	4:30pm
	Sun	12/4	The Parishioners	9:15am
†	Sun	12/4	Barbara Lucking	11:00am

Schedule for Next Week—December 3/4

Greeters:

4:30	Bonnie & Roger Unterberger	Diana & Peter St. Peter
9:15	Bill Piazza	Mary Ann Begin
	Irene Durant	Aurelia Dreier
11:00	Lois Peterzen	Kelly Myhre
	Jaqi & Pam Myhre	Mark & Vicki Eckes

Lectors:

4:30	Tom Klevorn
9:15	Catherine Wolff
11:00	Colleen Dady

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:30	Mary De Carlo	Arlene Gregory
	Margaret Reed	
9:15	Alice Bull	Ben & Kyle Louwagie
11:00	Jeanne Pfeiffer	Callista Abide
	Joe Cardamone	

Coffee: Sowers of Justice & FMF



Worship continued...

Help Wanted—Top Reasons for Joining St. Mary's Choir

1. The church is usually crowded and you want to make sure you have a seat.
2. You've just received notice you have jury duty and you want to get used to sitting with a large group of people.
3. The collection basket is never passed to the choir.
4. You are craving a night out with the guys (gals) and rehearsal night gives you a legitimate out.
5. If you think your singing in the shower sounds good now, just wait till you've been singing with us for a few weeks.
6. Because you come early on Sunday, you are guaranteed a good parking space.
7. The choir acts as a buffer/sounding board for Father Lybarger's jokes.
8. The choir is full of comedians, so come and join in the fun!
9. You know you will be blessed because (s)he who sings, prays twice!
Our music is uplifting and fun to sing.

Come and join the St. Mary's choir. We sing one Saturday and three Sundays each month. No experience necessary—we will train you! You do not have to be able to read music, but it helps! Contact Don Felling at djf.stmary@comcast.net.

Social Ministry

PRISM—Ongoing PRISM Food Donation of the Month

For those who want to donate to PRISM on a ongoing basis, the items for December are deodorant or juice. Thank You!

Christmas Share-A-Gift Tag boards

The Christmas Share-A-Gift tag boards are available this weekend through Dec 11th. As in the past, take one or more tags, purchase the item on the tag, bring the new gift, **unwrapped**, with the tag taped to the gift. If possible, please put small items in clear plastic zip lock bags. All gifts need to be received by Dec 11th. Bring gifts to the Community Room on December 10/11 or to the Parish Office before that weekend. Call the Parish Office, 763-545-1443 if you have any questions. If you cannot shop and wish to donate cash, our volunteer shoppers can shop for you.

We will be providing gifts for five local organizations this year along with gifts for parish families.

Help sort gifts on Monday, Dec 12th at 8:30 am

Please Note: THIS IS A CHANGE IN THE SORTING DATE!

Poinsettias for Christmas—We will decorate our sanctuary with plants on Christmas. We invite you to make a donation for flowers in memory of a loved one, or in honor of someone— or —to purchase a poinsettia (not a donation) to be picked up after the 11:00 Mass on Christmas Day. Please fill out the red flyer that is included in next week's mail out bulletin or pick one up in the racks at the exits. *Make checks payable to Church of St. Mary of the Lake* and drop in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office by December. 6.

The Mitten Tree is a wonderful opportunity for children to express the sharing spirit of Christmas by giving new hats, scarves and mittens/gloves, to those who have none. The Mitten Tree will be at the east entrance of the church and the hallway to the classrooms through Advent. Items will be given to the organizations receiving gifts in the Christmas Share-A-Gift Project.

Have a Great Week!

St. Mary's has been dedicated to providing support to organizations that work in the following areas: battered women, abused children, the homeless & the elderly for over 40 years. Initially, parishioners started holding dinners to raise money to help local organizations. The Neighbor-to-Neighbor (N-to-N) fund was started, & eventually, a monthly envelope was added to your envelope packet. N-to-N currently supports about a dozen local organizations. In the early 1980's St. Mary's helped form PRISM (People Responding in Social Ministry) & in 1983 became a member of PRISM, our local food shelf.

N-to-N sponsors the Christmas Share-A-Gift project each year. Gifts are delivered to five local organizations: *Home Free Shelter, Missions Nursing Home, Ascension Place/St. Anne's Place, Sharing & Caring Hands and PRISM*. All of this represents our parish's long-term commitment to works of charity.

In 2011 St. Mary's maintained membership in PRISM (\$775/quarter, 80% of membership is paid by N-to-N); sent \$5,319 to PRISM from your donations the weekend Elizabeth Johnson, Executive Director of PRISM, spoke at all the Masses in July; 2,161 pounds of food & school supplies from our summer food drive; 105 boxes of food donated in our Thanksgiving Food Drive and \$5,785 in additional cash donations. **Thank you** to our parish representative on the PRISM Church Partner Board, to all who volunteer at PRISM, and to everyone who has donated, sorted & delivered food, school supplies and gifts.

With your contributions in 2011 Neighbor-to-Neighbor has distributed \$10,551 to parish families in need; \$6,000 for our monthly meal at Sharing & Caring Hands which serves approximately 400, (132 turkeys as of 11/17) were also donated to Sharing & Caring for the Thanksgiving Dinner); \$1000 to Project for Pride in Living's Emergency Repair Program, which provides low income homeowners with emergency repairs so they can stay in their homes, \$150 to Ascension Place for care of women in crisis, \$100 to The Bridge for Youth, \$150 to Hope Community for work in community development, neighborhood revitalization & affordable housing, \$150 to St Joseph's Home for Children, \$150 to Wayside Incarnation House for care of women dealing with addiction, and contributed \$200/mo toward St. Mary's PRISM membership fee.

Thank you for using the N-to-N envelope to fund all of the above.

In 1993 through the efforts of our Sowers of Justice Committee, St. Mary's joined the Interfaith Hospitality Network, which later became Families Moving Forward & began housing the homeless on our premises.

In 2011 St. Mary's maintained membership (\$750/quarter) **in Families Moving Forward** which provides temporary emergency shelter, education & affordable rental housing. St. Mary's houses homeless guests 3 or 4 weeks per year. **Thank you** for providing the meals & hospitality, doing set-up, clean-up & laundry, staying overnight during our weeks of housing homeless guests 2/27-3/6, 7/17-7/24 and 11/27-12/4 in 2011.

In This Holiday Season we pray in Thanksgiving for the generous spirit and gifts of time, talent and resources evident in our parish.

West Suburban Grief Coalition Winter Schedule Dec 1 thru Feb 23 at Wayzata Community Church, 125 E Wayzata Blvd., 952-473-8877. They meet every Thurs., 4:30-6 pm. You can attend at any time by coming to a meeting:

Dec 1 Leslie Neugent, Chaplain, Plymouth Police Dept.
"It Takes a Village to Journey with Grief"

Notable quotations from Catholic social teaching on the theme of Work and Worker's Rights—"We consider it our duty to reaffirm that the remuneration of work is not something that can be left to the laws of the marketplace; nor should it be a decision left to the will of the more powerful. It must be determined in accordance with justice and equity; which means that workers must be paid a wage which allows them to live a truly human life and to fulfill their family obligations in a worthy manner."

Mother and Teacher, Pope John XXIII May 15, 1961 Paragraph #71

Faith Formation

Upcoming St. Mary of the Lake Youth Group Activities

Grades 7-12 are invited to participate in parish sponsored activities promoting fellowship. We need parents/adults for chaperoning these events. Sign up by calling Don Felling at 763-545-1443 or email, dfj.stmary@comcast.net or contact a Youth Activities Planner:

Youth Planners: John Kornahrens, Kyle Louwagie, Erin Louwagie, Kyla Fodor, Anne Mielke, Ashley Unekis or Ryan Specken.

*Sunday, Dec 4 Youth Night, 5-7 pm-CR

*Sunday, Jan 8 Youth Night, 5-7 pm-CR

*Sunday, Jan 15 after 11 am Mass Skiing at Afton Alps (no school next day due to Martin Luther King Holiday)

*Friday, Feb 17 All Night Lock In 7 pm to 6 am. Includes bowling at Tuttle's bowling alley. Must have signed permission slip.

*Sunday, Mar. 11 Snow Sledding Party at St. Mary's, 5 to 7 pm

*Sunday, Apr. 15 Movie Night at St. Mary's 5 to 8 pm

*Sunday, May 6 After 11 am Mass—Bike Ride!

Administration

Mission Statement of St. Mary of the Lake

The Catholic community of St. Mary of the Lake is bound together by faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and in the Power of the Holy Spirit. We strive to be an active, loving, caring family who accepts the mission call of Jesus:

To Worship the Father through Jesus His Son.

To Proclaim the Good News of Salvation by word and deed.

To love others through service in the Name of Jesus.

Stewardship Prayer

Dear God, you have created us in your own image and have given us so many gifts. We ask you to bless us all, so that we may best know how to love you and each other with those gifts. We ask this through Christ the Good Shepherd.

Fiscal Year 7/1/10 to 6/30/11

Anticipated Weekly Envelopes	12,650
Weekly Envelopes Nov 12/13	9,188
Under.....	(3,462)
Anticipated to date.....	224,900
Actual to date.....	240,517

A copy of the parish financial statement is available upon request.

2012 Annual Operating Fund Pledge Drive is Underway

Fr. Lybarger asked you to complete a Sacrificial Giving Pledge Card the weekend of Sept. 24/25. Thanks to all who have responded. Please prayerfully consider how you might support the parish with your pledge.

Tax-free IRA Distribution to Charity (qualified charitable distribution)

—The 2010 Tax Relief Act extended the provision to December 31, 2011, which allows qualified charitable distributions from traditional IRA and Roth IRA accounts. Individuals age 70 ½ or older can distribute otherwise taxable traditional and Roth IRA amounts directly to tax-exempt charities. The qualified charitable distribution must be made directly from the IRA trustee to a qualified public charity. The rule cannot be used for distributions from SEP accounts, SIMPLE accounts or qualified retirement plan accounts. A qualified charitable distribution counts as a distribution for purposes of the minimum required distribution (MRD) rules. St. Mary of the Lake is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and qualifies for such distributions. Please see your tax advisor if you have any questions.