

# Our Lady of Grace

Catholic Church

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## Lord's Day Masses

Saturday ..... 5:15 pm  
Sunday ..... 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am  
& 6:00 pm

## Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday ..... 6:15 & 9:00 am  
Saturday ..... 8:00 am  
Holydays ..... Consult bulletin

## Penance

Saturday 9:30-10:30 am or by  
appointment.

## Nursery

Available during 9:30 & 11:30 am  
Sunday Masses.

## Baptism

Baptismal preparation offered  
Wednesday, January 11, 7:00-8:30  
pm. To register contact Shea Pesci at  
952-929-3317 ext. 125 or  
[sheapesci@olgparish.org](mailto:sheapesci@olgparish.org).

## Marriage

Marriage preparation requires a  
minimum of 6 months.

## Confidential Pregnancy Help

Phone ..... 952-938-4496  
(ACCL-A Community Caring for Life)

## Bulletin Deadline

10 days prior to publication date.

Parish Fax ..... 952-929-4612

School Fax ..... 952-929-8170

## New Parishioner Registration:

Sunday, January 8, 2011 at 10:30am  
in the Parish Dining Room.

## *MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

“For today in the city of David a savior  
has been born for you who is Messiah and  
Lord. And this will be a sign for you:  
you will find an infant wrapped  
in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

- Luke 2:11-12



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION

### Confirmation

There will be NO CLASSES over the Christmas holiday. Classes will be out of session until Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

### High School Youth Group

There will be NO High School Youth Group over the Christmas holiday. We will resume on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

### Tuesday's in "The Room"

There will be no meetings due to Christmas Break. We will resume on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012!

*Chuck Benincasa, Director of Youth Ministry*  
*Donna Rubio, Youth Minister*

### We Remember

- 12/25 Mary Wallace 1956,  
Elsie Chaix 1970,  
Dr. James Madden 1971,  
Frank Leone 1991,  
Anne Caton 1999
- 12/26 Kenneth Feany 1968,  
LaVerne Marquardt 2009
- 12/27 Eugene Kelly 1971,  
Stella Mandell 1976,  
Rose Hines 1987,  
Joseph Lehar 1989,  
Rosella Perso 1999
- 12/28 Thomas Miller 1983,  
Mary O'Connor 2003,  
Anthony Battaglia 2006,  
Mary Bailey 2006,  
Rosalie Collins 2007,  
Doris Martin, 2010,  
John Byron 2010
- 12/29 Louise Caldwell 1964,  
Walter Shea 1978
- 12/30 Robert Hoehn 1997,  
Roberta Hughes 2000,  
Donal O'Donnell 2004
- 12/31 Florence Irving 1971,  
Helen Barron 1998,  
Anne Marie Jaglo 2003

### Eternal Life

We remember Jack Hodnett and extend our prayerful condolences to his family, relatives, and friends.

## YEAR END STOCK AND GIFT DONATIONS

As the year comes to a close, we ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to Our Lady of Grace. For information on stock transfers and stock donations to OLG, please contact Deacon Bob Durham, Business Administrator, at 952.929.3317, ext 105 ASAP.

**Note:** For tax purposes, **ALL** contributions must be received in or postmarked no later than December 31, 2011. Contributions earmarked for 2011, but received in 2012, will be recorded for tax purposes in 2012.

## Social Justice Corner MERRY CHRISTMAS THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you to all who helped make the holy Christmas season special for the organizations that our parish supports. Because of your generosity we were able to deliver gifts from the Giving Tree and warm coats and jackets collected at the Men's Club Tree Lot.

Those who benefitted from your generous hearts:

**VEAP**— Gift Cards and Children's Books, plus coats/jackets

**St. Stephen's Human Services**—Men/Women/Kids hats, gloves, socks, long underwear, plus coats /jackets

**Sharing & Caring Hands**—Men's/Women's/Kids hats, and gloves, plus coats/jackets

**STEP**— Children's Games/Toys, plus coats/jackets

**St. Anne's Place**—Children's games/toys, bottles/pacifiers, teen hooded sweatshirts, watches, wallets, Bath & Body sets, plus coats/jackets.

**The look of joy and thanks we received when we delivered these gifts  
made us all proud to be part of the OLG family.**

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 25

7:30 am Christmas  
9:30 am For the Parish  
11:30 am Christmas

### Monday, December 26

6:15 am †Rev. Jerry Fenton  
9:00 am Ken & Helen Swanson

### Tuesday, December 27

6:15 am †Rev. Jerry Fenton  
9:00 am †Irene Langner

### Wednesday, December 28

6:15 am †Tony Battaglia  
9:00 am †Rev. Tom Brioschi

### Thursday, December 29

6:15 am †Dorothy Revord  
9:00 am †Jim Tracy

### Friday, December 30

6:15 am †Rev. Jerry Fenton  
9:00 am †Harry Askerud

### Saturday, December 31

8:00 am †Frank Cooley  
5:15pm Dorothy Revord

### Sunday, January 1

7:30 am Lynn Steinke  
9:30 am For the Parish  
11:30 am Rev. Jerry Fenton  
6:00pm Rev. Jerry Fenton

## Calendar

### Sunday, December 25

### Monday, December 26

7:00pm Boy Scouts, Cassidy Hall

### Tuesday, December 27

6:30pm Finance Committee, Baglio Room

### Wednesday, December 28

### Thursday, December 29

7:00pm RCIA, School Library  
7:00pm Schola Cantorum, Church

### Friday, December 30

### Saturday, December 31

"This child is truly born of God. It is God's eternal Word that unites humanity with divinity. To this child belong those titles of honour which Isaiah's coronation song attributes to him: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Is 9:6). Yes, this king does not need counsellors drawn from the wise of this world. He bears in himself God's wisdom and God's counsel. In the weakness of infancy, he is the mighty God and he shows us God's own might in contrast to the self-asserting powers of this world."  
- Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Christmas Midnight Mass 2010

## Pastoral Ministry

### Healthy Aging Program

#### "Better Choices, Better Health"

This fall, OLG offered a healthy aging class and the class filled quickly. Several parishioners were wait-listed; here is another opportunity.

**When:** Thursdays, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> -Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3 p.m.

**Where:** The Colony, 431 Prairie Center Dr., Eden Prairie  
(Across from the Eden Prairie Center Mall)

**Cost:** No Charge to Participants – Registration is Required!

This **6-week program** increases confidence and skills in managing care for yourself. The course is designed to build skills in identifying issues, setting goals, solving problems, communicating, working with health care providers, and finding out where to go for more information. Developed by researchers at Stanford University, the course was first designed for people with arthritis. The success of the program led researchers to expand it to other chronic conditions, also helping people who have conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and many others. **Register by contacting The Colony at 952-828-9500.**



## Welcome Most Holy Trinity!

**Archbishop John Neinstedt will be celebrating the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday, January 1st, as we welcome and celebrate the merging of Most Holy Trinity with Our Lady of Grace. Archbishop Neinstedt will also bless the Most Holy Trinity Chapel, dedicated to the Most Holy Trinity Parish Community. Refreshments will be served between the Masses.**



**THURSDAY MORNING ROSARY!** YOU are invited to come and pray the rosary every other Thursday with the OLG 8<sup>th</sup> grade Peer Ministry team! Each rosary is offered for the intentions of all the members of the OLG community and extra rosaries and "how to pray the rosary" prayer guides are always available. Thursday Morning Rosaries are from **7:45-8:10 am** in the church on the following Thursday mornings: Jan 12, Jan 26, Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 15, Mar 29, Apr 19, May 3, May 17, and May 31.

Hope to see you there! **In Christ, Peer Ministry, OLG 8<sup>th</sup> grade**



## Christmas Vacation for Faith Formation Classes

- Sunday School: Dec 18 - Jan 1 (classes resume Jan 8)
- Wednesday: Dec 21- Jan 4 (classes resume January 11)
- Confirmation: Dec 18 - Jan 1 (classes resume January 8)

**We wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!**

## The flowers on the altar are a gift:

### In memory of:

John C. Reimann  
Jerry Graves  
Matthew Haws  
Our son, Edward Meszaros  
Richard "Dick" Thompson  
Parents of Bill & Carol McGlone  
Clem & Dorothy Sieve  
Glenn McKenzie  
John Quinn  
Parents & Sister of Judith Smith  
Patricia Sullivan  
Peggy & Bill Everett  
Norman & Margaret McFarlane  
Marty Herbers & Marilyn Bostrom  
Waldo & Florence Bretson  
The Berge Family  
Dr. William Foley  
Deceased members of Finley & Langner Families  
Deceased family members of Ron & Marie Pfannenstein  
Deceased relatives of Divine & Tacheney Family  
Parents, Joe & Grace, and brother – Joe Jr. Faustgen – of Pat Faustgen  
Parents of Dee Novotny – John & Catherine; Brother – Stan Novotny  
St. Francis Guild: Mary Estrem, LaVonne Bigelow, Betty De Muth, Mercedes Gunderson & Joanne Gillis

Helen Pergakis  
Thomas Haws  
Dorothy Mary Busch  
Bob Cron  
Dr. Elmer Lippmann Jr.  
Mary & Bob Brandenburg  
John & Mary Lehner  
Ruth McGuinn  
Parents of Charles & Dolores Seashore  
Marie & Ronald Zak  
The Tobito Family  
Ann, Barbara & Peter Schnorbach  
Marilyn Moore  
Our Dad Steve and Newman Holland  
The Bredt Family  
Denise Carpenter  
Beverly Jane Eilertson  
Michael DeSimone



### In honor of:

Mach and Frey Families  
Wife, mother, son, brother of Jerome & Joanne Zak

Frank Elizondo

### Demontreville Retreat for Men

Each year more than 3,000 men from all walks of life participate in retreats at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House, located in Lake Elmo, MN. Retreats have one theme: to know, love and serve God in this world. 47 out of 52 weeks each year, about 65 men gather on Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. The retreat ends on Sunday at 7:15 p.m. Each man enjoys a private room in one of six Dutch colonial homes at the retreat center. There is no set fee. When leaving on Sunday you will be asked to donate what you can reasonably afford, anonymously if you wish. The daily schedule includes 4 or 5 general conferences of approximately 30 minutes each. Conferences are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556) and are followed by a free period to reflect on the matter presented and to apply the ideas to one's own life. Staff members are available during these periods for private consultation. The Eucharist is celebrated daily. There are also daily opportunities to participate in the rosary and Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available. Listed below are weekends that may have some openings along with the contact person for that weekend.

February 2-5, 2012 Dan Moran W- 952-820-1911 [Daniel\\_moranjr@ML.com](mailto:Daniel_moranjr@ML.com)

March 8-11, 2012 Chip Fuhrmann C-612-618-5579 [cfuhrmann@advancedweb.com](mailto:cfuhrmann@advancedweb.com)

April 2012 Dick Barrett H-952-942-5890

Early June 2012 Paul Kennedy H-952-922-0917 [xet33@aol.com](mailto:xet33@aol.com)

Early September 2012 Tim McShane C-612-360-3337 [tim.mcshane@mcshanedevlopment.com](mailto:tim.mcshane@mcshanedevlopment.com)



## From the Pastor

### GOD IS WITH US – REJOICE AND BE OF GOOD HEART

God's covenant with the human race is sealed and confirmed forever in the birth of Jesus Christ as a member of our human family. God so loved us that he not only created us, but he joined himself to us as a baby born in Bethlehem, perfecting the new and eternal covenant by totally offering himself for us on the cross. The good news that we celebrate at Christmas is startling and beyond anything we could have wished or imagined. Not only is the sin of Adam and Eve forgiven, God has become human to lift us up and make us children of God and participants in God's life. The struggle of the human race for holiness, justice and peace is now God's struggle because God had become one of us in Jesus Christ. Now the efforts, the battles and the successes of the human race belong to God in a very special way. St. Paul sums our covenant relationship with God by saying, *"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ... Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:31-39).



**MERRY CHRISTMAS –NOTHING CAN SPEARATE US FROM GOD– REJOICE**

Fr. Bob Schwartz



### SANCTUARY ENHANCEMENT

Almost a year ago, we began looking at ways that we could enhance our already beautiful church. The inspiration behind this enhancement project is a desire to strengthen the sacred character of our worship space and to place the tabernacle and a larger crucifix in the sanctuary as requested by many parishioners over the nine years I have been pastor. The altar will remain as it is and a new stone pulpit to match the altar will be added. We already have a beautiful church, thanks to the wisdom and hard work of the original building committee. We have tried to do everything that we can to respect the sacred space given to us as our heritage. Last spring we offered a proposal to parishioners and then had three listening sessions afterwards. A little over half of those at the listening sessions liked the design as it was. I believe that we needed a stronger consensus so we had the space redesigned, taking into consideration the comments of those at the listening sessions. The new plan was approved by the Parish Pastoral Council with one very important proviso. All capital campaign money and annually budgeted money was already committed to parish needs. Therefore this project must be financed in a way that will not take needed financial resources away from budgeted parish needs. There will be no organized campaign for this project. I will go about raising the needed amount

privately. Of course, I would not refuse any contribution that just happened to come in for this project. The expense is worthy of the dignity of the space and much of the new material is of stone to match the existing altar. If you are so moved, gifts should be specified for sanctuary enhancement.

Fr. Bob Schwartz

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Parish is a community centered on Jesus Christ present in the celebration of the Eucharist. We are guided by the Holy Spirit and the apostolic teaching authority and traditions of the universal Catholic Church. We are committed to lifelong Catholic formation for every parishioner and to a parish school. We worship and glorify God through prayer, Scripture, participation in the sacraments, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, active charity and justice, and the advancement of the common good.

## Give the gift of your time and talent!

Centro Guadalupano needs volunteer teachers and substitutes for the evening Adult ESL program. The time commitment for teachers is 2-3 hours once a week from January 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup> with a week off for spring break. There is no set time commitment for substitutes.

Evening classes are Monday-Thursday from 6:30-8:30 pm. You will teach a classroom of approximately 10 non-English speaking students of various ethnicities. No experience is necessary. We offer training provided through the Minnesota Literacy Council. Centro Guadalupano is located at Holy Rosary Church in South Minneapolis in the East Phillips neighborhood. Contact Ginger Graham at 612-724-3651 x.214 or [vcgm.centro@gmail.com](mailto:vcgm.centro@gmail.com)

**January 22, 2012** will mark the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's tragic decision to legalize abortion. This year the Office of Marriage Family and Life will be Celebrating a *Mass* for Life instead of an Ecumenical Prayer Service as the date falls on a Sunday. Archbishop Nienstedt will be the celebrant for this special Noon Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. **YES, this does count as your Sunday obligation** so come as a family to attend together. The MCCL Rally at the state capitol will follow the Mass. Last year this inspiring event was attended by approximately 3,000 people.

Over 50 million unborn babies have been aborted since 1973. Please join others in this opportunity to pray for these children of God as well as the men and women who suffer because of the decision they made to terminate a pregnancy. Contact the Marriage Family and Life office at 651.291.4506 or [wilsons@archspm.org](mailto:wilsons@archspm.org) with questions.

## Readings for the Week of December 25, 2011

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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