

# 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, March 14, 7:00-8:30 pm.  
To register contact Shea Olson at 952-  
929-3317 ext. 125 or  
[sheaolson@olgparish.org](mailto:sheaolson@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:

Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 4:15pm  
in the Parish Dining Room.



• He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. *Mk 1:38-39*

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



### Living Stations of the Cross Returns!

**Attention all Middle School and High School Youth!** The time is approaching to sign up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Living Stations of the Cross. Living Stations of the Cross is put on by the Parish Youth Ministry program and any 6-12 grade student can participate. Middle School and High School students make the traditional Stations of the Cross come alive through music, drama, and art.

Rehearsals are Wednesday's from 5:30-6:30pm beginning February 8<sup>th</sup> and the performance is Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00pm following the Men's Club Fish Fry. To take part, you must sign up with Chuck Benincasa, Youth Ministry office, by this Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at [charlesbenincasa@olgparish.org](mailto:charlesbenincasa@olgparish.org). A full, detailed schedule will be distributed at the first rehearsal.

### New Youth Ministry Website!

The Youth Ministry Department has launched a brand new, easy to use, website with all the information you need on 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth ministry and faith formation programs. Visit [www.olgyouth.org](http://www.olgyouth.org) or go to our parish website and click on youth ministry.

*Chuck Benincasa, Director of Youth Ministry, High School Youth Minister*  
*Donna Rubio, Middle School Youth Minister*

## We Remember

- 2/5 Mary Jane Hotzfield 1953,  
Dr. Henry Einan 1972,  
Trall Braky 1972,  
Florence Ives 1975,  
Allison Uridel 1987,  
Dorothy Screeen 2005,  
Laszlo Szendrey, 2009
- 2/6 J.C. Kelly 1953,  
Walter Fink III 1968,  
Robert Walkowiak 1997,  
Robert Strupp 2003
- 2/7 Ernest McHenry 1981,  
Robert Keyworth 1983,  
Francis Killian 1984,  
Mary Keegan 1985,  
Margaret Everett 1987,  
John Heinrich 1993,  
Norman Zimmar 2000,  
John R. Ritchie Jr. 2001,  
David Knipp 2005
- 2/8 Fred Ryman, Sr. 1970,  
Ralph W Cronley 1971,  
John Budde 1976,  
Adeline Nielsen 1990
- 2/9 Phillip Scallen 1955,  
Kathryn M. Jeub 1971,  
May Cecilia McDonald 1974,  
Jeanne LeBaron 1977,  
Patricia Taylor 1980,  
L.T. Merrigan 2009
- 2/10 Mary Kyndberg 1961,  
Margaret Ryan 1977,  
Stan Bednar 2011
- 2/11 Thomas Ward 1974,  
Molly Emerson 1974,  
Robert Olmscheid 1981,  
Stanley Nelson 2003,  
Antoinette Urbanos 2003

## Eternal Life

We remember Robert Sheran and extend our prayerful condolences to his family, relatives, and friends.

### 2012 OLG Men's Club Fundraiser Gala –

March 3<sup>rd</sup>



The OLG Men's Club Fundraiser Gala will be held at Our Lady of Grace School on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 P.M. The Gala has been expanded by adding a separate On-Line Auction in addition to the Silent Auction and Live Auction that will occur on the evening

of the Gala. All fundraising proceeds will benefit the OLG School technology program and the students of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. **Tickets, On-Line Auction, and Sponsorship Opportunities** - Purchase your tickets; participate in the On-Line Auction; and register to become a sponsor at: [www.biddingforgood.com/olgmensclub](http://www.biddingforgood.com/olgmensclub). Tickets are \$80/person or \$800/table of ten. Questions? Please contact Janet Lerch at [golflerch1@aol.com](mailto:golflerch1@aol.com) or Erin Steinlage at [esteinlage@comcast.net](mailto:esteinlage@comcast.net).

### SPECIAL AUCTION SPOTLIGHT:

### CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

An 11 day trip for two (2) with Spiritual Director, Fr. Robert Pish of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis. Trip is from June 1 – 11, 2012. More details available at [biddingforgood.com/olgmensclub](http://biddingforgood.com/olgmensclub)

## Social Justice Corner

### Opening hearts to adoption

**Adoption Option Council of Minnesota** is supported by Our Lady of Grace Social Justice Ministry with a yearly financial grant.

This 28-year strong nonprofit organization is like no other in its mission to advocate for adoption and support people who make that courageous choice. AOCM's grants and scholarship programs assist many birth parents who need and deserve extra support during an emotionally and financially difficult time. AOCM's appearances in the media help to educate and inspire the public about adoption. A team of devoted volunteers educate high school classrooms about adoption.

For more information go to: [info@@adoptionoptionmn.org](mailto:info@@adoptionoptionmn.org)

## SAVE THE DATE!!

4th Annual OLG Fish Fry  
and Pasta Bar  
Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:00 - 7:30  
Proceeds to the OLG Youth Group  
mission trip.  
Sponsored by OLG Men's Club



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 5

7:30 am †Glenn McKenzie  
 9:30 am For the Parish  
 11:30 am †John McKean  
 6:00pm Steve Burrill

### Monday, February 6

6:15 am †Melivn & Pearl Soderlund  
 9:00 am Intentions of Michael A. Violante

### Tuesday, February 7

6:15 am †Johnny McClure  
 9:00 am Intentions of Todd Violante

### Wednesday, February 8

6:15 am †Melivn & Pearl Soderlund  
 9:00 am †Paul Wright

### Thursday, February 9

6:15 am †Melvin & Pearl Soderlund  
 9:00 am †Dorothy Revord

### Friday, February 10

6:15 am †Stan Bednar  
 9:00 am Intentions of Kay Baker

### Saturday, February 11

8:00 am †Thomas Ward  
 5:15pm †Mark Schmidt

### Sunday, February 12

7:30 am †Marie Zak  
 9:30 am For the Parish  
 11:30 am †Patricia Sass  
 6:00pm Maria Riordan

## Calendar

### Sunday, February 5

1:00pm Baptism, Church

### Monday, February 6

7:00pm Boy Scouts, Dining Room  
 7:00pm Marriage Amendment Committee Mtg, School Library  
 7:00pm Catechetical Institute, CH

### Tuesday, February 7

5:00pm Stephen Ministry, Upper Adm  
 6:30pm School Board, School Library  
 7:00pm Catholicism Project, CH

### Wednesday, February 8

4:30pm Faith Formation, Campus  
 7:00pm Ignatian Retreat, Baglio Rm  
 7:00pm Baptism Class, Forrey Rm  
 7:00pm Boy Scout Mtg, School Library

### Thursday, February 9

3:15pm Chess Club, Cassidy Hall  
 7:00pm RCIA, School Library  
 7:00pm Schola Cantorum, Church

### Friday, February 10

9:00am Widows of Grace, DR

### Saturday, February 11

10:00am First Reconciliation, Church

## Pastoral Ministry

**Are you going to be entering a second marriage? Are you already in a second marriage and would like to further explore your relationship?** Catholic Charities Counseling Program offers a Pre-marriage Seminar for Second Marriages. The next one is offered in St. Paul on Feb. 25 and 26. The cost is \$135 a couple. Contact Adaire Lassonde at 651-647-3126 or [adaire.lassonde@cctwincities.org](mailto:adaire.lassonde@cctwincities.org) for further information and a registration form.



## BAPTISM MINISTRY

We are urgently looking for volunteers to help with the Baptism Ministry. This is a delightful way to meet the newest members of our congregation! Duties would include helping at the Baptism Liturgy and the Reception and Enrollment Rites that are celebrated during Mass. One or two hours per month is all that is required. Call Shelly at x112 or e-mail her at [shellyaebi@olgparish.org](mailto:shellyaebi@olgparish.org), if you would like to register or ask questions. She's waiting to hear from you!



## WIDOW'S OF GRACE

You are invited to join us on **Friday, February 10**, in the Dining Room following the 9:00am Mass. We will have coffee and treats and lots of time to visit. Come and be part of this social time and a wonderful place to meet some new friends. Our group meets on the second Friday of each month – please join in! There is no registration.

## OUR LADY OF GRACE EASTER

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH 5 YRS OLD THRU 5TH GRADE!!!!

REHEARSALS: SUNDAYS -- 10:40 AM til 11:25 AM OR  
 WEDNESDAYS --5:45 PM til 6:30 PM

Beginning Sunday Feb 19 or Wednesday Feb 22

We will sing for 2 Masses ( March 25 and April 15) and at a local nursing home.

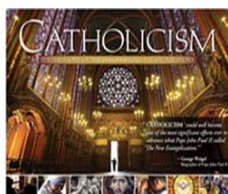
For more information : Contact Choir Director - Lynda Mader

[Lynda@maderfamily.org](mailto:Lynda@maderfamily.org) or 952-994-1059 cell



**Stewardship & Shared Ministry** As we had communicated earlier, the numbers below represent the new monthly report results with the year to date surplus or deficit as well.

To Date Monthly Support Needed to Operate Parish	To Date Monthly Actual Collections	Budget Overage/(Shortfall)
\$ 198,518	\$ 214,510	\$ 15,992
YTD \$1,177,216	\$ 1,190,981	\$ 13,765



Our Lady of Grace is presenting Father Bob Barron's "Catholicism" video series on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in Cassidy Hall. This week's lesson is entitled, "The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure." All are welcome!

# Faith. Academics. Service. Catholic Schools

## Catholic Schools Week 2012

This weekend, we end Catholic Schools Week by celebrating the tremendous support of our faith community. Our students are proud to go to a school that is Catholic, faith-filled, and faith-forming. They also are proud of the school's academic reputation, including, as we heard from many alumni parents at our January Middle School Open House, its ability to prepare students well for high school.

Thank you for your continued support; it is wonderful to see our students grow and mature in their faith and knowledge.



## Faith. Academics. Service.

In May 1950, our school graduated its first class of 12 students. From these modest beginnings, OLG's exemplary education now attracts record enrollment with over 40 alumni parents sending their children to our school. The school is a community that is dedicated to glorifying God through prayer, worship, participation in the sacraments, and active charity. Daily, all students and teachers begin and end the day in school-wide prayer. Weekly, our students attend Mass, where the readings and music are student led. Monthly, school-wide service projects are led by different grade levels. Additionally, Middle School students serve lunch at Sharing & Caring Hands weekly, and our Middle School Service Club provides numerous opportunities to serve the local and global community. A pinnacle component of our layered approach to social justice and service is our Peer Ministry program for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. OLG's excellent faith-based curriculum is also rigorous academically. Since 2000, we have used curriculum mapping to examine, analyze, and refine our course content and practices. As assessment is a vital piece of our curriculum maps, the data from our standardized testing (MAP and MCAs), as well as teacher observations and classroom assessments, provide the connected structure needed for continuous curriculum improvement and optimal student learning. In addition, OLG teachers spend many hours outside the classroom to ensure the highest academic achievement of our students. Each month, grade level teams meet to share strategies for targeted interventions for students who are struggling in math and language arts. Each quarter, these teams meet for a half-day work session to create or modify differentiated lessons. We also have an active professional development program for staff, including teacher book clubs, in-house expert sessions, peer observations, and monthly faculty meetings devoted to the school-wide initiative of Responsive Classroom/Developmental Design. Further, three teachers are in their first year of graduate classes and when completed, 88% of our full-time teachers will have earned master's degrees. These teachers deliver a holistic curriculum that embraces the whole person -- intellectually, morally, socially, physically, and spiritually. Importantly, our students develop a great appreciation of their responsibility to serve God, each other, our community, and beyond.



Generations of students have benefited from your support. A current top school priority is to secure its technology platform, and we are pleased to re-introduce the Project Blessings Technology Fund as a means to support, on a long-term basis, that platform. Our goal is to develop students as life-long learners in a digital world, with strong Christian values. We encourage your financial support of Project Blessings as a significant way to support our school. Thank you!

**Marriage and the Current Debate**  
**BY THE MOST REVEREND JOHN C. NIENSTEDT**  
**(Edited for length only)**

“My dear friends, I do not have to tell you that the intended reality of marriage as a life-long, committed and procreative union between one man and one woman is being severely challenged today:

1. The percentage of husbands and wives reporting that their marriages are ‘very happy’ is the lowest today of any point in the past 35 years.
2. The fertility rate fell from 3.7 in 1960 to 1.8 in 1980. Since that time, it has inched up to 2.1, with 2.11 being the replacement rate. Only immigration has prevented the United States from suffering a demographic collapse.
3. Currently, 39% percent of births are to unmarried women, which is a dramatic increase from 5% in 1960. This is almost an 800% increase in 50 years.
4. The rate of cohabitation has accelerated from 439,000 in 1960 to well over 6 million couples today, almost a 1300% increase in past 50 years, and among these couples, 1 out of every 3 are raising children, an increase of 1300% just in the past 17 years.
5. 65% of high school senior boys and 58% of high school senior girls now believe that cohabitation before marriage is a good idea.
6. The number of sacramental marriages per year fell from 355,182 in 1965 to 191,265 in 2008, a 186% drop, with a steep 35% decline in the past decade.

Proponents of same-sex partnerships have sharpened their political advocacy to push for the recognition in law of “domestic partnerships” or same-sex marriage as being legally equivalent with heterosexual marriage, desiring to provide them with all the rights and benefits thereof. Cleverly, their arguments are cloaked in the language of civil rights, as if the right to redefine the natural order of marriage was equal to the right of persons of different racial backgrounds to share civil liberties.

Much of this thinking reflects the influence of the Age of Enlightenment which celebrates a highly individualistic and subjective notion of “choice.” Denying the possibility of an objective order of truth, such reasoning allows for the natural order of the body to be molded into whatever use one might desire. As Robert Bellah pointed out in his 1988 bestselling book, *Habits of the Heart*, Americans have lost ways of talking about what gives meaning to their life commitments, except by using a subjective kind of “rights-talk.”

Presently, six states legally recognize so-called “same-sex marriage.” Six others allow for “domestic partnerships” or “civil unions” that in effect grant all the legal rights due to married couples. Significantly, whenever this matter has been decided upon by a popular vote of the people, rather than left to the interpretation of the judiciary, the result has been in favor of the protection of heterosexual marriage.

As you can see, the stakes are high at the present moment. A number of thinkers fear that altering the institution of marriage as it has consistently been understood in our laws up until this present age will have far-reaching and perhaps unintended consequences for the ways in which men and women understand themselves and the society in which they live.

It is perhaps helpful to reference debates that arose in the late 1960’s and early 70’s proposing changes in this country’s divorce laws. Certainly the idea of no-fault divorce was intended, at least in part, to liberate women who were stuck in unhappy marriages. Yet, just the opposite has happened. We now experience the sad reality that between one-fifth and one-third of all divorced women have fallen into poverty as a result of their divorce. Women more often than not remain the primary caretakers for their children. Ironically, it is men, more often than women, who have benefitted from so-called no-fault divorce. Back in the early 1970’s, few would have predicted the real effects that such a change in the law would eventually bring about. The present proposal to expand the definition of marriage to include persons of the same gender touches upon a reality even more basic to the social order than no-fault divorce. What are the negative though unintended consequences of the changes now being proposed? Since the fundamental human institution of marriage and the family provides the very groundwork of the social order, such consequences would be devastating to both individuals and society alike.

How then do we go about the process of avoiding such a negative situation? Well, I believe that we must move the tone of public discourse away from the polarizing push for individual “rights” and the equally polarizing push back of moral accusations and begin to speak of the meaning that underlines the nature and purpose of marriage itself. All of us, whether married or not, have a stake in this debate as well as its outcome. In an attempt to offer some thoughts on the meaning of marriage, I wish to consider in this presentation the biblical, philosophical and sacramental dimensions of marriage. Finally, I would like to give a brief reflection on how indispensable I believe the marriage relationship is to the rearing of children.

**(PART TWO OF THE ARCHBISHOP’S COMMENTS NEXT WEEK)**

## 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.

### Davanni's fundraiser for OLG School on Monday, February 6!

Mark your calendar for the first-ever OLG fundraiser at Davanni's restaurants in Edina (Gus Young Lane) and Eden Prairie (Flying Cloud Drive). On Monday, February 6, from 4-8 pm, OLG parishioners can dine in or take out, and Davanni's will give 20 percent of the total bill back to the school. You must present a ticket for your purchase to be counted in the fundraiser. Tickets are available in the school office and the parish office, and they will be handed out after weekend Masses February 4-5. Please come out to support OLG, and our good neighbor Davanni's, on **February 6!**

## Archdiocesan Men's Conference - "Rise Up, Oh Men of God!"

Saturday, March 31st at Cathedral of St Paul

7am - Registration, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Rosary

8am - Mass with Archbishop Neinstedt

9am - Breakfast Sandwiches

9.30am - Presenters - Fr. Bill Baer, Matthew Kelly, Archbishop Neinstedt

11.45am - Closing and Blessing

Cost - \$15

Online Registration at [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org). For more information email [mfl@archspm.org](mailto:mfl@archspm.org) OR call 651.291.4488.

## Considering a Vocation to be a Permanent Deacon?

*"The Living Icon of Christ the Servant in the Ministry of the Word, of Sacrament, of Charity"*

For single or married men between 30 and 60 years old who want to follow Christ Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.

### Diaconate Inquiry Sessions

Thursday, February 16, 6:30-9:00 pm: **Your Basic Questions Answered**

Thursdays, February 23 and March 1, 6:30-9:00 pm: **A Closer Look**

Saturday, March 10, 8:00-11:30 am: **The Next Steps**

St. Paul Seminary, Brady Education Center, Room 105.

Wives of married inquirers should attend if possible.

To register for Feb 16, contact Patty McQuillan at [patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu](mailto:patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu) or (651)962-6891.

Questions? Contact Deacon Joseph Michalak, [jtmichalak@stthomas.edu](mailto:jtmichalak@stthomas.edu).

*We will repeat the Inquiry Sessions in Fall 2012.*

## Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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