

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.

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.

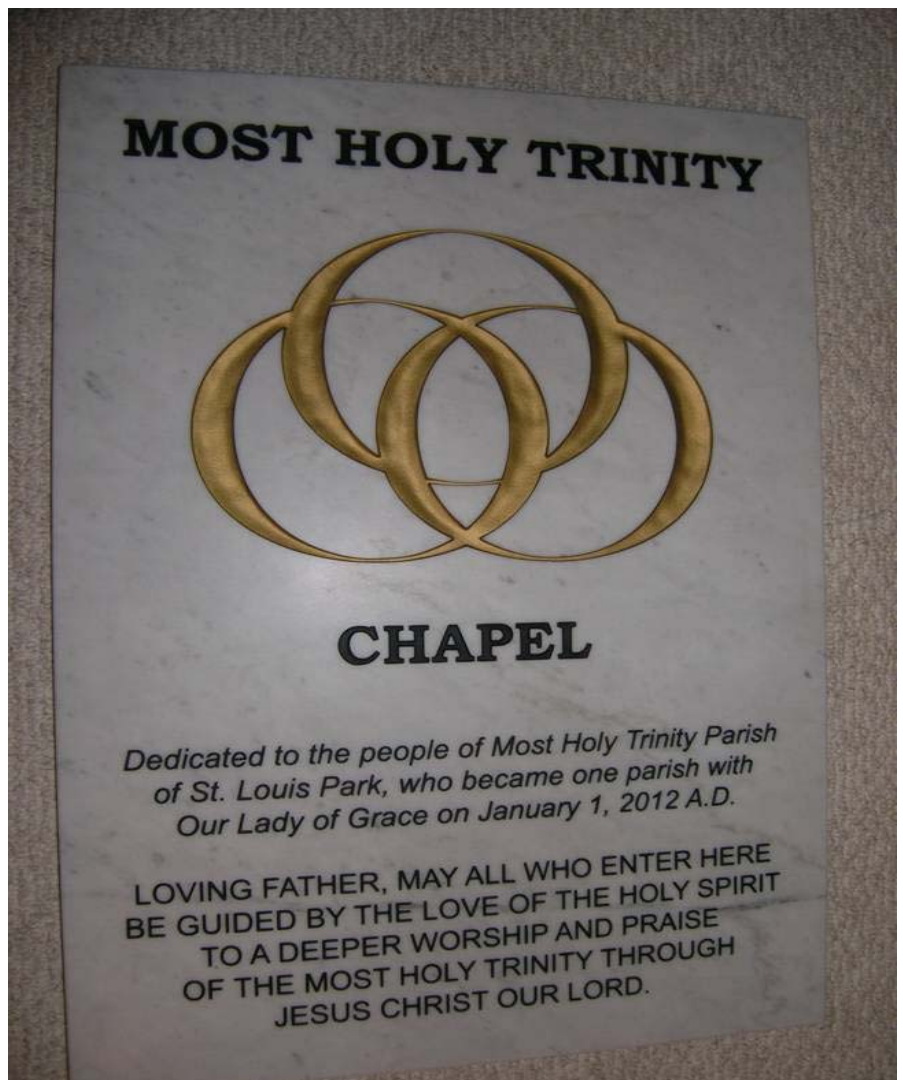
Parish Fax 952-929-4612

School Fax 952-929-8170

New Parishioner Registration:

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

WELCOME MOST HOLY TRINITY!



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION

Confirmation

There will be NO CLASSES over the Christmas holiday. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8th, 2012.

High School Youth Group

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Tuesday's in "The Room"

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

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

Lessons and Carols CANCELLED

The Lessons and Carols, originally scheduled for January 8th, have been cancelled this year.



Have a blessed and joyful Christmas season!

Social Justice Corner A Community Caring For Life

Our Lady of Grace parish is committed to caring for life. The following are on-going ministries:

Confidential Pregnancy Help

Phone 952-938-4496

Adoption Option

Contact—Betty Garrity 952-926-3239 and Gertrude Rocheford 952-936-9652

Mission—To provide grants to birth parents who have made an adoption plan.

Community Caring for Life

Our current work includes ongoing support for two Life-Care Centers, which provide diapers to needy mothers. Please donate diapers, wipes, formula and place in the marked donation bin in the hallway across from Cassidy Hall.

We Remember

- 1/1 Stephen Vizzier 1966,
Gordon Mangan 1972,
Katherine Tambornino 1981,
Elmer Anderson 1982,
Nancy Framley 1986,
Gertrude Kennedy 1990
- 1/2 Richard Dusterhoft 1970,
Eleanor Bussard 1992,
James Hennessy 2002
- 1/3 Kathleen Smith 1999,
Charles Donnelly 2002
- 1/4 Louise Boulay 1986,
Carmen Husebo 1992,
Theodore Dorl 1998
- 1/5 Frances Schweiger 1970,
Timothy Trudeau 1974,
Marguerite Hill 1981
- 1/6 Edward Burke 1964,
Charles Sciandra 1971
- 1/7 Marjorie Backdahl 1994,
Margaret Mootz 2000

We welcome into the parish through Baptism

James Daniel Hollerman
Henry Xavier Hernandez
Zara Louise Hernandez

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 1

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

Monday, January 2

6:15 am †Deacon Delmar Ferguson
9:00 am †Mary Ann Jensen

Tuesday, January 3

6:15 am †Deacon Delmar Ferguson
9:00 am †Eugenija Juodis

Wednesday, January 4

6:15 am †Deacon Delmar Ferguson
9:00 am †Mary Roberti

Thursday, January 5

6:15 am †Deacon Delmar Ferguson
9:00 am †Jack Hodnett

Friday, January 6

6:15 am †Deacon Delmar Ferguson
9:00 am Jane Duffy

Saturday, January 7

8:00 am †Margaret Wood
5:15pm †Greg Rosemark

Sunday, January 8

7:30 am †Helen Bergee
9:30 am For the Parish
11:30 am †Agnes Rose & Almont
Bergee
6:00pm Chris Hildebrand

Calendar

Sunday, January 1

Monday, January 2

Tuesday, January 3

5:00pm Stephen Ministry, Dining Rm
6:30pm School Board, Forrey Room

Wednesday, January 4

5:00pm Catechist Training, Cassidy
Hall/Dining Rm

Thursday, January 5

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

Friday, January 6

9:30am First Friday Fellowship,
Dining Room

Saturday, January 7

Pastoral Ministry

Grief Support

Maybe you thought you'd feel better by now, but it's the New Year already and you still feel the deep pain of the loss of a loved one. Grief Support can help. Our Lady of Grace is a member of the Edina Grief Coalition providing weekly group support for those who have lost a loved one through death. We will be meeting at St Patrick's Church 6820 St Patrick's Lane in Edina every Thursday 4:30-6pm. No pre-registration is required.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen ministers provide confidential one-on-one support for individuals in need. Who do we support? Lots of people. People in a variety of situations. We listen, we care, we're willing to walk with you on your journey. If you'd like the support of a Stephen Minister, call Beryl in the church office.

Sunday Bus Service

Did you know we have a bus that provides rides to Sunday Mass for those unable to drive? If you know of someone who would like to attend OLG Sunday Mass, lives within the church boundaries, can manage two steps independently and is no longer able to drive, call the office to arrange for Sunday bus pick up.

Separated and Divorced

Our winter series will begin Monday January 16th 6:30-8:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 13505 Excelsior Blvd, Minnetonka.

Anger - Putting it to Good Use

Divorce is a major life transition and one we usually didn't expect to face. It is normal and healthy to feel angry, sad and hurt but we don't always have great skills at managing those feelings. We will take a look at the power of big emotions to give us a better life. **Speaker:** Maureen Campion, MS LP, is a private practice psychologist and marriage counselor. For more information visit her website at www.marriagegeek.com.



ATTENTION: PARENTS OF FUTURE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS- GRADES 6TH-8TH

OLG School will host an Open House for its Middle School on Thursday, January 12th from 7:00-8:30 pm in Cassidy Hall. Come learn about our powerful, spiritual

and academic program that includes:

- One to One Laptop Program
- Outstanding Academic Results
- Service and Leadership Opportunities

Find out how our unique Catholic program prepares students for success in high school and beyond. For more information go to www.olschool.net or call 952-929-5463.

"No Jesus, No Peace; Know Jesus, Know Peace"

The one given in the Christian life, because of Christ's victory over sin and death, is that you and I can always begin anew. In doing so each of us is encouraged to become the *very best version of ourselves*, as Matthew Kelley states over and over in his book: *"Rediscover Catholicism"*, a copy of which was given to every registered family member of OLG for Christmas. The only 'thank you' necessary is to actually read this good book.

January 1st is the time of year when many people make New Year's Resolutions to adopt or make a significant change/s in their life. Unfortunately, a majority of people who attempt to do so never achieve their goals (short or long term) or make them permanent because their goals are either too self-centered or unrealistic.

The only new commandment that Jesus has given us is to love one another. *"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"* (John 13: 34-35)

The very best thing a husband and wife can do for their marriage and family is to learn to love and forgive one another. And the very best way any of us can learn what love and forgiveness are and how to put them into practice is to come to the source. Since *"God is love"* (1 John 4: 8) you and I cannot love or forgive anyone, let alone our self, without first believing and accepting the love and forgiveness Jesus has to offer us. Therefore, if you want to know the peace that comes from knowing Jesus and the love and forgiveness which results from such a personal relationship, make the very best of a New Year's Resolution to spend a Holy Hour before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

When Jesus asked those who professed to be His disciples: *"So, Could You Not Watch With ME One Hour?"* (Matthew 26: 40) He wasn't referring to Sunday. Keeping Holy the Sabbath on Sunday is one of the Ten Commandments. Jesus wants His disciples to do more than just fulfill a commandment. He wants us to come to spend an hour with Him once a week outside of Mass because we truly want to love Him in return.

In order to learn to love and forgive one another and to receive the peace that comes to those who resolve to trust in Jesus to meet their every need, call **Mary Elder** at **952-941-7847** (OLG Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Coordinator) to learn how simple it is to choose to make a Holy Hour once a week. **NOTE:** For those who work 2nd shifts, we are particularly in need of adorers between midnight and 5:00 a.m. Happy New Year!

Heavenly Father,

Through the powerful intercession of the Holy Family, grant to this local Church the many graces we need to foster, strengthen, and support faith-filled, holy marriages and holy families.

May the vocation of married life, a true calling to share in your own divine and creative life, be recognized by all believers as a source of blessing and joy, and a revelation of your own divine goodness.

Grant to us all the gift of courage to proclaim and defend your plan for marriage, which is the union of one man and one woman in a lifelong, exclusive relationship of loving trust, compassion, and generosity, open to the conception of children.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.



OLG Men's Club - Annual Spirituality Mini Retreat for Men

Saturday, January 21, 2012

8:00 a.m. Mass

8:45 coffee, donuts and Juice

9:00-12:30 mini retreat in OLG's Cassidy Hall

12:00 noon-pizza and pop

No admission charge

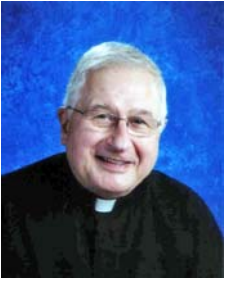
The retreat will be lead by Thom Winninger who has shared his business and faith insights with over 2000 audiences, written 7 books and is an ordained permanent Diocesan Deacon. Thom will share the pattern for self discovery, the meaning to life, and the benefits of living faith in work and life.

In our fast, competitive and materialistic world, life can be very hectic and difficult. This mini-retreat will give us a chance to pause and examine how we can live our vocations as businessmen, fathers and spouses with meaning and service.

Plan to join the Our Lady of Grace Men's Club at this annual event. RSVP at the table in the back of the commons after Mass during weekends of Jan 7th and 14th or contact either:

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Tim O'Connor (w) 612/486-4775 toconnor@hayscompanies.com; Steve Smith (c) 612/670-4508 ssmith@spisales.com

RSVPing not required, but greatly appreciated.



From the Pastor

TODAY WE WELCOME THE PEOPLE OF MOST HOLY TRINITY PARISH

The people of Most Holy Trinity Parish are courageous survivors. For the past ten or more years they have struggled to make their parish a vibrant community of faith and service against great odds. They have gone for a long period of time without a pastor. They learned to manage parish activities and grow quality ministries and programs at the same time that they were being served by a series of weekend priests without a resident pastor. Three years ago, they suffered the loss of their parish school. This was a great blow to their hard-earned pride in their parish. The intimate community of 300 families that Most Holy Trinity has become a wonder to behold. Yes, parish demographics, finances and the shortage of priests challenged the viability of Most Holy Trinity as an independent parish. My sense is that many at Most Holy Trinity have known this for quite some time. I give Fr. Brian Fier a lot of credit for trying to prevent from happening what many saw as inevitable. Thanks for the good fight, Fr. Brian and parishioners. Most Holy Trinity Parish comes to us with a deep tradition of faith, community and ministry that will enrich us as the now joint parish of Our Lady of Grace. I have met many leaders and people from Most Holy Trinity during the past year. I have a deep respect for them and I stand in awe of them.

When I received a letter from Archbishop Neinstedt telling me that Most Holy Trinity was being merged into Our Lady of Grace, I may have been the most surprised of all. I was walking my dog in Minnehaha Park when a courier arrived with the letter announcing the merger. I have never received a courier-delivered letter before. My first reaction to the merger was sadness. I knew how much the people at Most Holy Trinity were struggling to keep the parish viable. I felt the special pain that a parent or a pastor feels. I realized that the pain of the people of Most Holy Trinity would have to be my pain if I were to be their pastor. I have great respect for the people of Most Holy Trinity. I have watched them deal with their sadness at the same time that many of the leaders of Most Holy Trinity entered into leadership positions at Our Lady of Grace on the Parish Council, Finance Committee, School Board, Sanctuary Enhancement Committee, as well as members of the very important Joint Merger Committee, chaired by the MHT Deacon Jim DeShane.

I have heard many expressions of sorrow and frustration from Most Holy Trinity parishioners. While I have joked about ducking tomatoes from angry parishioners at joint parish meetings, I have never experienced anger directed at me personally. I have enjoyed the times that I have offered Sunday Mass at Most Holy Trinity. I have always felt welcomed at Most Holy Trinity Parish events. I am very grateful for their kindness to me. I feel that we have already begun to build a pastoral relationship with one another. When I was first ordained, a friend gave me a wall hanging with the crucified Christ on it and the words: *'I am a poor man - I give you my heart..'* I promise the people of Most Holy Trinity a very special place in my heart and my prayers as we move forward together.

I ask the people of Our Lady of Grace to welcome Most Holy Trinity with deep Christian friendship and love. I am confident that they have already done this in many ways. It is often hard to break into a new parish community. Please go out of your way to invite Most Holy Trinity parishioners into all that we are and do at Our Lady of Grace. We also have much to learn from our new parishioners. Let us listen and learn from one another as we grow into one parish.

Our adoration and daily Mass chapel has a very important role in the spiritual life of Our Lady of Grace Parish. As a tribute to our new parishioners, Archbishop Neinstedt will bless our chapel and give it the name *Most Holy Trinity Chapel*. Eventually, the altar from Most Holy Trinity church will be moved to the chapel so that this much loved altar will continue to be a center of Eucharistic devotion at Our Lady of Grace. The plaque outside Most Holy Trinity chapel reads: ***"Dedicated to the people of Most Holy Trinity Parish of St. Louis Park, who became one parish with Our Lady of Grace on January 1, 2012 AD."***

May God bless us everyone!

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.

BRIAN GIBSON AT ST. JOHN'S

Brian Gibson of *Pro-Life Action Ministries* will be at St. John the Evangelist (6 Interlachen Rd / Hopkins, MN) on Sunday, January 8th at the 10:30am Mass. He will give a brief talk at the end of Mass and join our ACCL Donut Sunday with more information and to answer questions. Children can attend their own special Donut and Play time in the School. All are welcome! Questions? Contact - Kathleen at 952.933.7610 or kmeyesh@yahoo.com.

ACCL - DIAPERS NEEDED

Please help with a diaper and wipes contribution once a year according to the alphabetical order of your last name. This is our parish pro-life effort to support struggling mothers and mothers to be. Deposit your contribution in the bin provided and marked "Diapers for ACCL" and they will be delivered to the Total Life Care Center in Hopkins. Families with last names beginning with **A and B, please donate in January.**
OLG's Community Caring for Life

January 22, 2012 will mark the 39th 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. 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 with questions.

Readings for the Week of January 1, 2012

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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