

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, February 8, 7:00-8:30
pm. To register contact Shea Olson at
952-929-3317 ext. 125 or
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:

Sunday, February 5, 2012 at
10:30am in the Parish Dining Room.



*I*n their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" — MK 1:23-25



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 3rd 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 5:30-6:30 beginning February 8th and the performance is Friday, March 23rd at 8:00pm following the Men's Club Fish Fry. To take part, you must sign up with Chuck Benincasa, Youth Ministry office, by Tuesday, February 7th at 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 6-12th grade youth ministry and faith formation programs. Visit www.olgyouth.org or go to our parish website and click on youth.

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

Davannis fundraiser for OLG School on Monday, February 6!

Mark your calendar for the first-ever OLG fundraiser at Davannis 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 Davannis 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 Davannis, on **February 6!**

Social Justice Corner

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING 2012

at Pax Christi

Monday, February 6, 7:00pm

**Come learn about issues affecting people in poverty
and how we can take action.**

The Office for Social Justice of Catholic Charities will present an informative, interactive briefing on the intersection of Catholic social teaching and some of the social justice issues of the day including housing, health care, and voting rights. Join others from the parish and around the Catholic Sowers of Justice Network who are advocating in their faith. There is no charge and no registration needed. Go to www.cctwincities.org and click 'advocacy' for the Office for Social Justice website.

We Remember

- 1/29 Rhodena Sweeney 1957,
Dale Mielhe 1978,
John McCann 2000,
Florence Hockin 2000,
Marjorie Hibbs 2006
- 1/30 Alice Gross 1982,
Rebecca Niederberger 1989,
Barbara (Connie) Smith 2004
- 1/31 Anton Ruether 1964,
Edward M. Carlin Jr. 2002,
Robert Peterson, 2009
- 2/1 George Macdonald 1971,
Paul Gnam 1982,
Kylie Kranz 2001,
David Rocheford 2001,
Burton Ruedy 2005,
Mary Lawler Byron 2008
- 2/2 James Haley 1967,
Alyssa Gunter 2009
- 2/3 Hazel Simons 1961,
Joseph Connally 1963,
David Miller 1983,
Terrance O'Leary 1996,
Florence Budge 2002,
Helen Nelson 2005
- 2/4 Kathleen O'Donnell 1982,
Leona Brown 1999

Eternal Life

We remember Gail Grzeskowiak and Deidre Hedrick and extend our prayerful condolences to their families, relatives, and friends.

SAVE THE DATE!!

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



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 29

7:30 am †Fr. Robert Cassidy
9:30 am For the Parish
11:30 am †Almont & Agnes Rose
Bergee
6:00pm †Barbara Dockery

Monday, January 30

6:15 am †Ted & Myrtle Dunshee
9:00 am †Andrew Harmon

Tuesday, January 31

6:15 am †Ted & Myrtle Dunshee
9:00 am †Robert N. Peterson

Wednesday, February 1

6:15 am Megan Schaefer
9:00 am †Dorothy Revord

Thursday, February 2

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

Friday, February 3

6:15 am †Frank Burns
9:00 am Jane Duffy

Saturday, February 4

8:00 am †Todd Chowan
5:15pm †Greg Rosemark

Sunday, February 5

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

Calendar

Sunday, January 29

1:00pm Baptism, Church

Monday, January 30

7:00pm Boy Scouts, Dining Room

Tuesday, January 31

6:30pm Lector Training, Church
7:00pm Ignatian Retreat, Dining Rm
7:00pm Catholicism Project, CH

Wednesday, February 1

4:30pm Faith Formation, Campus

Thursday, February 2

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

Friday, February 3

9:30am First Friday Fellowship, DR

Saturday, February 4

8:00am First Saturday Fellowship, DR
10:00am Lector Training, Church

Pastoral Ministry



Why would I need a Stephen Minister? I can handle this on my own. Change can be difficult, especially when it is unexpected. Stephen Ministers are trained to help people cope with these situations. If you are experiencing difficulties or know someone who is and would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, please call Beryl Schewe at 952.929.3317.

Have a "Life File"?

Did you know that in the event of a medical emergency, Paramedics are trained to look for a Life File on your refrigerator? What is a Life File? A Life File is a form containing important medical information that is helpful to paramedics and emergency responders in the event you must be transported to an Emergency Room. It includes as much information as you are comfortable sharing; basic personal information including Dr's, emergency contact information, allergies and pertinent medical information. A Life File saves valuable time in the event of an emergency and provides medical information if you are unable to answer questions. Life File is available in the Kiosk or download at: <http://www.ci.edina.mn.us/PDFs/LifeFileForm.pdf>



BAPTISM MINISTRY

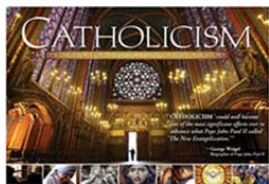
We are urgently looking for volunteers to help with the Baptism Ministry. This is a delightful way to meet the newest members of our congregation! Duties would include helping at the Baptism Liturgy and the Reception and Enrollment Rites that are celebrated during Mass. One or two hours per month is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

Please join us to PRAY THE ROSARY each day
in the Tabernacle Chapel following
the 9am Mass.

First Saturday Devotion! Join us at the 8am Mass on the First Saturday of the month. For five consecutive months: receive Jesus in Communion, recite a Rosary, keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, and make a confession. You'll find joy and peace in this beautiful devotion.

Catholic Schools Week

Our Lady of Grace will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week at all Masses on Saturday, February 4th and Sunday, February 5th. Please join us for donuts in Cassidy Hall following 9:30 Mass on Sunday. Also, between 10:30 and 11:15, students will be available to give tours of the school to interested parishioners.



Our Lady of Grace is presenting Father Bob Barron's "Catholicism" series on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in Cassidy Hall. This week's lesson is entitled, "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God." All are welcome!

TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND LECTORS

Lectors: January 31, 6:30-7:30pm **or** February 4, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: February 14, 6:30 -7:30pm **or** February 18, 10:00 -11:00am

If you would like to join these ministries, please call Shelly at the Liturgy Office (x112) or e-mail her at shellyaebi@olgparish.org

Ministries of the altar are open to anyone that has been confirmed.

WINTER WEEKEND FAMILY CAMP - FEB 17-20

For the past 15 years, many OLG families have attended Winter Weekend at Grand View Lodge in Brainerd, MN. The purpose of the weekend is for you and your family to have fun, to strengthen your relationships with each other as well as other families and to grow in your faith.

Great speakers! Awesome music! Unbelievable fun! There will be lot of time to spend with your family cross-country skiing, playing boot hockey, ice fishing, downhill skiing and snowboarding, skating, sliding or warming yourself next to the outdoor bonfire. Gather with your family and friends at the giant indoor water park.

Space is limited. Retreat is filled on first-come, first-serve basis. Video, pictures and more info can be found at: www.familyfestministries.org.

Marriage Booster Retreat - Sponsored by OLG Men's Club Saturday, February 25th, 2012

9:30am – 4:45pm Our Lady of Grace-Dining Room - Free will offering

The best gift we can give our children and each other is a strong marriage.

The Marriage Booster Retreat, presented by Family Fest Ministries, is an interactive and unique experience designed to give couples a chance to focus on each other and the issues that touch their marriage. Imagine a day where the two of you can laugh, reconnect, and talk deeply about your marriage relationship. This day is a fast-paced, faith-filled, romantic, relevant and fun experience that is focused on the sacrament of marriage. This will be the 5th year this retreat has come to OLG and past participants found it to be very worthwhile.

Contact Mary Hogan (Parish Secretary) to register
maryhogan@olgparish.org or 952.929.3317

OLG Cub Scout Pack 102 is hosting their annual **Pancake Breakfast** fundraiser on Sunday, February 12 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Cassidy Hall. Tickets are available after the 5:15, 9:30 and 11:30 Masses the weekends of January 28-29 and February 4-5. All are welcome! Proceeds go directly to fund the activities of the OLG Cub Scouts.



2012 OLG Men's Club

Fundraiser Gala – March 3rd

The OLG Men's Club Fundraiser Gala will be held at Our Lady of Grace School on Saturday, March 3rd 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. Tickets are \$80 per person or \$800 per table of ten.

Questions? Please contact Janet Lerch at golflerch1@aol.com or Erin Steinlage at esteinlage@comcast.net.



From Fr. Allan Paul Eilen “AIM HIGHER”

Before leaving to visit our sister parish of St. Joseph in Ghana, West Africa, Fr. Bob wrote a bulletin article (1/8/2012) extolling the great gift of Catholic Education for the Church in Africa. The locals consider the gift of their Catholic faith and the necessary catechesis and formation to be so important for the future of their children that, rather than seeking to build a hospital at this time, tribal leaders requested help in building a high school first. Here, in the United States, where opportunities abound for primary, secondary and post-secondary education, knowledge and learning, like rites of passage from one grade to the next, can be taken for granted. The same could certainly be said for the gift of Catholic education, where a faithful and thorough catechesis in all that is true, good and beautiful is absolutely necessary for living our baptismal call to “Aim Higher”, to “*restore all things in Christ.*”

Each year the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) makes a concerted effort to encourage every diocese to officially celebrate what is known as *Catholic Schools Week* (Sunday January 29th to Sunday February 5th) as a way of recognizing and affirming the blessings of Catholic education upon past, present and future generations of Christ's disciples. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is “**Catholic Schools: Faith-Academics-Service.**”

This year's theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish in making them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught **Faith**, not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a personal relationship with God. **Academics**, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. **Service**, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught as an extension of faith and expression of good citizenship. To put a face on this, let's take a look at what is happening in our own archdiocese as it seeks to “Aim Higher” in living and sharing the good news of Catholic schools?

The Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis form students to live out the Gospel message, achieve academic excellence, and lead by faith, virtue, and reason. There are 95 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese, including elementary and high schools, located from Forest Lake in the north to Faribault in the south, and Maple Lake in the west to the Wisconsin border in the east. **The Catholic Spirit lists the following facts from a recent study:**

- **Enrollment** – More than 30,000 students in pre-K through 12th grade attend Catholic schools locally.
- **Graduation Rates** – 98% of local Catholic high school students graduate and continue their education.
- **Standardized Testing** – All Catholic school 8th graders in the Archdiocese take the SAT 10 standardized test. On this test in 2010-2011: 96% of 8th graders ranked average or above in math problem solving; 94% ranked average or above in science; and 93% ranked average or above in reading comprehension
- **Financial Assistance** – All Catholic schools work with families to help make Catholic education affordable. The Archdiocese provides nearly \$3 million in financial assistance to families and schools annually. In the coming years, even more support will be dedicated to student-based financial aid. In addition, each individual school works with its own families to make Catholic education affordable. Alumnae, parishioners and other Catholic school benefactors help make Catholic school affordable through their generous support.
- **Accreditation** – All Catholic schools in the Archdiocese are accredited or in the process of being accredited by a state-recognized accreditation agency.
- **Special Education Services** – Catholic schools have access to special education services from the public districts they are located within. Approximately 1,300 Catholic school students received special education services last year. 33% of students who received special education services received beyond what is funded by the state. Last year, 61 schools received Title I services from their public districts. Many schools have additional programs for students who need additional assistance but do not qualify for special education services through their public district.
- **Transportation** – Nearly 15,000 Catholic school students received subsidized transportation last year through cooperation with public school district transportation offices.
- **Religion** – The Catholic faith is integral to all aspects of school life, but students of all denominations are welcome. Approximately 13% of Catholic school students are not themselves Catholic.
- **Additional programs** – 53 schools have pre-school programs including full-day programs. 74 schools have extended day programs.

While it is true that the first school of love and forgiveness is the family, Catholic schools are a privileged extension of the parish in assisting families to “Aim Higher” in developing the whole person in the areas of faith, academics and service. For this reason, many parents often make great sacrifices in sending their children to Catholic schools in order that the faith may be affirmed and strengthened in answering our baptismal call to become true Christian disciples.

In doing so, one never knows the future fruit that can result from such a loving sacrifice. I'm convinced that my own vocation as a priest is due, in no small measure, to the great gift of Catholic education (K-6 at St. Peter's in Delano and the College of St. Thomas St. Paul). In fact, I am the third member of my grade school class to be ordained to the priesthood. Looking back, I can recollect on more than one occasion when I and two classmates either served Mass or “Stations of the Cross” together. At the time, who would have ever thought that the three of us (Michael Redmond, Dale Ehrman and Allan Paul Eilen) out of 35-40 students would one day become Catholic priests?

Jesus desires to teach the truth in love in Catholic schools in keeping with human dignity. The greatest gift of “Good News” is to know, love and serve Jesus Christ and one another. Here's praying that every Catholic will continue to support and encourage all that is Christian in our families, our Church and our schools. Together, let us Aim Higher.

God reward you!

Fr. Allan Paul Eilen – Parochial Vicar - OLG

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.

THE SCHOLA CANTORUM NEEDS YOU!

We are always looking for new choir members and this is your year to join! We sing at the 9:30am Mass and rehearse on Thursday evening from 7:00-8:30pm.

- M** ..Music Ministry feeds the soul – yours and the congregation's
- U** ..brings Understanding to the Scriptures in new ways
- S** ..experience Spiritual growth
- I** ..learn Interesting music and meet Interesting people
- C** ..Community – great people working for a Common goal



Call Shelly (x112) for more information or e-mail at shellyaebi@olgparish.org.

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 or (651)962-6891

Questions? Contact Deacon Joseph Michalak, jtmichalak@stthomas.edu.

We will repeat the Inquiry Sessions in Fall 2012.

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2012

- Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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