

2019 DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE BOOK

OUR LADY  OF GRACE

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EDINA

About the Our Lady of Grace Painting

Only a few words of the Blessed Virgin Mary are included in the Bible, but they are full of wisdom and power. We hear the most from her in the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke who records her conversations with the Angel Gabriel and with her cousin Elizabeth. It is in these two conversations that we find the "Hail Mary" and the "Magnificat." In these words, our Mother models for us how to live the life we were created to live:

"Behold, the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done unto me according to thy word," and, *"My soul magnifies the Lord."*

As followers of Christ, we too are called to surrender our lives to him, and in doing so, make him present to the world in which we live. This image of the Blessed Virgin Mary is meant to portray how Our Lady fixes her gaze on the Holy Spirit:

"To you I raise my eyes, to you enthroned in heaven. Yes, like the eyes of servants on the hand of their masters." (Psalm 123:1&2)

As she beholds the Lord, his power and presence shine forth from her.

"...The Blessed Virgin's salutary influence on me ... flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on his mediation, depends entirely on it, and draws all its power from it." ... (Lumen Gentium 60)

The final image of Mary in the Bible is found in the Revelation of John:

"A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." (Revelation 12:1)

In the "Salve Regina" we pray,

"Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope..."

As Catholics we profess the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

"Finally, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians..." (CCC 966)

Thus, she truly is *"our life, our sweetness, and our hope."* As we long for the day of our resurrection, let us follow in the footsteps of our Blessed Mother, the handmaid whose soul magnifies the Lord.



A Note From Our Pastor

With gratitude I'm aware that we have been called by God to be partners of an incredible Faith Venture. We have a very clear mission here at Our Lady of Grace Church and School: ***To make Jesus Christ known and loved.*** Over the years I have witnessed with amazement the breadth and depth of you, the parishioners of our Lady Grace, participating in and making happen our mission.

- We are partners in Christ's ministry when we teach our children the faith;
- we are partners in Christ's ministry as we quietly sit beside someone in the hospital;
- we are partners in Christ's ministry as we greet people arriving for Mass;
- we are partners in Christ's ministry as we tutor students in the school;
- we are partners in Christ's ministry as we distribute bulletins after Mass;
- we are partners in Christ's ministry as we pour coffee at a funeral luncheon;
- we are partners in Christ's ministry as we participate in parish and school committees.

The breadth and depth of our ministry is possible because of your personal tithe to the parish. I'm very grateful and humbled by your generosity.

Our parish community remains rooted in Jesus Christ. Therefore, assembling weekly on Sunday to celebrate and offer the Eucharist, as well as, our daily prayer lay the foundation of what it means to be a member of Our Lady of Grace. Thank you for your expressed commitment.

Called to be disciples let us continue to go forward sharing our gifts, charisms, and talents *making Jesus Christ known and loved.*

For all this I give thanks.

Father Kevin Finnegan
Pastor

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you. And behold; and lo, I am with you always, until even to the end of the age.”

~Matthew 28: 19-20

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.....Youth Group: OLG Youth Matters

.....Men’s Club: OLG Men’s Club

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday
8:30am – 4:30pm

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm

Daily Masses Monday–Friday

6:15am and 9:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Visit our Website, www.olgparish.org, for Holy Days, Christmas, Easter, and holiday Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays 8:30am–9:00am

Saturday 9:00am to 10:00am or by appointment

Creating a Safe Environment

Our Lady of Grace is committed to creating safe environments for all children, youth, and vulnerable adults. All of our partners in ministry who have regular or unsupervised contact with minors or vulnerable adults must complete a background check, attend VIRTUS training, and sign a code of conduct. You can access the necessary forms by going to www.virtusonline.org

If you have questions or would like more information, contact Jamie Pohl in the parish office at 952.929.3317 x9043 or jamiepohl@olgparish.org

For more information about requirements for serving or creating safe environments, visit the Archdiocesan safe environments website at <http://safe-environment.archspm.org/>

Our Lady of Grace Parish Mission Statement

Making Jesus Christ known and loved

In support of this mission we:

- Center parish life on the dynamic presence of Jesus in the Eucharist
- Seek guidance from the Holy Spirit and from the traditions and the authoritative teachings of the Catholic Church
- Commit to lifelong Christian formation for every parishioner and to a Catholic school
- Worship the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit through liturgy, personal prayer, Scripture, participation in the Sacraments, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Seek the common good and social justice through active service to the human family both locally and globally



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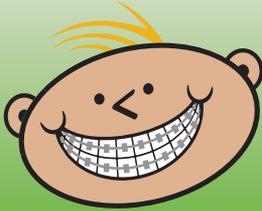
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History of Our Lady of Grace

From humble beginnings in 1946 with 165 families gathered in a movie theater, Our Lady of Grace has grown to include 2,700 registered families, a nationally recognized elementary school, and sister parishes in Ghana and Honduras. Early leaders, including the Sisters of Mercy and Reverend Louis Forrey, built the first church on our present site and started our tradition of growth and outreach. Our community attained its present form after joining with Most Holy Trinity in 2010.

Our Lady of Grace is a vibrant parish, engaged in liturgy and faith formation, social action and community life. Extending our faith beyond the parish boundaries has made Our Lady of Grace what it is today: a strong, faith-filled parish. As intentional Catholics, Our Lady of Grace families act as the hands and feet of Jesus reaching out to those in need, not only locally, but globally. Through the continued leadership of Father Kevin Finnegan, our parish family has formed a spirit-filled connection to each other, the Catholic community, and the larger community.

Our Lady of Grace Staff



Father Kevin Finnegan-Pastor

Since graduating from the University of St. Thomas, Father Kevin has engaged in evangelizing ministries and brings that passion to his priestly ministry. Ordained for nearly 20 years, Father Kevin served at the Church of St. Edward in Bloomington, and Divine Mercy in Faribault. Father Kevin tends to the spiritual growth of the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace by:

- Making Jesus Christ Know and Loved.
- Offers the Mass for the sake of the parish and the world as well as individual intentions.
- Preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ and helps parishioners to understand how it relates to their everyday life.
- Celebrates baptisms, weddings, funerals, hears confessions and assists with managing the preparation of these sacraments.
- Through class visits to the school and Faith Formation, he catechizes the children of the parish. He also teaches various adult formation classes and RCIA.

As Pastor, he also guides the administration of the parish and school. Loving Catholic education, he has the privilege of serving as Canonical Administrator of St. John Paul II Prep in North East Minneapolis.



Father Matthew Northenscold
Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor)

Fr. Matthew assists the Pastor in Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved by celebrating the Mass for the sake of the parish and the world, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and helping parishioners to understand how it relates to their everyday life. He also performs baptisms, weddings, funerals, hears confessions, in addition to tending to the spiritual and emotional needs of the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace. Father Matthew educates the people of the parish on religious practices and meaning, works with our school children and faith formation programs, helps form those wishing to convert to Catholicism and offers counseling as needed. Lastly, he undertakes other projects as assigned by the Pastor.



Maureen Trenary
Principal, Our Lady of Grace School

Mrs. Maureen Trenary has been an educator in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis for 44 years; of those, she has been at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School for 34 years. In 2002, she was awarded the NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association) Distinguished Principal Award. She has a BA degree from the College of St. Teresa and a Master's degree in Education and an Education Specialist degree in Administration from the University of St. Thomas. As Principal of Our Lady of Grace School, Mrs. Trenary is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the school.



Deacon Bob Durham
Business Administrator

Deacon Bob is responsible for the administration of Our Lady of Grace. This includes managing personnel, facilities, insurance and security, risk, computers and the campus networks, and finances. Deacon Bob believes that the ministry of Administration offers many opportunities to advance the beautiful mission of Our Lady of Grace of "Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved." It remains his daily prayer that everything we do will help lead all of us to a deeper relationship with Jesus.



Sean Lavell
Pastoral Associate for Mission and Discipleship

Sean is responsible for the overall direction and supervision of Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Adult Formation, Sacramental Prep, Evangelization, and Stewardship. He has a great team of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly in these ministry areas. In union with Father Kevin, Sean also ensures that everything we do

at Our Lady of Grace is leading our parishioners to a lived relationship with Jesus Christ in his Church.



Jon Cassidy
Director of Advancement Parish and School

Jon is responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining a comprehensive institutional advancement program for the OLG Parish and School. He is responsible for all fundraising, marketing and communications for the OLG community. He reports directly to the Pastor and will work closely with the School Principal. As Director of Advancement, Jon will

collaborate with various parish, school, and alumni constituents to assist in Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved.



Rikki Mortl
Assistant Principal

Rikki Mortl began working at Our Lady of Grace School in 2005. She taught 7th and 8th grade Science for nine years and then became the STEM Director for K-8 and Learning Specialist for 5-8. She is currently in her 4th year as Assistant Principal at OLG. Mrs. Mortl has a BA in Elementary Education with a minor in Science from Viterbo University. In 2008, she graduated from St. Mary's University with a

master's degree in Education and in 2017 she earned her principal license from Viterbo University.

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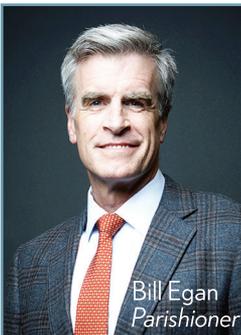
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Beryl Schewe
Director of Pastoral Care

Beryl is responsible for Pastoral Care, including working with families in grief, helping plan funerals, serving as the staff liaison for Grief Support, Separated and Divorced Support, homebound ministers, long-term care communion services, and Stephen Ministry. She has a BA from Duke University, an MBA from The University of Virginia and a MDiv from St. John's University.



Shelly Aebi
Director of Liturgy

Shelly has been at Our Lady of Grace for 14 years. Shelly studied Liturgical Ministries at the University of St. Thomas and received her master's degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Minnesota. Along with her liturgical duties, she also directs the traditional choir, is the assistant organist and oversees the Lay Liturgical Committee.



Christopher Wallace
Music Director/Organist

Christopher oversees the music in diverse liturgies and their exceptional music leaders, talented cantors and lay volunteers and works closely with Liturgist/Choir Director, Shelly Aebi, in building a meaningful and well-structured music program, Soli Deo Gloria.



Melissa Miller
Director of Parish Life and Social Justice

Melissa works with our sister parish relationships, cooks lunch monthly at Sharing and Caring Hands, and helps our ministry partners with events held at Our Lady of Grace. She believes that we serve God by serving the least of our sisters and brothers.



Stephanie Lloyd
Director of Faith Formation

Stephanie joined Our Lady of Grace in late 2011. Among her ministries, she oversees the parish Nursery, Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL), Sunday School, Faith Formation for grades 1-5, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation, and Vacation Bible School. She also works collaboratively on adult faith formation opportunities, including Moms of Grace.



Sister Julieta Del Carpio
Middle School Youth Ministry

This is Sister Julieta's third year serving at Our Lady of Grace, but she has worked with youth and families for many years. Sister Julieta is responsible for Middle School Youth Ministry. She is also the Coordinator for the Confirmation Program.



Veronica Whelan
*Director of High School Youth Ministry
and Young Adult Coordination*

Veronica is responsible for High School Youth Ministry and Young Adult Programs at Our Lady of Grace. She studied at the College of St. Scholastic in Duluth, Minnesota where she earned her BA in Theology and Religious Studies with a concentration in Youth Ministry and Catholic Studies.



Mary Hodgdon
Director of Marriage and Family

Mary works with engaged couples and marriage mentors for marriage preparation, newlywed couples in Sposi Novelli, and coordinates marriage enrichment programs for all married couples. She also coordinates the Baptism Mentors and works with the Baptism classes for new parents.



Nick Hall
Accountant

Nick is the accountant for Our Lady of Grace Parish and School and is responsible for the day-to-day financial operation as well as payroll.



Janna Davies
Stewardship Coordinator

Janna is responsible for helping our parish community live as good stewards of God's varied grace (cf 1 Peter 4:10), where Jesus is first in our lives, demonstrated through our devotion to prayer, service, and tithing. She oversees our Annual Stewardship Renewal, Prayer Fair, New Parishioner Registration and Orientation, and facilitates the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University classes.



Jason Godin
Office Manager

Jason coordinates and facilitates the variety of services supporting the administrative, liturgical and pastoral operations of Our Lady of Grace.

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Jamie Pohl
Safe Environment Coordinator

Jamie is responsible for helping our community of over 1,500 volunteers obtain and update their VIRTUS or Safe Environments status, also commonly referred to as the Essential 3.



Steve Bonello
Pastor's Executive Assistant

Steve supports the Pastor in Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved. Acting as the primary support person to the Pastor and Parochial Vicar, Steve also serves the parish community with efficiency and patience by collaborating with the OLG staff and volunteers in all areas of management, maintenance and service to OLG parishioners and the public at-large.

He coordinates and manages the Pastor's and Presider schedule, assists in managing priorities, and represents the Pastor in the Pastor's absence. Steve also completes projects by working with support staff, prepares reports and provides analysis and contributes to the team by accomplishing results as needed.



Annelise Curran
Mission and Discipleship Administrative Assistant

Annelise provides administrative support to the department of Mission and Discipleship.



Caroline Redelmeier
Administrative Assistant

Caroline is responsible for the bulletin, social media and manages the events and facilities calendar for the parish.



Linda Bakken
School Administrative Assistant

Linda has worked in the school office at Our Lady of Grace School as an administrative assistant since 1999.



Richelle Dudziak
School Administrative Assistant

Richelle has worked in the school office as an administrative assistant for more than 20 years.



Tom Butler
Hospitality Coordinator

Tom's responsibilities include hospitality for funeral lunches, all parish events and running Our Lady of Grace's kitchen. Tom recruits and manages a large crew of stewards.



Dan Azar
Maintenance Lead

Dan is the facilities lead man at Our Lady of Grace. He is responsible for monitoring the building to insure the facility and grounds are safe, secure, and maintained to insure a welcoming environment for all people who come to Our Lady of Grace to grow in their journey with God.



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Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Our Lady Grace Catholic School faculty and staff are dedicated professionals to the mission of Catholic Education. The hallmark of the Our Lady of Grace faculty and staff is their love for their students and their personal commitment to grow in their faith. They are a staff that continues to strive to learn and grow with 90% having a master's or other advanced degree in education.

Several of our staff have children attending Our Lady of Grace and several other staff members are Our Lady of Grace alumni. Our Lady of Grace parents continually express their appreciation for the staff's exemplary teaching and the love and care that they give to our community.

| Name | Grade | Name | Grade |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Greg Aitchison | Religion-Grades 7-8 | Kyle Kelley | Fifth Grade |
| Mike Benson | Math/Science Grade 6 | Jill Kopetka | Third Grade |
| Katy Bland | Fifth Grade | Sheri Kyllo | Health Associate |
| Marianne Brekke | First Grade | | |
| Kelly Bohrer | K-2 Phy Ed | Jennifer Maurice | Kindergarten |
| Katie Brown | Kindergarten | Lisa Moeller | Third Grade |
| Katie Butcher | First Grade | | |
| Dan Cleary | Religion/Literature Grade 6 | | |
| | | Emily Moore | Kindergarten |
| Beth Clinton | Library | Katie Monahan | Fifth Grade |
| Esther Cook | Music Grades K-2 | Joe Mortl | Writing/Social Studies Grade 6 |
| Dennis Cummings | Teacher Assistant | Paul Schmidt | Fourth Grade |
| Carolyn Currin | Teacher Assistant | Amy Scott | Third Grade |
| | | Andy Sherburne | Religion/Social Studies Gr 7 & 8 |
| Tara Duffy | Spanish Grades 6-8 | Mandy Seymour | Learning Specialist 5-8 |
| Katie Foley | Second Grade | Deb Skinner | Music Grades 3-8 |
| Megan Hahn | Literature/Writing Grade 7 | Amy Slack | Art Grades K-8 |
| Amy Garrity | Teacher Assistant | Claire Solnitzky | Literature/Writing Grade 8 |
| Jeanne Gathje | Teacher Assistant | Jeff Solsten | Phy Ed & Athletic Director Gr 3-8 |
| Maria Gathje | Math Grades 6, 7 & 8 | Victoria Stein | School Counselor |
| Amanda Goodwin | Spanish 4-5 | Christina Strantz | Fourth Grade |
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| Katie Jaax | Fourth Grade | | |
| Elizabeth Johnson | Math/Technology Coordinator | | |
| Jeff Jensen | Band | | |

Living A Sacramental Way Of Life

What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is an outward sign, established by Jesus, to confer inward grace. In more basic terms, it is a primary way that we encounter Jesus.

What are the Sacraments?

Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism
Eucharist
Confirmation

Sacraments of Healing

Penance & Reconciliation
Anointing of the Sick

Sacraments at the Service of Communion

(Also known as Sacraments of Vocation)

Holy Orders
Matrimony

Baptism



Baptism is the sacrament of rebirth. Through Baptism comes the forgiveness of sins, adoption into God's family, new life in Christ, and membership into His body, the Church.

Baptism of Children

You must be a registered parishioner of Our Lady of Grace to have a child baptized at Our Lady of Grace. Baptisms for children are done semi-monthly on the 1st and 3rd Sunday afternoons at 12:45pm. Parents need to attend a Baptism Prep class to prepare for the reception of the sacrament if it is their first child to be baptized, if they are new parishioners, or if they haven't attended a Baptism Prep class in the last five years. During this session, parents will learn about the sacrament of Baptism, including a walk through the Rite of Baptism they will be celebrating with their child.

Contact: Annelise Curran at 952.929.3317 x9048 or annelisecurran@olgparish.org

Eucharist

Eucharist is the sacrament of thanksgiving to God, which constitutes the principal Catholic Christian liturgical celebration of our participation in and communion with the paschal mystery of Jesus. Because the Eucharist is Jesus, it is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Through our participation in the Eucharist, we grow closer to God and one another.

First Holy Communion

Second graders prepare for First Holy Communion within the context of their Faith Formation program (at the parish, at the school, or at home).

Contact: Stephanie Lloyd at 952.929.3317 x9038 or stephanielloyd@olgparish.org

Holy Communion for the Homebound

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, or if you would like to train to become a homebound minister, call the parish office.

Contact: Beryl Schewe at 952.929.3317 x9035 or berylschewe@olgparish.org

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the grace of the Sacraments of initiation by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal or "confirm" the baptized in union with Christ and equip them for full, active participation in the worship and apostolic life of the Church. This preparation for Confirmation is a 2-year program, starting in 7th grade. Our goal is to provide for the teens the knowledge, resources and above all, spiritual support necessary for them to build a strong relationship with Jesus and to be able to persevere in their faith journey in the Catholic Church community. The process consists of Discipleship Small Groups, big events such as Sponsor-Candidate event, a Service Project and a weekend retreat in 8th grade.

Contact: Sister Julieta Del Carpio at 952.929.3317 x9049 or pes-sisters@olgparish.org



Penance and Reconciliation

Penance and Reconciliation is the sacrament through which God's mercy and forgiveness, the sinner is reconciled with God, himself/herself, and with the Church and Christ's body.

First Reconciliation

Second graders prepare for First Reconciliation within the context of their Faith Formation program (at the parish, at the school, or at home).

Contact: Stephanie Lloyd at 952.929.3317 x9038 or stephanielloyd@olgparish.org

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness and is often received when death may be imminent. The effects of the sacrament include a special grace of healing and comfort to the Christian suffering the infirmities and the forgiveness of the person's sins. Fall and Spring Mass of Anointings are offered at OLG.

Anointing After Mass or at Home: To receive the Anointing of the Sick after any Mass or at home, please contact the parish office to alert the priests of your desire to receive this beautiful sacrament.

Anointing at Hospital: In most cases, ask your nurse to page the on-call Priest Chaplain. Almost all Twin Cities hospitals have a priest chaplain assigned to the hospital to provide spiritual care and meet the sacramental needs of patients.

URGENT Request for Anointing: If it is urgent that the anointing of the sick be received, please call 952.929.0048.

Holy Orders

The sacrament of Apostolic Ministry by which the mission entrusted by Christ to his Apostles continues to be exercised in the Church through the laying on of hands. This sacrament has three distinct degrees of "orders": deacon, priest, and bishop. All three confer a permanent, sacramental character.

Vocations: In addition to Holy Orders, many are called to a religious vocation such as religious brothers and sisters. Our Lady of Grace encourages those discerning the call to religious life to heed the call, knowing that a call to Religious Life will be a path to great joy and service. The parish regularly prays for those in discernment and those studying for the priesthood and religious life.

Contact: Father Matthew Northenscold at 952.929.3317 x9033 or frnorthenscold@olgparish.org or Father Kevin Finnegan at 952.929.3317 x9031 or frfinnegan@olgparish.org

Matrimony

Through Sacramental Marriage, a man and a woman enter into a covenant or partnership of love and mission. Sacramental Marriage is ordered to the well-being of the husband and wife and to the procreation and upbringing of children.

Preparation for Matrimony

Our Marriage preparation ministry assists couples preparing to be married in the Catholic Church. OLG's Director of Marriage and Family (Mary Hodgdon) guides you from the start of the process through your wedding day. Give yourself plenty of time; it takes approximately nine to twelve months to prepare to receive the sacrament (a minimum of six months). Your preparation includes working with a mentor couple over several meetings to discuss the sacrament of matrimony, taking and discussing the results of a personal inventory, and learning the practical tools to use for a long and fruitful marriage. Engaged couples also attend a retreat and learn about natural family planning methods and meet with our Directory of Liturgy, Shelly Aebi, to plan the wedding liturgy. The first step to scheduling a wedding at Our Lady of Grace is a meeting with Mary.

Contact: Newly engaged couples should call Mary Hodgdon at 952.929.3317 x9032 or maryhodgdon@olgparish.org. Wedding prep generally takes a full nine months.



Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. The purpose of the RCIA process is for the participants to draw closer to Jesus and his Church. The RCIA is for three groups of adults:

- Those who are not baptized.
- Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Baptized Catholics who were never formed in the Catholic faith and have not completed their initiation; that is, those who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Contact: Sean Lavell at 952.929.3317 x9042 seanlavell@olgparish.org or Margaret Lively at marglively@gmail.com

RCIA (Adapted) for Children

- Those who are not baptized and are between the ages of 7-17.
- Those who were baptized in another Christian tradition and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Baptized Catholics who have not been formed in the Catholic faith and now would like to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.
- The pastor is integral to this process.

Contact: Stephanie Lloyd at 952.929.3317 x9038 or stephanielloyd@olgparish.org

STEWARDSHIP *A Way of Life*

Stewardship is the intentional, grateful, and loving response of a Christian Disciple who recognizes, receives, and shares God's gifts and charisms for the good of all, living the mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved.

The four pillars of prayer, hospitality, service, and formation invite parishioners to experience, witness, and live the stewardship way of life in response to their baptismal call to intentional discipleship. Individually, each baptized person is called to give time to God in prayer, to serve others by sharing his/her talents and charisms, and to tithe to strengthen these four pillars that support the parish community. By making our parish a place of prayer, hospitality, service, and formation, we provide greater opportunities for knowing and loving Jesus Christ, nurturing that intimate relationship we desire with Him and He desires with us.

Spiritual Charisms

From the Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory by the Catherine of Siena Institute

Why are we talking about spiritual charisms?

Like Saint Peter on the seashore, Jesus offers all of us an invitation to "come and follow me". Hopefully, we respond to his personal invitation with an enthusiastic "yes". We say yes to Jesus, his redeeming love for us, and his saving plan for our lives. A fruit of our response to Jesus is sharing what he has given to us with others. We call this stewardship and using our spiritual charisms is an integral part of being a good steward.

What is a charism or spiritual gift?

Charism is simply the Greek word used in the New Testament for "favor" or "gratuitous gift." Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to Christians by the Holy Spirit to enable them to be powerful channels of Jesus' love and redeeming presence in the world. Whether extraordinary or ordinary, charisms are to be used in charity or service to build up the church (CCC 2003).

Are all baptized Christians given charisms?

Yes, according to both the New Testament (Ephesians 4) and the teaching of the Catholic Church (CCC 951).

How many charisms are there?

We don't know. There are three primary lists of gifts in the New Testament, in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4. We don't have any reason to believe that these lists are meant to be exhaustive. The Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory covers 24 of the most common spiritual charisms, including most of those listed in St. Paul's letters.

The spiritual charisms are:

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| Administration | Celibacy | Craftsmanship | Discernment of Spirits |
| Encouragement | Evangelism | Faith | Giving |
| Healing | Hospitality | Intercessory Prayer | Knowledge |
| Leadership | Mercy | Missionary | Music |
| Pastoring | Prophecy | Service | Teaching |
| Voluntary Poverty | Wisdom | Writing | |

How do I discern the charisms I have been given?

The Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory can help you pinpoint the best places to begin your discernment. Discerning your charisms is a process that takes times. This process of discernment usually starts with attending a Called & Gifted Workshop.

Is there a connection between my understanding what charisms I have been given and discerning my vocation or mission in life?

Every Christian has a vocation or “mission” in life, a work of love through which each individual is called to follow Jesus and for which each individual was created (Ephesian 4:7-16). Since we’re all on a mission from God, we need the power of God to be able to accomplish our mission! Charisms are tools given to disciples so that they are able to accomplish their mission and important clues as to what their mission in life might be.



Pillar of Prayer

“Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.”

~Matthew 21:22

Eucharistic Adoration

“Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it will be recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity” ~ Saint Theresa of Calcutta

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a beautiful gift we have here at Our Lady of Grace. It is a powerful opportunity for growth in your spiritual life – to Make Jesus Christ Known and Loved. The MHT Adoration Chapel is open Monday-Friday from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Jesus invites anyone to come and pray, think, meditate, read, journal and gaze upon Him, truly present in the Eucharist. Your visit can be 10 minutes, ½ hour or a full committed hour.

For our program to run smoothly we need to have at least two committed adorers for each hour. In the event one person cannot make the scheduled time there will always be at least one adorer present.

We cannot leave the Blessed Sacrament alone in the chapel. We encourage you to prayerfully consider signing up for a one hour per week committed time. Taking the first step to sign-up is often the hardest. "Be not afraid" to give time to Our Lord Jesus.

Sign-up at adorationpro.org/grace

Contact: Adoration Coordinator–Contact Pat Finley at olgadorationchapel@gmail.com



Hourly Adorer–commits to a weekly hour of adoration

Substitute Adorer – fills in as needed when regular adorer cannot make the designated hour.

Visiting Adorer – come anytime for a visit with Jesus.

Adoration Committee – Assists the Coordinator with various tasks including adoration formation, communication and building the Adoration ministry.

Faith and Share Prayer Group

The Faith Share and Prayer Group invites you to enhance your spiritual life by participating in a guided discussion and prayer time one hour a month: reading a scriptural or spiritual text, reflecting on its connection to your life, sharing thoughts, and bringing inspirations and needs to prayer. **WHEN:** The 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the North Cry Room of the church.

Contact: Lynn Tursich at 952.925.0737 or lynn.tursich@gmail.com

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is a method of prayer dating back to a time when few owned bibles and few knew how to read. Join us for one hour each week to read and reflect upon the gospel passage for the upcoming weekend Mass, to pray for your personal intentions, and to pray for the intentions of our parish.

When: Every Tuesday from 8-8:55 AM. Meet in the North Cry Room.

Contact: Mary Luxem at luxem1@q.com

Liturgical Ministries

Making Jesus Christ known and loved is centered on our parish worship of the dynamic presence of Jesus in the Eucharist!

Contact: Shelly Aebi at 952.929.3317 x9041 or shellyaebi@olgparish.org unless otherwise noted.

Altar Server

Assists the priest at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Altar serving is open to anyone in sixth grade and older. You may assist at all types of Liturgies, including daily Mass, high holy days, funerals, weddings, and Stations of the Cross. Learn about using and preparing incense, sprinkling rites and how the altar server is a very necessary part of the Mass.

Contact: Shelly Aebi or John Sexton at Johnl8sexton@gmail.com



Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

This ministry will enrich your faith and bring a new dimension to your worship. Training is offered every six to eight weeks. Time commitment: schedule works on a sign-up basis at the Mass of

your choice. Confirmed youth who are 16 years or older are also welcome!

Greeters

With a warm smile and a joyous hello, greeters acknowledge parishioners as they come to Mass, helping to hand out worship aids. Time commitment: Schedule works on a sign-up basis at the Mass(es) of your choice.

Contact: Christine and Daryl Eastburg at 612.250.5754 or ceastburg@comcast.net

Lectors

Lectors have the privilege of announcing the Word of God at the Sunday liturgy. Training is provided throughout the year. Time commitment: Schedule works on a sign-up basis at the Mass of your choice. Youth who are at least 16 years of age are needed, especially at the 6 PM Mass.

Linen Care

Clean and care for liturgical linens on a scheduled basis.

Sacristan

Prepare vessels and elements for Mass; oversee altar servers and ministers for a mass. Serve on a monthly rotating schedule. Individual training is provided.

- **Funeral Sacristan**

Help us serve our beloved deceased by serving at a funeral and overseeing the servers and ministers. Individual training is provided.

Usher

Ushers assist at Mass by passing out worship aids, helping people find seats, assisting with the collection, and directing Communion flow. This ministry is one of welcoming and is open to all!

Contact: Ed Violante at beviola@aol.com

Living Rosary Prayer Network

Volunteers for the Living Rosary Network pray one decade of the Rosary each day for the parish, especially for current prayer intentions. Your only commitment is to pray!

Contact: Sue Anderson at susankay.anderson69@gmail.com

Marriage Ministries

Marriage Mentor Couples

On behalf of the Pastor, mentor couples help prepare engaged couples for a long and fruitful marriage. OLG's highly developed Prepare Ministry plays a crucial role in helping couples have successful and happy marriages.

Time commitment: Seven hours of expert training upfront. Meet with two or three couples each year for a total of 18-27 hours annually. Occasional meetings with Prepare Ministry leadership keep our Mentor couples well prepared.

Contact: Mary Hodgdon at 952.929.3317 x9032 or maryhodgdon@olgparish.org

Wedding Ministry Team

Members of the Wedding Ministry team assist the lead coordinator at rehearsal, help prepare the Church, coordinate the procession and communicate with florists, musicians, guest celebrants, photographers, videographers and outside wedding planners on the day of the wedding.

Time commitment: approximately three hours on a Friday or Saturday, once every four or five weeks.

Contact: Mary Carlson at marytcarlson@gmail.com



Celebrate Marriage Dinner

Volunteers are needed to assist with planning and coordination of the Celebrate Marriage Dinner. The evening is dedicated to spending a celebratory and enriching time with your spouse. Planning needs include catering and dessert coordination, decoration planning, program development,

budget management and day-of setup/cleanup.

Contact: Meghan Hodgdon at meghan.m.hodgdon@gmail.com

Military Prayer Book

Our Lady of Grace has a ministry to military families that includes prayer for soldiers and their families, reading material in our parish library about deployment concerns, and a book of tribute to those in our community who currently serve. This book is in the Commons, in front of the American flag. We include (1) any parishioner or relative of a parishioner of Our Lady of Grace who currently serves active duty in the Armed Forces, Reserve Forces, or National Guard, (2) alumni of Our Lady of Grace and Most Holy Trinity Schools or relatives of current Our Lady of Grace students who are in the military, and (3) college students in military academies or ROTC programs. If you or a loved one would like to be included in this book, please submit a completed information sheet (available at Our Lady of Grace parish office) along with a photo of any size to the parish office. All photos will be returned.

Contact: Sue Anderson at susankay.anderson69@gmail.com

Music Ministry

To sing is to pray twice! Ministers of music provide inspirational and special music for parish liturgies on a weekly and as needed basis. New members are always welcome!

Resounding Grace

Contemporary repertoire. Sings at 11:30 AM mass. Rehearses bi-weekly and on Sunday, 10:30-11:15 AM.

Contact: Chuck Benincasa at chuck.benincasa@gmail.com or Chris Wallace at cdw@allenorgans.com

Cantor

Leads the assembly as Masses throughout the year, including Lord's Day Masses, special services, weddings and funerals. Audition required.

Contact: Christopher Wallace at 952.929.3317 x9041 or cdw@allenorgans.com

Grace Notes

Open to teens and young adults. This group ministers at the 6 PM Mass. Contemporary Christian music with piano, drums, guitar, vocals. Sunday rehearsals 4:30-5:45 PM.

Contact: Korissa Olson at korissaolson@comcast.net

Men's Choir

Sings 5-6 times per year.

Contact:
John McNeill at
jmcne0630@aol.com



Schola Cantorum

Traditional choir, classical repertoire. Sings at 9:30 AM Sunday Mass, Labor Day to Pentecost. Rehearsal Tuesdays 7:00 PM and Sundays 8:45-9:15 AM.

Contact: Shelly Aebi at 952.292.3317 x9041 or shellyaebi@olgparish.org

Pray and Play

Join us and let your children play while you chat and meet others in the parish. At the end of the hour, we will spend 10 minutes in prayer to leave you all with a moment of grace before heading home to your families! If you are searching for an opportunity to spend time in the Adoration Chapel, we will help! Your little ones can play in the nursery while you spend your time in quiet prayer.

When: Thursday mornings from 9:30 AM-10:30 AM in the church nursery

Contact: Honor Miller at honormorgan@hotmail.com

Stations of the Cross

Come on a Lenten journey with us and walk in the footsteps of Christ. Join us every Friday during Lent at 6 PM in the sanctuary as we pray the Stations of the Cross and enjoy a soup supper. Lectors and Altar Servers are always requested.

Contact: Shelly Aebi at 952.929.3317 x9041 or shellyaebi@olgparish.org

Thursday Morning Rosary (TMR)

On the first Thursday of each month (October through June), the Our Lady of Grace 8th grade Peer Ministry Team leads the rosary in the sanctuary from 7:45-8:15 AM. Prayer guides and extra rosaries are provided. All are welcome!

Contact: Greg Aitchison and 8th grade OLG Peer Ministers at gregaitchison@olgschool.net



Youth Ministry

Extreme Faith Camp

Extreme Faith Camp is a week-long camp for students currently in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. It is a life-changing experience. We spend the week with teens from 8 other parishes throughout the Archdiocese and have a blast with a variety of fun activities. We encounter Christ through the power of the Sacraments, challenging talks and small group sharing. The camp usually takes place the last week of June. This is a great opportunity also for volunteering as a chaperone. It is a great experience and opportunity for an adult to grow in their own faith while helping others to do the same. Materials and training are provided.

Contact: Sister Julieta Del Carpio at 952.929.3317 x9049 or pes-sisters@olgparish.org

High School Retreat

Our yearly overnight weekend high school retreat takes place in March at a local camp. Anyone in high school is invited to attend, and we welcome everyone! Come and join us for a weekend of fun and faith!

We play games, eat good food, attend Mass and Adoration, go snow tubing, and basically have a great weekend! More importantly it's a great chance to get together with other high schoolers to pray, have fun, and grow in your relationship with Jesus!

Retreat Discipleship Group Leader: Leads youth in prayer and discussion and acts as an example on how to follow Jesus as His disciple.

Contact: Veronica Whelan at 952.929.3317 x9050 or veronicawhelan@olgparish.org

33 Days to Morning Glory

Take a 30-minute video journey with Father Michael Gaitley, MIC, through a six-week guided retreat. Father Gaitley explains the basics of Marian Consecration, how key saints lived it out, and how you can live it as well. We meet once a week for six, 90-minute sessions plus approximately 10 minutes of reading per day. Groups are usually scheduled around Marian Feast Days.

Contact: Maureen Wong at 952.927.0089 or maureenw0089@gmail.com



Pillar of Hospitality

"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels."

~Hebrews 13:2

Funeral Hospitality

Food providers are typically called once a month to provide a salad or dessert for funeral luncheons. Kitchen workers assist in preparing, serving and /or cleaning up for funeral luncheons or buffets. Time commitment is approximately once a month, generally from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Contact: Tom Butler at 952.929.3317 x9005 or thomasbutler@olgparish.org

Moms of Grace

Moms of Grace is for mothers with children of all ages! We welcome you to join us once a month as we pray, learn about Jesus and His Church and grow in Christian service to one another. During the school year, we meet on Wednesdays at 10 AM. We also enjoy social events with our spouses as we work to integrate faith into all aspects of life.



Contact: mog.ourladyofgrace@gmail.com

New Parishioner Welcoming

The new parishioner welcoming process welcomes, orients, and registers new parishioners at Our Lady of Grace with the goal of helping people become actively engaged intentional disciples within our parish community.

Contact: Janna Davies at 952.929.3317 x9006 or jannadavies@olgparish.org

Registration and Orientation Team

Once a month, we welcome new parishioners and tell them what we love about our parish! Time commitment: approximately 1 hour/month.

Welcome Call Committee

The Welcome Call Committee makes calls to newly registered parishioners simply to say hi and let them know we are glad they have joined our community. Calls can be completed from the comfort of your home as time allows! Time commitment: Approximately 1 hour per month.



Men's Club

The Our Lady of Grace Men's Club provides opportunities for men to grow spiritually and to socialize while working to support the parish and school. The Men's Club has weekly Bible Study, monthly Men at Mass, and annual retreats. Annual fundraising and social events include the Christmas Tree Lot, Gala, Fish Fry, and Steak and Scotch dinner.

When: Activities occur throughout the year—join and stay up to date at www.olgmc.com

Contact: olgmensclub@olgparish.org or see parish bulletin for current phone numbers

High School Youth Breakfast Club

Join OLG High School Youth Ministry as we start our day off right! We start by gathering for 9 AM Mass and afterwards, we head over to Perkins for some good food and even more fun! Anyone is welcome to join us! Just gather and meet us by the sign outside of the Adoration Chapel after Mass.

Contact: Veronica Whelan at 952.929.3317 x9050 or veronicawhelan@olgparish.org

High School Youth Extravaganzas

Extravaganzas are HUGE game nights that all are invited to! From shooting zombies, solving an escape room, and joining in REAL LIFE CLUE – there is something for everyone! So, grab some friends and come on down!

Contact: Veronica Whelan at 952.929.3317 x9050 or veronicawhelan@olgparish.org

Widows of Grace

Are you a widow? Join the Widows of Grace on the second Friday of every month for refreshments and fellowship after the 9 AM Mass.

Contact: Cheryl Broich at dickandcheryl@hotmail.com

Young Adult Sports Night

All young adults ages 18-39 are invited to join us at 7pm for a Friday evening of physical activity followed by fellowship. Location varies depending on the event.

Contact: Veronica Whelan at 952.929.3317 x9050 or veronicawhelan@olgparish.org



Pillar of Service

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

~1 Peter 4:10

Arts and Environment Committee

Design and create seasonal environment for worship. Time commitment involves meetings and time to accomplish the tasks. Renewable each year.

Contact: Shelly Aebi at 952.929.3317 x9041 or shellyaebi@olgparish.org

Catechist

A catechist is anyone who seeks to answer the call of his or her Baptism by using the catechism to teach others how to live our Catholic faith more fully. Pre-selected and scripted curriculum and training are provided. Expect to teach between 18-24 sessions depending on the age group and program.

Catechists are needed for:

- Grades 1-5 Wednesday Faith Formation evenings from 6 PM to 7:15 PM
- Children aged 3 – kindergarten for Sunday School during 9:30 AM mass

Contact: Stephanie Lloyd at 952.929.3317 x9038 or stephanielloyd@olgparish.org



Dignity of Life Ministry

With a group of committed pro-life volunteers, we provide baby supplies to parents with a crisis, pregnancy, participate in 40 Days' for Life, and support other pro-life groups. We are committed to protecting and advocating for the dignity of all

human life from conception to natural death.

Contact: Melissa Miller at 952.929.3317 x9040 or melissamiller@olgparish.org

Discipleship Group Leader

A Discipleship Group Leader (D-Group Leader) is a parent, young adult, college student or high schooler who guides a small group in discussions, family sharing, fun events, retreats, and more, to help our youth discover the wonderful fruits of living life founded on Christ. Materials and training are provided.

Leaders are needed for:

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| LifeNights | Peer Ministry | Confirmation |
| Unleashed | Retreats | Encounter |
| Mission Home | | |

Contact: Annelise Curran at 952.929.3317 x9048 or annelisecurran@olgparish.org

Endowment Advisory Committee

Our Lady of Grace Endowment Advisory Committee (EAC) serves as a consultative role with the Director of Advancement Parish and School in the development and implementation of an endowment strategy for the Parish and its ministries. It provides legal, financial, and marketing support to the Parish's endowment strategy; makes recommended changes or additions to the endowment strategy adopted by the Pastoral Council and Pastor. It oversees any entries or individuals with fiduciary responsibilities for holding, investing or administering endowment funds established for the Parish and its ministries including receiving regular reports from such entities or individuals. They report periodically to the Parish Finance Council on the investment's performance of the Parish's endowment funds as well as on the distributions available from such funds for use as determined by the Parish Finance Council; provided that such uses are in accordance with the purposes of the endowment from which such distribution was made. Members are appointed by the pastor.

Contact: Jon Cassady at 952.929.3317 x9054 or joncassady@olgparish.org

Family Faith Formation Organization (3FO)

The Family Faith Formation Organization (3FO) is a volunteer led group organized for the purpose of supporting the religious education of children at OLG by fostering relationships among parents, volunteers, staff, and parishioners. We are the PTO or PSO for the Faith Formation program! We welcome your input and presence!

Contact: olg3fo@olgparish.org

Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council is a mandated body that has an advisory and consultative role with the pastor to support the pastor in his stewardship of parish financial resources by promoting the financial health of the parish, assuring accountability, and assisting the pastor with his temporal responsibilities. Members are appointed by the pastor.

Contact: Deacon Bob Durham at 952.929.3317 x9034 or robertdurham@olgparish.org



High School Youth Ministry

Contact: Veronica Whelan
at 952.929.3317 x9050 or
veronicawhelan@olgparish.org

Mission Home

You don't need to go to foreign countries to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Every month, our Youth Ministry offers to our parish's teens many Christian Service opportunities. We are called to help make a difference in our parish, community and world. Jesus Himself was our model of how we should serve! We serve at many places throughout

the Twin Cities, and there is always something for everyone at each of our service events.

High School Peer Ministry

Who can be a Peer Minister?

Any fully initiated Catholic high school student who wants to deepen his or her faith in the fellowship of other Catholic Teens.

What does it take to be a Peer Minister?

A willingness and desire to share their faith and serve in their community.

What does Peer Ministry do?

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| Service events | Retreats |
| Participate in Youth Ministry Events | Assist with younger youth in their faith journey |
| Share in the faith lives of other Catholic teens | Worship God together |
| Eat Free Food | |

What will I get out of Peer Ministry?

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| An experience to deepen one's faith | Fellowship of devout Catholic Teens |
| Life-changing service opportunities | A one-of-a kind experience to become closer to God in community of amazing Catholics |

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Crew Leader

High school youth entering grade 9 or above in the fall are invited to be Crew Leaders for kids in grades 3 thru 6! Crew leaders are responsible for leading and mentoring a group of children through the different stations during VBS week.

Lay Liturgy Commission

The Lay Liturgy Commission exists to be servants to the community, helping with the formation and empowerment of the assembly, leading to “full and active” participation in the liturgy. How we celebrate, and worship are important, and it is to that end that the LLC exists – to help us grow in our faith. Our goal is to serve the needs of the community through input, guidance, feedback and collaboration with the Pastor, the employees and the community.

Contact: Shelly Aebi at 952-292-3317 x9041 or shellyaebi@olgparish.org

Knights of Columbus

Be part of the world’s largest Catholic fraternal benefit society with over 2 million members based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fellowship, and Patriotism. The Knights of Columbus provide programs in support of Church, community, vocations, youth, and culture of life, as well as charitable services and promoting Catholic education.

Contact: 952.999.0876 or membership@kofcbloomington.com

Money Counters

These parishioners faithfully serve OLG by spending a couple of hours Monday mornings counting and preparing the weekly stewardship offering of the parish for bank deposit. Their service helps us keep the lights on and the good work of Our Lady of Grace parish and school smoothly going forward.

Contact: Nick Hall at 952.929.3317 x9036 or nickolashall@olgparish.org

OLG Gardeners

Help us keep our Church grounds beautiful by spending some time in our gardens. Duties vary, but we need maintenance gardeners (watering plants, etc.), a professional garden advisor (no labor, just advice about planting), general gardeners (planting, digging, etc.).

Contact: Susan Michael at susangmichael@hotmail.com



Parent School Organization (PSO)

The Parent School Organization (PSO) members are parents or guardians of Our Lady of Grace School Students who have paid the annual PSO dues. Its purpose is to encourage active involvement of parents and teachers in support of Our Lady of Grace School.

Multigenerational School Support

This ministry provides students with one-on-one or small group learning time in math or reading with an adult assistant. Individuals typically work one to two hours per week and are scheduled during the school day. Schedules are flexible

Contact: School office at 952.929.5463

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Council assists and advises the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, coordinating and reviewing the activities within the parish in support of the parish mission to make Jesus Christ known and loved. It helps foster unity and a sense of community in the parish where parish members may express their ideas, concerns, and priorities. Membership: Determined through the Parish Pastoral discernment process. Term: 3 years

Contact: Sarah Burgess at sjstriffler@gmail.com

Pastoral Ministry

Did you ever notice that Jesus calls us to serve the poor? How do you define “poor”? Poor in spirit, poor in community connections, broken hearted? Pastoral care ministers are trained to reach out to those within our parish in need. We respond to the potholes of life—death, divorce, loss of job, illness, etc. There are never too many hands serving the kingdom.

Contact: Beryl Schewe at 952.929.3317 x9035 or berylschewe@olgparish.org unless otherwise noted.



Stephen Ministry

Have you ever noticed someone in the pew that seems to need a little more support? Maybe a listening ear? Someone that seems to have hit a rough patch—experienced a death or illness in their life? Stephen Ministers are trained listeners. They are companions on the journey, ready to pray with you, listen to you, and walk with you. Training provided. Required monthly meetings for ongoing support and supervision.

Grief Ministry

Grief support is offered weekly Thursdays from 4:30-6 PM. Facilitators always needed.

Contact: Edina Grief Coalition to help as a facilitator.

Eucharist to the Homebound

Our homebound ministers bring Eucharist weekly to our homebound. Ours is a ministry of presence. Training is available.

Communion Services in Long Term Care Facilities (LTCs)

We offer weekly Communion services for area LTCs and would love to have you join the team. Typically, prayer leaders help out monthly, leading a Communion and Word service. Training provided.

Funeral Sacristan

Help us serve our beloved deceased by serving at a funeral and overseeing the servers and ministers. Individual training is provided.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

The School Advisory Council assists the pastor and the principal in the governance of the parish school. Its primary purpose is the fostering of faith development and the advancement of the school community in accordance with the school's mission statement and SAC bylaws. Its role is consultative to the pastor and principal. Members are appointed. Term: 3 years

Contact: Maureen Trenary at 952.929.5463 x9058 or maurentrenary@olgschool.net

Scouts

Our Lady of Grace sponsors a Boy Scouts of America program that includes opportunities for both boys and girls and whose mission is to enhance physical fitness, citizenship and leadership qualities through outdoor experiences.



Scouts

For youth in 6th grade and older. Scouting includes several monthly meetings, including a Troop meeting once per month. Scouts is a youth-led program and Troop 102 is led by a Senior Patrol Leader and other Patrol Leaders. Adult leadership opportunities include Scoutmaster, committee leader, merit badge counselors, camping adult leaders and other roles.

Contact: Nat Shea at NShea@tanek.com

Cub Scouts

For youth in Grades 1-5. Involves small group den meetings each month and one monthly Pack meeting. Dens are organized by grade level and are led by adult leaders who serve as participants in community, school, civic, camping and outdoor activities. In addition to den leaders, adult leader positions include Cubmaster, committee chair, treasurer, advancement coordinator, webmaster and other voluntary roles.

Contact: Todd Weber at webertodd@hotmail.com

Social Justice Ministry



Recognizing that God's work embraces the entire world, we seek opportunities to reach out and help those in need both here in this country and community within, and outside the United States. We do this through service, financial support, and advocacy.

Contact: Melissa Miller at 952.929.3317 x9040 or melissamiller@olgparish.org

Blood Drive

Our Lady of Grace conducts at least two blood drives per year. Helpers would assist with the sign-up process prior to the event, during check-in, and provide hospitality during the event. Time commitment: approximately 1/2 hour to 2 hours per drive.

Habitat for Humanity

If you like working with tools, or want to learn, this is a great fit for you. Habitat teaches you skills, you see a result right away AND you have the satisfaction that you helped provide stable housing for a family in need. We provide a crew for Women Build for a couple of days in the spring or summer.

John Paul II School

Our Lady of Grace is working with the Catholic Tutor Corps to provide tutors to John Paul II school students in need of remedial help in reading and math. A small investment of your time can bring huge rewards for a child at risk.

Time commitment: Variable to fit your schedule.

Meals on Wheels

Drivers for Meals on Wheels provide a cheerful, consistent link to the outside world to elderly shut-ins. If you like to drive and want to help people stay in their homes, this ministry could be for you. We can always use more drivers, either for a regular route or as substitutes as needed. Time commitment is 1-2 hours per month either on the first Monday or fourth Friday of the month.



San Max in Honduras

San Max is our sister parish in Honduras. We are growing in faith with them as we Skype and share reflections on the Gospel. We visit San Max regularly and are nourished by the faith of the Franciscan Friars as they travel throughout their very large parish. We invite you to learn more about our sister parish and help this relationship grow.

Sharing and Caring Hands

Our Lady of Grace prepares and serves lunch one day a month at Sharing and Caring Hands. No cooking experience needed, just a desire to serve those in need. It will be the best two hours of your month.

Social Justice Committee

Social Justice ministry is a broad umbrella, and we believe there is a place for you under it. We oversee and coordinate such activities as providing meals to the homeless, advocating for affordable housing, entering relationships with our sister parishes and supporting education at inner city schools of John Paul II and Christo Rey. And this is just part of what we do. If you want to help change the world and make the Kingdom of God visible here on earth, this ministry is for you. Come to see! Time commitment: approximately 1 hour per month.

St. Joseph's in Ghana

If you are interested in learning more about our brothers and sisters in faith from Ghana, this is for you. We are building relationships and ministries with our sister parish as well as Our Lady of Grace High School in Ghana.



Perhaps one of the visiting priests touched your heart. If so, join our Ghana committee to learn more and celebrate the Universal Church.

St. Stephen's Loaves and Fishes

If you like to cook and chat, this might work well for you. We serve about 250 people each month by providing a nutritious evening meal and hospitality to residents of the St. Stephen's inner-city neighborhood of South Minneapolis on the second Wednesday of each month. Time commitment is approximately 3-4 hours per month.

Stewardship Council

The Stewardship Council assists the Pastor in forming intentional Christian disciples through invitation and inspiration to respond to our Baptismal call by wisely using the gifts of prayer, service, and tithing to support the church's mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved. Various committee opportunities are available in: PRAYER, HOSPITALITY, SERVICE, FORMATION, and COMMUNICATIONS. Members are recommended then approved by the pastor. Term: 3 years.

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Pillar of Formation

"The wise by hearing them will advance in learning, the intelligent will gain sound guidance..."

~Proverbs 1:5

Adult Faith Formation

How are you living your Baptismal call? In the Sacrament of Baptism, God calls each person to follow the life of Christ as priest, prophet, and king. As priests, we are called to life in a community of prayer, where we share together in all the gifts God has given. As prophets, we are called to go out and tell the Good News of Jesus Christ. As kings we are called to serve others in ways that lead to peace. Adult Faith Formation

at Our Lady of Grace seeks to help people grow in their personal relationship with Jesus and His Church. Come, continue to be formed in your faith and to help shape the faith of future generations by participating in Adult Faith Formation offerings at Our Lady of Grace!



Bible Studies

Our Bible Studies are offered in the Spring of the year. We have delved into the Gospel of John, the Acts of the Apostles, and a walk through of the entire Bible. The Bible Study team also offers Acts 29, a formation process designed to help the participants go deeper and take that next step in their relationship with Jesus and his Church.



RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Becoming Catholic (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): In RCIA we reach out to welcome and initiate others into the Catholic Church as we explore Jesus, the Church, the seven Sacraments, Christian living, and Prayer. The purpose of the RCIA process is for those who are on a journey of faith towards a deeper relationship with Jesus in his Church. To engage the parish and to involve the participants, the RCIA journey requires a variety of supportive ministries.

RCIA Team

Help with the weekly Wednesday night sessions, Saturday retreats, and Sunday Rites.

Contact: Sean Lavell at 952.929.3317 x9042 or seanlavell@olgparish.org

Parish Mentors

Parishioners who walk with and support the catechumens or candidates, who are on their journey to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and to live a new life in Christ in his Church.

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Our Lady of Grace Parish Community

Pray regularly for the RCIA team, inquirers, candidates, catechumens, mentors and catechists. Introduce yourself to the catechumens/candidates in the commons. Invite one or more to a parish event or to your home. Send a card of support and encouragement. Share your faith story with them.

Baptism Mentors

Baptism Mentors: help families with children being Baptized, prepare for their child's Baptism and introduce them to the Our Lady of Grace parish community.

Contact: Mary Hodgdon at 952.929.3317 x9032 or maryhodgdon@olgparish.org

Cana Family Institute

The Cana Experience at Our Lady of Grace gives mothers of young children an opportunity to refresh your awareness of being a daughter of God while discovering principles and practical tools to guide you in your parenting decisions. Make and keep purposeful resolutions to grow closer to God, your husband, and your children while meeting with other moms who want the same things as you – to raise great kids and have a strong and fulfilling marriage. Mothers of Young Children groups form every September. Temperament God Gave You groups form every January. Meetings are 1 ½ hours every other week.

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Child/Youth Formation

What are your family traditions? At Our Lady of Grace, we have a strong tradition of youth formation; in fact, many of our families have had many generations formed in our Catholic faith! We demonstrate our commitment to forming the young people of our parish by offering Religious Education classes to all parish children and youth. We welcome children to prepare for the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion beginning in 2nd grade. Preparation for Confirmation begins in 7th grade.

Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL)

Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL) is modeled after Minnesota's unique ECFE program, and includes: parent/child interaction, guided play for children and parent discussion time. There are 7 sessions, typically scheduled as demand dictates and the calendar allows.

Contact: Stephanie Lloyd at 952.929.3317 x9038 or stephanielloyd@olgparish.org or Maureen Trenary at 952.929.5463 x9058 or maurentrenary@olgschool.net

Sunday School

Contact: Stephanie Lloyd at 952.929.3317 x9038 or stephanielloyd@olgparish.org

Sunday school classes are for children aged 3 to 5. Our lectionary-based classes meet during 9:30 AM Mass and offer experiential learning opportunities including activities such as: listening to stories, singing, playing games, and creating crafts.

Team Catechists: As a team, preview lessons and take turns teaching with provided plans and materials. Two catechists needed in class each Sunday from 9–11 AM.

Additional Support Roles: Include substitute catechists, hospitality support, hall monitors, open gym monitors.

Grades 1-5

Contact: Stephanie Lloyd at 952.929.3317 x9038 or stephanielloyd@olgparish.org

Team Catechist: Be present weekly on Wednesdays from 5:45–7:30 PM to teach with another catechist, leading a small group of children learning about our faith from a professionally prepared, easy to follow textbook. Tuition credit is available.

Additional Support Roles: Include classroom assistants, substitute catechist, hospitality support, hall monitors, nursery support and gym monitors.

Leader – Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): During the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass, CLOW leaders engage children in the Sunday Scriptures by presenting the readings in child-friendly language.



Grades 6-8

Contact: Sister Julieta Del Carpio at 952.929.3317 x9049 or pes-sisters@olgparish.org

Encounter

Encounter is the Middle School Youth Ministry Program, designed to bring youth into a closer relationship with Jesus who can fill their hearts with joy, hope and love. The program has different components, namely, the family in the first place, the Small Group Leaders and Peer Ministers, the big-group and small-group events and the Curriculums used in the sessions. Through prayer, the youth deepen into the knowledge not only about Jesus, but of Jesus Himself.

When: September to May on Wednesdays from 6 PM – 7:15 PM

Encounter Discipleship Group Leader

Service opportunity for adults that allows you to grow in your own faith while helping others to do the same. Materials and training are provided.

The Upper Room

Designed for Our Lady of Grace Middle School students to deepen in their relationship with Jesus Christ and to become His disciples. In these after school sessions, the programming is designed to complement the religion curriculum provided at the school. Through discussion, prayer, games, creative activities and relational ministry, the youth are challenged to encounter Jesus in their every-day-lives.

When: Every Tuesday from 3:15 PM–4:15 PM from October to May.

United in Christ – Parent Gatherings

Our goal is to provide for Faith Formation Parents a space to share and learn new tools and resources to grow in their own faith and as a family. It is run by the Faith Formation Parents with the help of the Sisters of Pro Ecclesia Sancta. The gatherings are a great combination of social and sharing time, mini-talk and prayer. They happen once a month from 6 PM to 7:15 PM, the same time the kids are in Faith Formation and Encounter session.

High School Youth Ministry

Contact: Veronica Whelan at 952.929.3317 x9050 or veronicawhelan@olgparish.org

Extreme Team – High School Leader

- An amazing Catholic summer camp experience for youth currently in grades 9-12
- Extreme teams youth are camp counselors for youth in grades 6-8 for the week.
- Activities such as kayaking, canoeing, paddle boating, swimming (pool and lake-front), fishing, ropes courses, indoor gym and outdoor courts for basketball, wacky Olympics, arts and crafts, daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and reconciliation.
- Dynamic speakers, awesome music, small group sessions.
- Building friendships with other youth.



LifeNights

LifeNights are a mixture of faith and fun and are open to everyone who is in high school! Each LifeNight has a fun game, a testimony or teaching about a different topic of our faith, discussion, and closing prayer. At LifeNights you will be able to talk about a variety of issues and experiences

with friends and young adult leaders so that together you can grow in faith and discover how a relationship with God will help you have the best life possible! This is an incredible time to connect with friends in the midst of our busy lives.

When: Wednesday nights from 7:30 PM–9 PM. Check out the Parish website for exact dates.

Unleashed

UNLEASHED is a small group for all high school youth that is designed to help us all GROW *as* disciples and missionaries for Christ. Each series lasts a few weeks and will focus on a different topic in a unique way. UNLEASHED is a great opportunity to grow in your faith, meet new friends, and learn how to share your faith with others!

Parish Library Support Team Member

Assist in supplying and maintaining the materials in the parish library and commons area kiosk. Tasks include maintaining catalog of materials, organizing and shelving materials, following up on overdue materials and as needed support. 2-3 hours per month.

Contact: Annelise Curran at 952.929.3317 x9048 or annelisecurran@olgparish.org

Sposi Novelli – A Newlywed Ministry

The mission of this ministry is to engage and support recently married couples at Our Lady of Grace by creating a community that fosters a sense of support and belonging. Through catechesis, reflection, and awareness, a couple's marital relationship with God and each other is strengthened and made more fruitful. Discipleship becomes more intentional through opportunities to steward others by service, participation, and partnering with other parish ministries. Sposi Novelli hosts several formal and many informal events throughout the year. Find us on Facebook: SPOSI NOVELLI, Instagram, and Twitter

Contact: Mary Hodgdon at 952.929.3317 x9032 or maryhodgdon@olgparish.org or Veronica Whelan at 952.929.3317 x9050 or veronicawhelan@olgparish.org

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is a Catholic speaker series that takes place in a local pub or eating establishment. The event primarily focuses on a topic of our faith and those issues in our world that affect the lives of young adults. A six-week series is presented in the fall and spring.

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Young Adult Faith Studies

Too often we try to live a faith we don't know or understand. Some of us stumble along with it, going through the motions. Others simply walk away. That's why the time is right for joining our Young Adult Night Faith Studies. These are presented by the most trusted and compelling teachers and filmed around the world with stunning cinematography. Throughout our sessions we learn OR often relearn the essentials of the Catholic Faith in a way that will inform our minds and inspire our hearts. These studies are perfect for wherever one is at in their faith.

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Vacation Bible School Team (VBS)

Vacation Bible School occurs the last full week in July every year! Many opportunities to serve for all ages.

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Station Leaders

Lead a station from a professionally prepared guidebook, with activities focused on science related experiments, games, Bible skits, video presentations, and snacks.

Pre-school Leaders

Coordinate and lead all VBS pre-school activities.

Decorations

Plan, set-up and take down VBS theme-oriented decorations for halls, gym, and rooms.

Kitchen Crew

Prepare and distribute daily VBS-themed snacks (great for drop-in volunteers). This also includes daily clean-up of kitchen and Cassidy Hall.

Crew Leader

High school youth who are responsible for leading and mentoring a group of children through the different stations during VBS week.

Crew Manager

Oversee a group of crews and crew leaders as participants do station activities and travel to each station, providing guidance and assistance as needed.

Advocacy Groups

Contact: Melissa Miller at 952.929.3317 x9040 or melissamiller@olgparish.org

Advocacy for Social Justice

If you are not shy about making your views known to public officials, we invite you to join the Catholic Advocacy Network. The Network is a branch of the Minnesota Catholic Conference and they will update you on issues relevant to our Catholic faith so that you can take it from there! Stop by the office to get a card to sign up.

Community Caring for Life/Respect Life

Donate, counsel and pray for those with crisis pregnancies. These things can be so helpful to women in crisis. If you are interested, we will find a place for you.

Cursillo

The Cursillo Movement is dedicated to spreading the Word of God and helping people form a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. The Cursillo employs a method that emphasizes the importance of a balanced life of piety, continued spiritual study, and action. Find out more at Twin Cities Catholic Cursillo, tc-cursillo.org

Serra Club

Serra Club exists to promote vocations and meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. There is Mass followed by a lunch, fellowship and a speaker on issues surrounding vocations. This is a great opportunity to draw closer to our priests and the Blessed Mother.

VEAP—Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People

If you are looking for a way to help people in our community, consider VEAP. They have a number of opportunities from sorting food donations to working with those going through a difficult time financially or emotionally. Deliver food to clients, help somebody choose nutritious food, or simply greet people as they arrive. VEAP has a place for you.

***A full listing of community resources
is available from the parish office***

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