

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church



Times of Completion
By Gunther F. Skaltez

"They sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they have now completed" (Acts 14:26)

As one year ends and another begins, the burden of uncompleted tasks can weigh us down. Responsibilities at home and work may seem never ending, and those unfinished tasks of today, roll over into tomorrow. Nevertheless, there are times in our journey of faith when we should pause and celebrate God's faithfulness and the tasks we did complete, even if there are still many that remain uncompleted. We know that it is of utmost importance that when we start a project, we see it to completion, yet there are times when we may be in the middle of one or more uncompleted projects.

After Paul and Barnabas' first missionary journey, we saw how in the 14th Chapter of Acts, "They sailed back to Antioch where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed" (vs.26). Even though much work remained in sharing the message of Jesus with others, they took time to give thanks for what had been done. "They gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles" (Acts 14:27).

Similarly, we should ask what God has done through us during the past year. How has he opened the door of faith for those we know and love? In ways that we cannot imagine, he is at work through us, through tasks that may seem insignificant or incomplete and yet may actually be of immeasurable, utmost importance. When we feel painfully aware of our unfinished tasks in serving the Lord, let's not forget to give thanks for the ways we have witnessed God working through us. Rejoicing over what God has done by his grace, sets the stage for the things that are yet come. Yes, at times, we need to pause and reflect on what we have accomplished and then refocus on the unfinished tasks which we have begun. We must remember to work very diligently and show God we believe that nothing is impossible when we put our trust and faith in Jesus Christ as we prayerfully express our gratitude to him for all that he has done for us. Let's don't leave any room to be acrimonious for the things we have not completed.

"Before we set our hearts too much upon anything, let us examine how happy those are who already possess it" (Gunther F. Skaltez). Faith step: Lord, as this year comes to a close, we give you thanks for all you have accomplished in and through us. By your grace, lift our eyes to see what is to come. May God's love and peace be yours, "in Perpetua." And may you have a mountain of joy, peace, love and happiness in the coming year!

Mr. Skaltez is also the author of his autobiography, *Life on Both Sides of the Wall*, and is the author of innumerable manuals for the Hospitality Industry as we.. His book is available in the church office.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019

Pastor
Rev. Monsignor Marion J. Makarewicz
Paul Poulter, Deacon

Mission Statement:

The Faith Community of Our Lady of the Lake fosters growth in God by spreading and nurturing the message of Christ, through full, active, conscious participation in the Eucharist by outreach and service to those in need and strengthening and promoting community.

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Weekend Mass Times:
Saturdays-5 PM
Sundays-8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.
Reconciliation
Saturdays- 4-4:45 PM

Daily Schedule:
No Mass on Monday, Tuesdays- 8AM
Wednesdays- 6PM, Thursdays-8 AM, Fridays-8AM
Adoration on Wednesdays at 5PM
Baptisms & Weddings: Contact the Parish Office

Mass Intentions for January 5-13, 2019

Saturday	Jan. 05	5:00 p.m.	Leontine Morris
Sunday	Jan. 06	8:00 a.m.	Joseph and Mildred Chaperlo
Sunday	Jan. 06	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Monday	Jan. 07		NO MASS
Tuesday	Jan. 08	8:00 a.m.	John Jenkins
Wednesday	Jan. 09	6:00 p.m.	Richard Sollman
Thursday	Jan. 10	8:00 a.m.	Jack Graessle
Friday	Jan. 11	8:00 a.m.	Joni Duran
Saturday	Jan. 12	5:00 p.m.	Jim and Jimmy Phillips
Sunday	Jan. 13	8:00 a.m.	Gene Harrison
Sunday	Jan. 13	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners



Welcome to Our Lady of the Lake Church

We extend a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors who have graced us with their presence at today's liturgy. We hope that you feel at home here, please let us know if we can be of any assistance while you are with us.

HEARING IMPAIRED-Those with moderate hearing difficulties, hearing assistance units are available in the Fellowship area.

Spanish Language Courses in Mexico: What started out as one daily mass in Spanish a month for the Hispanic community continues to grow as more Spanish speaking people join our parish. Last year, we had almost as many baptisms and first communions for the primarily Spanish speaking families as we did for the primarily English speaking parishioners. Many older children are finally getting an opportunity to make their first sacraments, and more folks keep coming to receive the sacraments. I really appreciate the efforts that Vicki Irsik, Deacon Paul and his wife Marilee and the other catechists give in working on catechesis. The Fiesta for Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12 drew over 160 people to celebrate Mary's first appearance in the Americas. I continue to share the Sunday Spanish Mass with Fr. Dan at Camdenton. All these experiences remind me each time that while my ability to celebrate the sacraments in Spanish is getting to be proficient, my ability to engage the Hispanic community effectively and assist them in their pastoral needs requires more Spanish studies. Bishop McKnight has granted me permissions and the funds to attend a four week session of Spanish immersion in Cuernavaca, Mexico. I will be staying at their seminary for the education of priests with the hopes of engaging the students and faculty in assisting me to broaden my pastoral skill set. I will be gone for four weeks, from January 28 through February 22, absent the three weekends. Fr. Pat Dowling has been scheduled to celebrate the weekend masses in my absence. I appreciate the support of all the parish in this ministry.—
Msgr. Makarewicz

Bishop's Prayer Intention for January

"For the gift of peace within families, our community and the world: that violence shall cease and the destruction of human life from conception until natural death will be no more. "

"Por el don de la paz en las familias, en nuestra comunidad y en el mundo entero: que cese la violencia y que la destrucción de la vida humana no exista más, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural."

Epiphany House Blessing: The three wise men visit the first home of Jesus to worship and adore on this beautiful feast which recognizes God who dwells with us. There is a tradition to celebrate the feast of Epiphany with a prayer of blessing for the family home. Each household in the parish can find a prayer booklet at church for the rite of blessing for their home and a piece of chalk to write **20+C+M+B+19** at the entrance of the home. There are different traditions as to where you write the sign but often it is over the top of the door on the inside of the door, on the lintel or wood framing over the doorway. This simple rite is a great way for the family to celebrate their faith at home and be reminded of the mystery of the incarnation throughout the year.

STEWARDSHIP & ADMINISTRATION

**Collection for December 30, 2018: \$19,901 Last Year: \$12,181
Envelopes: \$16,701 Loose: \$3,200 Solemnity of Mary: \$2,686**



The Catholic Stewardship Appeal continues at Our Lady of the Lake Church. +As of December 28, 2018, Parishioners have donated \$31,407 of our \$29,289 goal. Thank you to everyone that donated to help us reach our goal!!



We are grateful for your support of our church. Online Giving allows you to make contributions to our church without having to write checks or worry about cash donations. This site lets you set up automatic contributions and enables you to change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. Go to ourladyofthelakelakeozark.net and click Online Giving to sign up.

Collection Counters Needed: Of the many unsung heroes of any parish are the collection counters. The counters for Our Lady of the Lake are especially virtuous because of the generosity of the parishioners and our many visitors. Some of the summer holiday weekends that come with a second collection might require a lot of counting, but the efficiency and accuracy of the team makes quick work of it. A collection counting team consists of three people, only two of whom can be related by blood or marriage. Usually folks come in and start counting after the 8:00 AM Mass and then finish up after 10:00 AM Mass. The team itself decides how they will schedule it on a Sunday morning. If you are interested in assisting in this, I would really appreciate your contacting the parish office to volunteer your services. There are several long-time counters who are retiring from their service and it would be great to have a few more teams to share the duties and responsibilities. Thanks so much. -Msgr. Mak

Please pray for:
Ed Evers, Kathleen Stewart, Diane Moores, Jon Vona, Earline Distler, Russ Russell, Patricia Scherer, Carol Heckman, Lucille Needham, Tessie Gentges, Don and Laverne Koch, Laura Penner, Rick Sefcik, John Balazs, Kitty McCarthy, Irene Zimmerman, Ralph Franklin, Sue Cotter, Shaun Otto, and Kitty Bagby.
May they place their trust and confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES

Week of Jan 6, 2019

Well, 2018 is gone and it's onward and upward! Msgr will be gone in February so our PSR calendar will have some changes. Copies are available in the Fellowship Area but are also listed below!

- Jan 23: PSR – Hispanic Mass - Gr 7-12, Sign up to be a RUNNER for Trivia Night!!
- Jan 27: Grades 7-12 - Ski Trip with Christ The King Church. Contact Amy Versleus or Susan Welker.
- Jan 30: PSR – No Mass – Msgr Gone to Mexico Gr 7-12, Sign up to be a RUNNER for Trivia Night!!
- Feb 02: Saturday, Trivia Night at 6:00. WE NEED STUDENTS TO BE RUNNERS FOR TRIVIA CARDS!!
- Feb 06: PSR – No Mass– Msgr Gone to Mexico
- Feb 13: PSR – No Mass– Msgr Gone to Mexico
- Feb 20: PSR – No Mass - HS Practice for March 13 Mass
- Feb 27: PSR – K-6th at 6:45 – NET Grades 7-12 3:45-6:45
- Mar 06: PSR – Ash Wednesday Mass at 7 PM
- Mar 13: PSR – High School Family Mass
- Mar 20: NO PSR – Spring Break
- Mar 27: PSR – Lenten Penance Service – New Catechumenates First Penance

The students do a wonderful job during the Family Masses and everyone is welcome to join us. We also have food and fellowship on these nights, so make plans for March 13.

As the new year gets underway, I want to thank everyone for making me feel at home at Our Lady of The Lake! I still do not know everyone's name so bear with me. The last six months have just flown by and I am truly blessed to be here. Please pray for our Education Commission and for all the Catechist Teachers who are truly devoted to your children and their Religious Education.

We are always in need of volunteers for activities, especially the Sunday 10:00 am Children's Liturgy of The Word. We really should have two teachers each week, and I will furnish all the lesson plans and supplies for anyone who wants to have a lot of fun! High School aged students also urged to lend a hand! These little ones are our future so please pray (I am positive God will tell you to say Yes), then get involved! Call me at 365-2241 with ANY questions. I will go over everything and even attend your first sessions with you to alleviate any anxiety! It's only for 20 minutes during the Homily, unless Msgr really gets going!:)

I pray that many blessings grace you and your family in 2019. Vicki



Knights of Columbus
Roses for Life Crusade this weekend,
Jan. 5 & 6, 2019.

Looking for another way to help the Abortion Issue? Join the Knights in the Roses for Life Program. Please stop by the K of C table and get your roses.

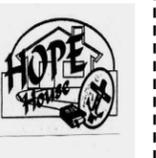
Save the Date!

Our newest parish ministry, Sisters of Spirit is offering a one day Women's Lenten Retreat on February 23, 2019. All women of the parish are invited to come renew their spiritual journey. More information to follow.

The next session of the Friday Scripture Group will begin meeting on Friday, Jan. 11, 2019 at 9:45 am in the Library for 6 weeks. This session's topic will be *Who Am I to Judge?* Shirley Gross Russel will be the leader. It is open to everyone. Hope to see you there!

Offertory Gifts--If you and your family would like to present the gifts for the Offertory procession during the weekend masses, please sign up in the blue notebook at the Welcome Center. It is a nice way to commemorate a birthday or anniversary.

HOPE HOUSE: Thank you for your ongoing generosity! Last week there were 53cans and 79 misc. items. Don't forget to bring your non-perishables and NON-EXPIRED donations as part of our "bring your can to church!" each week. Volunteers NEEDED for Food Pantry 1st two weeks each month on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for our biggest volumes of clients seeking help. Volunteers are also needed for cash register coverage on our assigned days. Our next scheduled day is Jan. 31, 2019. To show interest in volunteering, sign up at the Hope House table in our fellowship hall or call OLL coordinator Janet Bischler at 374-2313. Visit: www.hopehouseofmillercounty.org to learn more.



Retrouvaille, a weekend retreat, is for couples with marital problems seeking help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship. The next weekend is available in Kansas City Jan. 25-27, 2019. You can find more information online at www.helpourmarriage.org.

Travel Trivia Night

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019

Bestgen Hall

Buy a team table for \$80 and up to 8 people can play or individuals for \$10 and we will place you with a team. Bring your own beverages and we'll provide amazing food and an evening of FUN and cash prizes.

Call the church office to reserve table now! 573-365-2241



PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

PV2 Aaron Helms, Sgt. George Thomas Gross, SPC Austin Nye, SSgt. Matthew Willis, LCDR Tony Wolfe, LCDR Christopher Boehm, 1st Sgt. Christopher Metz, Sgt. John Cobb, Lt. Nicholas Zahn, S/Sgt. Daniel E. Reynolds, Sgt. Justin C. Thomas, A1C Ethan DeGraffenreid, A1C Jacob Zahn, Major Michael Lucky, Tech Sgt. Kevin Reilly, Jayson D. Osborne Air Force, Capt. Dan Collini, S/Sgt. Adam Rentsch, CW4 Kent Rackers, (Mo National Guard), Corp. Christian P. Rodriquez, CPO Derek Hotop, Tech Sgt. Ryan Fisher, A1C Logan Rackers Air Force, AFC Cody Griffy USAF, CPO Matt Culver USN-SEAL 6, and CW03, Leroy F. Gilbert-Army.

If you have a family member, loved one or friend in the Military and wish to have their name added to this list, please call the office at 365-2241.

Thank You for your Service!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
Sunday	Jan. 06	after masses	K of C Coffee and Donuts	
Wednesday	Jan. 09	5 PM	Adoration	Chapel
Wednesday	Jan. 09	6 PM	Family Mass with High School	Chapel
Thursday	Jan. 10	6 PM	Education Commission Meeting	Library
Thursday	Jan. 10	5:30 PM	Hispanic Choir Practice	Chapel
Friday	Jan. 11	9:45 AM	Who Am I to Judge? Study Group	Library