

# The Community of Our Lady of the Lake



**The Third Sunday of Advent**  
December 16, 2018

**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**  
**Sundays-7:30 AM and 9:15-9:45 AM**

**Daily Schedule:**

**Mondays-No Mass, Tuesday-8 AM,**  
**Wednesday- 6PM, Thursdays-8 AM, Fridays-8AM**  
**Adoration on Wednesdays at 5PM**  
**Baptisms & Weddings: Contact the Parish Office**

**Mass Intentions for December 15-December 23, 2018**

Saturday	Dec. 15	5:00 p.m.	Ralph Franklin
Sunday	Dec. 16	8:00 a.m.	Julie Short
Sunday	Dec. 16	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Monday	Dec. 17	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday	Dec. 18	8:00 a.m.	Gene Harrison
Wednesday	Dec. 19	6:00 p.m.	Leontine Morris
Thursday	Dec. 20	8:00 a.m.	Donna Byers
Friday	Dec. 21	8:00 a.m.	Bazel and Lorene Pauley
Saturday	Dec. 22	5:00 p.m.	Ronald B. Stratman
Sunday	Dec. 23	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Sunday	Dec. 23	10:00 a.m.	Dorothy Heinz



**During the season of Advent Monsignor will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays from 4-4:45, Sundays at 7:30 AM and 9:15-9:45AM. Reconciliation will also be offered at:**

Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM at St. Anthony in Camdenton  
Sunday, December 23 at 4:00 PM at St. Lawrence in St. Elizabeth

**Upcoming Masses and Services**

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve Mass at 5 PM  
Monday, December 24 Midnight Mass  
Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day Mass 10 AM  
Monday, December 31 Solemnity of Mary Vigil (holy day of obligation) 5 PM  
Tuesday, Jan. 1, Solemnity of Mary Mass (holy day of obligation) 9 AM

**Please pray for:**

Ed Evers, Kathleen Stewart, Jon Vona, Earline Distler, Russ Russell, Patricia Scherer, Carol Heckman, Lucille Needham, Tessie Gentges, Laverne Koch, Laura Penner, Rick Sefcik, John Balazs, Kitty McCarthy, Ralph Franklin, Sue Cotter, Shaun Otto, and Kitty Bagby.

*May they place their trust and confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ!*



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. You can find more information online at [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

**Helping Those Who Help:**

Helping Hands Homeless Shelter is the only facility in the area with a mission specifically for the corporal work of mercy giving shelter to the homeless. They make a difference in the lives of their clients in helping them transition to work and a stable residence. At this time, they are in need of assistance in making their operating expenses. If you are looking for a worthy charity this Christmas, they sure could use your help. Their address is 68 Holden Dr, Camdenton, Missouri 65020 and phone number is (573) 346-4968.



**Bishop's Prayer Intention for December**

For the blessing of family life; that as a community we may safeguard this basic cell of society in public policy, and as a Church we may support those struggling to provide a home filled with faith, hope and love."

"Por la bendición de la vida familiar; que como comunidad podamos salvaguardar esta célula básica de la sociedad en la política pública, y como Iglesia podamos apoyar a aquellos que luchan por brindar un hogar lleno de fe, esperanza y amor."

**STEWARDSHIP & ADMINISTRATION**

Collection for December 9, 2018: \$9,387 Last Year: \$11,613

Envelopes: \$7,689 Loose: \$1,698 Immaculate Conception: \$868

The Catholic Stewardship Appeal continues at Our Lady of the Lake Church.

+As of December 13, 2018, Parishioners have donated \$25,652 of our \$29,289 goal.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES – AND OTHER STUFF AROUND CHURCH!**

**WEEK OF DEC 15-21**

Greetings to OLOL! There have been so many blessings this week that I am not sure I can count them all. Let’s see, the Christmas Parade on Saturday was really fun! Really cold, but really fun! Brrrrr Thanks to Kelly Hamrin for getting all of us together. THEN on Sunday we had a small gathering of about 35 folks who came to sing Christmas Carols, along with solos and musical numbers by Teresa Orscheln, Steve Janetti (our fearless music leader), Michael Stipanitz, Josh Spriggs and Matthew Brauman. Talk about getting into the swing of Christmas!!! THEN about 50 people came to decorate Christmas cookies and that was a bunch of sticky fun! Someone opened the 5 lb bag of Skittles too quickly and that was a riot! (Sal?) ... THEN, Novenas for Our Lady of Guadalupe were a definite success, as was the “Viva La Guadalupe” celebration on Wed Dec 12. Wow, between the Rosary, Mass, fantastic food and dancing, I think there must be some folks who are worn out! I am personally grateful for the hospitality extended to all of us here at church. One head count was 161 in Bestgen Hall! What a blessing! THEN while that celebration was taking place, Gunther Skaletz spoke to our 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade students in the church. I don’t have to tell you how impressive and awe-inspiring that was. I was very proud of the students who sat still and listened to Gunther for an entire hour! Many would like a copy of his book and I will make that happen.

I saved Gunther until last in this update because it gives me an opportunity to relay God’s handiwork that was becoming evident to the students. One question asked was, “How did it feel to be conscripted into the German army after you had been a prisoner at Auschwitz?” Gunther explained that he had no choice; he would have been shot or murdered for not answering that call. How can we wrap our minds around that today? Gunther reminds us that mankind is not always kind. His words for the students were, “Pray always. Keep your faith, your hope, and never give up.” Until we find a way to bring God into everything we do and say, there will be wars and strife, poor and sick people around the world. Gunther’s true story illustrates just how strong we can be when we trust God to get us through, and to praise Him with every breath. God is with us even when we don’t acknowledge His presence, and I wish we could all just *Let Go, Let God!*

Blessings and Prayers! Vicki

**CALENDAR EVENTS**

**December 19:** 6:00 pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Mass. Join us for food and holiday festivities after Mass. PSR at 6:45  
High School students practice for Mass on January 9. Meet Mr. Janetti in the chapel after taking attendance.

**January 9:** 6:00 pm High School Family Mass. Join us for food and then PSR at 6:45

**January 16:** 6:00 pm Teacher’s Mass. Food and drinks, then PSR at 6:45

5<sup>th</sup> Grade practice for Mass on Jan 23. Meet Mr. Janetti in the chapel after taking attendance.

**January 23:** 6:00 pm 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Mass. Food and drinks, then PSR at 6:45

6<sup>th</sup> Grade practice for Mass on Jan 23. Meet Mr. Janetti in the chapel after taking attendance.

**January 30:** 6:00 pm Hispanic Mass, then PSR at 6:45

**Home For Christmas  
By Gunther Skaletz**

“I am with you, and I will watch over you. Wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this Land.” Gen:28:15

I am certain that we all are familiar with the song, which is played “incessantly” at times, much too early before Christmas, “I’ll Be Home For Christmas.” During my college years in Luzanne, Switerland I had a roommate from Madrid, Spain. Most of the students of that particular college were from many countries. His name was Francesco (Frances) a very intelligent and Christian young man. One Christmas while working at a very splendid hotel in San Moritz, to earn my money for my next years tuition, I was trudging from the hotel to our very small apartment during a blizzard. While trudging through the deep snow, I braced against the chill winds from the Swiss mountaintops. The sights that night I have never forgotten ever since. The full moon at night touching the mountain peaks reflected thousands of diamonds. It was that particular night which made me very homesick by not being able to be home for Christmas. Separated by hundreds of miles from Poland-Switzerland from my family. It was a very, very lonely Christmas. However, when I arrived at my room, I opened the door to a magical moment. My artistic roommate, Francesco had completed his latest project. It was a 19” tall ceramic Christmas tree, that now illuminated our darkened room with sparking dots of color. If only for a moment, I was “HOME” again. Yes, my dream to be home for Christmas became not a reality! Just as Jacob fled from his brother Esau, he found himself in a strange and lonely place, too. Asleep on the hard ground, he met God in his dream. And God promised Jacob a home. “I will give you and your descendants the land upon which you are lying. All peoples on earth will be blessed by you and your offspring.” Gen 14

That December night back in the Swiss Alps as I sat in my room and gazed at that Christmas tree that Francesco had created, it became inevitably, undoubtedly and unforgettably, the Christmas of my dream! I also thought inevitably of THE LIGHT that entered the world, to show us the way home. And THE LIGHT is Emmanuel, God is with us In Perpetuum.

“In every heart there is an inner room where we can hold our greatest treasures and our deepest pain. “Sursum Corda Et Pacem In Terra.”

Lift up your hearts and Peace on Earth! Gunther F. Skaletz

Lord, no matter where we are today, we can Thank You for preparing a place for us to be with you, and we have the presence of your Spirit today!

Faith Step: Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God will for those who belong to Christ Jesus ( 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Gunther F. Skaletz 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 well. His book is available in the church office.

**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

All tables must be paid for by 1/25/19 to hold your reservation.



Thank you to everyone that took an ornament off of the Advent Tree and took the time to shop, wrap and return their gift. The response was amazing. The gifts have been distributed to the recipients for Christmas morning. God Bless!

Thank you so much to all who were involved in any way with the cookie tray delivery for the homebound and nursing home parishioners. There were at least 25 ladies who cooked, delivered, assisted in making the trays, and/or prayed for the recipients and the success of the event.

In many deliveries, each person was so appreciative for the cookies and the time the spent with them visiting and catching up on parish news and events. What an inspiring event for our parish during this Advent time.

Thanks for all you do for our parish. You are what makes it great to be a part of this spiritual community. Merry Christmas to you and your family!

If you would like to make a donation to the Christmas decorations in memory of a loved one, please place your donation in one of the specially marked envelopes found at the entrances of the church and place it in the offertory basket or bring it by the office. All donations must be in by Dec. 21, 2018.



**All Women of the Parish**

You are invited to a

**Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 16

From 2 to 4 PM, in Bestgen Hall

Festivities will include:

Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest,  
White Elephant Re-gift Exchange  
Games & Fun

Please bring an appetizer or  
dessert to share.

Beer, wine, lemonade, coffee &  
water provided.

BYO anything else.

**Hope to see you there!**



**HOPE HOUSE:** Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Last week there were 50 cans and 28 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 days are Jan. 3 and 31, 2019.

To show interest in volunteering, sign up at the Hope House table in our fellowship hall or call OLL coordinator Janet Bischler 374-2313. Visit: [www.hopehouseofmillercounty.org](http://www.hopehouseofmillercounty.org) to learn more.

**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	Dec. 16	after Masses	K of C Coffee and Donuts	Fellowship
Tuesday	Dec. 18	6 PM	Administration Commission Meeting	Library
Wednesday	Dec. 19	5 PM	Adoration	Church
Wednesday	Dec. 19	6:45-8PM	PSR	
Sunday	Dec. 23	8-11:30 am	K of C Donuts	Fellowship

Daily mass will be celebrated as scheduled, it will no longer be printed in the Calendar of Events.