

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church



**The Bell of Ilanz
(From the Canton of Graubunden, Switzerland)
By Gunther F. Skaletz**

“Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:12-13).

When I was in college in Lausanne, Switzerland, in September of 1949 I had a break from classes. So, early one morning I started my Horex Regina Motorcycle equipped with a 350cc engine. She was a trusted friend and I dubbed her my “bride”. We set out to explore the unfathomable mystery and beauty of the Swiss Alps. My “bride” took me to the high alpine passes at heights of 9 to 10,000 feet, effortlessly. As I was passing through the lush meadows and valleys of the majestic peaks of Graubunden, where the peaks of St. Bernard and Piz Palu were still covered with snow, I encountered numerous picturesque hamlets tucked between those majestic peaks. I was utterly amazed by the indescribable, majestic, beauty and it made me virtually speechless.

This was my second year of college. During my first year I hardly found any time for any exploration of this beautiful country of Switzerland. During any time off I worked as a waiter to earn money for my next year’s tuition.

However, on that particular morning, while driving through the mountainous region of Graubunden (where the old folks still spoke in their native tongue, a Roman language that was very difficult to understand) my eyes caught a rather weathered wooden sign that

pointed to the majestic peak of Piz Palu inscribed with the words, “Impassable to Automobiles, 2 Kilometers to the Chalet of Treasures of the Past.”

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 30, 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**

Daily Schedule:

**Solemnity of Mary Vigil (Dec. 31)- 5 PM and Solemnity of Mary (Jan. 1)-9AM,
Wednesdays- 6PM, Thursdays-8 AM, Fridays-8AM
Adoration on Wednesdays at 5PM
Baptisms & Weddings: Contact the Parish Office**

Mass Intentions for December 29, 2018– January 6, 2019

Saturday	Dec. 29	5:00 p.m.	Forest Family
Sunday	Dec. 30	8:00 a.m.	Elaine Skaletz
Sunday	Dec. 30	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Monday	Dec. 31	5:00 PM	Jim and Jimmy Phillips
Tuesday	Jan. 01	9:00 AM	Parishioners
Wednesday	Jan. 02	6:00 p.m.	Tom Kelly
Thursday	Jan. 03	8:00 a.m.	Lou Gianopulus
Friday	Jan. 04	8:00 a.m.	Roland Gooding
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



Upcoming Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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

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

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!



**The flower arrangement at the altar for this weekend’s Liturgies is donated by:
Rusti Forest
In memory of the Forest Family**



**The flower arrangement at the ambo for this weekend’s Liturgies is donated by:
Gunther Skaletz
In memory of Elaine Skaletz**

STEWARDSHIP & ADMINISTRATION

Collection for December 23, 2018: \$9,176 Last Year: \$5,961

Envelopes: \$7,682 Loose: \$1,494 Christmas: \$9,144



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

+As of December 21, 2018, Parishioners have donated \$28,427 of our \$29,289 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

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"Intrigued by the sign, I commanded the Horex Regina to follow the path up the hill and when I reached the end of the narrow path, I stopped in awe. There was a very old Swiss Chalet with a thatched roof and the chalet was covered in moss and hugged by thick vines. The wooden portal of the chalet was covered with intricate, ornamental hardware that gave it a very beautiful artisan look. To open that wooden portal required some strong muscles. I was in awe as I entered the cavernous structure. The place was packed with artwork, but no one was in sight. I was fascinated by all the objects and as I began to look around I heard a voice and then saw the keeper of the chalet. He looked like an Abbot with a long, well groomed, white beard. He spoke to me in that difficult to understand Romanic language and asked me what I was looking for. I told him nothing in particular. However, as I looked up to the rafters, I noticed a beautiful brass bell suspended on a heavy chain that was covered in layers of dust and shrouded in spider webs staring down at me. The keeper immediately told me this bell was not for sale and that it was the spider's abode. I was so fascinated by this bell that I told the keeper to sell it to me. He again reiterated that it was not for sale. I told the keeper, "Padrones moi Monseigneur, it's the bell that I want!" However, he just walked away. Since I always have believed in prayer, that's what I did. I was determined not to leave that chalet without that bell. Well, my prayers must have had some impact on the keeper because he came back holding a Rosary in his hand, and asked me how much was my offer. Speechless and dumbfounded, I started to stutter and told him I only had 75 Swiss Francs in my wallet. He told me it would take more than 75 Francs and asked me why I wanted this layered with dust and spider-tarnished bell. I told him that I was a student in Lausanne and worked two jobs to pay my tuition and I had great plans for this historic "bell." After that he told me he would take 65 Swiss Francs. I was ecstatic and couldn't believe the "bell" was really now mine. The keeper told me he was very impressed with my attitude and my plans. He also told me of the significant historic value of this bell and added that in the 14th century, this "bell" graced the portal of an Abbe of Benedictine Friar's and that his great grandfather found the bell in some ruins near the hamlet of Ilanz. After hearing more about this historic bell, I was elated to be the new owner of the "Bell of Ilanz." The Abbot-looking keeper and I said "Auf Wierlurgen" (Au reservoir) and I mounted my Horex Regina (my bride) and once more passed by the majestic peaks of Piz Palu and St. Bernard with my "bell" mounted on the luggage rack as I made my way back to Lausanne.

Now, after six decades the Bell of Ilanz has crossed two continents, eleven states in the USA, and has at last found a home at the Lake of the Ozarks. Before my loving, and dear wife Elaine's death, to whom the bell meant very much, she requested that I donate the bell to Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, and so I did. Our Pastor, The Rev. Monsignor Marion J. Makarewicz, has made it possible that the "Bell of Ilanz" be mounted on one of the brick pillars at the main entrance to our church. Now, may this Bell of Ilanz that once pealed across the Swiss Alps centuries ago, now peal across the hills of the Ozarks to proclaim the rebirth of a bell that once was lost, and that now will be heard by the residents of the Ozarks. And may they hear in the peal of this remarkable Bell of Ilanz as it peals; "I am with you, I am with you, I am with you-yes, I am with you." And may the peal of this bell carry this promise with you wherever you go.

Faith Step: Lord Jesus, may we listen to your voice and seek you, and may we find you when our hearts are in pain. "Peace I leave you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

May you all have a mountain of joy, peace, love, and happiness in the coming year!

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.



Knights of Columbus
Roses for Life Crusade Jan. 5 & 6, 2019
Looking for another way to help the Abortion Issue? Join the Knights in the Roses for Life Program. Bring your address labels to church next weekend and get your roses.

Thank you to Diane Welek, Kathy Cotter, John Riley and Susan Ziegler for their help in preparing the sanctuary for the Christmas Season.
Thank you to everyone that donated to our Christmas decorations!
If you brought food for the post Midnight Mass breakfast or helped with serving or clean up, thank you!
It is by working together that makes our community stronger!

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.

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri has launched a new weekly email newsletter. To keep up with all the happenings at CCCNMO, subscribe here:
<https://mailchi.mp/3a514fbab58c/cccnmo>

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.

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. Rodriguez, 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. 30	after masses	K of C Coffee and Donuts	
Monday	Dec. 31	5 PM	Solemnity of Mary Vigil/Office Closed	Church
Tuesday	Jan. 01	9 am	Solemnity of Mary Mass/Office Closed	Church
Wednesday	Jan. 02	5 PM	Adoration	Chapel
Friday	Jan. 04	10 AM	Lakeside Meadows First Friday Mass	

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