



# OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.

EIGHTEENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 3, 2025

## The Order of Christian Initiation: Exploring the Faith of the Catholic Church

*"Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory."*

*~ Colossians 3:1-4*

**M**y name is Nick Eggert, and this is the story of how I became Catholic.

I grew up in a small Minnesota town, raised in the WELS Lutheran tradition. But the faith never quite settled in my heart. By my teenage years, I had walked away entirely. I called myself an atheist—not out of anger, but because I didn't see the point in believing something that didn't feel true.

Then I became a husband and a father. In 2020, as the world shook around me, I started to feel the cracks in my certainty. I didn't just want to be a good man—I wanted to know what was true. If God was real, I needed to find Him.

What shook me most were the martyrs. These weren't legends. They were real people—men and women recorded in history—who chose unspeakable pain and death rather than deny Christ. I couldn't stop asking: Who suffers like that for something they know is a lie?

That question wouldn't leave me alone.

And even once I knew I was being drawn to the Church, the path wasn't easy. Catholicism didn't offer comfort first—it offered truth. Discipline. Sacrifice. Mass every Sunday, confession, obedience, surrender. It wasn't easy. It still isn't. But the struggle has been good. It's been holy.

One Sunday, while my family was out of town—what I now call divine setup—I nervously walked into Our Lady of the Lake. I sat in the back, hoping to blend in. And of course, Fr. John found me.

"Are you Catholic?" he asked.

"No," I said. "But I think I want to be."

He introduced me to Matt Williams, who became my sponsor and walked with me every step of the way.

Later I learned that my first Mass was on June 30th—the Feast of the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome.

Of course, it was.

Becoming Catholic has reordered my life. It's demanded more of me than I expected—and offered more peace than I thought possible. I'm so grateful to Fr. John, to Matt, and to all of you here at OLL for welcoming me the moment I finally walked through the door.

I came in with questions. I found truth.

I came in alone. I found a home.



### About the Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)

The OCIA meets on Wednesday evenings beginning mid-September, exploring the four pillars of the Catholic Faith: What We Believe, How We Worship, How We Live, and How We Pray. The Catholic Church honors your intellect and your will by providing you with information and time to discern your own walk with God. We are here to walk beside you. Those who are not yet baptized and choose to enter the church will be baptized at an Easter Vigil. Baptized Christians are generally confirmed in the Catholic faith at the Easter vigil but may also be confirmed at any Catholic Mass at a time when they are prepared to enter the church.

Contact Laura Patton, 503-303-4215 or  
[LauraP@ollparish.com](mailto:LauraP@ollparish.com) for more information.

## THIS WEEK

### ABBREVIATIONS KEY:

B	Bethlehem Room
C	Church (Under Construction)
CC	Christ Church Episcopal Parish
G	Gym
H	Oswego Heritage House
K	Kitchen (Under Construction)
N	Nazareth Room
M	Multipurpose Room (Cafeteria)
J	Jerusalem Room
PC	Parish Center
PH	Parish Hall (Under Construction)
PL	Parish Library
S	School Classrooms
SL	School Library

### Saturday, August 2

7:00am DOGS Men's Group - N  
 8:00am Knights of Columbus Sack Lunch-  
 Making - M  
 8:30am Mass - G  
 9:15am Reconciliation - G  
 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry - PL  
 4:00pm Choir Practice - N  
 5:00pm Mass - G

### Sunday, August 3

7:30am Mass - G  
 8:00am Music Ensemble Rehearsal - N  
 8:30am Hospitality After Mass - M  
 8:45am Nursery - S  
 9:00am Mass - G

9:15am Children's Lit. of the Word - S  
 11:15am Mass - G  
 11:30am Children's Lit. of the Word - S  
 7:00pm Recovery in Motion AA - N

### Monday, August 4

8:30am Mass - **Christ Church (CC)**  
 10:00am Awakening Faith - PL  
 10:00am Centering Prayer - N  
 7:00pm Men's God Shots Recovery - N

### Tuesday, August 5

8:30am Mass - CC  
 10:00am Construction Team - PL  
 4:00pm St. Vincent de Paul - N  
 6:00pm Mass - CC  
 7:00pm Awakening Faith - PL

### Wednesday, August 6

6:30am Mass - CC  
 8:30am Mass - CC  
 11:30am ACTS Men Retreat Team Planning - B

### Thursday, August 7

6:15am ACTS Men's Retreat Prep Mtg. - SL  
 6:30am Mass - CC  
 7:00am Exodus 90 - B  
 8:30am Mass - CC  
 10:00am Faith Formation Meeting - B  
 4:45pm AA Consults - PL  
 7:00pm Thursday AA Meeting - N

### Friday, August 8

8:30am Mass - CC  
 12:45pm Charismatic Prayer Group - PL  
 8:00pm AA Meeting - N

### Saturday, August 9

7:00am DOGS Men's Group - N  
 8:30am Mass - G  
 9:15am Reconciliation - G  
 4:00pm Choir Practice - N  
 5:00pm Mass - G  
 6:00pm - Wine & Cheese Social - M

### Sunday, August 10

7:30am Mass - G  
 8:00am Music Ensemble Rehearsal - N  
 8:30am Hospitality After Mass - M  
 8:45am Nursery - S  
 9:00am Mass - G  
 9:15am Children's Lit. of the Word - S  
 11:15am Mass - G  
 11:30am Children's Lit. of the Word - S  
 12:30pm - Altar Server Training - G  
 7:00pm Recovery in Motion AA - N

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## CATHOLIC MASS DURING CONSTRUCTION



SUMMER 2025 - FALL 2026

## WEEKEND MASSES

### OLL Gym

SAT 5:00 PM  
 SUN 7:30 AM  
 9:00 AM  
 11:15 AM

### CONFESSION

#### OLL Gym

SAT 9:15 - 10:30 AM

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Christ Church Episcopal Parish  
 First Friday of the Month  
 9:15 AM - 12 PM

## DAILY MASSES

At **OLL Gym** and **Christ Church Episcopal Parish**,  
 1060 Chandler Road, Lake Oswego (CC)

MON 8:30 AM CC

TUE 8:30 AM CC & 6:00 PM CC

WED 6:30 AM CC & 8:30 AM CC

THU 6:30 AM CC & 8:30 AM OLL or CC\*

FRI 8:30 AM CC

SAT 8:30 AM OLL Gym

\*Thursday 8:30 AM Mass will be at **OLL Gym** when  
 school is in session, otherwise it will be at **CC**.

### UPDATES & QUESTIONS

[ollparish.com](http://ollparish.com) | 503-636-7687  
 M-F 9 AM - 4:30 PM

### OLL'S FUTURE LOOK



### DONATE HERE



Do you have a child entering  
 2nd grade in the fall? Sign  
 up for First Sacraments on  
 our website [ollparish.com/](http://ollparish.com/)

## Jubilee Rosary Procession: 1,000 Roses for Mary

On Saturday, August 23, the Knights of Columbus Council 15605 of Holy Rosary Parish, Portland, OR will be holding a Rosary procession and pilgrimage.

The procession will begin at St Rose of Lima parish (2727 NE 54th Ave, Portland) and proceed approximately 2.5 miles to Holy Rosary Parish. Mass and confession will follow, and the event will conclude with lunch and bus service back to St Rose. Those who complete the pilgrimage will be able to gain the Jubilee plenary indulgence.

Use the QR code below or text "roses" to 84576 to help the council purchase 1000 ROSES to decorate the church for Mass. Each rose is \$5 and extra funds will go to the Knights of Columbus charitable programs. Use the memo to include a prayer intention!

For more information contact Knights Council 15605 at [holyrosarykoc@gmail.com](mailto:holyrosarykoc@gmail.com).

## 1,000 ROSES FOR MARY



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SATURDAY 23 9:45 AM

**JUBILEE ROSARY PROCESSION**

START	9:45 AM	St. Rose of Lima Church 2727 NE 54th Ave
END	11:45 AM	Holy Rosary Church 375 NE Clackamas St <small>Bus service available back to St. Rose</small>
MASS & Confession	12:00 PM	Holy Rosary Church
LUNCH	1:00 PM	Holy Rosary Church

 HOLYROSARYKOC@GMAIL.COM

**GIFT A ROSE \$5**

Fill the church with roses!  
Use the memo to include a prayer intention.



Our Summer Food Drive is already making a difference in helping families feed their children during these months when school is out. Food barrels are located outside the gym doors and also in the parish center atrium. Most needed items this week are: hearty soups and crackers, canned fruit, toothpaste, toothbrushes and socks.

Equally important to our mission is for our OLL "On Call"

Vincentians to respond immediately to requests for assistance with utility or rent payments. Our assistance can only be done through the generous donations made by our parishioners.

Donations can be made using the SVdP parish envelopes, through [the OLL website](#) under "Giving for SVdP and with \$25 gift cards to be used for groceries (Vincentians available after Masses to accept them).

Our "On Call" Vincentians supply food request not only from our own pantry but also do shopping for our clients. Shopping is done to provide fresh food and periodically for specific food people need who have dietary restrictions.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our joint SVdP and K of C food drive.

St. Vincent de Paul – *"Go to the poor, you will find God"*



## Wine & Cheese Social after 5pm Mass Saturday, August 9

Come to the cafeteria, have a bite, and spend some quality time with your OLL family. Contributions of appetizers are appreciated!

## Don't Miss a Thing! Sign up for Weekly Parish Emails

We send out an e-newsletter every Wednesday and Friday.







## Announcing: Our Child & Family Faith Formation Coordinator

Our Lady of the Lake is pleased to announce that Melissa Hanifan has agreed to become our full-time Coordinator of Child and Family Faith Formation. Melissa will be assuming the added responsibilities of the previously shared role. We are delighted that she has discerned taking on these additional duties and look forward to continued growth of the ministry during the year. Congratulations, and thank you, Melissa!



## Nursery Now Hiring

Do you enjoy caring for small children? We are looking for a patient, loving, and kind childcare provider to work in our nursery two Sundays a month 8:30am-12:30pm. Contact Kristen Young, Business Manager at [KristenY@ollparish.com](mailto:KristenY@ollparish.com) for more information.

**TICKETS HERE**  
\$25

  
JOIN US FOR

# CATHOLIC SUMMER SINGLES BBQ

TALK, BBQ, DRINKS, MEET, GATHER

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**9 AUGUST | 11<sup>30 AM</sup>**  
**2025 | TO 3:30 PM**

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TALK BY JILLIAN KURVERS  
"CATHOLIC SUMMER SINGLES BBQ - 21+"  
15631 OREGON ST, SHERWOOD OR 97140 - CENTER FOR CATECHESIS  
21+ EVENT, 255

## Come Join us for A Season of Hope!



This is a program for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The program will run from September 09, 2025 – December 09, 2025. We will meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 9:30-11:30. Please sign up by calling the parish office at 503-636-7687.

### Description of A Season of Hope:

- The program is for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one.
- We hope that this program will enable you to give voice to your unique journey and take a step toward healing and spiritual growth.
- We will be a "companion" to walk with you, and meet/support you along the way.
- We will explore mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection, discussions, music, and information sharing.
- Your companions will be our experienced guide Jan Grabinski and her team.

**2025-2026**  
**family events**

all events held in the school cafeteria unless otherwise noted

oct 26	Fall Pumpkin Carving Event 10:15 am - 1pm
nov 16	Thankful and Grateful Event 10:15 am - 11 am
nov 30	Advent Wreath Making Event 10:15 am - 1pm
dec 14	Christmas Pageant 10:15 am - 11am OLL Sanctuary
feb 01	Teaching Masses 9am & 11:15 am OLL Sanctuary
feb 15	Lenten Event 10:15 am - 1pm
mar 06	Family-Friendly Stations of the Cross 6pm - 7pm OLL Sanctuary
apr 05	Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 am & 12:30 pm OLL Turf Field



## CONSTRUCTION CORNER



The choir loft, balcony will mostly come down so that a new, more spacious one, with safer access, will take its place. But the organ pipes will remain for the new organ.



Packing up the chandeliers. They will be cleaned and refurbished with more contemporary light fixtures.



Plastic barriers confine the asbestos abatement being done in the kitchen and "Front Section" of the parish hall. The abatement workers put on hazmat suits and enter the abatement area through the tunnel on the far right.



Paneling being removed. New lighter colored walls will make the crucifix and baldacchino stand out more.



These are the original stairs that led up to the East Transept. They mirror the stairs on the West Transept (8th Street entrance). These were walled in when the present elevator and stairs were erected.



### Building Our Future: Update

As of July 27, 2025, total gifts & pledges towards our \$10M goal = **\$9.25M** from **520** families.



Thanks to all who have helped us get to this point. Our goal is 100% parish participation!

## RESPECT LIFE

Sisters of Life: Wonderful Source of Positive Pro-Life Messages and Inspiration

The Sisters of Life are a contemplative/active Roman Catholic community of women religious, who profess the three traditional vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. They were founded by Cardinal John O'Connor in New York in 1991, and received formal approbation as a religious institute in 2004, under Cardinal Edward Egan. They currently serve in the dioceses of New York, Albany, Bridgeport, Philadelphia, Denver, Phoenix, Washington, DC, and Toronto.

Their missions include serving women who are vulnerable to abortion, giving them the support and resources to be able to choose life for themselves and their children; hosting weekend retreats; evangelization; outreach to college students; and helping women who have suffered after abortion to encounter the mercy and healing of Jesus Christ.

The Sisters of Life believe that every person is valuable and sacred; that every person is good, loved, unique, and unrepeatable; that every person's life has deep meaning, purpose, and worth.

They offer a wealth of resources on their website [sistersoflife.org](http://sistersoflife.org), including prayers like the Litany of Trust and Magnificat with Mary; articles such as "What Do I Believe About My Life?"; and a podcast "Let Love." The latest episode of the podcast is Season 17: What's Your Story?" They also offer guidance on end-of-life issues.

The Sisters of Life also announced a new pregnancy help website. Please checkout VIS Center at [viscenter.org](http://viscenter.org).

*"This is the charism of the Sisters of Life: to mother the mothers of the unborn; to mother the unborn; to mother all those who are frail, all of those who are vulnerable, all those who are ill, all of those who are in danger of being put to death. All those whose lives the world considers useless."*

- John Cardinal O'Connor

Please check out the Sisters of Life [website](#) for prayers and positive messages of inspiration. Click on "Media" for an article on their successful mission trip to Oregon this year in February, when Our Lady of the Lake hosted them for talks, prayers, and a reception.

**Pregnancy Help:** To help pregnant moms in our own community, please go to: [www.ollparish.com/serve-others](http://www.ollparish.com/serve-others) then click on "Respect Life" and "Pregnancy Services" or call Joel at 503-709-2456.

**Precious Children of Portland** supports women and families who need help in their pregnancies and with their young children. Contact Therese at 503-997-1884 or [preciouschildrenofpdx@protonmail.com](mailto:preciouschildrenofpdx@protonmail.com).

### Pro-Life Vigils in the Portland Metro Area

Call Therese at 503-997-1884 for more details.

**Thursdays:** MLK Planned Parenthood: 7-9am

**Fridays:** Beaverton Planned Parenthood 8-10am and 11am-12pm (Rosary led by St. Pius X Knights of Columbus)

And: The 511 Building (Lilith) 10am-12pm in downtown Portland

**Every 2nd Saturday:** Planned Parenthood 14601 SE Division St. 10:30am-12pm

**Saturdays:** The 511 Bldg. 10am-12pm

**Every first Sat of the month** the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus host a pro-life Rosary after the 8:15am Mass at St. Pius X church.



**Men's Retreat  
Registration  
Now Open!**



**Register Here**

**When:** Thursday evening, October 9 - Sunday, October 12.

**Where:** Father Bernard Retreat Center, Mt Angel

**Depart:** 5:00 p.m. October 9 from OLL, transportation will be provided

**Return:** Sunday, October 12, to Our Lady of the Lake for the 11:15 a.m. Mass and Luncheon, transportation back to OLL will be provided. Families are invited and encouraged to attend the Mass and Luncheon.



### Need Marriage Help?

Retrouvaille ministry is hosting a program Aug. 22-24 in Canby. Visit [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org), email [portland@retrovaille.com](mailto:portland@retrovaille.com) or call 503-225-9191.

## Offertory

### June 2025

Gross:	\$145,442
Transfer to Outreach:	\$4,365
Net:	\$141,079
Year to Date (YTD):	\$1,884,779
Budget YTD:	\$1,970,084

### June 2024

Net:	\$126,489
Year to Date:	\$1,743,381



## Weekend Masses in the Gym

Sat. 5:00pm

Sun. 7:30am, 9am,  
11:15am

## Daily Mass Schedule

See Page 2.

## Church Open Hours

The church is currently  
closed for construction.

## Eucharistic Adoration held at Christ Church Episcopal Parish

First Fridays 9:15am–  
12pm

## Reconciliation in the Gym

Saturday 9:15–10:30am  
and by appointment

## Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick

Contact the office

## Bulletin Insert Deadline

Thursday at 12pm

(1 ½ weeks before)

Email submissions to  
annb@ollparish.com.

## Mass Intentions

August 3 - 10, 2025

### Saturday, August 2

8:30am † Gene Wizer

5:00pm † Edelmira, Luis, and Luis Mario  
Lopez

### Sunday, August 3

7:30am Int. For the Parishioners

9:00am Int. Tim and Linda Flynn (Living)

11:15am † Annie Darling

### Monday, August 4

8:30am † Mildred Clooney

### Tuesday, August 5

8:30am † Joseph Arganek

6:00pm † George Freeling

### Wednesday, August 6

6:30am † Jon Englund

8:30am † Alan Banta

### Thursday, August 7

6:30am † Bob Flauth

8:30am † Molly Baker

### Friday, August 8

8:30am † Kwok Jen Wai

### Saturday, August 9

8:30am † Deceased Members of the  
Disciples of God's Spirit

5:00pm † William Heup (Hoyp)

### Sunday, August 10

7:30am † Michael and Annette Supples

9:00am Int. For the Parishioners

11:15am † Lorraine and Stanley  
Kowalski Jr.

To view the Mass Intentions Calendar or request an  
intention online, visit [ollparish.com/intentions](http://ollparish.com/intentions).

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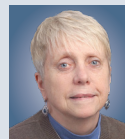
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