

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Community

*We come together in our common faith as God's Holy People.
Strengthened by the Word of God and His sacraments,
we go forth in faith to love and serve one another.*



Welcome Deacon Roger Loucks

Over the years, I have heard and read various testimonies of miraculous conversions to the faith. I am always inspired by these stories, and sometimes envious. However, this has not been my experience coming to the faith. If I compare my conversion to Aesop's tortoise and the hare fable, I would probably be somewhere behind the tortoise. I was brought into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil in 1994 in the diocese of Peoria, Illinois. At that time, I was studying physics in graduate school. I was almost 29. Nothing in my youth would have suggested that 26 years later I would be ordained to the permanent diaconate.

I was not raised in a religious household. Like many American families, I was raised in a home that was nominally Christian. We celebrated Christmas and Easter, but never attended church. If you had asked my parents whether they believed in God, they would have said yes, but that was it. The only religious instruction that I ever received at home was from my father who taught me the Lord's Prayer. During the summers when I was very young, I attended vacation Bible school with my friends at the nearby Baptist church. Since I was unfamiliar with the Bible, I understood very little of the lessons. This was the extent of my religious education until college. Religion had little if any influence at that time in my life.

I attended Houghton College, which is Wesleyan school in western New York. My sister had graduated from Houghton, and it was close to home which were the main reasons I chose the school. I knew from my sister's experience that weekday chapel was mandatory. Whether I realized it or not, attending Houghton was the beginning of my conversion to the faith. At that time, I viewed Houghton's requirement that every student take an Old and New Testament class in addition to one upper level Bible class as more of a burden than a chance to learn the faith. By the skin of my teeth, I received a C in each class and felt quite fortunate to have escaped with only minor damage to my GPA. In retrospect, I wasn't spiritually ready for what these courses could have offered at this point in my life. Although I learned aspects of Christianity, I found the faith of my professors, friends and in particular that of my roommate more compelling. After I graduated from Houghton, I considered myself more or less a Christian.

After Houghton, I went to graduate school at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Most of my time at Illinois was spent on my studies. Eventually, I met a fellow physics graduate student, who had just converted to Catholicism. We became friends and he suggested that I volunteer at St. Jude's, which was a nearby soup kitchen run by the Catholic Worker movement. As we walked to the St. Jude's, he would occasionally ask me questions about my faith, but for the most part I was the one who asked the questions. What bothered me was that he answered any objection I threw at him with ease whereas I typically had trouble answering his questions. Further, even if I had an answer, he would explain why my answer didn't really work. After some time, he gave me a copy of Karl Keating's "Fundamentalism and Catholicism." I read the book fairly quickly.

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9-13-2020

**Ordinary Time
Mass Schedule**
*(see inside for any
Holy Day schedule
changes)*

Daily Mass

St. Michael

**M, T, Th, &F @8am
Wednesday - Noon**

and

St. Januarius

M/T/Th @8am

Weekend Mass

Saturday

**5pm - St. Michael
&**

Sunday

**9:30 am - St. Michael
10 am - St. Januarius**

**Facebook - [https://
www.facebook.com/
ourladyofthelakescc/](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofthelakescc/)**

**Volunteers to sanitize
Church after Mass
urgently needed.
Contact the Parish
Office to volunteer.**

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Community
Streaming Mass Schedule

<https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofthelakescc/>

Daily Mass - 8 am M/T/Th/Fr
 Saturday - 5 pm at St. Michael
 Sunday - 9:30 am at St. Michael; or 10 am at St. Januarius

Mass Intentions

To request Mass intention please call Parish Office

**Sanitization Volunteers after Mass needed.
 Contact the Parish Office to volunteer.**

Sunday 9/13/2020 9:30am @ St. M 10am @ St. J	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St M) for our special intentions <i>by private request</i> (St J) † Walter Zerrahn <i>by Chris Zerrahn</i>
Monday 9/14/2020 8am @ St. J & St. M	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (St J) † David Schmitz <i>by Gary Schmitz family</i> (St M) † Timothy Lowe <i>by Karen Geyer</i>
Tuesday 9/15/2020 8am @ St. J & St. M	Our Lady of Sorrows (St J) <i>intention available</i> (St M) † Sam & Mary Nestor <i>by Henri DeMoras</i>
Wednesday 9/16/2020 Noon @ St. M	St. Cornelius, Pope & St. Cyprian, Bishop/Martyrs (St M) † Donna & Anthony Pizzenti <i>by Mary & Bill Morich</i>
Thursday 9/17/2020 8am @ St. J & St. M	(St J) † Gonzalo Ramirez <i>by family</i> (St M) for our needs & good intentions <i>by private request</i>
Friday 9/18/2020 8am @ St. M	(St M) † Harold & Rita Zimmer <i>by Les & Gail Raymond</i>
Saturday 9/19/2020 5pm @ St. M	(St M) † Albert Turner <i>by Betty Castner</i>
Sunday 9/20/2020 9:30am @ St. M 10am @ St. J	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St M) † Jerry Golden <i>by Michelle Swartout</i> (St J) <i>intention available</i>

We have posted our protocols and procedures for attending Mass during this pandemic on our Facebook Page <https://ourladyofthelakescc.org/bulletins-and-news/>

We understand that some may seem burdensome, but they help keep everyone safe. If you have any questions or to receive a copy of these guidelines by mail, please contact the parish office at 315-536-7459.

REMEMBER IF YOU ARE AT RISK, YOU ARE NOT UNDER THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING MASS.

If you are in disagreement with these mandatory guidelines please continue to worship at home.

**To reserve your spot(s) at Weekend Mass
 315-536-7459**

Call the office to reserve spots for multiple weeks in advance.

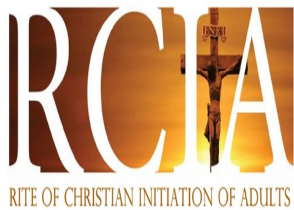
If you have not been receiving the weekly email with the bulletin, or would like to receive a mailed bulletin, please contact the office so that we can get you on our mailing /emailing list.

Prayer requests:

Mateo Tobar / Casey Doran / Dolores Lang / Maureen Doran Hendrix / Mary Doran / Kathy Stowell / Paul Hines / Daniel Ramirez / Marc DeMoras / Baby Claire Elizabeth / Sue Hanchowski / Cynthia Thompson / Baby Harper / Dave Grover / Laura Baum / Frank Stowger / Kathy Haight / Mickie Christensen / Patricia Curtin / Evie Worth

(Please contact the parish office via phone or email to update/add/delete names from the prayer listing.)

*Requiescat in Pace:
 Corrine Stork*



Are you:

- A person who has not been baptized and would like to learn and join the Catholic faith?
- A baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn about and possibly to join the Catholic faith?
- A baptized Roman Catholic who has not received Eucharist or Confirmation and would like to be a full participant in the life of the Church?

The Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults program offers an environment of support and guidance that help you to see how God is working in your life.

Is this process for you? Do you have a friend or neighbor who may be interested? If so, please call Fr. Jorge Ramirez, at the Parish Office (315.536.7459) or email him fr.jorge.ramirez@dor.org no later than **September 25th 2020**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 13, 2020

Reading I: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.

The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail.

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin!

Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever.

Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Reading II: Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

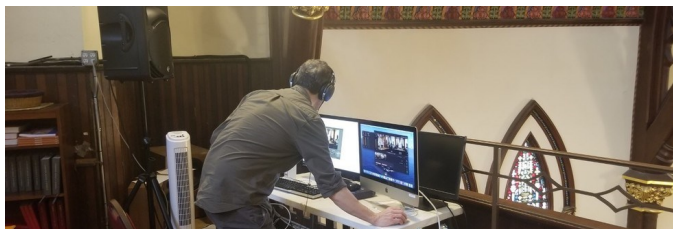
Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

Download more questions and activities at <http://www.ltp.org/ahw>

◆ **Adult Faith Sharing** - ◆ In his warnings against vengeance and his teaching about mercy, the author of the first reading has an artful way of talking about how sinners "hug" wrath and anger tight. When have we allowed ourselves to "cherish wrath"? How does that powerful syndrome work, and would the author's advice help us avoid it?

◆ **Family Faith** - ◆ As a parent, give some thought to the powerful psychological insights in the first reading and how they operate in family life. How easy is it to hug anger and wrath tight? Would your child recognize this insight? How can we help each other let go of the anger?

◆ **Christian Initiate** - Notice the artful way the author of the first reading has in talking about how sinners "hug" wrath and anger tight. What anger and desires for vengeance have haunted you in the past? Are you still hugging them, or does it feel like they're still hugging you?



Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Community needs your help. The parish, since this pandemic started, has been streaming the Eucharist through our facebook page @ourladyofthelakescc.

The parish invested in a new camera to continue to stream the Masses at St. Michael's Church, even when the pandemic is over. Therefore, we need some volunteers who will help us to operate the equipment we use to stream the Masses.

If you want to help us in this project, please call the parish office 315.536.7459 or called Fr. George 315.878.3332 or email him fr.jorge.ramirez@dor.org. We really appreciate your help.

Pope Francis' Guide to Catholic Social Teaching

Pope Francis has decided to help us better understand Catholic Social Teaching. Over the next few weeks each one will be addressed. Here is this week's reminder:

Principle 1: Dignity of Every Person: *"If we do not take care of one another, starting with the least, with those who are most impacted, including creation, we cannot heal the world."* Pope Francis

The 2 harmful attitudes that are prevalent in our society are Indifference: (I look the other way.) and Individualistic: (I look out for my own interests.)

Pope Francis calls us to remember that we are all made in the image of God with "unique dignity, calling us to live in communion with God and our sisters and our brothers, with respect for all creation." The way to true harmony is service to those in need, as taught to us by Jesus. "We must combat this culture of indifference that accompanies the throwaway culture where things that do not affect me, do not interest me. Faith always requires that we let ourselves be healed and converted from our individualism, whether personal or collective..."

This Sunday is Grandparents' Day.

Grandparents are a powerful role model carrying an enormous influence in the family. Their values, actions, attitudes, words, and lifestyle all send important messages to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents, consider doing the activities found here: <https://oec.dor.org/evangelization/grandparents-2/> to leave your grandchildren a meaningful spiritual inheritance. Many resources available on this page!

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Keating's arguments were well reasoned and insightful. After I finished the book, I knew in the back of my head that I was going to convert. It was only a matter of time. He invited me to attend several Catholic Masses. He explained the Mass while it was being celebrated. I had no clue what was occurring.

Eventually, during the summer of 1993, I talked with a young priest. I told him that I wanted to convert to Catholicism. He warmly welcomed me and explained that I would have to attend RCIA classes. I wasn't thrilled that I would have to wait until the Easter Vigil to be Catholic, but I was excited and looked forward to my eventual baptism, confirmation, and first communion during the Easter Vigil in 1994.

Looking back over the years, I realize that if someone were to tell me back in 1994 that I would be ordained to the permanent diaconate in 2020 and assigned to my home parish, I would have laughed. Fortunately for me, God has no problem working with a broken vessel.

Contributed by Deacon Roger Loucks

On Sept. 19/20, we'll be taking up a collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. The campaign addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting community-controlled, self-help organization of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, four life-changing community organizations have been approved for major CCHD national grants. They include a farmworker organization, a workers' center, a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester, and a refugee organization empowering their members to know their rights as tenants. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller, local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving people on the margins a hand up, not a handout.

St. Michael's church wants to re-open the **adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. (after Mass) to noon. According to the norms of the Church, the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament cannot be interrupted for lacking of people to worship the Lord. Therefore, it should be at least a person in the chapel to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We ask for volunteers who want to come to worship the Lord at least for 30 minutes.

If you want to volunteer, please contact Fr. Jorge Ramirez fr.jorge.ramirez@dor.org or Melissa Hanchowski flxgrl@earthlink.net We appreciate all your prayers..



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