

OUR ANNUAL  
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PLANNING,  
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OUR LADY OF THE LAKE PARISH  
Parish Newsletter  
October 2011

EVERY MINISTRY  
IN THE PARISH  
WILL BENEFIT  
FROM THE  
NEW BUILDING

*We Did It!*

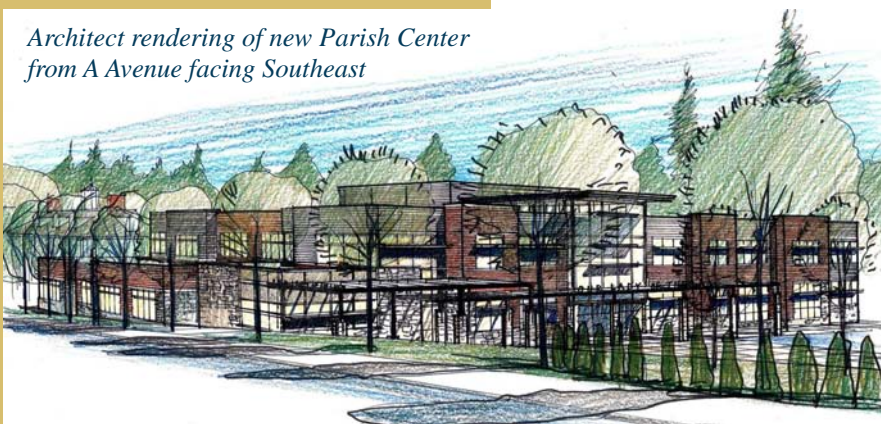
*On June 12, 2011 we broke ground on Phase II of the Master Plan, which is the construction of the new Parish Center and School. Phase I was completed with new parking, landscaping, and street improvements late last year. At this time, we are happy to report that we are on schedule and on budget for completion by June 2012.*



The complete floor plans for the building, including room specifications, are available at [www.oll-parish.com/parish/construction](http://www.oll-parish.com/parish/construction).

Every ministry in the parish will benefit from the new building. The first floor will hold the new school. In each classroom will be a dedicated storage closet for Religious Education classes. This modern learning environment will be inviting, bright and safe, and provide a wonderful gathering place for the kids to learn, socialize and give together - reinforcing their sense of belonging to the larger church community. The large gymnasium and adjoining multi-purpose room will provide a large gathering place for CYO, Knights of Columbus Prime Rib dinners, Edge and LifeTeen inter "active" programs. The second floor will be the parish office with 5 new conference rooms, providing space for large, medium and small group meetings. There will be ample opportunity to host guest speakers, large RCIA classes, and pasto-

*Architect rendering of new Parish Center from A Avenue facing Southeast*



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## Parish Staff Update



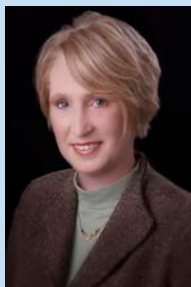
Sr. Janina  
Kokorowski

**Sr. Janina Kokorowski** has served Our Lady of the Lake Parish as a Director of Religious Education for the past ten years. We benefitted greatly from her extensive education and experience. Before committing herself to parish religious education, Sr. Janina was a first grade teacher and a principal in parish schools in the Archdiocese. Before coming to Our Lady of the Lake Parish, she served as Parish Director of Religious Education in Corvallis, North Portland, and Olympia.

Her commitment to developing a program of total family religious education has greatly enriched the spiritual life and worship of our parish. With gratitude as well as sadness we accepted her decision to hand over the direction of parish religious education to a new person. We deeply appreciate her willingness to extend her contract with the parish for one year in order to assist in this leadership transition.

Sr. Janina is a member of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and a resident of Lake Oswego. As such, Sr. Janina will continue to be a member of Our Lady of the Lake Church.

We welcome **Laura Patton** as Director of Religious Education. Ms. Patton earned her degree in Theology with Deacon Charlie in the Master's program sponsored by the Archdiocese. She previously served as Pastoral Associate in Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Southeast Portland. Following in Sr. Janina's footsteps she will direct the programs for Religious Education; Preparation for First Communion, First Confession and Infant Baptism; as well as, Liturgy of the Word for Children. She will also direct the RCIA program. We are grateful to Ms. Patton for accepting the challenge of maintaining and strengthening this remarkable effort and welcome her to our parish family.



Laura Patton

We welcomed another new member to our parish staff. Julie Stoltz has accepted the position of bookkeeper in the parish business office. With the school, the parish, and the capital campaign she has many accounts to track and balance.



Julie Stoltz

Julie has an MBA from Marlyhurst and has operated her own accounting firm for several years. She is a longtime active member and volunteer of OLL, as well as an active member of community organizations.

## Pastoral Ministries

by Fr. Robert Wolf, Parochial Vicar



Fr. Robert Wolf

Greetings, dear friends. It has been over a year now and I continue to appreciate growing in faith and love with you as the Body of Christ. As Parochial Vicar, I have three duties to perform: the organization of the Pastoral care ministry, assisting with youth ministry and assisting with liturgy planning. I will let Jason Kidd fill you in on what's happening in youth ministry. You can see his article later in this newsletter.

### Pastoral Care Ministry

In the last year the pastoral care ministry has grown and become quite a bit more efficient. As a group we have set up a small committee that meets regularly to help figure out a way to keep the ministry running and growing even in times of transition. Last year the committee and I set up a system of leadership and delegation of duties according to the gifts of those who assist with visits to the sick and homebound. There are three leaders who help to organize three different aspects of the ministry. The first two aspects cover the individual visits to shut-ins in both foster homes and institutions as well as

Let us not be afraid to give of ourselves in the many ways God asks us, especially in giving of our time and talents

to private homes. The third aspect of the ministry is organizing communion services to the different institutions. This has allowed a more streamlined and efficient process for those in need to receive ministry as prompt as possible with little to no lag time between the time they ask and the time they receive ministry. We will continue to meet this year to plan for a more sustainable and consistent ministry to the sick and dying for the years to come. I want to take this opportunity to thank everybody in this ministry who gives of their time for this most sacred of ministries.

### Liturgy Planning

The church calls the liturgy primary theology, because it is the event, every time we experience it, which should express to us who God is as well as who we are; as the Body of Christ. This is one of the basic goals of liturgy and it is what the liturgy committee tries to prepare for us as the seasons change throughout the year.

We are always in need of more help with the different ministries. I hope that we can look deep and reflect on what our own gifts are and share them with the rest of the Body of Christ. As we approach this new season with the start of Advent let us not be afraid to give of ourselves in the many ways God asks us, especially in giving of our time and our talents. God bless you and have a most blessed and fruitful coming year.

## Parish Staff

**Pastoral/Administration:** Fr. Joseph McMahon, Pastor, Fr. Robert Wolf, Deacon Charlie Corey, Laura Patton, Larry Latuszek, Kim Calkins, Jason Kidd, Lynne Huston – **Support:** Christine Shepard, Robin Hudson, Diana Hughes, Cheryl Kose, Julie Stoltz, Robert Mullany – **School:** Joan Codd, Sheila Kleinheinz, Avril Allori

# Catholic Values Reflected in Parish Outreach Activities

## By Deacon Charlie Corey, Social Outreach Ministries

Our Lady of the Lake is committed to communicating the love of Christ to our local community and to the world through service, outreach and financial support. While we could always do more in this area, it is important once in a while to step back and recognized what we are doing.

First, it is interesting to note that we are “tithing” to the parish. When you consider special (second) collections, over 10% or our “in-pew” collections go to outside charitable organizations. Second,

Ministry	Description
St. Vincent de Paul	Assists over 20 households a month with food, rent and utilities. Distributes 300 Christmas food boxes to 150 families
Salt and Light	Coordinates parish-wide outreach projects, e.g., the Advent Giving Tree. Supports organizations with long-standing parishoner involvement. e.g., JOIN, Downtown Chapel. Sponsors Lenten speaker series (Social Agencies)
School	Advent : St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive, “Fill A Stocking Fill a Heart” a Clackamas County non-profit group, Coats for Kids. Lent: Spaghetti Dinner (every student participates) - proceeds going to student/faculty selected charities. Grades 5-8 serve lunch at the Blanchet House.
Transitional Shelter Ministry	Works with 6 other churches to support 2 transitional shelter apartments in Lake Oswego
Life Teen & Edge	Perform eight service projects per year. Focus is on the homeless and elderly, e.g., St Francis Dining Hall, Carmen Oaks.
Religious Education	Adopt local families in need for Christmas through Social Services of Clackamas County.
Respect Life	Sponsors Traveling Crib - supports Pregnancy Support & Adoptions Services. Advocates for Pro-Life issues

Outreach Activity	Organization Supported	2010-2011 Results	OLL Ministries
Advent Giving Tree	JOIN (Eliminate homelessness)	Moved 3 homeless families into permanent housing. Furnished 7 apartments with household items.	Parishioners at large School Religious Ed.
Traveling Crib	Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services	Provided 50 needy new mothers with baby supplies and clothes.	Parishioners at large Respect Life

outreach is not just confined to our St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Conference or our Salt and Light committee. Service and outreach are an itegral part of the mission of our school and many of our ministries. The tables provide a very brief thumbnail sketch of parish activities.

One of the goals of the Salt and Light ministry is to encourage this kind of cooperation between our different ministries. This coming year we are planning to bring back two successful outreach efforts which represent different ministries coming together. SALT AND LIGHT worked with the different ministries and groups noted in the planning of these activities.

The special parish-wide projects are selected based on long-standing parishioner involvement with the supported causes and organizations. As Salt and Light moves forward it will work hard at understanding and promoting those social concerns which parishioners feel most passionate about. They represent just a small fraction of the parish’s involvement in outreach. Service and outreach are an integral part of the mission of the Knights, SVDP, Religious Education, Life Teen, Edge, the Respect Life committee, and the Transitional Shelter Ministry. As a parish we put our faith into action.



Deacon Charlie Corey

## Pastoral Council Focus: Communication, Hospitality

### by Dick Reedy (Chair)

The role of the Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in planning and establishing pastoral priorities. It is comprised of ten lay members and five standing members of the staff who meet monthly.

One of the council’s primary responsibilities is to develop and maintain a long range (4-year) pastoral plan. We are on the third year of the plan, focusing on two major areas: developing a communications plan and fostering hospitality in the parish.

The communications plan implements changes to various components of parish communications and completes a detailed handbook on parish communication guidelines. The hospitality plan focuses on the welcoming process for new parish

members, ministry awareness, and long term planning for the Parish Center.

We thank outgoing members Maureen Calvo, Damien Johnson, Tom Miller, and Joel Myer (past chair); and welcome new members Jon Brumbaugh, Dave Case, Eileen Goodwin, Sharon Miadich, and Matt Michel.

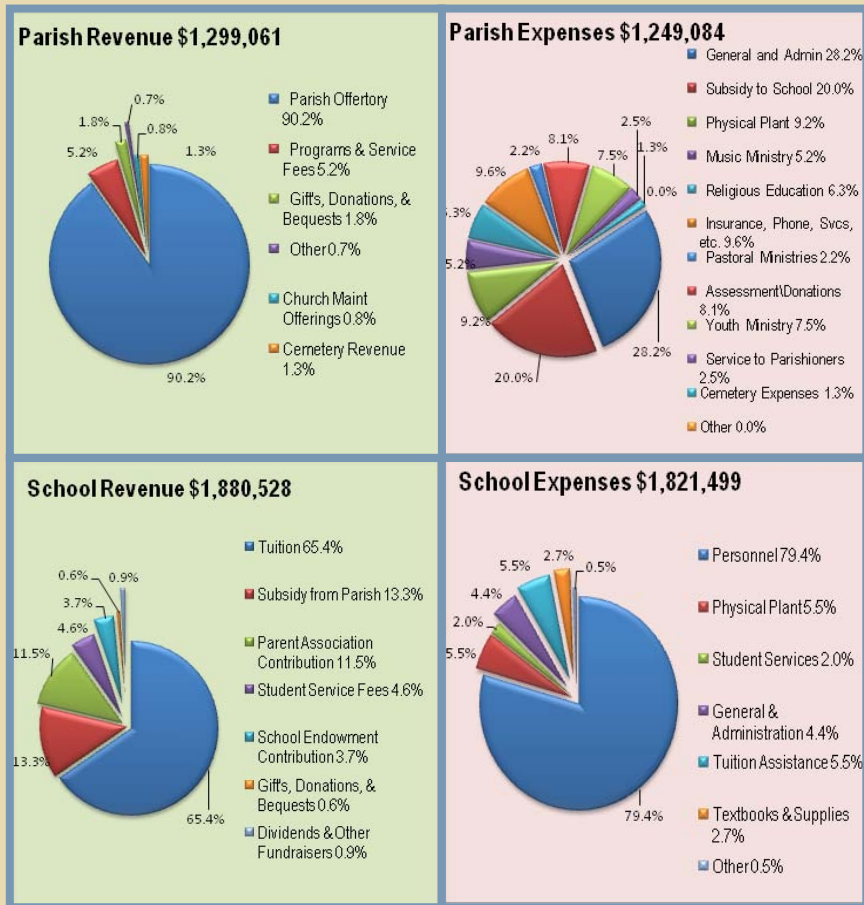
For the Council to be effective in the pastoral planning process, we need your input. Please reach out to the members of the Pastoral Council with your ideas, thoughts and concerns. In particular, if you have any input on how to foster hospitality and improve communications within the parish, please let us know.

### Pastoral Council Members

Dick Reedy (Chair)  
Jon Brumbaugh  
Dave Case  
Eileen Goodwin  
Jeff Gustin  
Sari McDonald  
Sharon Miadich  
Matt Michel  
Sarah Opfer  
Cindy O’Keefe  
Joan Codd  
Dcn. Charlie Corey  
Fr. Joseph McMahon  
Laura Patton  
Fr. Robert Wolf

# Parish Financial Review

by Larry Latuszek, Business Manager



## Parish Financial Summary:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, the parish experienced a small increase in parish offertory contributions of .13% compared to the previous fiscal year. Expenses were contained to just below 1.6% of budget, in spite of some transition costs of moving the parish office to temporary quarters in April 2011. Lower than expected insurance premiums were contributing factors in the parish realizing a fiscal year end surplus of \$49,977, with \$10,060 designated for building repair, and \$16,913 designated to the cemetery.

## School Financial Summary

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, the school was able to increase their operating reserves by \$59,028. The Parent Association contributed \$217,000. The parish subsidy to the school was \$250,188. Actual expenses came in at 2.1% under budget. This favorable outcome was also a result of lower insurance premiums, plus lower personnel and physical plant costs. As of June 30, 2011, the balance of the School Endowment Fund was \$1,727,563. This reflects gains of \$277,499 to the endowment fund due to market recoveries, from which the endowment contributed \$69,446 to the operations of the school.



Larry Latuszek

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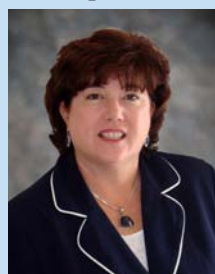
ral, administrative and school advisory council meetings.

The project, with over 15 years of planning, has waded through many obstacles, including the struggling economy, Archdiocesan reorganization, City of LO code restrictions, and more, to raise \$13 million in support through donations and pledges. As of August 2011, we have spent \$4,688,148 on this project, and have no debt associated with it.

We need to raise another \$2.8 million to reach our \$15.8 million goal. We are asking every parishioner, school family and alumnus to pledge to the campaign. Your signed pledge card enables us to borrow money from the Parish Funds Trust when needed. The Parish Funds Trust is the pooled available funds of participating Archdiocesan parishes. No gift is too small or too big. A pledge card is available online at [www.ollparish.com/parish/methods-of-giving](http://www.ollparish.com/parish/methods-of-giving).

Continue to check the website for construction pictures and campaign updates. Thank you to everyone who has made a gift to the campaign. Together we are Building in Faith.

by Kim Calkins, Campaign Development Director



Kim Calkins

## The Administrative Council

by Dan Boone (Chair)

The Administrative Council, made up of parishioners who have expertise in various occupations, such as insurance, legal, finance, and construction management, advise on all administrative, financial and facility management issues to assure the parish has the financial stability and resources needed to carry out its mission. The council considers the goals of the parish and the school, and the steps necessary to chart a successful course into the future. Members serve a four year term.

### Administrative Council Members

Dan Boone (Chair), Robert LeChevallier, Kevin Cerri, Robert Januzzi, Jacob Mundaden, Rich Thornton, Rachel Thurston, David Dean, Cliff Mott, Katie Jo Johnson, Dan Molyneux, Larry Latuszek, Dcn. Charlie Corey, Fr. Joseph McMahon

# Our Lady of the Lake School Learning Expectations

## *Catholic Values*

*Our Lady of the Lake School graduates embody Catholic values by:*

- demonstrating reverence for God as our Creator by respecting the dignity of self and others
- celebrating Catholic liturgical and sacramental traditions
- developing the qualities of leadership, courage, and personal integrity that will inspire decisions reflecting Catholic morality
- demonstrating an understanding of Catholic values and social teaching by recognizing and responding to the call to serve others
- respecting the sanctity of life
- having an active personal prayer life

## *Lifelong Learning*

*Our Lady of the Lake School graduates embrace lifelong learning by:*

- having a positive, open attitude and a willingness to grow
- maintaining moral and intellectual integrity
- applying academic skills to think critically, to raise questions, and to solve problems
- communicating effectively by reading, writing, listening, and speaking well

## *Self-Awareness*

*Our Lady of the Lake School graduates exhibit self awareness by:*

- maintaining a physically healthy lifestyle
- fostering wholesome relationships
- appreciating and valuing creativity in self and others
- developing and cultivating emotional growth and stability

## *Responsible Citizenship*

*Our Lady of the Lake School graduates demonstrate responsible citizenship by:*

- working to resolve conflicts peacefully
- recognizing one's role as a contributing member of the greater community
- promoting peace and social justice locally and globally
- accepting accountability as stewards of the earth



# *OLL School Receives Commendations from Accreditation Team*

by Joan Codd, Principal, Our Lady of the Lake School



*Joan Codd*

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School again received a “six year term” from the accrediting agencies of the Western Catholic Education Association and the Northwest Association of Accredited schools.

At the conclusion of the year-long self-study, a Visiting Team of seven people arrived to validate the study. At the end of their visit, “The team found the three days at our Lady of the Lake Catholic School professionally rich and personally rewarding. We

experienced a community where everyone is striving to provide a Catholic environment where quality education is a priority.”

The Visiting Team departed leaving OLL School community with a report of their findings identifying eight significant accomplishments. These Schoolwide significant accomplishments identified by the Visiting Team included:

1. A strong and cohesive educational community built upon Catholic values and the desire for each child to succeed spiritually and academically.
2. A dedicated, competent administration, faculty and staff which challenges students to reach their full learning potential.
3. A rigorous curriculum throughout the grades which prepares students well for future academic and vocational pursuits.
4. Exceptional stewardship by the school and parish families in realizing the dream of a new school building.
5. Active parental support and involvement in the mission and reality of the school.
6. Extensive support services for all students and an inclusive learning environment for children with significant special learning needs.
7. The strong collaborative relationship between the parish and the school including the support of the pastor in promoting the well-being of the school
8. The ongoing pursuit of the faculty in relation to professional growth and research based methodology



*2012 Graduating Class*

## *School Advisory Council*

Jane Slingsby – Chair  
Sr. Barbara Collier, SNJM  
Jim Craven  
Derrick Drango  
Cheryl Durbin  
Jim Kilpatrick  
Kim Schneider  
Ann Marie Tosoni  
Claudia Valderrama  
Sr. Wanda Jordon, SNJM  
Fr. Joe McMahon  
Joan Codd  
Sheila Kleinheinz



## High School Youth Ministry

Life Teen is the high school ministry at OLL. Teens have an opportunity to explore and deepen their faith while having a great time! We meet every Sunday night after the 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass, from 7:00 to 8:45 PM in the Parish Hall. Take a peek at what we did last year and what's on the schedule this year!



## Middle School Ministry

Edge is a ministry for 7th and 8th Grade Jr. High students. We meet on Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:45 PM in the Parish Hall. Come explore the mystery of God and have some fun. We do all kinds of wild stuff from retreats to camp, while meeting some new friends. Check out what happened last year and what's in store for this year!



## Sacramental Prep for Confirmation

If you have finished your Freshman Year, please consider joining us as we prepare to be empowered by the Holy Spirit (*Act. 1:8*). The program consists of a Weekend Retreat, Youth Rally, Monthly Confirmation Sessions on Sunday nights, three service projects, parish involvement, and a few Life Teen Nights.

# OLL Youth Ministries

by Jason Kidd, Youth Minister

The OLL Youth Ministries wrapped up their 2010/2011 Summer Calendar with 36 parishioners rafting down the Deschutes River for one last thrill before the start of school. It was a fitting end to a busy summer. A record number of teens attended the Higher Calling Ropes Camp and the Road Trip for the Steubenville Youth Conference.

The Edge and Life Teen ministries stayed busy during this past school year with multiple catechetical nights, service projects, and a few social nights including the Portland Blazer Games and a trip to jump sky high.

### Some of the highlights:

Over 400 participants from 20 parishes and 2 dioceses attending the H.S. Rise UP Rally with national speaker Mary Bielski and National musician Ike Ndolo. The equivalent Jr. High Rally, now in its third year, also had a great turn out for national speaker Fr. Geoff Rose.

We also learned a ton, bonded, and relaxed at the 4 Retreats this past year, 2 Life Teen, Confirmation and Vicariate Edge Retreat at Camp Howard. This is where we can unplug, slow down and experience God's love and lean on each other.

This year, like last, will include opportunities to explore our faith, serve those in need, connect with our Catholic brother and sisters, and worship with the greater church. The Fall Calendars for Life Teen and Edge have been mailed, but if we missed you let us know!



Jason Kidd



# A GiFT - Adults Growing in Faith Together

by Harriet Vanderbilt, A GiFT Team

The A GiFT Ministry provides and promotes ongoing faith formation, education and fellowship opportunities for adults.

Included among the many programs that A GiFT has presented or brought to the attention of adult parishioners are talks by Father Amsberry and Deacon Burke, "Renew and Revival NW", and "Joy Filled Marriage", as well as out-of-parish programs, such as "Tuesdays at the Cathedral", Mt. Angel Retreats, Marylhurst classes, and Christian in the World series. The Lighthouse Catholic CD program has also proven to be a popular educational tool. A Facebook page as well as parish email and A GiFT email blasts help spread the news.

The January rollout of Year of the Mass is the benchmark activity

for 2011. The program includes a "You Tube" video, presentations to parish ministries and parishioner education. In keeping with the Year of the Mass, Lenten Small Faith Groups discussed "I Am the Bread of Life", by Father Joseph McMahon.

"Awakening Faith", the 10-week program Returning Catholics program continues to enjoy success. Bible Scripture Study groups and small and dedicated Fatima Cell groups round out the parish faith sharing opportunities.

A GiFT promises a spectacular ending to the year! Attend a Christmas Mass! Please contact [agift@ollparish.com](mailto:agift@ollparish.com) if you wish to participate in this energetic group! Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7 PM. New members are welcome!

# Religious Education Highlights

by Laura Patton, Director of Religious Education and RCIA

Our Lady of the Lake Parish is blessed to have a strong, consistent Religious Education program dedicated to constant growth and ministry for people of all ages in the parish. In my first year here as your Director of RE my objective is to continue each of our programs maintaining a smooth transition with the assistance of Sr. Janina Kokorwski, my predecessor.

Because of the dedication of wonderful parishioners, who make it a joy to work in this parish, we are off to the start of a great year. Currently we have over 48 parishioners assisting in a variety of programs. There are over 200 children filling the school on Sunday morning to experience Christ through the outpouring of generosity from their catechist. Working closely with the RE Committee and the Catechists we plan to continue the many ongoing programs of social justice outreach, parish wide Advent and Mardi Gras celebrations, and the much

anticipated family Mass using the talents and gifts of our students for the various liturgical ministries.

The RCIA Team who assisted Sr. Janina continues to offer our program support and insight. We currently have 15 adults seeking either full communion with the Catholic Church or adult confirmation. Volunteers continue to step forward to assist with children's liturgy of the word and our parent baptism classes.

I am confident that with the ongoing support of parishioners like you we will continue the outpouring of God's grace in the various ministries of the parish. I want to thank each and every person assisting in these programs and helping to make my first year here at OLL a fruitful one.



## Music Ministry

By Lynne Huston, Parish Music Coordinator and Accompanist



Lynne Huston

The Choir, directed by Tom Morse, is busy preparing Advent and Christmas music with their annual Christmas Camp in October. They spend Saturday learning the seasonal music, eating meals together, and singing at the 5 PM

Mass. Easter Camp is in February, and we end the year on Pentecost with a festival celebration accompanied by organ, timpani, and the Columbia Brass quartet.

In the summer, while the Choir has a break, the Summer Pick-Up Choir takes its place at the 11 AM Mass. It is for anyone who wants to sing. Even children can come with their parents. Katie Oppenheimer, a fifth grader, and Mia Michel, a third grader, sing soprano next to each other.

How do you pack up a whole music department with thousands of pieces of music? With lots and lots of help!! Volunteers from our

music groups pitched in last winter, and we moved to our temporary quarters the day after Easter. Our music is in brand new (to us) lateral file cabinets, a gift from a parishioner. They're wonderful! Thank you!

In May, Jerry Wheeler, who was the Cantor at the 6 PM Mass and Leader of the Musicians for Life for five years, moved out of state for a new job. Guest Cantors Tom Tomaszek and Janette Strand sang at the mass through the summer and fall.



We welcome back the Oregon Children's Choir and Youth Chorale for their December and May concerts. Director Sandra Miller considers the acoustics the finest in the Lake Oswego Community. "We love singing there." And we look forward to their inspirational music.

November 27, 2011, marks the advent of the Third

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing! *Psalm 100*

Edition of The Roman Missal. While the Mass remains the same, some of the texts we sing will change. This gives us an opportunity to learn new music for the Mass. We begin with the Mass of Renewal by Curtis Stephan, published by Oregon Catholic Press. The Cantors are teaching it to the assemblies. OLL School Music Teacher Tim McCarthy also chose it for the students.

If you sing, or play an instrument, or do office work, there is a place for you in the Music Ministry. Come join us!





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*Rev. Joseph McMahon  
Pastor*

## *Laboring in the Master's Vineyard*



As we begin a new program year, we find ourselves solidly in the second decade of the Church's third millennium since the birth of Christ. By the middle of next year we will complete a Parish Master Plan that began in the last decade of the previous millennium. Thanks to Kim Calkins' dynamic leadership, and the great effort of our parish volunteers, we are bringing this parish effort to completion. Please read and rejoice in the report on our parish campaign and construction in this newsletter.

During this year of the Mass we will make a special effort to call as many of you as possible to enrich our parish worship by participating as liturgical ministers: ushers/greeters, Eucharistic ministers, readers, altar servers, and choir members. We are also recruiting persons to assist Rosemary Holman with creating the beautiful decorations of the church for Mass and the liturgical seasons.

As we begin a new program year, we have much to be thankful for as a parish—especially the hard work of our staff, and the enormous efforts of our parish volunteers. I urge you to not only applaud their efforts, but to also imitate their generosity and join their effort, when you can, and so share in the joy of laboring in the Master's vineyard.

*Fr. Joseph McMahon*

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