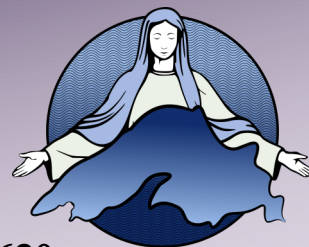


# Catholic Communities of the ASHLAND CLUSTER

Ashland • Odanah • Moquah • Dauby • Ino

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## MASS TIMES

### Our Lady of the Lake:

Tues, Wed, Fri - 7:00 AM

Thurs - 7:00 AM Communion Service

Sat. - 6:00 PM and Sun 9:00 AM

Sunday Mass 9:00 AM - Radio 94.3 FM & Facebook

### St. Mary Parish - Odanah

Saturdays 4:00 PM

### St. Florian Parish - Ino

11:00 AM every second Sunday

### St. Peter Parish - Dauby

Thursday 8:30 AM - Mass

11:00 AM every first, third & fifth Sunday

### Ss. Peter & Paul Parish - Moquah

Monday 8:30 AM - Mass

11:00 AM every fourth Sunday

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays & Fridays - Our Lady of the Lake

7:30 - 8:00 AM

Saturdays - Our Lady of the Lake

5:30 - 5:50 PM

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December 10, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*second Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



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## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Community Mission Statement

We, the people of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Community, believe we are called by God to live our faith and to bring others to Christ by our words and actions.



### Father Jerome's Message: Good News of the Gospel – You are Created by God!

The Last Sunday, we dealt with “You are created by God.” How wonderful to know and acknowledge that we are created by God, therefore He has claim on us.

This week, “You are captured by Satan/Sin.” The first of book of the Old Testament begins with the Book of Genesis. After creating everything per His plan and design, God takes pride in His creation. He gives freedom to the man and woman to do anything except eat fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden. The drama continues with the unexpected fall of the man and woman, who eat some fruit from the forbidden tree. The first parents could not resist the temptation. They fall to the glamorous fantasies of Satan. Sin has power over us. There is always a tendency to deny our sins. It brings about shame, blame, delusion, incapacity to make a right decision and more... “You are captured by Satan.”

God offers a promise to the fallen humanity – “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; they will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel” Genesis 3:15.

We get one week closer to God's promise coming to fulfillment in the Birth of Jesus – Redeemer and Savior.

**Thought of the Week:** “The happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

**Question of the Week:** Do you feel the power of Satan at work within you?

#### SAINT IN FOCUS

Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr  
Feast Day: December 13th



St. Lucy was martyred for her faith in 304 during the persecutions of the Roman Emperor, Diocletian. Born in Sicily, she dedicated her life to Christ, took a vow of virginity, and distributed her dowry to the poor, drawing the ire of her designated husband-to-be.

St. Lucy's name means “light” and she is the patron saint of those who are blind or vision-impaired. St. Lucy is often depicted holding a plate with eyes on it. When we think of St. Lucy, we remember that she teaches us to follow Jesus, the light of the world. She lived these words of Christ: “Your light must shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father” (Matthew 5:16).

St. Lucy is highly regarded in Sweden, where her feast day includes the Festival of Lights. A statue of St. Lucy stands above the crucifix on the main altar at Our Lady of the Lake on the right side.



### Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas—a Holy Day of Obligation falls on Monday this year.

This means that a vigil Mass on Saturday, December 23 or a morning Mass on Sunday, December 24 fulfills the Fourth Sunday of Advent obligation. A vigil Mass on Sunday December 24 or Mass on Christmas Day fulfills the Christmas Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass is essential to Catholic spirituality. Holy Days of Obligation provide opportunities to deepen our faith and grow in our relationship with God through worship and reflection. Plan to keep Christ in your Christmas celebrations.

#### Saturday, December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent Vigil

4:00 pm St. Mary's, Odanah

6:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Ashland

#### Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Our Lady of the Lake, Ashland

11:00 am Ss. Peter & Paul, Moquah

#### Sunday, December 24 Christmas Vigil

6:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Ashland

#### Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

7:00 am St. Mary's, Odanah

9:00 am Our Lady of the Lake, Ashland

11:00 am St. Peter's, Dauby

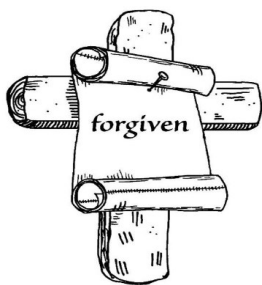
# Making a Difference Together...



- **Advent 2023:** We enter the second week of Advent - "Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world." - Pope Francis, Angelus, 2018
- **Come, Let Us Sing For Joy:** The 101st Annual Community Christmas Concert was celebrated last weekend featuring beautiful music to usher in the Advent season. The concert included singers from area churches, community choirs, Ashland High School and Northland College. We congratulate the combined choir of singers who represented the Ashland Area Catholic Cluster at the concert. The choir was directed by Shelly Brevak, accompanied by Dawn Swanson, and featured vocalists Bob Eaton and Aaron Kalmon. To all vocalists from our faith community, we thank you for sharing your talent in this wonderful community event. Congratulations on a beautiful performance. If you were unable to attend the event, it is available on UPCC (United Presbyterian/Congregational Church) YouTube channel. Go to [upccchurch.org](http://upccchurch.org). *Halleluia!*
- **First Reconciliation:** Please keep in your prayers second grade students who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week. These young members of our faith are continuing their preparation for receiving their First Holy Communion in April 2024.
- **2024 Calendars:** Special thanks to Mark and Mitch Mountain and Mountain Funeral Home for sponsoring our 2024 appointment calendars and making calendars available for all parishioners. The 2024 calendars are now available in all parishes. Our calendars are printed by Catholic Extension - The Official Catholic Calendar For Over 100 Years. Each month of the 2024 calendar features a feast day or saint of the month. In addition, Holy Days of Obligation, national and federal holidays, solemnities, feasts and obligatory memorials are included for each month. The colors of the liturgical year are displayed in the date number and days of fasting and abstinence are also identified. Enjoy the complimentary calendars and extend a thank you to Mark and Mitch!
- **Moquah Thrift Shop:** The Moquah Thrift Shop will offer 50% off all Christmas items the weekend of December 15th and 16th. The shop will be open for regular hours 9:30 am to 1:00 pm before closing for the winter beginning December 17th. Parishioners of Saints Peter & Paul wish to thank everyone who has supported the Thrift Shop with generous donations or as patrons of the shop. See you in the spring!
- **Pastoral Center Offices Holiday Hours:** Pastoral Center Offices will be closed for Christmas on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th. Staff will be available on Wednesday, December 27th and Thursday, December 28th. Offices will then be closed Friday, December 29th and Monday, January 1st to celebrate the New Year's holiday. Office staff will greet you for the New Year on Tuesday, January 2nd.



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>10</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00 am Mass Our Lady of the Lake Ashland ----- 11:00 am Mass St. Florian, Ino <i>Christmas Dinner</i>	<b>11</b>  6:00 - 8:00 pm Scouts Meeting Social Hall	<b>12</b>   5:30 pm Doors Open 6:30 pm Games Begin	<b>13</b> 9:00 am OLL School Mass Hosted by Grade 1 ----- 5:15-6:45 pm CGS 6:00 - 8:30 pm OLL Middle/High School Formation & Confirmation	<b>14</b> 7:00 am OLL Finance Mtg Zoom ----- 9:00 am OLL Quilters ----- 10:00 am Mass Ashland Health Services	<b>15</b> Moquah Thrift Shop 9:30 am - 1:00 pm ----- 7:30 OLL Messiah Christmas Concert 	<b>16</b> Moquah Thrift Shop 9:30 am - 1:00 pm ----- 1:00 - 4:00 pm Knights of Columbus Christmas Party ----- 4:00 pm Mass St. Mary's - Odanah ----- 6:00 pm Mass Our Lady of the Lake <small>Formerly ShopWithScript</small>
<b>17</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00 am Mass Our Lady of the Lake Ashland Family of Faith Student Mass ----- 11:00 am Mass St. Peter, Dauby <small>Formerly ShopWithScript</small>	<b>18</b> 2:00 pm OLL Pre-K Christmas Program ----- 6:00 pm OLL Ashland Cluster Communal Penance Service & Individual Confessions ----- 6:00 - 8:00 pm Scouts Meeting	<b>19</b>   5:30 pm Doors Open 6:30 pm Games Begin	<b>20</b> NO OLL SCHOOL MASS ----- 5:15-6:45 pm CGS 6:00 - 8:30 pm OLL Middle/High School Formation & Confirmation	<b>21</b> 9:00 am OLL Quilters	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 4:00 pm Mass St. Mary's - Odanah ----- 6:00 pm Mass Our Lady of the Lake



**Advent  
Communal Penance Service  
and Individual Confession**

**Monday, December 18  
6:00 pm  
Our Lady of the Lake**

Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and

honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church.

The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

Not only does it [the Sacrament of Penance] free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We obtain new insight into the words of the Prayer of St. Francis:

"It is in pardoning that we are pardoned." ~ from the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*

*Be renewed this Advent through the grace of the sacrament of Reconciliation.*



Holy Family Radio, 94.3 FM, is an affiliate of Relevant Radio, a Catholic radio program based in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Listen to the 9:00 AM Mass, from Our Lady of Lake, on Holy Family Radio. A complete programming schedule for the station is found at **relevantradio.com**.

Don't forget to recycle your used printer ink cartridges and small electronics which help raise needed funds to keep the station on air. A collection bin is located in the north entry at Our Lady of the Lake church. Simply drop your used cartridges, cell phones and other small electronics into the bin. *Thanks for your support!*

**Mass Attendance December 3 - 4**



St. Mary's	46 people
OLL - Sat Evening	95 people
OLL - Sun Morning	260 people
St. Peter's	45 people



**Handel's  
Messiah**

**SING-ALONG CONCERT  
Friday, December 15, 2023 7:30 pm  
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church**

Celebrate the 21st Anniversary of this annual event, where you can sing along to selections from Handel's masterwork, *Messiah*, accompanied by a chamber orchestra, under the baton of conductor Christine Hulmer. Ashland Chamber Music Society is thrilled to bring back soprano Amanda Metzinger and baritone M. Hakes, and welcomes alto Katheryn Hamm and tenor Nick Kuka.

This concert is a gift to the community with FREE admission. Choral scores may be borrowed, free of charge, at the door. Free will donations are greatly appreciated.

**Presented by the Ashland Chamber Music Society**



ACMS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing concerts in a variety of musical styles by small ensembles.

**Live The Liturgy  
Inspiration of the Week**

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in.



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**Knights of Columbus  
Children's Christmas Party  
Saturday, December 16th**

**1:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Knights of Columbus Hall  
1600 3rd Street West, Ashland**

**Santa arrives at 2:00 pm**

**A light lunch will be served after Santa's visit.**

Cluster parish families, with children 12 and under,  
are cordially invited to attend the  
Knights of Columbus Christmas Party.

For any questions please call Bill, 715.682.5942



**Come Celebrate!  
St. Florian's Christmas Dinner  
Sunday, December 10  
Serving Noon - 3:00 pm**

Everyone is invited to a delicious roast beef dinner after 11:00  
am Mass at St. Florian's. The dinner includes roast beef,  
mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, desserts and  
beverages. Bring your family and friends.

Adults \$12.00 Youth 6 to 12 \$6.00

Children 5 and under Free

Raffles, Silent Auction, Bakery and Crafts will be available.

*Questions please call*

*Loretta Skaj 715-765-4744 or Glory Bizub 715-746-2311*

**St. Mary's Partners With Boys & Girls Club**



St. Mary's, Odanah, held  
their Bingo/Raffle  
Fundraiser, at Bad River  
Convention Center, in  
October. In the spirit of  
tithing, Sister Roselyn  
Heil presents a  
proceeds check for  
\$350 to Paige  
Moilanen, Director of  
Bad River Boys & Girls  
Club. The mission of  
Boys & Girls Clubs is "To  
enable all young  
people, especially those  
who need us most, to  
reach their full potential  
as productive, caring,

responsible citizens." The club provides voluntary after-  
school programs for youth. Club  
administrators are grateful for the  
partnership with St. Mary's. The  
donation will assist with expanding equip-  
ment to respond to the growing number of children and  
youth participating in the after-school programs.

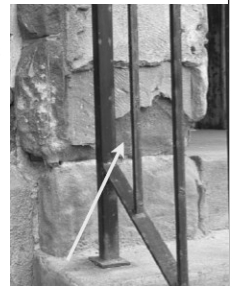
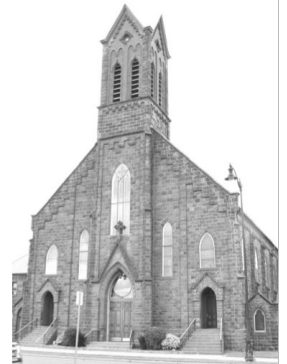


**Our Lady of the Lake  
2024 Restoration Project**

Parishioners attending Masses at Our  
Lady of the Lake on Saturday, December  
9th and Sunday, December 10th, will be  
viewing a presentation on the 2024  
restoration project planned for Our  
Lady of the Lake. The project will  
address infrastructure problems on the



south side of the  
church and the bell  
tower. In addition to the age of the church  
building, the proximity to the busy highway  
with constant vibration from heavy trucks and  
seasonal exposure to de-icing chemicals has  
contributed to an accelerated rate of deterio-  
ration of the stone. In  
addition, weathering of  
stone surfaces, deep cracking and loss of por-  
tions of the stones (as shown in the photos)  
have resulted in significant stone damage  
over time. Patching and replacement of dam-  
aged stone and bricks, removal and replace-  
ment of caulking sealant, and other related  
work will be discussed for the project.



**INVEST IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

The St. Agnes Education Foundation supports Our Lady of  
the Lake Catholic School through investments. Invest in  
our school and faith, and honor a loved one, by  
considering a gift to the foundation. Donations can be  
dropped in the Sunday collection basket at any of our  
weekend Masses or at the Pastoral Center office.

Donations can also be mailed to:

**St. Agnes Education Foundation  
PO Box 132  
Ashland, WI 54806**

On-line donations are accepted through the "Donate"  
portal on the church or school website.

**Your Christmas gift to the future of our Church!**



*Congratu-*

*lations to*

the family of  
**Hope Mary Anna Nieder**  
daughter of

Stephen J. and Margaret A. (McDonald) Nieder  
Baptized Saturday, November 18, 2023  
St. Florian, Ino

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to  
prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a  
future" ~ Jeremiah 29:11 Welcome to our family of faith!*



## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School



## Second Sunday of Advent



## Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School's CHRISTMAS STORE Collection

*November 28-  
December 14*

New or gently used items.  
Collection bin in the North Entry.

The collection of new or gently used items to offer in the "Christmas Store" continues this week. The "Christmas Store" will be open for all students to shop for special gifts for their family members on Friday, December 15th. Gift items for all ages can be placed in the collection cart located in the north entry hallway to collect gift items for all ages. Scarves, hats, gloves and mittens will be collected, but no other clothing, please. Donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper and tape will also be appreciated. *Thank you for your support of this school project!*

### *Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School Collection for the Brick*

*We believe that children should be given the opportunity to understand the true meaning of Christmas. One of the ways we will be showing this is by having a "Baby Jesus Birthday Collection". Our Students would like to honor Jesus by bringing gifts to families in need from our area.*

*We will collect items December 1st - 18th*

If you would like to donate, please bring any of the items listed below, unwrapped, to the school office.

**\*Diapers – Various sizes**

**\*Baby Wipes**

**\*Baby Formula**

**Teething rings, bottles**

**Baby Shampoo/ Lotion/ Soap**

**Diaper Rash Ointment**

**Baby Food – Jars, crackers, teething, biscuits, formula, etc.**

**\*The Starred Items are especially needed right now.**



+ Please give NEW items.

*GOD BLESS YOU! MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

## DAILY READINGS

**Sunday, December 10** *Second Sunday of Advent*

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

**Monday, December 11**

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10-14/Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday, December 12**

Zec 2:14-17/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday, December 13**

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 14**

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

**Friday, December 15**

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 16**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday, December 17** *Third Sunday of Advent*

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Saturday, December 9**

4:00 pm St Mary, Odanah

Helen Hansen †

6:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake

Joseph Westerlund † (Birthday)

Beau Nemec †

**Sunday, December 10**

9:00 am Our Lady of the Lake

Shirley Starosta † (Birthday 12/14)

Margaret &amp; Emery Sharron †

11:00 am St Florian, Ino

Bob Pufall † (Birthday)

**Monday, December 11**

8:30 am Ss Peter &amp; Paul,

Moquah

Tom Johanik †

Robert "Bob" Schiewsow †

**Tuesday, December 12**

7:00 am Our Lady of the Lake

John Jarecki †

Jack &amp; Carol Ronning †

**Wednesday, December 13**

7:00 am Our Lady of the Lake

Living &amp; Deceased † of the John

Petrack Family

**Thursday, December 14**

7:00 am Our Lady of the Lake

Communion Service

8:30 am St Peter, Dauby

Tony Johanik †

**Friday, December 15**

7:00 am Our Lady of the Lake

Charles "Bill" Lavasseur †

Forest Munson †

**Saturday, December 16**

4:00 pm St Mary, Odanah

Jerry &amp; Ella Teague Family

Gary L. Westlund †

6:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake

Maryann Kollauf † (Birthday)

Dean Pufall † (Birthday 12/15)

**Sunday, December 17**

9:00 am Our Lady of the Lake

Brian Leciejewski †

David Leciejewski †

11:00 am St Peter, Dauby

Joseph Stipetich †

Nancy Pagac †

## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS December 3 - 4

Collections	OLL	Dauby	Moquah	Ino	Odanah
Sunday Collection	\$4,636	\$558	\$360	\$100	\$416.50
Electronic Giving	\$895				
<b>Total for the Week</b>	<b>\$5,531</b>	<b>\$558</b>	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$416.50</b>
Renovations	\$81				
School	\$1,025	\$170			
St. Joseph Loan	\$90				
Holy Days	\$86	\$45			
Flowers	\$105				
Religious Formation					
Other					
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$6,918</b>	<b>\$773</b>	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$416.50</b>