

## Pastoral Outreach

### Lenten Justice and Charity Projects

This Lent parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in two projects during Lent.

**Minnesota FoodShare:** Each March Minnesota FoodShare runs the largest food drive in the state and restocks food shelves across Minnesota. During March all financial **contributions are matched** through a matching grant, so your almsgiving goes twice as far. Envelopes will be available in the pews beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Place your financial contribution in the envelopes and deposit them in the weekend collection or you can drop them off at the parish office by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Each Weekend during March OLP will be collecting food for the Minnehaha food shelf.

**Operation Rice Bowl:** Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Founded in 1943 by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, the agency provides assistance to 130 million people in more than 90 countries and territories in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten faith formation program from Catholic Relief Services, offers resources that can help people of all ages, families and communities participate in these Lenten practices and deepen their faith.

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. If you have not already done so, please pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl after all Masses on February 24-25 and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app at [www.crsricebowl.org/app](http://www.crsricebowl.org/app). May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

## Community Events

### Taste of NPH

On Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11 am, OLP Parishioner Vic Roers will host "*Taste of NPH*" in Pates Hall. This is a fundraiser luncheon for "Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos" (NPH), an organization that is raising over 3200 children in nine countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. An NPH University student will be at the event to share their personal story of how their life has been positively impacted through the support of NPH. The luncheon will feature foods from three countries in which there are NPH homes: Mexico (elotes), Honduras (baleadas), and El Salvador (pupusas). Fried plantains and horchata (a sweet beverage) will also be served. You are invited to come and hear about NPH and enjoy a tasty lunch! Tickets are 100% tax-deductible and must be purchased in advance: \$30 for adults and \$15 for those under the age of 18. Members of the clergy receive complimentary admission. It is anticipated that this event will sell out and it is encouraged to reserve your seat(s) early by visiting [www.nphusa.org/tasteofnph](http://www.nphusa.org/tasteofnph). Please contact Vic Roers if you have any questions: 612-718-6971.

### "A Better Life" Banquet for Tandem Family Resource Center

Tandem Pregnancy and Family Resource Center provides life-affirming support to women and children in crisis in three areas: unplanned pregnancy, personal empowerment and humanitarian outreach. Our Lady of Peace has reserved a table (10 guests) for their annual banquet to support Tandem. The banquet and fundraiser will be held at The Metropolitan Club, 5418 Wayzata Boulevard, Golden Valley, MN 55416 on Thursday, March 15, 2017. Cocktail and social hour at 6:00, dinner and program at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in attending, please contact Deacon Paul Tatone, 612-824-3455, ext. 513 or [ptatone@olpmn.org](mailto:ptatone@olpmn.org). There is no cost to attend, however, guests will have an opportunity to make a donation. More about Tandem can be found at [www.tandemfamilies.org](http://www.tandemfamilies.org).

# HOME sweet HOME

Our Lady of Peace Gala  
April 21, 2018

## OLP Spring Gala - Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:00 pm

The planning for our Spring Gala is underway and we are thrilled at how things are taking shape!

Thanks to our committee members and generous donations, here is a sampling of some of the items that will be available for bid the night of the event:

- Twins Suites for July 30<sup>th</sup> - Suite #49 could be yours along with 23 of your friends, family, or co-workers. Yes, this 24-seat suite could be yours with a winning bid in our live auction!
- Surprise Swag Bag - A beautiful, mint-green Kate Spade bag will be chock full of surprise goodies and gift cards- also available in the live auction.
- Island View Resort - Get a \$1,000 credit towards a one-week stay at this beautiful resort in Orr, MN. Owned by former Our Lady of Peace parishioners.
- Kick off to Summer! - Be sure to sign up for this sure-to-be sold out event! Enjoy a backyard feast with appetizers, drinks, pizza, and smoked meats! Hosted by Eric & Wendy Olson and Mike Draper & Amy Marth.
- Fund-A-Need - The fund-a-need for the gala will focus on Mr. Berry's recently announced 3R Project: Renew, Refresh, and Rejuvenate. This project outlines some changes for our school based on Mr. Berry's year of "Think Big," and being open to growth and change that will positively impact our school. Key components of this project include:
  1. Moving the Early Learning Program - Starting in the fall of the 2018-19 school year, we are relocating the Early Learning Program (ELP) to the 1st floor of the building, adjacent to the school office. The purpose of this move is two-fold: 1.) to improve campus security and 2.) to promote the sense of community and belonging with our ELP families. This move will also allow the ELP to expand in numbers to meet the high demand for enrollment.
  2. 3R Project: Renew, Refresh, and Rejuvenate - Due to the relocation of ELP next year, we have been engaged in extensive planning for the relocation of Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. We have asked the teachers to think about their new space and what they need to make it the best learning environment possible. These improvements include new flooring, paint, technology, and/or furniture. To help us fund this endeavor, we have approached the Gala committee and they have agreed that Fund-A-Need be allocated to the 3R Project.

Additionally, some companies will match donations to schools. If that is the case with your employer, please consider a contribution to the Fund-A-Need project.

# What's This "White Privilege" Thing??

**PRIVILEGE:** "a special right, advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group of people" (online dictionary)

BLACK • WHITE



**WHITE PRIVILEGE:** "a term for societal privileges that benefit people identified as white in some countries, beyond what is commonly experienced by non-white people under the same social, political, or economic circumstances" (online dictionary)

## Let's Talk...

Annunciation/OLP Peace & Justice Committee Present:

### Discussion Series on Race Relations, Systemic Racism, and the Concept of White Privilege

- What:** Understanding the Challenges Inherent in Being a Member of a Minority Culture and the Structural Racism that Inhibits Equality of Opportunity
- Why:** Living our Gospel-based Catholic Social Teaching
- When:** Three Sundays during Lent: March 4, 11, 18  
11 AM to 12 PM (*after Mass at Annunciation Church*)
- Where:** Annunciation Church, Lower Level  
509 W 54th Street, Minneapolis
- How:**
- Study Aide: "Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible", film and conversation guide designed to help bridge the gap between good intentions and meaningful change in race relations, World Trust Educational Services
  - Other educational videos, handouts, readings
  - Open and respectful dialogue
  - *For those who want to dig a little deeper:* Book Discussion: "Waking Up White" by Debby Irving (OLP Thursday evenings, March 8, 15, 22 - 6:30 PM)

Please join fellow parishioners as we engage in this important and enlightening discussion!  
For information, contact Sister Sue Torgersen at (612) 824-0787.

*Many of the problems we're talking about are systemic. I didn't choose them, and feeling guilty about it doesn't do anyone any good....Jayson D. Bradley, Content Strategist for Overthink Group and regular writer for MinistryAdvice.com*



# LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AT OLP

*Sponsored by the OLP Global Solidarity Committee with help from select ministries.*

Join us for the best kept secret in the parish!

4 Fridays during Lent  
Serving from 5:30 to 6:45 pm, Pates Hall  
Followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm



Come join us as we offer up homemade vegetarian delights made by OLP parishioners from cheesy potato to Brazilian black bean to barley vegetable to our old standby, sauerkraut chowder.

## FEBRUARY 16

*(co-sponsor: Global Solidarity Committee on its own!)*

## MARCH 2

*(co-sponsors: Prayer Shawl Ministry & Book Discussion Group)*

## MARCH 9

*(co-sponsors: T.B.D.)*

## MARCH 23

*(co-sponsor: Liturgical Ministry & OLP Choir)*

With bread donated by



The free-will offering this year goes to support the Happy Children's Project, an effort of parishioners Paul and Yami Campion to help obtain educational resources for children in two Honduran villages.