

RCIA: Meet our Candidates and Catechumen

Candidate: Jessica Choi

Jessica Choi is a baptized Christian who would like to become Catholic. She has been preparing since September to become a member of the Catholic Church. She will be Confirmed and make her Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil. The following is a piece she shared about her faith journey. Please remember Jessica in your prayers as she moves more closely into the Catholic Church.

My journey of faith has been an incredible ride since starting RCIA in September. I have always questioned my faith and took an interest in the Catholic community a few years ago. I was truly inspired by an incredible woman, who was like a second mother to me, who sadly lost her battle with cancer last summer. Her love and faith in God never wavered and she always trusted in Him. This gave her strength, hope, and a smile on her face. She sparked a fire in my heart to pursue God.

Although the start of my journey was slightly overwhelming and intimidating, I am so grateful for the RCIA staff and Father Ellis. They have made us feel comfortable and are always open to answering questions. The topics that we discuss are interesting and insightful. I leave the RCIA sessions with a new appreciation for the Catholic faith! My journey of faith has opened my eyes to the amazing community at Our Lady of Peace, and I am so excited about my confirmation during Easter Vigil!



Dining Out for OLP!

Please join the OLP community for dinner Monday, March 12, 2018 at the Lowbrow. OLP will receive 10% back on all sales from 4 PM-10 PM. The Lowbrow is located at 4244 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55409.

Parish Life

Special Lenten Opportunity

The Peace and Justice Committee of Annunciation and Our Lady of Peace will present a special Lenten Series, on Sundays, March 11 and 18, from 11:00 am to noon in the lower level of the Annunciation Church. The series will shine the light of our Catholic Social Teaching on the issue of structural racism. The series will include viewing and discussing Mirrors of Privilege, a video that explores how race unknowingly plays a role in the quality of life in today's society.

Join Us for a Simple Meal

Please join the Global Solidarity Committee for a simple meal of bread and soup this Friday from 5:30 to 6:45 in Pates Hall. Cost is free but we are asking for a free will offering which will be donated to local charities. After the meal you are invited attend Stations of the Cross.

Community Events

Pancake Breakfast

The 4th degree Knights of Columbus will be holding their spring "all you can eat" pancake breakfast fund raiser on Sunday, March 18 from 8:00 am until 12:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1114 American Blvd., West Bloomington, MN.

There will be a clown, free face painting and balloon art for the children and free blood pressure checks for the adults. The Bloomington Fire Department will be on hand with one of their fire trucks for the children to explore.

"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. 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.

OLP Lenten Fish Fry



All you can eat family friendly menu:
Fried Fish, Potatoes, Mac 'n Cheese, Coleslaw, Carrots,
Dinner Rolls, Cookies, and Beverages

Friday, March 16
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Peace School Gym

Adults \$13.00
Seniors (62+) \$10.00
Children (3-12) \$7.00
Family max. \$40.00

**Proceeds help support the Our Lady of Peace 2018 High School
Mission Trip.**





Mark your calendars for our upcoming school gala on April 21st! Registration will be opening in the next week!

The gala will include silent and live auctions, raffle items, dinner, dancing and group event sign-ups!

Group Events are community-building events that are hosted and/or sponsored by members of our community! These events are available for sign-up the night of the gala. Most of the events have a limited number of spots available at a set price. The profits from the spots sold for each event contribute to our school fundraising efforts!

We are currently looking for people to host group events or help to sponsor them by giving a monetary donation.

For example, we are working to put together a Purse Bingo event, but need some cash donations to help purchase purses. Another example is that we have a donation from Park Tavern for a bowling party for up to 40 people and need a host to help organize the group event. The bowling party could potentially be an adults only bowling competition or a family bowling outing.

Here are some of the group events that are already in the works:

- Kick off to Summer Backyard Party hosted by Eric and Wendy Olson with Mike Draper and Amy Marth
- Poker Party hosted by Nate and Liz Hass with Bruce and Maura Carland
- Author's Tea hosted by Marian Bradburn
- Paisley Park Visit hosted by Marian Bradburn and Katy Snee
- Middle School Trivia hosted by Mrs. Roth
- ELP Family Night and Pizza Party hosted by ELP Teachers
- Yoga with Wine & Chocolate-hosted by Amy Hook
- Cheese Tasting—hosted by Rueben and Rachel Nilsson with Deanna and Peter Boss

Thank you for supporting OLP and we look forward to seeing you at the gala on April 21st!

If you would like to host an event or help to sponsor an event, please contact Amy Hook at 612.414.8804/ ahook@adoptionmn.com or Kathryn Manahan at 651.271.2842/ Kathryn.Manahan@Target.com.