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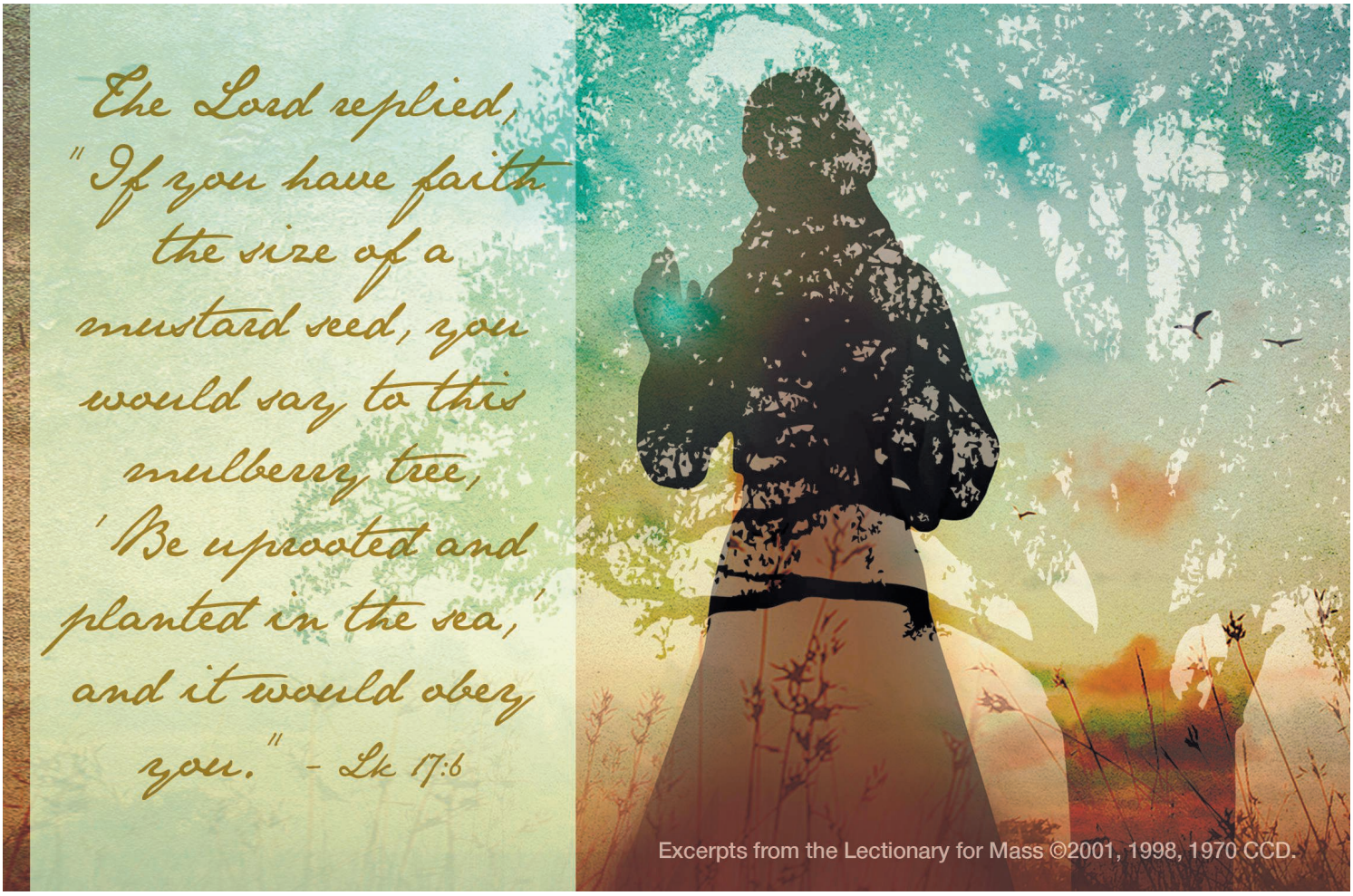

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - September 12-18, 2016

Stewardship Offering (Envelopes/Electronic)	$15,249.60
Offertory	$887.32

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017

Contributions Received	$162,142.97
Contribution Budget	$161,562.50
Difference as of 9/18/16	**$580.47**

Operating Income*	$245,531.52
Operating Expenses**	$178,068.75
Balance as of 8/31/16	**$67,462.77**

**Includes Bequest of Life Insurance Benefit = $17,488.54 **Festival expenses outstanding*

Improvement Fund Updates

Beginning Balance 7/1/16	$103,671.52
Donations	$14,316.50
Expenses	$0.00
Balance as of 9/18/16	**$117,988.02**

CALENDAR RAFFLE 2016

Date	Prize	Ticket	Winner
9/18	$50.00	1226	Alexis Chamtcheu
9/19	$20.00	0644	Shirley Pliszka
9/20	$20.00	1057	Peter Michalenko
9/21	$20.00	1101	Jeff & Maureen Hogdon
9/22	$20.00	0625	Bruce Bultman
9/23	$20.00	0103	Harold Miller
9/24	$20.00	0549	Thomas Miller

COMMUNITY LIFE

Wedding Banns

III Megan Wargolet & Nick Johnson
I Kristen Czajka & Jake Zadeel

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Michael Moze
From
Tom & Nancy Maher

In loving memory of
James Arnsdorff & Douglas Hardy
From
Theresa Arnsdorff

Ho Chunk Casino Trip
Thursday, October 27, 2016

A bus will leave OLOL promptly at 8:15 am, St Greg's at 8:30 am, and St. Mathias promptly at 8:45 am. The bus will arrive at Ho Chunk about 10:45 am. We will return to our respective parishes between 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm.

The fee is $30.00 in advance with a $25.00 credit on your reward card and an extra $10.00 on your reward card for Sweet Silvers.

Christian Women Social

The October Christian Women social will be on Thursday morning, October 6, at 9:00 am. There will be a prayer service and a social followed by dessert and coffee. Come and meet with other Christian Women. Bring a friend; all are welcome.

Pray the Rosary

Come pray the Rosary with others at 9:00 am each Wednesday in October. Come pray for peace for ourselves, our families, our nation, and our world.

SUN 2

Oktoberfest Sign-up

8:00 am	Liturgy	Church
11:30 am	GIFT	Hall ABC
10:30 am	Liturgy	Church
6:00 pm	Liturgy	Church

MON 3

8:00 am	Liturgy	Rm 9
5:30 pm	GIFT	Hall ABC

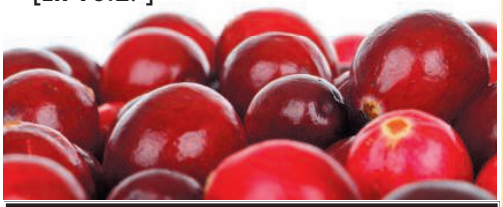
TUE 4

8:00 am	Communion Service	Rm 9
3:00 pm	Food Pantry	Rm 7
7:00 pm	Adult Choir Reh.	Church
7:00 pm	Faith Sharing Grp.	Rm 9

Mercy Moment

**"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your being,
with all your strength,
and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself."**

[Lk 10:27]



VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

OPENNESS

Openness is being honest, clear and sincere, and sharing who we are and what we feel without pretense. It is the willingness to consider new ideas and listen to others with an open mind. We are more interested in connecting than controlling. When we are open, we are receptive to the blessings and surprises of life.

What new possibility have you invited into your way of life?

If you are interested in a deeper look at a virtue each day, try: facebook.com/DiscoverTheSacredSite

FORMATION

Movie Night!

Join us on Monday, October 12, for *The Blind Side*. Bring a friend, meet a friend, enjoy some great popcorn…and it's free! We begin at 6:30 pm in Hall A. See you at the movies!

LifeSHIFT: Work & the Christian Journey: October 28-30, 2016

Life is about managing change: career, personal, family, spiritual. This retreat is an opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, job, work, and/or retirement possibilities. Activities include discussions, presentations, individual consultation, journaling, the Strong Interest Inventory, and aspects of Ignatian Spirituality. Participants will clarify work/life objectives and address fears of transition while experiencing imaginative ways to explore their Christian faith.
Registration and information: www.centerforlifetransitions.net (click on LifeSHIFT)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

TAKE A STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
NCADV

This past year has brought many opportunities of awareness of the terrible epidemic of domestic violence. The tools of social media and mainstream television have helped raise awareness. Throughout this month, we will be sharing various ways that you can "Take a Stand" against this violence.

"Take A Stand is a call to action meant to bring attention to the issue of domestic violence for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (and throughout the year.) By taking a stand, we intend to remind the nation that there are still countless people, victims and survivors, their children and families, their friends and family, their communities, are impacted by domestic violence. We, all of us, should not stop until society has zero tolerance for domestic violence and until all victims and survivors can be heard." [accessed at http://www.ncadv.org/takeastand].

Our first step is to know that we are all made in God's image and likeness, all worthy of respect and dignity. **No one** has the right or call to mistreat another. How might you practice this principle this week?

Spiritually at Sea?

Perhaps the companionship of a spiritual director can help you sort through the God questions in your life. We have several certified director/companions in our parish. Please see the bulletin board outside of Room 10 for more information.

WED 5

9:00 am	Rosary Recitation	Church
9:30 am	Liturgy	Church
10:15 am	Faith Group Social	Hall BC
7:00 pm	Liturgy Cmte. Mtg	Rm 9
7:00 pm	GASIC	Rm 3

THU 6

8:00 am	Liturgy	Rm 9
9:15 am	MOMS Spirituality	Rm 3
9:30 am	Christian Women Mtg.	Hall C
10:00 am	Fall Bible Study	Rm 6
6:00 pm	MOMS Spirituality	Rm 6
6:30 pm	Human Concerns Cmte. Mtg.	Rm 7
7:00 pm	Gospel of Matthew	Hall A

FRI 7

8:00 am	Communion Service	Rm 9

WORSHIP

Music Ministry Opportunities

If you are interested in taking part in any of the following opportunities, contact Peg Kasun (kasunp@ololmke.org):

Support of Grieving Families

One of our most powerful and appreciated ministries is the Resurrection Choir. This group is open to singers of all ages. There is no weekly rehearsal, and singers are "on call" based on their availability to serve singing in a group for funerals.

OLOL Youth Make a Joyful Noise!

OLOL Youth grades 5-12 are invited to share their love for music! Singers and instrumentalists are welcome to sing in the OLOL Youth Choir. We sing once a month at the 10:30 liturgy, and these are scheduled to coincide with GIFT weekends to make it more convenient for families. First rehearsal: October 16. First Liturgy: October 23.

Forever I Will Sing

Has God blessed you with the gift of song? OLOL Cantor Ministry is welcoming new singers to lead sung prayer at liturgy. Singers can be scheduled individually, or in pairs or groups depending on the preference of each person. Support materials and individual assistance are provided to help each singer feel prepared and comfortable.

Praise Him with Horns, Harps, and Lyres!

If you play an instrument, we welcome you to share your gifts with the parish. Musicians of all ages are encouraged to share your talents. We are in particular need of drummers who play rock and gospel styles on the drum set.

Animal Blessing – October 8

The Church celebrates St. Francis, patron saint of animals, on October 4. In commemoration of this feast, we will hold our annual Animal Blessing on Saturday, October 8, at 11:00 am. If you or someone you know has a pet, we invite you to attend this special blessing. We will meet at the labyrinth, located between the back parking lot and the Parish Hall. In the event of rain, we will meet in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "When you have done all you have been commanded, say: 'We are unprofitable servants; we have only done what we were obliged to do.'"

This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned for indeed we are only doing "what we are obliged to do."

Election 2016

Be sure to check the Social Justice bulletin board in the Parish Hall hallway for information and updates regarding absentee ballots, early voting, and obtaining a photo ID. Sample ballots will be posted in the church vestibule on November 5 & 6.

Sharing Weekend

This weekend is Sharing Weekend. If you were not able to bring any donations to Mass, please know you can drop off food anytime the church is open. Just place your donation in the marked box in the classroom hallway. Our current list of **items most needed** includes boxed potatoes, mac and cheese, cereal, and tuna. Please watch expiration dates.

National Catholic Prison Ministry Conference

November 10 & 11, 2016
Cousins Center

This event is an opportunity for those who are involved in or interested in learning more about prison ministry. Whether you are a seasoned volunteer or new to the ministry, this conference is your chance to learn, connect, and share in this important ministry.

Register at
www.dismasministry.org

SAT 8

Oktoberfest Sign-up
SVDP Bundle Weekend

2:00 pm	Wargolet/Johnson Wedding	Church
5:00 pm	Liturgy	Church
7:00 pm	An Evening for Couples: Propose!	Hall BC

SUN 9

Oktoberfest Sign-up
SVDP Bundle Weekend

8:00 am	Liturgy	Church
9:00 am	1st Reconciliation Prep	Hall ABC
10:30 am	Liturgy	Church
6:00 pm	Liturgy	Church

COMMUNICATIONS

Bulletin Content Change

In the section below, you will see a big change in content. As the opportunities provided by the Discipleship Institute and Adult Ministry have grown over the last few years, we have found the need for more space to highlight those offerings. As announced a couple of weeks ago, the Connect! publication that we used to fill the area below will no longer be available starting in Advent. With so much going on in this vibrant parish, now felt like a good time to make the change in content. You will also see that the staff email addresses are listed there as well. Other content will be coming to fill that column, but the addresses will appear there from time to time, just in case people need them.

SPOTLIGHT

Voting? What Would Jesus Do?

Are someone who feels disenchanted with our electoral process and perhaps planning not to vote? We are fortunate to have the freedom **to vote**. Jesus did not sit back when He saw a custom or law that was not based on the common good. He **acted**. Apathy was not an option for Him, and not voting should **not** be an option for us. We must consider the dire need for social justice in our society. Be sure to encourage friends and others to act. We urge you to **vote** and to allow Jesus's teachings to be your guide as you fill out your ballot on **November 8**.

Our voting conscience should weigh the lessons of Scripture and Church teaching. Jesus would encourage us to go to the polls and to offer a ride to a neighbor. He would caution against voting with blinders and considering only one issue; we must look at the big picture. Father Chuck Schramm said, "There is no perfect party or candidate, but we have to **maximize the good**."
Once again, we must turn to Scripture. Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:31-33A, 34-35). We are asking you to examine each issue with "What would Jesus do?" in mind.

Roger Julga and Pat McKay, Pastoral Council Members

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

Saying Our Fare Thee Wells

Life and death are inextricably woven together. Denying death does not make it easier to bear. Although these two statements might seem logical to some of us, others may find them abrupt or startling. Why? We live in a culture that does its best to deny death. More and more, we are seeing "drive through funerals," little or no time given to the grieving process, and keeping children away from funerals, as though these measures will somehow allow us to escape the inevitable. As Catholic Christians, we believe in the promise of the Resurrection — that Christ defeated death. All around us in nature, we see evidence that something must die for new life to take place. How might we come to embrace the idea of death and dying as a part of our life? One way is to attend our Fare Thee Well event on Saturday, October 29, from 9:00 am to noon in our Parish Hall and church. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to talk with funeral directors, hospice folks, parish bereavement ministers, as well as learn about power of attorney, living wills, and the funeral planning process. You can even plan your funeral liturgy.

Take a step forward, and join us for this important event.

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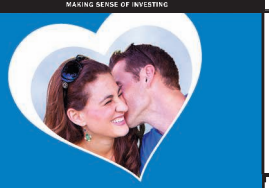

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Saturday, October 29

9:00 am - Noon

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Join us for a complete funeral planning and education experience.

Displays include:

Pastoral Resources

- Planning/Pre-planning a funeral liturgy

  Talk with Fr. Bill, Deacon John, OLOL Liturgy/Music Ministry representatives, and St. Gregory the Great staff representatives regarding

  Vigils, visitations, Mass, Communion service, Final Commendation

  Music and Scripture, pre-planning opportunities

  Bereavement Resources/Lazarus Ministry

- Meet and greet representatives of Sass, Heritage, Bruskiewicz, and Schaff Funeral Homes regarding:

  Caskets, urns, green burials

  Services offered through a funeral home

  When to call and what to expect

Additional Resources

- Catholics and Cremation
- Hospice agencies/at home hospice care
- Living wills , power of attorney, endowments/bequeathment
- Check into hospitality caters, venues, guidelines
- Sample food offerings from local caterers

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or visit our parish website at ololmke.org for more information.

Circle of Seeds

Every conversation plants seeds for the future . . .
A Gathering of Women

Monday, October 10th - 9:30 – 11 a.m. - Room 6

Creating our circle involves bringing a group of women of all ages, faiths, races and interests together to begin a conversation. The conversation continues when women commit to set aside a time and space to gather on a regular basis. These conversations and relationships are sacred. The circle determines the direction according to their interests, needs and desires.

Facilitators: Roberta Manley, RN, MSN, MAPS and
Jan Ruidl, RN, M. Div.

Roberta - Retired from Parish Nursing, Nursing Education and Hospice Certifications in Grief Ministry – Reiki – Meditation and Centering Prayer

Jan– Retired Parish Director, Pastoral Coordinator Certifications in Spiritual Mentoring, Bereavement Ministry – Enneagram - and Circle Facilitation