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4th Sunday in Lent



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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 5:00 PM

SUN 8:00 AM/10:30 AM/6:00 PM

MON 8:00 AM

WED 9:30 AM

THU 8:00 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - March 6-12, 2017

Stewardship Offering (Envelopes/Electronic)	\$10,698.25
Offertory	\$919.26

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

Contributions Received.....	\$553,026.87
Contribution Budget.....	<u>\$549,500.00</u>
Difference as of 3/12/17	\$3,526.87

Operating Income*	\$743,702.43
Operating Expenses.....	<u>\$659,246.24</u>
Balance as of 2/28/17	\$84,456.19

*Includes bequest of life insurance benefit and percentage of residual estate value = \$32,330.84

Improvement Fund Updates

Beginning Balance 7/1/16.....	\$103,671.52
Donations	\$41,586.45
Expenses.....	<u>\$10,575.55</u>
Balance as of 3/12/17	\$134,682.42

CALENDAR RAFFLE 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
3/12.....	\$50.00	0945	JoAnn Davis
3/13.....	\$20.00	0739	Madelynn Jahn
3/14.....	\$20.00	0128	Barb Lukaszewski
3/15.....	\$20.00	1231	Chuck & Kim Papenthein
3/16.....	\$20.00	1060	Joe Toufar
3/17.....	\$20.00	0403	Donna Reynolds
3/18.....	\$20.00	0902	Theresa Arnsdorff

COMMUNITY LIFE

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Theresa Marsicek
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Oktoberfest Planning Meeting

Plan a party! It's fun!
March 29
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Room 7

Topic: Food. We will evaluate what went well and make major menu decisions. All are welcome! Oktoberfest is October 13-15.

Ho Chunk Trip

The Wednesday Morning Faith Group will be going to Ho Chunk on Thursday, May 11. Bus boarding at 8:00 am and returning to OLOL about 6:30 pm. The cost is \$32 with a \$25 credit on your Player's Card. Call JoAnn Godkin (414) 828-7172 for more information and reservations.

Easter Vigil Reception

This weekend, you can sign up to donate much needed items for the Easter Vigil reception. Your donations will help defray the costs for this social event. Sign up forms are available in the Lobby. Once you sign up to donate, please take a reminder card that indicates the dates and times for drop off. Your generosity aids our hospitality!

SUN 26

<i>Easter Vigil Hospitality Sign-up</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
9:30 am RCIA	Rm 3
10:30 am Liturgy	Church
11:30 am GIFT	Hall ABC
12:00 pm Good Friday Mime	
Rehearsal	Church
6:00 pm Liturgy	Church

MON 27

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

TUE 28

8:00 am Communion Service	Rm 9
1:00 pm Deanery Mtg.	Rm 3
6:00 pm Finance Council Mtg.	Rm 9
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612	Hall AB
7:00 pm Adult Choir Reh.	Church
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul	
Mtg.	Rm 3

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

SEE

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." —Jn 9:15

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

SELF-DISCIPLINE

Self-discipline is having the self control to do only what we truly choose to do, rather than being blown by the winds of our desires. Self-discipline gives us the will to persevere. We are vigilant and honest with ourselves, which frees us to live by our highest values. We are able to weed out bad habits and cultivate good ones.

How are you doing with the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?

FORMATION

Helpers Needed For the Children's Easter Event

We are seeking people to assist with the Children's Easter Event that takes place on Easter Sunday during the 10:30 am liturgy for children age 3-6. Becky Meleski, our event coordinator, will provide you with guidance. Contact Steve Szymanski if you would like to help.

The Art Show takes a new twist!

We hope you have been enjoying our annual hallway Art Exhibit! This year, we invite our writers to spend some time with the artwork and create a reflection with a piece of poetry or prose that can be posted with the art. Contact the Parish Office with any questions.

Art Guild

Join the guild this Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Room 4 to learn the art of crochet. We welcome everyone!

Are you in need of a little direction?

Lent is a time when you naturally focus on your spirituality. Often, questions arise. You may wonder about the significance of a dream, a conversation, a scripture passage, or prayer. The question, "Where is God in my life?" may be arising more and more for you. These are just some of the instances in which a spiritual director or companion can be of help. Are you interested in this type of journey? See our bulletin board outside of Room 10 or contact Nancie Chmielewski for more information.

WED 29

12:00 pm	Reconciliation Service	Church
6:30 pm	Art Guild Mtg.	Rm 4
6:30 pm	Oktoberfest Planning Mtg.	Rm 7
7:00 pm	Reconciliation Service	Church

THU 30

8:00 am	Liturgy	Rm 9
9:15 am	MOMS Spirituality	Rm 3
7:00 pm	The Parables of Jesus	Hall A
7:00 pm	Living Stations Reh.	Church

FRI 31

8:00 am	Communion Service	Rm 9
4:00 pm	Fish Fry	Hall ABC

WORSHIP

Lent IV

“This Sunday has the traditional name of Laetare Sunday, a day of joy because Lent has reached the halfway point—a day that foreshadows the joy and splendor of Easter.

“The Gospel today focuses on the cure of the man born blind, and the first reading invites us to see as God sees and not as human beings see. The dreading also fits this focus, stressing the importance of living in the light rather than in darkness.

“Today’s focus on seeing as God sees lends itself well to the call to deeper conversion that marks the Lenten season. How we see situations and other people strongly affects how we deal with them. Much of our growth in the spiritual life is a matter of learning to see things as God does, especially when in stark contrast to society’s view of things.

“This week we will celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. So often what produces growth through the sacrament of reconciliation is coming to see a situation or a pattern of behavior in a new way, with new eyes—as a celebration of God’s mercy and love rather than primarily a time for self-recrimination.

“The scrutinies we celebrate this weekend and the next, with those preparing for the Easter sacraments, are another way in which we as a community are asked to reflect on how we see ourselves and the way we live in the world.

“Both reconciliation and the scrutinies help us to see God more clearly as the great lover and merciful healer. That’s a great reason to celebrate!”

(Excerpts from Fr. Lawrence Mick’s article in *Celebrations*, March 2017)

Spotlight Articles

Please be sure to check out the Spotlight section of your bulletin for this week’s Lenten reflection by Terri Hazinski.

Lenten Reconciliation

Services are this Wednesday, March 29, at noon and 7:00 pm; therefore there will not be a 9:30 am morning liturgy that day.

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace, we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing, and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

This month through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families by providing food and financial assistance for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank you!

Sharing Weekend

Next weekend, April 1/2, is our next sharing weekend. Please bring non-perishable food items for our pantry, and place them in the boxes by the doors at any Mass next weekend. Our current list of items most needed includes bottled fruit juice; Hamburger, Chicken, and Tuna Helper; baked beans; and Chef Boyardee products. Please watch the expiration dates.

Social Justice: An Invitation

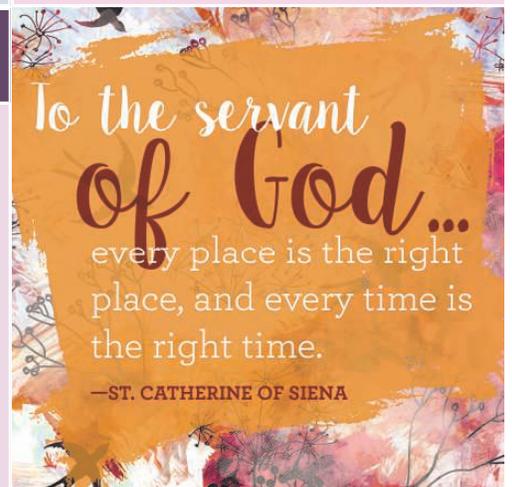
The Social Justice Committee seeks to educate and awaken people to the issues of justice that confront society today. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in Room 4. Join us for the next meeting to learn more about our mission and activities.

SAT 1

Easter Vigil Hospitality Sign-up
5:00 pm Liturgy Church

SUN 2

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8:00 am Liturgy Church
9:30 am RCIA Rm 3
10:30 am Liturgy Church
2:00 pm Easter Vigil Reh. Church
6:00 pm Liturgy Church



COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

LOLO App for Weather Closings

The recent snow storm is a great reminder that even in spring we can still get snow that may cancel events at OLOL. We announce our closings through TV, Facebook, Twitter, our website, text notifications, and our new app. Please note that TV stations limit us to "Mass cancelled," "all activities canceled," or "building closed," and which times of day the cancellations are for; therefore, we cannot pass on specific program cancellations through TV. We can communicate that info through our other mediums. If you have a smartphone or a tablet, the fastest and most convenient way to receive detailed info is through our app.

Full OLOL app details at ololmke.org/AllAboutTheApp.

Lenten Reflection

God asks us to seek the way out of the darkness that blinds our hearts and souls. Sometimes it is a leap of faith. Sometimes it is small steps of understanding like the seed opening and breaking through to catch the light that allows it to grow from the watered soil. Perhaps, for us, it is not so simple. It seems we have more questions than answers. Jesus gave a person sight but did not at once reveal Himself. The man was questioned repeatedly by the Pharisees, who had little regard for one they deemed born of sin, and tried to use the beggar to discredit Jesus as a sinner. The more the newly sighted man was questioned, the more he saw God not of laws or preconceptions, but a God of miracles. He then became willing to ask who Jesus was and came to believe in the Son of Man. So what do we learn from this story? Do we continue to question our ideas and beliefs about the world around us so as Christians we come closer to the inclusivity and love Christ teaches us? Do we believe in the miracles that open our eyes in our day to day lives?

Therese Hazinski

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Prayer

Lord God, help us to love those whom we find it difficult to love.
Give us a heart that reaches out to those we would otherwise ignore.
Give us the strength not to cross on the other side of the road,
but to play the part of the Samaritan.
This will not be easy, Lord.
It is not in our nature.
We spread our love thinly among those we can relate to,
those who share our values, and those who do not threaten
our comfortable lifestyle.
It's not easy, Lord, and on our own we shall fail.
But with your help all things are possible.
You led the way, and it is your example that we look to.
You turned the values of this world upside down.
Do the same with us, Lord.
Help us live the reality of your Love.

Read more at:

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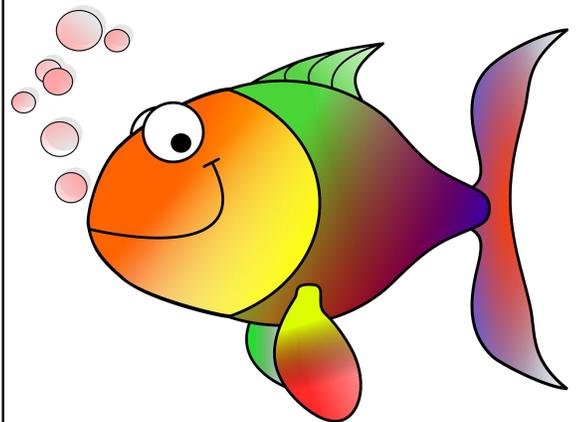
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