

JUL 23, 2017

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church

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coming to know
the kingdom of God
by being Christ
to the world.

16th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’” - Mt 13:30

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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

COMMUNITY LIFE

Parish Support - July 3-9, 2017

Stewardship Offering (Envelopes/Electronic) \$12,182.00
 Offertory \$979.55

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

Contributions Received..... \$24,293.51
 Contribution Budget..... \$25,600.00
Difference as of 7/9/17..... \$(1,306.49)

Operating Income* \$1,000,640.54
 Operating Expenses..... \$986,333.56
Balance as of 6/30/17 (TENTATIVE)..... \$14,306.98

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

Improvement Fund Updates

Beginning Balance 7/1/17 \$106,061.95
 Donations \$1,721.00
 Expenses..... \$0.00
Balance as of 7/9/17 \$107,782.95

CALENDAR RAFFLE 2017

Date	Prize	Ticket	Winner
7/9	\$50.00	0110	Mary Lamping
7/10	\$20.00	0995	Zackary Fischer
7/11	\$20.00	0736	Christopher Schiller
7/12	\$20.00	1168	Jude & Lochlan Van Rixel
7/13	\$20.00	1240	Cynthia Burrell
7/14	\$20.00	0919	Lance Kinder
7/15	\$20.00	0095	Therese & Bruce Zivney

Wedding Banns

Il Elizabeth Sikorski & Michael Walker

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair

Planning

Plan a party! It's fun!

July 26

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Topic: facility layout, event schedule, and sign planning.

50th Anniversary

Commemoration of the 1967 Civil Rights Demonstrations in Milwaukee

Thursday, July 27

6:30 pm

Gesu Church

12th and Wisconsin

Mass to commemorate the role of the Catholic Church in the 1967 struggle for civil rights and to recommit ourselves to the continuing struggle in 2017. Bishop Jeffrey Haines, presiding. Fr. Bryan Massingale, preaching.

Friday, July 28

6:30 pm

St. Francis Parish Gym

1916 N. 4th Street

Panelists Lois Quinn, James

Causey, and Fr. Bryan Massingale addressing the 50 years since 1967, the present of state of civil rights in Milwaukee, and what direction is needed for the future.

Both events are free and open to the public.

SUN 23

MON 24

TUE 25

Community Weekend

Blood Drive Sign-up

8:00 am Liturgy

10:30 am Liturgy (Baptisms)

6:00 pm Liturgy

Church

8:00 am Communion Service

4:00 pm Centering Prayer

Rm 9

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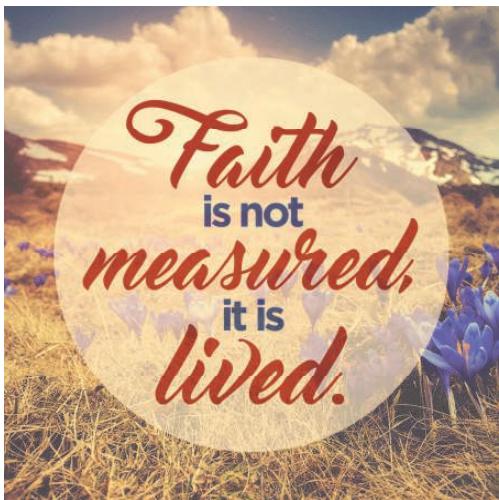
3:00 pm Food Pantry

Rm 7

6:00 pm Finance Council Mtg.

Rm 9

6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall AB



VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

SINCERITY

Sincerity is being open and genuine. Our words and actions reflect a truthful heart. People can trust that we mean what we say, and we say what we mean. Our actions come from a pure intent. We give for the sake of giving. We don't do things to impress others. We know it is enough to simply be ourselves.

What has been your experience when you speak sincerely to others? This way of communicating honestly sometimes needs to be cushioned with gentleness to have a favorable outcome.

FORMATION

Inquiring Minds Want to Know More

Every year we are blessed with adults and children who desire more — a deeper faith, the sacraments, a relationship with God that is real. The Inquiry process of the RCIA is the doorstep for these questions, desires, hopes, and dreams! Do you know someone who is searching for more? Perhaps you were baptized in another faith tradition or never completed your sacramental journey? Contact Nancie Chmielewski to learn more.

Confirmation 2017-18

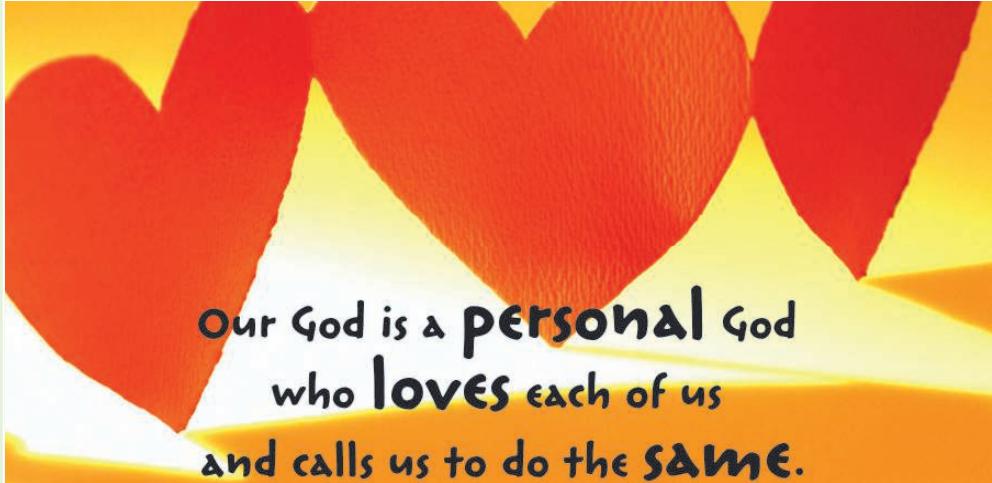
If you are interested in being confirmed next spring and have not yet talked with Taylor Baar, please set up a meeting with him. For those who still have their confirmation forms at home, please fill them out and turn them into the Parish Office. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed

There are plenty of great service opportunities to take advantage of this summer! If you are looking for a way to get involved in the parish or the community, please contact Taylor Baar.

TAG Retreat

This is just a reminder that the TAG retreat is August 4-6. Please turn in your permission slips to the Parish Office by July 23. Contact Taylor with any questions.



WED 26

9:30 am Communion Service Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
6:30 pm Oktoberfest Planning Mtg. Rm 7

THU 27

8:00 am Communion Service Rm 9
12:00 pm Widows' Support Group Hall BC

FRI 28

WORSHIP

Our Creating and Merciful God

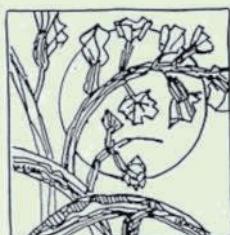
Last weekend we celebrated our Parish Festival, blessed with beautiful weather! We also heard a wonderful Gospel presentation of the Sower and the Seed by Terry Malloy. The beauty of creation certainly played an important role last weekend! In the Gospel story, it served as a metaphor for how we are to live and thrive in the world.

This week, our first reading reminds us that God "has the care of all," which surely means all of God's creation, not just humans. In the second reading, Paul speaks of groaning, but this time he refers to the Spirit, the life-force of the soul, groaning within us. Since God's spirit is in all things, it can be seen as a call to care for this precious spirit in all things.

The scriptures this week also remind us of God's mercy and the need for acknowledging when we fail to take responsibility for the care of all creation. The first reading ends by reminding us that God gives us "good ground" for hope and mercy. The psalm proclaims that "God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity." In the second reading, Paul speaks of the Spirit coming to the aid of our weakness, and the Gospel includes a call to repentance as well.

In these summer months, when many of us spend time in nature hiking, camping, biking, or just relaxing outdoors, we might offer a prayer of gratitude for the wonder and beauty of nature and ask forgiveness for the times we have not appreciated these gifts or taken an active role in caring for creation.

A great place to ponder our place in God's creation is our labyrinth, located just outside the Parish Hall. Mary Lamping wrote a beautiful article in the May 28 bulletin. The labyrinth allows you to walk, pray and ponder without thinking about which path to take because the path will lead you in and lead you out again. Our gardeners have made it a place of beauty and reflection, and there are now a couple of benches that were made by Russ Arndorfer as part of his Eagle Scout project. So take advantage of this wonderful prayer space while the sun shines and the weather is warm!



SAT 29

*Backpacks for Haiti
Children's Sock and Underwear Drive
Blood Drive Sign-up
5:00 pm Liturgy*

Church

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6:00 pm Liturgy*

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Baptisms

10:30 am Mass

We welcome the following children into our faith community through the waters of Baptism:

Sebastian James French
Noah Alexander French

OUTREACH

Blood Drive

The next St. Vincent de Paul sponsored blood drive is this Monday, August 7, from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Schedule your donation after any Mass before then, or sign-up through the Blood Center of Wisconsin's website:

www.bcw.edu/OLOL0807

Walk-ups are always welcome. Refreshments are provided.

Backpacks for Haiti

We are sending Tanya Gross and Ralph Stewart to visit Outreach to Haiti this summer (they depart August 2) and would like to send backpacks for the education program there. Over the past 10 years, OLOL has responded amazingly well to this call of support. The Haitian people involved in the scholarship program are so grateful for our parish's generous donations.

They currently have over 200 students in their scholarship program, and each one needs a backpack for the start of school in September. We will take as many as we can in August. Ralph is making another trip at the end of November and will take more then. Please leave your backpacks in the labeled box in the meeting room hallway after any Mass until July 30. Thank you!

COMMUNICATIONS

Website Special Announcements

As mentioned last week, our website has gone through a facelift of sorts. One change that we really want to draw attention to is the Special Announcements section on the Home page. Here you will find announcements that we may not be able to get out through conventional means, like the bulletin, in a timely fashion. Examples include funeral information, office closings on holidays, and changes to the weekday Mass schedule. We will also continue to alert you to these communications through our app. For alerts such as weather closings, we will continue to use the yellow box with red text as it is more attention grabbing.

SPOTLIGHT

A Note from Nancie

Living the Spirit!

Our summer schedules potentially offer us a bit of “down time”—a chance to sit outside in the longer evening light, family reunions and parties, water fun, festivals, parades...ahhh! Yes, this time of year is ripe with the fruits of outdoor life. We can finally take a breath from the super-schedules of the rest of our year. Summer offers an opportunity for praying in a different manner from those we might choose during our “inside” weather.

When you are at the park, the farmers market, or even as you commute to and from your place of employment, drink in the spirit of God’s summer creation. You might find God’s voice or presence in the hum of crickets and cicadas, in the bustle of festivals and baseball games, or in the aromas of cookouts and freshly mown grass. Might I suggest that these are truly blest moments, brief glimpses of God’s loving presence? Breathe it in, and exhale a prayer of thanks. These are truly gifts of living in the Spirit!!

Summer blessings,

Nancie Chmielewski

DISCIPLESHIP

Disciple or Volunteer

A disciple would be one who follows and is committed to the will of God. A disciple relies on faith and does everything out of love and for love. Where do you stand? Do you consider yourself a volunteer or do you consider yourself a disciple?

It is surprising that many people still label themselves as a volunteer when it comes to church ministries. “I volunteer as an altar server in my church,” or “I volunteer as a Eucharistic minister at my parish.” Jesus is actually calling us to a deeper relationship with him. We should no longer label ourselves as volunteers, but as disciples. We do not volunteer ourselves to serve God in our ministries or community. We are called by our very baptism to serve God and others, each in our own way.

A disciple has said yes to serve God and others. Sacrifice and love come along with that yes...just as sacrifice and love came along with all that Jesus did, right up to the cross!

Christ has done so much for you and is still willing to do so much more! Are you being true to your intentions to serve Him and His church?

Are you a disciple or a volunteer?

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Children's Sock & Underwear Drive

July 29 - August 6

The Humans Concerns Committee is collecting packages of children's socks and underwear for the Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

**Boys' & girls' socks – all sizes and lengths
Boys' & girls' underwear – sizes 6 - 16
(New items only please.)**

The Milwaukee area Ladies of Charity was established in the late 1950's.

*Volunteers stock and staff the **Children's Clothing Center** on 4th and Brown,
on the campus of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.*

*Next to rent, the Ladies of Charity's **biggest expense** related to carrying out their mission is
the purchase of socks and underwear.*

All school age children coming to the center whose family has a voucher and current ID are issued:

- ❖ A winter coat, scarf, and hat
- ❖ 2 pair mittens/gloves
- ❖ A light weight jacket or hoodie
- ❖ 3 pair of jeans/pants
- ❖ 4-5 tops
- ❖ 1 pair of pajamas
and
- ❖ 5 pair of new socks & 5 new underwear items

Please place donations in the collection box in the meeting room hallway.

Contact Eileen Dunning edunning@sbcglobal.net for more information.