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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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“Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” Knowing their malice, Jesus said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?” - Mt 22:17b-18

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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 - October 2-8, 2017

Stewardship Offering (Envelopes/Electronic)	\$13,589.00
Offertory	\$892.41

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

Contributions Received.....	\$192,915.89
Contribution Budget.....	<u>\$202,600.00</u>
Difference as of 10/8/17	(\$9,684.11)

Operating Income	\$276,037.47
Operating Expenses.....	<u>\$265,594.31</u>
Balance as of 9/30/17 (TENTATIVE).....	\$10,443.16

Improvement Fund Updates

Beginning Balance 7/1/17.....	\$106,061.95
Donations	\$13,207.50
Expenses.....	<u>\$24,128.50</u>
Balance as of 10/8/17	\$95,399.86

CALENDAR RAFFLE 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
10/8.....	\$50.00	0033	Leon Burzynski
10/9.....	\$20.00	0202	Diane Barth
10/10	\$20.00	0995	Zackery Fischer
10/11	\$20.00	0657	Elaine Acker
10/12	\$20.00	0019	Roanne Baxter
10/13	\$20.00	0190	Jim & Laura Beier
10/14	\$20.00	0664	Sue & Joe Wong

COMMUNITY LIFE

OLOL ART Guild

Wednesday, October 25
6:30 pm

Join the OLOL ART Guild for a program in burlap flower arrangements taught by folk artist Maria Elena Olveda. New attendees are welcome to design an autumn centerpiece with us, as we use a versatile textile to create an original work of art.

Also, join us for an open studio on Wednesday, November 1, at 6:30 pm, as we discuss the book *Saving Kandinsky* by Mary Basson.

New members and guests are always welcome to join us throughout the year! For further information, please contact Mary Lou Maletta at lulumalet@sbcglobal.net or (414) 759-4596.

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.

Free Movie Night

Wednesday, October 25
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Lights! Camera! Action! So, you say you enjoy movies? You are cordially invited to our next Free Movie Night to see *Ratatouille*.

SUN 22

MON 23

TUE 24

La Causa Collection
8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy Church
11:30 am GIFT Hall
6:00 pm Liturgy Church

8:00 am Communion Service Rm 9
4:00 pm Centering Prayer Rm 9
5:30 pm GIFT Hall

6:00 pm Finance Council Mtg. Rm 9
7:00 pm Gospel of Mark Rm 10
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. Rm 3

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BELIEVE THAT THE SUN HAS RISEN:

NOT ONLY BECAUSE I SEE IT,
BUT BECAUSE BY IT I SEE
EVERYTHING ELSE

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FORMATION

Calling all volunteers!

We need teens to help with the Archdiocesan Engaged Enrichment Conference at the Archbishop Cousins Center. This service day will take place on Saturday, October 28, from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm. Volunteers will help to give directions, set up, and help in other ways. Breakfast and lunch are provided, and there is down time for games or homework throughout the day. This is an important opportunity for OLOL because the archdiocese gives the youth ministry programs at Lourdes a stipend for helping. Please consider being part of this group! If you are interested in volunteering for this great event, contact Taylor Baar.

Rake & Run

It is almost time for the Rake & Run. Rake & Run will take place this year on November 4, from 9:00 am - noon. If you would like to be on the list of houses a group comes to rake, please call the Parish Office. If you are interested in volunteering for this great event, contact Taylor Baar.

ARISE: Our Need for Catechists!

The ARISE (Association for Religious Instruction, Special Education) program has started up this year with an enrollment of 28 students but only 21 catechists! This means we have **a waiting list of 7 boys** with special needs that are in need of one-on-one catechists for reconciliation and first Communion. The classes are held on Monday evenings from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm at St. Gregory the Great School (60th and Oklahoma). The first half-hour is the one-on-one lesson in the classroom, and the second half-hour is the gathering prayer service in the church. Orientation and materials are provided.

This is a wonderful opportunity for **you** to make a difference in a child's life!

For more information, please contact Tom and Sue Klawien at ariseprogram@gmail.com or (414) 614-7071. Check out our website www.stgregsmil.org/ARISE for more information and online application.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

CONFIDENCE

Confidence is having faith in ourselves and in life. We feel capable and competent. Confidence helps us to be free of worry. When we are confident in others, we believe in them and rely on them. Confidence brings the strength to try new things, to gain mastery through practice. When opportunity comes, we step up to it. We just say "yes."

Sports teams, homework, a new job, a new volunteer position, and parenting all require practice and patience. Are you seeking help if you need it, from someone you have confidence in?

WED 25

9:30 am Communion Service Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
6:00 pm Baptism Prep Session Rm 3
6:30 pm Domestic Violence
Awareness Prayer
Service and Speaker Rm 10
6:30 pm Movie Night Hall C
6:30 pm ART Guild Mtg. Rm 4
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall B
7:00 pm Parish Ambassador
Gathering & Update Hall A

THU 26

8:00 am Communion Service Rm 9
9:15 am MOMS Spirituality Rm 3
12:00 pm Widows' Support
Group Hall BC
6:30 pm Adult Choir Reh. Church

FRI 27

6:00 pm Baptism Rehearsal Church

WORSHIP

Church And State

“Today’s gospel raises the issue of the proper relationship between church and state, phrased in terms of the relationship between God and Caesar. The first reading raises a bit different, though related, question: Can God use non-believers to bring about God’s will?”

“Jesus’ words at the end of our Gospel passage are often misinterpreted to support the separation of church and state, or more precisely, the banishing of religion from governmental decisions. Certain realms are discerned to belong to God and other realms are assigned to Caesar. But this misses a fundamental fact: Everything belongs to God. There is no area of life that is excluded from God’s concern, no area that can be managed properly without recognizing God’s sovereignty over all creation.

“Today’s reading from Isaiah presents an idea that was surely shocking to his first readers. He indicates that God used a pagan ruler to carry out God’s will for Israel. Cyrus was the king of Persia. By his many conquests, he created the largest empire the world had yet seen. When he conquered Babylon, he allowed the Jewish captives to return to their former land. He even helped finance the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem.

“Isaiah calls Cyrus God’s anointed, making him the only non-Jew to be given that title. It must have been shocking to his contemporaries, who had believed that God only chose anointed servants from among their own kind. It’s a reminder God works in our world, not just through our church or any institution or person.”

(Excerpts from Fr. Lawrence Mick, Celebration, October 2017)

Fare Thee Well

On Saturday, November 18, from 9:00 am – noon, we will host an open house to help you in the planning for the end of life. We will have representatives from funeral homes, information regarding living wills, power of attorney, endowments, liturgical and music planning, and more. We hope that by providing much of this information in one place, we will ease the stress of planning, either for a loved one, or for you.

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, November 1 – All Saints liturgy at noon.
We will not have a 9:30 am liturgy that day.
- Thursday, November 2 – Lazarus Service of Remembrance at 7:00 pm.
- Saturday, November 4 – Daylight Savings begins! Set your clocks back one hour.

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” When God is the center of our lives, there is no problem with giving others their due.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, and frightened to know that he/she belongs to God.

Seasons of Life-A Call to Wholeness

Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, & 28
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

You are invited to join us for a 4-week presentation and support group on grief. We encourage you to be at every session, as we will cover different topics each week. If you have lost a loved one, have someone who is terminally ill and in hospice care, or are grieving from a life altering experience, please consider joining us.

For more information or to register, contact Wanda Nye.

Now is the time to get your flu shot.

Anyone over the age of 6 months may get the flu shot. It is important for all those over 65. The flu shot is very important for anyone who has pulmonary (lung) problems, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, or is immunosuppressed. It is also recommended for women who are or will be pregnant during the influenza season.

If you have any questions, please call Wanda Nye, your parish nurse.

SAT 28

SUN 29

La Causa Collection
Community Weekend
5:00 pm Liturgy (Baptisms) Church

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Community Weekend
8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy Church
6:00 pm Liturgy Church

COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Parish App Notifications Update

We continue to grow our parish app to be a useful communication tool to our parishioners. If you have the app and turned on the Oktoberfest notification group, you were able to keep up with all of the updates Oktoberfest was pushing out prior to last weekend's festivities.

We have recently added a Prayer Services group for reminders about upcoming prayer services throughout the year that happen here at OLOL such as reconciliation services and seasonal events. Also added is an Outreach group for reminders about our service efforts and when things can be donated such as the food pantry, St. Ben's, second collections, and clothing drives.

Go to ololmke.org/allabouttheapp/ to learn how to download our app and how to activate the notifications you want to follow.

Notes from Nancie: Ending Violence

I am not a person prone to violence. I do understand anger. As I mature, I find my times of anger focused on injustice (mama bear in me arises if someone threatens my family). Anger can be holy and productive. Anger given over to violence and uncontrolled personal behavior is not productive. Victims of violence can be innocent bystanders such as those massacred in Las Vegas. Victims are also carefully chosen targets groomed for a perpetrator's hurtful behavior. This is what happens in situations of domestic violence. No one should have to endure this treatment. No one should be a perpetrator.

How do we change this scenario? First, we can each take a hard look at our habits, language, and reactions. Where do we emanate violence in our lives? How does that personal violence impact other people? Second, let us become more attuned to the bullying we encounter, the rude language thrust at others, the sexist responses we simply write off. Saturday evening, my husband and I were in a parking lot at a local restaurant. Some high school students were walking towards the restaurant, all dressed up for homecoming. A car with two young men pulled up to the woman and began saying crude things to her and then sped off. The car was too far away from me to respond. I followed the teens into the building asking the girl if she had been harassed. She replied "yes." I blurted out, "That is not right." She shyly responded, "It's okay." I spoke strongly, "No it's never okay to talk to someone like that. I'm so sorry he did that to you."

We can't always confront a situation that is compromised. We can educate ourselves, and we can pray. In that spirit, I invite you to join us on **Wednesday, October 25, from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**, as we pray for an end to violence. A representative of Sojourner Family Peace Center will also treat us to a presentation. In the meantime, peace be with you.

DISCIPLESHIP

Parish Ambassador Gathering & Update

Wednesday, October 25

7:00 pm

Hall A

This gathering is open to all commissioned parish ambassadors. This will be an opportunity to hear the concerns of current ambassadors, an invitation to more involvement, and an invitation to continued training with Parish Ambassador Training II: Mentoring New Parishioners.

Facilitated by: James Wielgosz & Discipleship Institute Team

Bible Study – The Letter of James

Tuesdays: October 31, November 7, 14, 21, and 28

7:00 pm

This is a five-week Bible study focusing on the Letter of James. We will look at the authorship of the letter, what the letter says, and how James applies to our daily lives. There is an \$8 fee for this course due on the first session.

Facilitated by: Deb Steppe

CORRECTION – Please note the dates on the flyer for "The Incarnation" were incorrect. The correct dates are Tuesdays, December 5 and 12.

For more details on each course, please visit the parish website ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/. Registration is encouraged but not required.

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