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“Do not be called ‘Master’; you
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The greatest among you must be
your servant.” - Mt 23:10-11

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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 16-22, 2017

Stewardship Offering (Envelopes/Electronic) \$11,975.29
 Offertory \$844.70

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

Contributions Received \$218,667.37
 Contribution Budget \$228,200.00
Difference as of 10/22/17 (\$9,532.63)

Operating Income \$276,037.47
 Operating Expenses \$265,594.31
Balance as of 9/30/17 \$10,443.16

Improvement Fund Updates

Beginning Balance 7/1/17 \$106,061.95
 Donations \$14,654.00
 Expenses \$24,128.50
Balance as of 10/22/17 \$96,846.36

2017 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Goal: \$45,000.00 (Households: 1,284)

Donations as of 10/2/17: **\$30,995.00** 68.88%
 Donors as of 10/2/17: **206** 16.04%

COMMUNITY LIFE

In Memoriam

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

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair 2017 Torte Baking Contest Winners

1st Place (\$50): Janice Davie
 2nd Place (\$25): Terri Roller
 3rd Place (\$10): Ann Bathke

Free Movie Night

Wednesday, November 8
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
 Pretzels! Popcorn! Soda! All the
 perfect treats to enjoy a free movie.
 Come, be delighted, and see this
 month's feature, *Mr. Church*.

Italy Pilgrimage

Fr. Alan Jurkus, chaplain for the
 pilgrimage, invites you to join him on
 a journey of spiritual highlights of
 Italy, May 15-23, 2018. This promises
 to be a memorable experience.

For more information, please
 contact Eileen Constant at
 (860) 399-1785.

St. Mary's Young at Heart

Wednesday, November 15
 Travel to Chicago to enjoy an
 Untouchables tour featuring all the
 gangster haunts, lunch, and a show at
 the speakeasy, Tommy Guns Garage.
 Dust off your fringe or spats and join
 us! Call Polly Oldenburg today for
 more details at
 (262) 894-6450.

CALENDAR RAFFLE 2017

Date	Prize	Ticket	Winner
10/22	\$50.00	0360	Isaac Shimenz
10/23	\$20.00	0488	Mark & Sandy Pike
10/24	\$20.00	0620	Patrick Eikens
10/25	\$20.00	0104	Mary Kastelic
10/26	\$20.00	1250	Diana Hashek
10/27	\$20.00	1230	Scott & Lynn Thimmesch
10/28	\$20.00	0766	Maxine Stypa

SUN 5

8:00 am Liturgy Church
 9:00 am Youth Choir Reh. Rm 10
 10:30 am Liturgy Church
 6:00 pm Liturgy Church

MON 6

8:00 am Communion Service Rm 9
 4:00 pm Centering Prayer Rm 9

TUE 7

1:30 pm Seasons of Life
 Grief Group Rm 9
 7:00 pm GIFT Core Team
 Mtg. Rm 2
 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul
 Mtg. Rm 3
 7:00 pm Bible Study:
 Letter of James Rm 6

FORMATION

A SINGLE
ACT OF LOVE
MAKES THE SOUL
RETURN TO LIFE.

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

TRUST

Trust is having faith, hope, and a positive outlook. Trust is believing in someone or something. We have confidence that the right thing will come about without trying to control it or make it happen. We move purposefully with the flow of life, gathering strength from adversity. We know we are never alone.

Whom do you turn to when you need a trusted friend? Have you let that person know that you value this virtue in your friendship? How have you felt the presence of God?

Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation Retreat is December 1-3 at the St. Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center. We will be leaving on Friday from OLOL at 6:00 pm and returning on Sunday around 2:30 pm. This retreat is a requirement for Confirmation. Please contact Taylor Baar with any questions.

TAG

The next TAG meeting is November 14 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in Room 4. All are welcome to join this group of leaders. We hope you see you there!

GIFT

November 12 at 11:30 am or November 13 at 5:30 pm

Join us for our fourth GIFT session, "Saints and Sinners: The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly," with guest presenter Chad Griesel, Director of Adult Faith Formation for Old St. Mary, Our Lady of Divine Providence, SS Peter and Paul, and Three Holy Women Parishes.

Saints and sinners are real people...thus there is both saint and sinner in all of us. Understanding this enables us to identify with all humanity. Come to GIFT to learn more, and be part of the conversation!

RCIA

We will soon be celebrating the Rite of Welcome and Acceptance as several adults begin their journey to the table! Are you interested in becoming a Catholic Christian? Do you know someone who would like to join us at the table? Please contact the Parish Office to meet with Nancie, and begin this wonderful faith experience!

Fare Thee Well 2017

How do you want to be remembered, honored, or prayed for? Join us for our second Fare Thee Well on Saturday, November 18, from 9:00 am to noon, in the Parish Hall. There you will find a multitude of resources from funeral home reps, Catholic Cemeteries, and our own bereavement group. You will also have access to information on power of attorney, living wills, and endowments. Finally, you can spend time chatting with parish staff on pre-planning a funeral.

WED 8

7:00 am St. Ben's Meal Prep Kitchen
9:30 am Communion Service Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
6:30 pm Free Movie Night Hall C
6:30 pm Oktoberfest Mtg. Rm 7
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall AB
7:00 pm GASIC Rm 3

THU 9

8:00 am Communion Service Rm 9
9:15 am MOMS Spirituality Rm 3
12:00 pm Widows' Support
Grp. Hall BC
6:30 pm Adult Choir Reh. Church
6:30 pm Discipleship Institute
Planning Cmte. Mtg. Rm 4
6:30 pm Human Concerns
Cmte. Mtg. Rm 9
7:00 pm Social Justice Cmte. Rm 3

FRI 10

WORSHIP

November: A Time for Remembering

During the month of November, we join Christian communities everywhere to remember the names of loved ones who have died. As Christians, we remember those who have modeled how to live as followers of Christ, who mentored us in the ways of living a purpose-filled and meaningful life. Here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we have a number of customs that honor all those who have gone before us in life and in faith:



- An Installation of Names of parishioners who have died will be displayed on the front wall of our worship space, altar side.
- The Book of Eternal Life will be placed on a stand (in the curved wall of the baptismal font). In this book, you may write the names of those you wish to remember.

An Advent Scripture Presentation

Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 pm

Advent is a beautiful season for slowing down and reflecting. Most of us struggle putting this idea into practice. The readings of this season have a lot to say to us about being attentive and experiencing God's presence in our lives. The light that is God's love and grace is something we all long for in this present time and is always present if only we are open and watchful. How might we watch attentively this season? What might attentive watching look like?

Fr. Roc O'Connor is a musician and scripture scholar. He was a member of the St. Louis Jesuits and has composed songs such as "Lift Up Your Hearts" and "Jesus, The Lord." He is an engaging speaker who understands scripture from a unique perspective. Please join us. A free-will donation is suggested.

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us!

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.

St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on November 8. Please bring fresh cut vegetables, hard-cooked eggs, and bakery to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday. To help with food preparation or serving, please call the Parish Office.

You can also make monetary donations to help pay for the chickens we serve using your monthly donation slips or our webpage: <http://www.ololmke.org/st-bens/>

Knit One, Pray One

Are you a knitter? Do you enjoy crocheting? Both of these arts offer you a unique opportunity to create a prayer shawl for someone who is ill, grieving, or alone. You can find yarn and patterns at the Marian Grotto in our church lobby or contact the Parish Office for more information about this healing ministry. Thank you!

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 11

5:00 pm Liturgy

Church

SUN 12

8:00 am Liturgy

Church

10:30 am Liturgy

Church

11:30 am GIFT

Hall

6:00 pm Liturgy

Church

COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Cancelation and Closing Notifications

Halloween has passed, and we are only a few weeks away from the official beginning of Advent. That means snow is not too far away. Stay in touch with OLOL regarding building and event notifications during inclement weather.

First alerts will go out through our app and text notification. Then postings will go up on our website home page and Facebook. Lastly, the local TV stations will be contacted. This order is based on the speed and ease (fastest to slowest) of disseminating the information. Over the next few weeks, we will give full details on how to get closing and cancelation information through each of these mediums.

On Being Thankful

Thanking people for a kindness is a common way of expressing one's being thankful. But do we thank anyone for what we have in our own personal lives? Have we thanked our parents for the lives they gave us - the roofs over our heads, the meals, the moral and religious leadership they passed on to us or even the love they unconditionally give us? If we haven't thanked our parents, and if we are lucky enough to have our parents still with us, then it may be time to acknowledge and thank our parents in some way.

Have we shown thankfulness to our friends or those who give aid to those in need - the homeless and hungry? In this month of the Thanksgiving holiday, perhaps it is time to show others how much we care for what they are doing to enhance our lives and the lives of those who are less fortunate.

Let us thank those who nurse us, nourish us, console us, support us, teach us, clothe us, feed us, entertain us, encourage us, and tend to us in many small yet wonderful ways. But most of all, let us thank those who love and cherish each of us, be they parents, children, other relatives, or friends. Let us make this Thanksgiving season one of true thankfulness!



Dave Hansen
Pastoral Council

DISCIPLESHIP

Disciple or Volunteer

A disciple is 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 says **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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GIFT SESSION 4

NOVEMBER 12 AND 13



Saints and sinners are real people...thus there is both saint and sinner in all of us. Understanding this enables us to identify with all humanity.

SAINTS AND SINNERS: THE GOOD, THE BAD, & THE UGLY

November 12 and 13

The saints are the sinners who keep on trying.

- Robert Louis Stevenson

Presenter:

CHAD GRIESEL IS ENTERING HIS SIXTH YEAR AS THE DIRECTOR OF ADULT FAITH FORMATION AT OLD ST. MARY, OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE, SS PETER AND PAUL AND THREE HOLY WOMEN PARISHES. ADDITIONALLY, HE REGULARLY GIVES PRESENTATIONS ON ASPECTS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH TO CATHOLIC EDUCATORS THROUGH THE ST. CLARE CENTER AT CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY. BEFORE ENTERING MINISTRY, HE SPENT 13 YEARS AS A HIGH SCHOOL THEOLOGY TEACHER. HE IS MARRIED TO THERESA AND THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN: MICHAEL (10) AND ALICIA (7). HE IS A DIE-HARD FAN OF THE CHICAGO CUBS WHICH HAS BROUGHT WITH IT GREAT JOY RECENTLY AS WELL AS YEARS OF QUESTIONING IF THERE IS AN ALL-LOVING GOD.

**I have been
all things
unholy. If
God can
work
through
me, he can
work
through
anyone.**

St. Francis of
Assisi



St. Kateri Tekakwitha



St. John XXII



St. Josephine Bakhita



St. Vincent de Paul

**To be
saints is
not a
privilege
for the few,
but a
vocation
for
everyone.**

Pope Francis



St. Teresa of Calcutta

All are welcome.

Please consider joining us (and bring a friend)!

Meet New Friends, Eat Yummy Food, Have Fun,
and Help Support the Parish All at Once


Christmas Egg Bake Brunch Wednesday, December 6

Come for 9:30 am Mass and then join us for a brunch of
yummy strata and other delicious goodies.
Special Guests Carole and John will be there with their guitars
playing Christmas music and more.
(Warm up those voices for some fun sing-a-longs!)

\$5 donation for the brunch and entertainment
Questions? Contact JoAnn Godkin at (414) 828-7172
Make your reservation by December 1



We are a vibrant, faith-filled group now in our 41st year that
enjoys camaraderie with friends of the parish community. Join
us for liturgy on Wednesday mornings and then let's eat!



What is the Wednesday Morning Faith Group all about?

As part of the Wednesday Morning Faith Group, you can help support OLOL! Minister to parishioners and guests through:

- Parish Festival Bake Sale
- Oktoberfest Black Forest Café
- Parish Food Pantry
- St. Ben's Community Meal Program
- Funeral Receptions

Save spots on your calendar!

Parties

- February—"Holidays Party"
- June—Annual Bingo Party put on by Layton Terrace with lots of prizes
- July—Summer Picnic

Monthly presentations include:

- Speakers
- Musical Guests
- Informational programs

