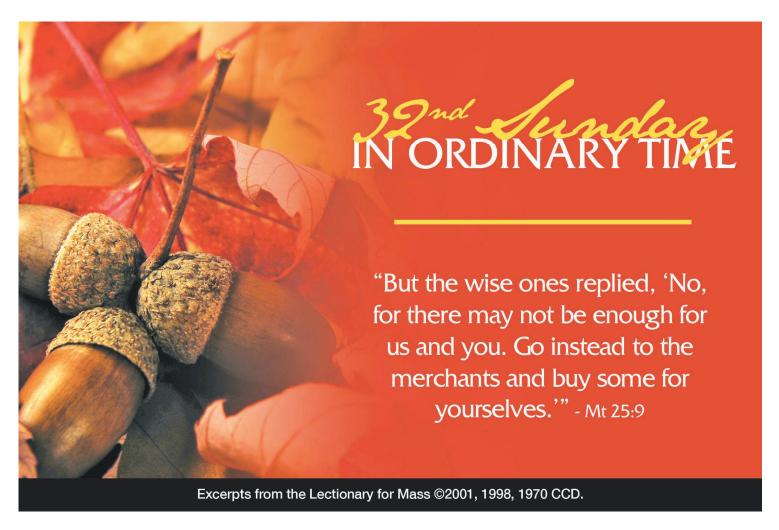
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - October 23-29, 2017

Stewardship Offering (Envelopes/Electronic)	\$12,176.00
Offertory	\$1,084.18

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

Contributions Received	\$231,827.55
Contribution Budget	<u>\$241,000.00</u>
Difference as of 10/29/17	(\$9,172.45)
Operating Income	\$276,037.47

Improvement Fund Updates

Balance as of 9/30/17\$10,443.16

Beginning Balance 7/1/17	\$106,061.95
Donations	\$15,069.00
Expenses	<u>\$24,128.50</u>
Balance as of 10/29/17	\$97,261.36

2017 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

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

CALENDAR RAFFLE 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	Winner
10/29	.\$50.00	8000	Steve Porter
10/30	.\$20.00	. 0136	Rose Parazinski
10/31	.\$20.00	. 0944	JoAnn Davis
			Vince Cupertino
11/2	.\$20.00	. 0100	Reno Fechtner
,			JoAnn Davis
			Dave & Lisa Marie Arnold

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Richard Leer and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Susan Rose Albrecht From

Albrecht, Jungen, and Kielpinski families

Donate a Gift

The West Central Interfaith Office is collecting gifts for older individuals who will be alone during the holidays. Items needed include:

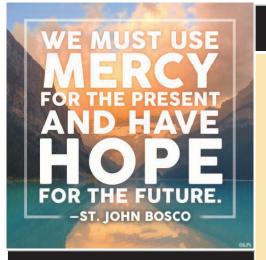
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 - cards
- Books of stamps

Donations should be brought to the West Central Interfaith Office 1236 S 115th St, Milwaukee, no later than Monday, December 11. For more information, contact Tammy at (414) 774-1747 or

therro@interfaithmilw.org.

SUN	12	MON 13	TUE 14
8:00 am Liturgy 10:30 am Liturgy 11:30 am GIFT 6:00 pm Liturgy	Church Church Hall Church	8:00 am Communion Service Rm 9 4:00 pm Centering Prayer Rm 9 5:30 pm GIFT Hall	9:00 am And the Elders Pray Rm 9 12:00 am Child Ministers Mtg. Rm 10 1:30 pm Grief Group Rm 9 3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7 6:30 pm Building & Grounds Rm 9 7:00 pm Advent Scriptures Church 7:00 pm TAG Mtg. Rm 4 7:00 pm Bible Study: James Rm 6 7:00 pm Faith Sharing Group Rm 3



VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

MERCY

Mercy is blessing others with our compassion and forgiveness. We are touched by their suffering and want to offer help. Justice is giving people what they deserve. Mercy is giving them more. Nothing inspires hope as much as a clean slate. When we have the humility to remember the countless mercies we receive throughout life, we find it in our hearts to show mercy. We offer the gift with our tenderness.

Share a story of a time when someone extended mercy to you. What was the benefit to you?

FORMATION

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!

Notes from Nancie: Novembering

November is the month that reminds us of our journey from life into death. It is a period of waning hours, early nights, shorn fields, and end times readings. It is a time to remember and a time for settling our bones for winter's stillness. I believe it was Cardinal Bernardin who named this unique time as "Novembering." Although it may sound dreary, this time grants us the space to breathe and to honor the losses in our lives. November 1, All Saints Day, we celebrated the saints in our Catholic tradition and the saints who walk among us. November 2, All Souls Day, we gathered for our annual Lazarus service in which we called to mind and named our loved ones who have died this past year. Our Hispanic sisters and brothers celebrated Día de los Muertos—the Day of the Dead—with colorful, deep rituals, and traditions. All of this pondering can and should bring us to think of our own end of life. Again, our Catholic tradition presents us with beautiful rituals and prayer to assist at the time of death and burial.

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 15	THU 16	FRI 1 <i>7</i>
9:00 am BAAM Mtg. Hall AB 9:30 am Liturgy Church 10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C 10:45 am Resurrection Choir Reh Church 6:30 pm Pastoral Council Mtg. Rm 3 6:30 pm Festival Eval Mtg. Rm 4 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall AB	8:00 am Communion Service Rm 9 9:15 am MOMS Spirituality Rm 3 6:00 pm MOMS Spirituality Rm 6 6:30 pm Adult Choir Reh. Church	

WORSHIP

OUTREACH

Speaking of Francis

"Saint Francis' song of praise for all creation has an Italian title Laudato si' and that is what Pope Francis called his encyclical letter dealing with 'care for our common home.' That document was published in 2015 and widely praised across nations and religions for its wisdom and urgency. As we remember those who have gone before us in faith and have given us life, November could be a good time to also contemplate the gift of life, including all of creation. This rather gray and dreary month might be a great time to acquaint or reacquaint ourselves with this beautiful document. It could be a good time to understand how, as a people of the church, we can with Francis-like enthusiasm stand for life, making the changes in our lives and our nation's policies that will perhaps keep this planet from becoming 'the world without us."

This invitation comes from Gabe Huck, who is one of the most respected and visionary liturgical leaders in the Church. He spent many years in Syria preparing young people for higher education. He also urges all of us to read, to become more aware of the policies that diminish life, and to do what we can to support policies and practices that support all life for generations to come.

(Excerpt from November Celebration article by Gabe Huck. Used with permission.)

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.

SAT 18	3	SUN	19	
Community Weekend		Community Weekend		
9:00 am Fare Thee Well	Hall	8:00 am Liturgy		Church
12:30 pm William O'Boyle		9:00 am 1st Reconciliat	ion	
Visitation	Church	Prep		Hall AB
1:00 pm William O'Boyle		9:30 am RCIA		Rm 3
Funeral	Church	10:30 am Liturgy		Church
5:00 pm Liturgy	Church	6:00 pm Liturgy		Church

From St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually.

Ask yourself, "What would Jesus Christ do?" Then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Tree begins next weekend, November 18 and 19. Watch next week's bulletin for an insert with full details. Please remember to stop by and pick up a gift tag in the meeting room corridor.

Volunteers Needed

SVDP meal site located at 10th and Madison needs your help in serving food and drink to those in need on Wednesday, November 15. A car pool is available from the OLOL south parking lot leaving at 4:45 pm. Serving begins at 5:30 pm and ends at 6:30 pm. Help in cleaning up would be appreciated. If you need any other information, please see the SVDP bulletin board in the meeting room hallway or call the Parish Office.

Ministry to Our Home-Based Parishioners

Please let the Parish Office know if a family member is no longer able to attend Mass or other parish activities. Our Creative Connections team works to keep our home-based members connected to the community through pastoral visits, sending the weekly bulletin, and bringing the Eucharist. Kindly contact the Parish Office or Nancie Chmielewski.

COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Cancellation and Closing Notifications: Parish App

Last week, we reminded you about where you can find information regarding event cancellations and building closures due to inclement weather. Over these following weeks, we want to expand on the details of how to receive this information.

The parish app push notifications will be the first method we use to alert people.

Just search "Our Lady of Lourdes" through your Android or Apple app store or go to

ololmke.org/allabouttheapp/
to download our app.

We will send the notification out through the General group setting, which is a default setting after you have downloaded the app. Easy peasy.

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair 2017 Thank You

"My soul was filled." This was a comment from one of our artisans.

Thank you to the community of Our Lady of Lourdes, and its leader, Nancie Chmielewski! All are essential in celebrating and harvesting God's creation, which is the mission of Oktoberfest Artisan Fair. With grateful hearts, we thank our Polka Mass presider, Fr. Bill Burkert, the volunteers, basket makers, servers, greeters, and musicians. We thank those who posted signs, invited friends and family, sent emails, and spread the word. We thank those who shopped, donated, decorated, toted boxes, and moved furniture. To the bakers of tortes, cakes, cookies, strudels, and those who brought in sustenance for our volunteers. To those who cooked our fish, brats, beef dinner, breakfast, and soup. To those who painted, ate, danced, sipped, sang, shopped, and mingled. To those who prayed when they could not be physically present.

Thank you to our awesome staff who shifted calendars, problem-solved, opened possibilities, muscled physical labor, encouraged, and delighted in the process.

Oktoberfest is a reflection of our community — our spirituality, talent, dedication, hospitality, and compassion. First time guests noticed immediately and are in awe. People return to experience this joy again.

It was a pleasure to spend the weekend with you!

Your Oktoberfest Artisan Fair Leadership Team

Tom Runnells, Keith Fraleigh, Terri and Bruce Zivney, JoAnn Godkin, Cathy Markwiese, Stephanie London, Kris and George Strnad, Tanya Gross, and Barb Webber

DISCIPLESHIP

The Incarnation

Tuesdays: December 5th and 12th 7:00 pm — 8:15 pm

Room 10

This is a special Advent presentation that takes a fresh look at the birth of Jesus, when God assumed our human nature into divine life.

- What does it mean for Christians to confess that God lived the life of a Jewish Rabbi under the brutal, autocratic rule of Roman occupying forces in first century Palestine?
- What does Christ's birth tell us about God and about ourselves?

Facilitated by Dr. Sean Larsen, PhD, Carroll University, Waukesha

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

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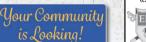
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