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**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 - November 13-19, 2017

Stewardship Offering (Envelopes/Electronic) ..... \$12,739.00  
 Offertory ..... \$985.95

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

Contributions Received.....\$283,826.79  
 Contribution Budget.....\$289,000.00  
**Difference as of 11/19/17 ..... (\$5,173.21)**

Operating Income .....\$361,638.01  
 Operating Expenses.....\$349,816.31  
**Balance as of 10/31/17 ..... \$11,821.70**

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beginning Balance 7/1/17.....\$106,061.95  
 Donations ..... \$17,410.00  
 Expenses.....\$24,128.50  
**Balance as of 11/19/17 ..... \$99,602.36**

## 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  
 William O'Boyle

From

Claudette & Marquis  
 Robinson

## 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.

## Farewell Christian Women Social

The December Christian Women  
 Social will be on Thursday morning,  
 December 7, at 9:30 am.

We have decided the time has come  
 to retire. The social will be a good  
 time to socialize and share  
 remembrances with the Christian  
 Women. It will be a potluck meal.  
 You can bring a dish to pass. Bring a  
 friend. All are welcome.

# CALENDAR RAFFLE 2017

Date	Prize	Ticket	Winner
11/19	\$50.00	1096	Julie Swieczak
11/20	\$20.00	0626	Gregory Orłowski
11/21	\$20.00	0551	Julie Steinle
11/22	\$20.00	0286	Marion Gergen
11/23	\$20.00	0207	Matthew Chesney
11/24	\$20.00	0628	Marlene Paaske
11/25	\$20.00	1199	Mary Jo Cardenas

**SUN 3**

Giving Tree Gift Tag Pick-up  
 Art Canvas Distribution  
 8:00 am Liturgy Church  
 9:00 am Youth Choir Reh. Rm 10  
 9:30 am RCIA Rm 3  
 10:30 am Liturgy Church  
 6:00 pm Liturgy Church

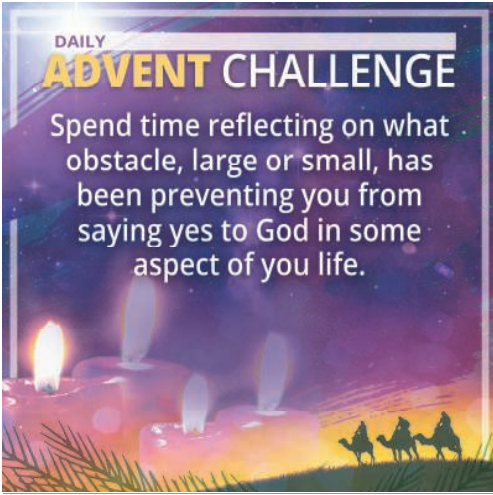
**MON 4**

4:00 pm Centering Prayer Rm 9

**TUE 5**

6:00 pm Reach Out Reach In  
 Planning Mtg. Hall C  
 7:00 pm The Incarnation Rm 10  
 7:00 pm GIFT Core Team  
 Mtg. Rm 2  
 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul  
 Mtg. Rm 3





# FORMATION

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### UNDERSTANDING

Understanding is having clear insight into ideas and feelings. We thoughtfully seek to comprehend the full truth. We are mindful of what is most important. We go the extra mile to put ourselves in another's shoes in order to forgive. We treasure knowledge and use our minds as tools to explore what is real and true. We cherish the ability to see the whole picture.

Please pray for our confirmation candidates, who are on retreat this weekend, that they may gain understanding as they grow in faith.

### GIFT - All Are Welcome...Really?

Join us for the fifth GIFT session on December 10 and 11, as Emily Schumacher-Novak presents on this topic. We hear in Matthew the commandment, "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:39). How do we answer this radical challenge? How do we have honest conversations with others without damaging the community? How are we called to welcome and care for others? Join us as we dive into this challenging, but timely, topic of welcoming all.

### Fleece Blankets

Join us on December 9 at 2:30 pm to make fleece blankets! Each blanket takes about two hours to make. If you have never made one before, there will be experienced volunteers here to help you! These blankets will be blessed at the 5:00 pm liturgy and donated to Repairers of the Breach, a daytime shelter for those who are homeless and looking for work and housing.

### Speaking of Prayer

Did you know that we have an active prayer ministry here? You may submit your intentions weekly by using the paper slips found in the Lobby next to the front doors. Leave the slips in the wooden box next to the writing stand and they will be gathered on Monday mornings and distributed to our "Pray-ers". If you would like to be a part of this important prayer team, please contact our Parish Office for further information.



## WED 6

9:30 am Liturgy Church  
 10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C  
 6:30 pm ART Guild  
           Open Studios Rm 4  
 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall AB  
 7:00 pm Worship Cmte. Mtg. Rm 9

## THU 7

9:30 am Christian Women Mtg. Hall C  
 6:00 pm MOMS Spirituality Rm 3  
 6:30 pm Adult Choir Reh. Church  
 6:30 pm Discipleship Institute Planning Cmte. Mtg. Rm 4

## FRI 8

12:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass Church

## WORSHIP

### Lectors & Servers

If you are a lector or server or would like become one, please fill out one of the lector or server forms. They are located in the Ministry Room just off the side entrance into church or on our website on either the Lector or Altar Server pages. If you have any questions, contact Chris Deily.

### Communion “Assistants”

If you are a Eucharistic minister and your tag is marked as “Assistant,” your ministry includes joining the presider or bread 2 minister to serve those who cannot come forward.

At the 5:00 pm and 10:30 am liturgies, both the presider and bread 2 ministers will serve — each with **two** assistants. At the 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, only the presider goes out accompanied by **two** assistants.

If you do not have a chance to receive before going down, you can receive at the end of Communion when you return your cups, baskets, and tags to the credence table. If you have any question, please contact Chris Deily.

### Sacristan Ministry – 5:00 pm Liturgy

We are in need of a couple of people to serve as sacristans for our 5:00 pm liturgy. This ministry includes setting up for liturgy and putting things away afterwards. Training is provided by working with an experienced sacristan. For more information, contact Chris Deily.

### Immaculate Conception Mass:

Friday, December 8 noon

### Advent Reconciliation Schedule:

Wednesday, December 13 noon and 7:00 pm (Our Lady of Lourdes)  
 Saturday, December 16 10:00 am (St. Matthias)

### Advent IV Schedule:

Saturday, December 23 5:00 pm  
 Sunday, December 24 8:00 am & 10:30am (no 6:00pm)

### Christmas Schedule:

Sunday, December 24 5:00 pm & 9:00pm  
 Monday, December 25 8:00 am & 10:30 am

## OUTREACH

### From St. Vincent de Paul

As we begin Advent, we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert!” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.

### Christmas Giving Tree and Santa Shop

Gift for the Giving Tree and Santa Shop are due next weekend or Monday at GIFT, December 9-11.

For **Giving Tree** gifts, return them **wrapped** with **tags attached** to the adjacent cart in the meeting room hallway. For some of the 325 children we serve, this will be the only gift they receive this Christmas.

For **Santa Shop** gifts, return them **unwrapped** with **no tags** to the adjacent cart in the meeting room hallway. Help these children experience the joy and blessing of giving to their families.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry, year after year. Your kindness is truly appreciated by those we serve.

### 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 the Lobby, or contact the Parish Office for more information about this healing ministry. Thank you!

**SAT 9**

**SUN 10**

*Giving Tree Gifts due*  
*Repairers of the Breach Collection*  
 2:30 pm Fleece Blanket  
     Making                      Hall  
 5:00 pm Liturgy                      Church

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 11:30 am GIFT                      Hall  
 6:00 pm Liturgy                      Church

## COMMUNICATIONS

## SPOTLIGHT

### Cancellation and Closing Notifications: Television

We submit cancellation notices to all four major stations: 4, 6, 12, and 58. Please note that our ability to state what has been cancelled is limited to the choices they provide us. Also, as many people are trying to enter closings at the same time to the TV outlets, the stations may not be able to refresh their crawls as quickly as we might like.

Remember that closings for OLOL on TV are up for a few seconds before they move on with other closings. This is why we encourage you to look to our other means of communication to get this info. If you do not have access to these notices, please connect with someone who does.

Above all, use common sense. If the roads are dangerous, don't go out.

### Advent – What's the Rush?

Hurry up and wait! You know what I mean, right? We all have had times when we are in a hurry to get where we are going and end up waiting. We can be annoyed that we are wasting time and inconvenienced, oblivious to the blessing we have just received. Our plans may be altered, and we must face we are not in control. This disruption of waiting, however, may be a graced moment. This gift of time allows us to let go of control, take time to slow down, to breathe, to reflect, to be still and mindful of the moment and reconnect with our spirit and the Spirit. This waiting, might be exactly what we need at this moment in our life. Advent is the Church's time to wait and be still and to find for which we long: inner serenity and connection to the Divine.

Let us recall what Mary might have been doing during her pregnancy, as she prepared for her baby, Jesus. She could not hurry her process, and she certainly was not in control of her life. It was planned for her, and she graciously accepted. She must have cherished quiet, reflective time to prepare herself for this miracle of life. Advent invites us to follow Mary's example of slowing down and being in the moment. This season as we bring Christ to life in us and bring Christ to those around us, may we find the balance in work and rest. It is in the quiet we can best hear the Spirit whispering to us.

Jacqueline Dombrowski  
Parish Council Member

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Upcoming Discipleship Institute Events:

During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer and reflection. We contemplate the First Coming of Jesus as Savior, and anticipate his promised Second Coming. Amid the flurry of Christmas preparations, we look for practical ways to observe the holiness of the season in our everyday lives. The Discipleship Institute offers you just that!

#### The Incarnation

Tuesdays: December 5 and 12

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 [ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/](http://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/). Registration is encouraged but not required.

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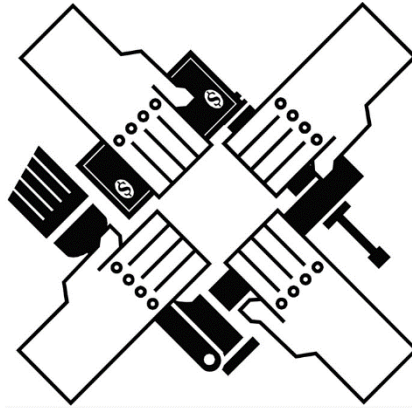
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**Support for the Work  
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# **HAITIAN CRAFT SALE**

**December 16-17, 2017**

**After the 5:00 pm, 8:00 am, & 10:30 am Masses**

The group that represented Our Lady of Lourdes in August on the visit to Outreach to Haiti, brought crafts back to sell.

This is beneficial in several ways:

- It directly supports the artists in Haiti by providing a market for their crafts.
- It supports Outreach to Haiti and their work. All profits from the sale go directly back to them.
- It provides advocacy for Haiti by exposing the people of Milwaukee to some of the beautiful crafts produced by the Haitian people.
- It provides a source of unusual, yet beautiful, Christmas gifts for the members of Our Lady of Lourdes to purchase.
- Every purchase made connects the buyer directly to the Haitian people and Outreach to Haiti.

**PLEASE STOP BY THE PARISH HALL  
AFTER MASS December 16 & 17!**





# **CARE PACKAGES FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE**

December 9/10 & 16/17

We are collecting items for Repairers of the Breach, a daytime shelter for the homeless, on 14<sup>th</sup> and Vliet.

Bring any of the listed items with you to Mass on **December 9/10 and 16/17.**

Leave them in the large container in the lobby labeled: **CARE PACKAGES FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE.**

Questions?

Contact: Debra Raduka  
(414) 530-5430  
draduka13@gmail.com

Financial donations can be made by writing a check payable to **"Repairers of the Breach"**

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**Thank you for your support!**



## **NEEDS**

### **Clothing**

- Warm winter socks for men and women
- Men pants (all sizes)
- Underwear for men and women, sizes M, L, 2x and 3x
- T-shirts for men, sizes M, L, 2x and 3x
- Extra men's and women's winter jackets, coats, sizes M, L, 2x and 3x
- Warm winter gloves for men and women, sizes M, L, XL
- Sweatshirts with hoods, sizes M, L, Extra-large, 2x and 3x.
- Warm scarves, hats, and gloves for men and women, sizes M, L, XL
- Shoes and boots for women and men in good condition, all sizes

### **Food Items**

- Individual packs of oatmeal
- Liquid or powdered milk
- Large cans of chicken, ham, tuna, beef or pork
- Large cans of vegetable/beef, chicken noodle, or tomato soup, chili, beef stew, crackers
- Coffee, powdered creamer, and Splenda packets

### **Miscellaneous Items**

- Hand Warmers with extend hours.
- Clean blankets for warming room overnights.
- Disposable razors, lip balm, mini-Kleenex packs.
- Tooth brushes, travel size tooth paste, travel size shampoo.
- African-American hair care products.
- Travel size hand cream
- Paper Toweling, Toilet Tissue, napkins
- Garbage Bags, 40 gal.
- Cleaning supplies (bleach, pine sol, etc.)
- Liquid or powdered laundry detergent
- Disposable 8 oz. paper cups, 10oz. bowls for soup, plastic spoons
- Soap for washing towels & clothing, and body
- Tylenol
- Bus tickets
- Gift cards



# ALL ARE WELCOME... REALLY?

DECEMBER 10 FROM 11:30 AM -2:15 PM  
AND DECEMBER 11 FROM 5:30 PM-8:15 PM

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Generations Together  
In Faith 

*PRESENTER*

Emily Schumacher-Novak has worked in parish ministry and Catholic Higher Education for the last ten years. Currently, she facilitates the Franciscan Servant Scholars program at Cardinal Stritch University. She holds an MA in Theology from Marquette and lives in Bay View with her husband and two boys.

**DO NOT NEGLECT TO SHOW HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS, FOR BY DOING THAT SOME HAVE ENTERTAINED ANGELS WITHOUT KNOWING IT.  
HEBREWS 13:2**



Please consider joining us for this conversation.  
We hope to see you there!