# NOV 26, 2017

# **Feast of Christ the King**



# OUF Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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



"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."" - Mt 25:40

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### **EUCHARIST:**

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 6-12, 2017

Stewardship Offering (Envelopes/Electronic)\$15,557.00	)
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#### Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

Contributions Received	\$270,101.84
Contribution Budget	
Difference as of 11/12/17	-

Operating Income	\$361,638.01
Operating Expenses	<u>\$349,816.31</u>
Balance as of 10/31/17	

#### Improvement Fund Updates

Beginning Balance 7/1/17	\$106,061.95
Donations	\$17,105.00
Expenses	<u>\$24,128.50</u>
Balance as of 11/12/17	\$99,297.36

# 2017 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

<u>Goal: \$45,000.00 (Households: 1,284)</u>	
Donations as of 10/2/17: \$30,995.00	.68.88%
Donors as of 10/2/17: <b>206</b>	.16.04%

# **CALENDAR RAFFLE 2017**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
11/12	.\$50.00	. 0219	.Doug Jaeger
11/13	.\$20.00	. 0787	.Kathleen Schmid
11/14	.\$20.00	. 0087	Brian Zahn
11/15	.\$20.00	. 0788	.Kathleen Schmid
11/16	.\$20.00	. 0857	. Loretta O'Boyle
			Roanne Baxter
11/18	.\$20.00	. 1192	.Lucille Schultz

# SUN 26

Giving Tree Gift Tag Pick-up 8:00 am Liturgy 9:30 am RCIA 10:30 am Liturgy 6:00 pm Liturgy

Church Rm 3 Church Church

# MON 27

9:00 amEnvironment ChangeChurch4:00 pmCentering PrayerRm 96:30 pmEnvironment ChangeChurch

# **COMMUNITY LIFE**

#### In Memoriam

In loving memory of Mariano Crivello From William Carpio and family

#### **ART Guild**

Wednesday, November 29 6:30 pm

The OLOL Art Guild invites to an opportunity to create a Mexican bark/Amate painting. Amate is an art form based on Mexican bark painting from the Otomi culture. The paper is produced from the bark of adult Ficus trees. The instructor for the class is retired Spanish teacher and artist Mary Lou Maletta. New attendees are welcome to learn about this vibrant art form and to create an original work of art using a variety of media.

Also, join us on Wednesday, December 6, at 6:30 pm for Holiday Treats and Art. Bring a treat to pass for 12, work on unfinished art projects, and share some holiday camaraderie with fellow creatives.

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

1:30 pm	Seasons of Life:	
	Grief Group	Rm 9
3:00 pm	Food Pantry	Rm 7
6:00 pm	Finance Council Mtg.	Rm 3
7:00 pm	Bible Study:	
	Letter of James	Rm 6
7:00 pm	Faith sharing Group	Rm 3

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TUE

# FORMATION

#### **Fleece Blankets**

To be grateful

the love of

in everything he

even

and he has given us

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK** 

GRATITUDE

thankfulness and appreciation for life

as it unfolds. Living in the moment, we

appreciation freely. We contemplate

the blessings of our lives. We notice

small graces and are thankful for

daily gifts. Gratitude is a continual

How do you express gratitude?

are open to abundance around us

and within us. We express

celebration of life.

Gratitude is a constant attitude of

is to recognized

has given us-

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THOMAS MERTON

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.

#### **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.

#### Unscripted

Spiritual retreats are deeply woven into our Catholic tradition. I encourage each of you to consider creating a time of retreat as it best works in your life situation. We need to stop, to listen, to pray, to respond to God around and within. At OLOL, we have been blessed to offer a three-day women's retreat for the past ten years, and number eleven is in the planning! The weekend of February 2-4, 2018, women of this parish and beyond will gather at Benet Lake to quiet themselves and listen for/ponder the unscripted movement of God in their lives. See the insert in this bulletin for registration and more information. You may also check our website, and of course, contact the Parish Office.

Is it time for you to stop and listen for the unscripted nudge of God?

#### **Spiritual Direction**

Occasionally, we are lost and need some direction. We can always refer to Google Maps, or perhaps, simply ask someone how to get to our destination! In matters of our deepest yearnings and life questions, we can access a type of Google Map as well—the spiritual friend/companion/director. What does this person do? He or she listens, reflects what he or she is hearing, prays with you, and perhaps suggests some type of activity or reflection opportunity for you. "You" is the key word for the spiritual companion guides you in your search for God's presence. You, however, are doing the work for it is **your** journey! We have a variety of people in our parish community who are trained in this discipline. Please see the bulletin board outside of Room 10 or contact the Parish Office for more information.

WED 29	THU 30	FRI 1
9:30 am Communion Service Church 10:15 am Faith Group Social 6:30 pm ART Guild Mtg. Rm 4 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall AB	6:30 pm Adult Choir Reh. Church	

### WORSHIP

#### **Christ the King**

"The Solemnity of Christ the King poses a challenge each year involving how we understand kingship in relation to Christ, who refused to be called a king during his earthly life. Today's first reading and Gospel seem to focus our attention this year on Christ as our judge. The first reading ends with these words: 'I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.' The Gospel depicts the risen Christ as our judge at the end of time.

"This image of judge, however, is tempered somewhat by the fact that both readings depict the judge as a shepherd, too. Shepherds care for the sheep, so the image of the judge is not one focused primarily on condemnation. Certainly, the point of the proclaiming both readings is to urge us to live so that we will be recognized as faithful sheep ready for the glory of the kingdom.

"The Gospel passage from Matthew gives this feast a strong focus on charity and justice as the criteria for being good sheep. We are to attend to and advocate for justice for those without enough food, those with no access to clean water, immigrants who are strangers in our midst, those who need clothing and shelter, the sick and homebound, and those in our prisons and jails."

(Excerpts from November 2017 Celebration by Lawrence E. Mick. Used with permission.)

#### Tree Set-Up

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This year, we will be putting up our Christmas tree in church on Sunday, November 26, following the 6:00 pm liturgy. A few stronger people are needed for this task, and together this should take less than one hour to complete.

#### **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.

SAT 2	
Giving Tree Gift Tag Pick-up	G
Art Canvas Distribution	A
10:00 am First Reconciliation	
Service Church	
5:00 pm Liturgy Church	

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Church

Rm 10

Church

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Rm 3

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

#### From St. Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "... whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, this month through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve families by providing food, and assistance for utility bills, rent bills, etc. Thank you!

#### Christmas Giving Tree and Santa Shop

Gift tags are up! Pick up a tag for the Giving Tree and return a wrapped gift with tag by December 10/11. 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 by December 10/11. Help these children experience the joy and blessing of giving to their families.

#### **Sharing Weekend**

Next weekend, December 2 and 3, is Sharing Weekend for our food pantry. Please note that donations are accepted any day that the building is open. As many people need food all month long, we can always use donations outside of Sharing Weekend. Our current list of items most needed includes peanut butter. Please watch the expiration dates. Learn more at <u>ololmke.org/</u> food-pantry.

#### **Social Justice: An Invitation**

The Social Justice Committee seeks to educate and awaken people to the issues of justice that confront society today. Our next meeting is December 14 at 7:00 pm. Join us for the next meeting to learn more about our mission and activities.

# COMMUNICATIONS

# SPOTLIGHT

#### Cancellation and Closing Notifications: Website and Social Media

Over the last couple of weeks, we covered how you receive information regarding event cancellations and building closures due to inclement weather through the parish app and by text.

Once these alerts have gone out, our next steps are to post alerts to the Internet through our website and social media outlets: Facebook and Twitter.

Alerts can be found near the top of the home page of our website in a bright yellow box with red text.

You can find both of our social media accounts by searching OLOLMKE. Be sure to pin our page to your feeds or go directly to our page to make sure you don't miss the announcement.

#### "Lord, when did we see you...in prison, and visit you?"

During the past several weeks, the ARTangel Education Team from the olol ART Guild had the privilege of bringing a month long art class to the Milwaukee Women's Correctional Center. This was the focus of the ART Guild's Extended Community Art Outreach Project beyond our parish doors.

The program, entitled "Selfies" – Exploring and Expressing the Inner Self through ART!, consisted of four projects: the creation of vision boards, inner self-portrait mask-making, affirmation basket weaving, and intuitive abstracted name paintings. These projects illustrate the resurrection principle of transforming what is ordinary, or even limiting, into something entirely new.

Eight ARTangels, Elaine Cannistra, Paula Dahlman, Diane Gilles, Mary Ann Logic, Karen Lorentz, Mary Lou Maletta, Suzanne Marchant, and Rita Motl, met weekly with 25 incarcerated women to share their passion for art and the benefits of a creative life. Each week, the ARTangels steeped themselves in prayer to the Holy Spirit with intentions to gain every grace and virtue required to make this endeavor an enriching experience for all.

What happened behind those locked doors is evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit to go into even the most limiting, surprising, and unlikeliest of places to create the Kingdom of God. In this place of art and caring, all divisions incredibly ceased. Fear and mistrust were cast out. Students were no longer prisoners who were "getting what they deserved." The ARTangels were no longer those "church ladies" out of touch with the reality of life on the streets and the loneliness experienced behind prison walls. All felt the unity of simply being sisters in Christ. They were daughters, mothers, and grandmothers united in creating and sharing their life journeys with mutual respect for each other. The women became one in the Spirit, one in the Lord, filled with hope for the future. Thanks from the olol ART Guild to all who provided their prayers and support.

# 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 <u>ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/</u>. Registration is encouraged but not required.

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