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The Holy Family

The child grew and became
strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was
upon him. - Lk 2:40

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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 5:00 PM

SUN 8:00 AM/10:30 AM/6:00 PM

WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - December 11-17, 2017

Stewardship Offering (Envelopes/Electronic).....\$15,233.50
 Offertory \$1,028.82

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

Contributions Received \$351,046.76
 Contribution Budget.....\$362,000.00
Difference as of 12/17/17 (\$10,953.24)

Operating Income.....\$430,679.68
 Operating Expenses.....\$414,231.34
Balance as of 11/30/17.....\$16,448.34

Improvement Fund Updates

Beginning Balance 7/1/17 \$106,061.95
 Donations\$21,048.88
 Expenses\$74,105.50
Balance as of 12/17/17.....\$53,264.24

2017 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Goal: \$45,000.00 (Households: 1,277)

Donations as of 12/4/17: **\$32,155.00**71.46%
 Donors as of 12/4/17: **216**.....16.91%

Year-End Contributions

All donations to be included in the 2017 tax year must be received
 in the office by 12:00 pm on Friday, December 29,
 in the collection at Mass by Sunday, December 31,
 or postmarked by December 31.

Any donations received on or after January 1 will be credited for 2018.

COMMUNITY LIFE

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
 Eddie Kurzdel

From

Dennis & Margaret Brown
 John Eichholz
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 Hans & Ellen Kirkegaard
 Paula Magolan
 Russell & Kathy Robers
 Kathleen Schmid
 Rita Schroeder

Community ART Mosaic

We are still in need of artists for the 2018 Community ART Mosaic in order to reach our goal of 81 participants. Please consider sharing your time and talent to create and donate an original piece of artwork for this worthy fun'raiser raffle. The proceeds support the OLOL ART Ministry.

To get your canvas, please contact Mary Ann Logic at (262) 633-6585 or jmlogic@wi.rr.com or inquire at the Parish Office. Completed canvases are due by February 10/11. Artists must be at least 16 years of age or older to participate.

CALENDAR RAFFLE 2017

Date	Prize	Ticket	Winner
12/17	\$50.00	0901	Stacy Bosch
12/18	\$20.00	1143	Toni Gradisnik
12/19	\$20.00	0545	Linda Kielpinski
12/20	\$20.00	0275	Sue Machajewski
12/21	\$20.00	0904	Mary Ruffolo
12/22	\$20.00	0235	Garnet & Shirley Breimon
12/23	\$20.00	0626	Gregory Orlwoski

2018 Calendar Raffle? In our aim to become a stewardship parish, we are working to eliminate fundraisers from our operating budget and rely solely on your financial contributions. As such, there are no plans to hold a calendar raffle in 2018.

SUN 31

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

MON 1

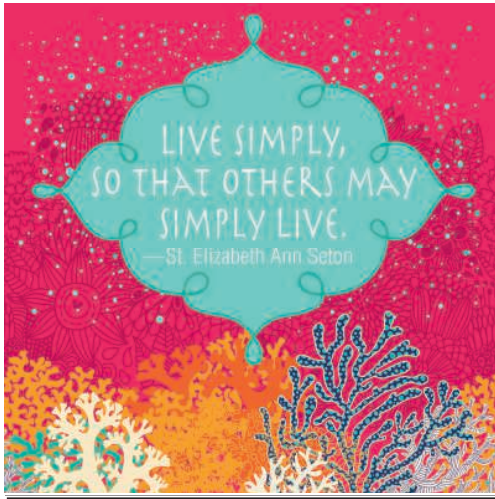
12:00 pm Liturgy -
 Mary, Mother
 of God Church

Office Closed



TUE 2

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul
 Mtg. Rm 3



VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

SERENITY

Serenity is tranquility of spirit. It is an abiding sense of trust and faith that all is well. We learn to go with the flow. We practice stillness, reflection, and mindfulness. We do not allow worry or fear to throw us off balance. We are able to be the calm in the wind.

What can you do to enter the New Year having faith in the goodness of life?

FORMATION

GIFT

“Baptism: Taking the Plunge” will be the topic at GIFT on January 7 and 8. Baptism is an important initiation into the life of the church. What does that mean for us today? Mary Osep, the recently retired youth and young adult minister from OLOL, will share experiences, a little wisdom she has gained, and, of course, provide a challenge. We hope to see you there!

8th Grade Retreat

Please mark your calendars for the 8th grade retreat on January 14 from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. The retreat will start at the 10:30 am liturgy at OLOL and continue after in the Parish Hall. Please talk to Taylor Baar if you have any questions.

Unscripted

Spiritual retreats are deeply woven into our Catholic tradition. Each of you are encouraged 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 10 years, and number 11 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?



WED 3

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

THU 4

9:15 am MOMS Spirituality Rm 3
 6:00 pm MOMS Spirituality Rm 6

FRI 5

WORSHIP

New Year's Resolution – Pray for Peace!

In this season of light, let us remember those who live in the darkness of poverty, racism, sexism, domestic violence, war, and fear. It is easy to forget that so many in our world live in this way. No matter which side of the political fence you may be on, pray for wisdom for the leaders of all nations, that they may consider the bigger picture and work to provide for the needs of the most vulnerable in their care.

So this year, make a resolution to pray, each and every day, for peace in our hearts, our families, communities, and our world!

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.

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, 10:30 am, and 6:00 pm liturgies, both the presider and bread 2 ministers will serve — each with **two** assistants. At the 8:00 am liturgy, 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.



OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. During our new year, may our families “grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them.”

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting families with food, and financial gifts for utility and rent bills. Thanks!

Sharing Weekend

Next weekend, January 6 and 7, 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 bottled juice, cereal, mac & cheese, condensed soup, and Hamburger Helper. Please watch the expiration dates. Learn more at ololmke.org/food-pantry.

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 6

5:00 pm Liturgy

Church

SUN 7

8:00 am Liturgy

Church

9:30 am RCIA

Rm 3

10:30 am Liturgy

Church

11:30 am GIFT

Hall

6:00 pm Liturgy

Church

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Full details at

ololmke.org/AllAboutTheApp.

The Future of the Festival!

For more than 30 years the annual festival has been an important part of the community of the Our Lady of Lourdes parish. It is a time of community, family, fun, and of course fund raising. The festival has weathered some storms over the years both figuratively and literally, when Mother Nature has not cooperated.

We are again at a crossroad. The financial commitment from the parish to host such an event is substantial due to the upfront costs related to the set up, music, and food. There is no guarantee of what the profit may be. We are also faced with a decline in active planning members of the committee.

As with most individuals when volunteering, it is necessary to ask yourself some important questions. What will be asked of me? How much time do I have to give? What will I be doing? We have some immediate openings that need to be addressed that include set up and tear down, marketing, game innovation, and volunteer recruitment. We also have smaller roles that must be filled in order for the festival to be successful such as booth captains which is someone who will take an active role in making sure the booth is functional during the weekend of the festival. Doing something of this nature may be a great way for a family to become involved or a ministry to organize for the weekend.

The Festival Committee is not only looking for your assistance, but also your feedback. There is a survey available online that can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/BR6985L. Please take a couple of minutes to let us know what you think!

If you are interested in volunteering for a position on the committee for the Festival, please contact Suzie Sorvick at samoj4@att.net.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Institute Audience

The Discipleship Institute programs are designed to serve many different audiences and needs in our community. The three groups noted below are among the many who have attended sessions:

- 1. Parishioners who want to develop and grow in their faith.** Many Catholics long for a deeper understanding of how God is calling them to live as Christians in today's world. The Discipleship Institute offers a variety of courses on scripture, theology, and spirituality to address this need.
- 2. Parishioners who want to become more involved in the life of the parish.** Many people want to become more involved in the community beyond just the liturgical celebrations. The Discipleship Institute programs provide a way to meet new people and make new friends who share a common faith and common values.
- 3. Parishioners who are moving into leadership roles in the community.** As the parish ministries evolve, and in this time of transition, new leadership needs to emerge. Many members are willing and capable to take ownership of the ministries and the needs of the parish. The Discipleship Institute offers courses on how groups function and the skills needed for leadership in our faith community.

The Discipleship Institute Planning Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have attended and supported our events and seminars of the past year. We wish you all a very happy and healthy new year! Plan to join us for more in 2018!

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