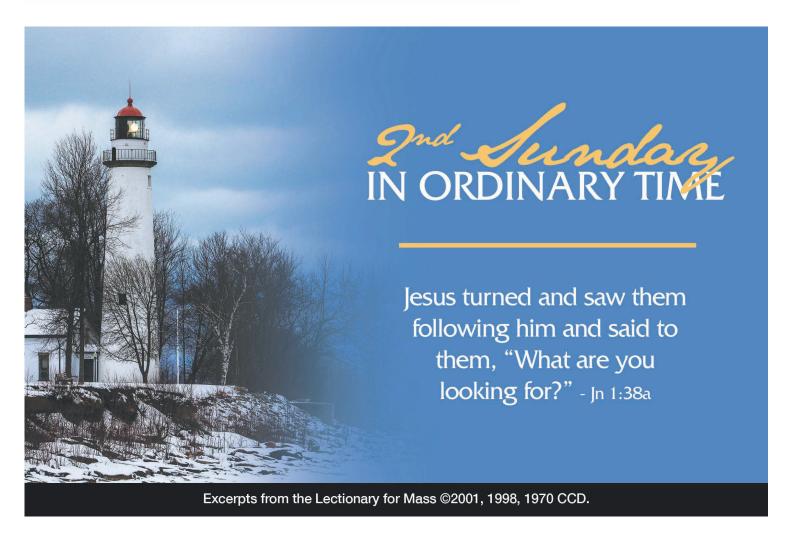
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - December 25-31, 2017

Operating Fund \$42,393.00 Offertory \$2,974.05

2017 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

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

Donations as of 1/2/18: \$33,430.00

74.29%

Donors as of 1/2/18: **219** 17.24%

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

 Contributions Received
 \$411,950.60

 Contribution Budget
 \$400,000.00

 Difference (12/31/17)
 \$11,950.60

Operating Income \$550,922.63
Operating Expenses \$506,427.74
Balance (12/31/17) \$44,494.89

TENTATIVE

Improvement Fund Updates

7/1/17

 Beginning Balance
 \$106,061.95

 Donations
 \$\$26,726.88

 Expenses
 \$77,923.50

 Balance (12/31/17)
 \$55,124.24

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

"Have you ever been somewhere public and days later others said they saw you there? You can find yourself surprised that they saw you and didn't say hello. However, at least they saw you. You, on the other hand, didn't even have any idea they were around you. You may have been oblivious to what was going on or those crossing your path on that day. You may have been forsaking that moment thinking about another time to come down the road.

"Imagine being one of those who first encountered Jesus as he began his ministry. Would you have noticed? I would like to think that I would have rushed over to him to introduce myself. But on that day when he passed on by I just might have been caught up in life, unaware of all that was intersecting with my place in the world.

"An everyday steward strives to live mindfully. The more mindful we are of all that is around us, the more grateful we find ourselves because we take things less for granted and the more open we are to the call of Jesus Christ. Every day Jesus crosses our path in the form of others. They may be in need or they may have a gift to offer us. Either way, without living in the present and taking in all that God has provided for us in the day, we can miss it. I would not want to hear afterwards that Jesus saw me and I was not paying attention enough to what was around me to notice."

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

DETERMINIATION

Determination is the power of intent that drives our dreams. It is the strength of will to act with resolve. We focus our energy on a purpose and persevere until we meet our goal. We care about something so much that even when difficulties arise and things don't come easy, we keep going. With determination we will succeed.

What goals have you been able to achieve because of your determination?

SUN 14	MON 15	TUE 16
8:00 am Liturgy Church 9:00 am First Eucharist Prep 9:30 am RCIA Rm 3 10:30 am Liturgy Church 11:00 am 8th Grade Retreat Hall 6:00 pm Liturgy Church	4:00 pm Centering Prayer Rm 9	7:00 pm TAG Mtg Rm 4 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. Rm 3

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Clementine Collins, Lawrence Michalets, Allan Benton, Jean Kropidlowski, Janet Grafwallner, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Sylvia Buchkoski

From

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Susan Koller

In loving memory of Eddie Kurdziel

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Kenneth Fruncek
Pete Katzfey
Bill & Geri Lietzke
Art & Alice Zinky

A Midwinter Clearing

Saturday, January 20 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

There are still a few spots available for this Art Guild workshop. Cost is \$25.00, payable on the day of the event. To register or for questions about the workshop, see the December 17 bulletin flyer for more information.

GIFT

Have you ever wondered why we do what we do during the liturgy? Have you ever thought the Mass was boring? Are your responses habits, or do they mean more? Join us at GIFT as we explore how much more there is to the Mass than meets the eye. Steve Szymanski, Child Minister at Our Lady of Lourdes, will facilitate this discussion on the "why?" behind what we do as Catholics. Please join us on January 28 from 11:45 am - 2:30 pm or January 29 from 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm as we explore the mysteries of the Mass.

Confirmation

Confirmation candidates and their sponsors must attend the district presentation on Sunday, January 28, from 7:00 pm — 8:30 pm at St. Mary's-Hales Corners. Rich Curran will be sharing wisdom on "Confirmation and Beyond."

Teen Action Group (TAG)

TAG will meet on Tuesday, January 16, from $7:00~\rm pm$ - $8:30~\rm pm$ in Room 4. We hope you can join us!

Retreat Peer Leaders

Calling all disciples! We are currently looking for teens who are interested in being peer leaders on the 9th and 10th grade retreats. Peer leaders model discipleship through facilitating activities and witnessing their faith while on retreat. 9th grade retreat starts at 5:00 pm on Saturday, March 17, and ends on Sunday, March 18, at 7:30 pm. 10th grade retreat starts at 5:00 pm on Saturday, February 10, and ends on Sunday, February 11, at 7:30 pm. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Taylor.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult Catholic who never received the sacrament of confirmation? Many adults find that as teens they were not ready for this step. If this is you, and you now feel ready, consider joining us for a four-week preparation on Sundays: February 18, March 4, 11, and 18. We will meet immediately following the 10:30 am liturgy in the Parish Director's Office. We will meet for an hour or so each week. You will receive this sacrament during the Easter Vigil on the evening of March 31. If you are interested, kindly contact the Parish Office for more information. The deadline is February 4.

WED 17	THU 18	FRI 19
9:30 am Liturgy Church 10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C 10:45 am Resurrection Choir Reh Church 6:00 pm Baptism Prep Rm 10 6:30 pm Pastoral Council Mtg. Rm 3 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall AB	9:00 am Stewardship Mailing Prep Rm 4 9:15 am MOMS Spirituality Rm 3 6:00 pm MOMS Spirituality Rm 6 6:30 pm Adult Choir Reh. Church	

WORSHIP

OUTREACH

What is your Calling?

This Sunday we enter, once again, into Ordinary Time. It is a short season this year, with only five weeks before the beginning of Lent on February 14. The readings today speak strongly to us about God's call to us. Our response seems to depend upon how willing we are to listen closely and our understanding of what it means to be a "Servant of God." Recalling Mary's response to the news she would bear the Son of God, she answered, "I am the handmaid/servant of the Lord." Despite her fears, she trusted God's message with humble acceptance.

Today we hear a similar response from Samuel. At first, Samuel thought he was responding to Eli, a mere human. Yet his response was still, "Here I am." Eventually, Samuel realized that it was God calling him. In addition, his response, like Mary, was, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Psalm of the day, Psalm 40, echoes this response.

The second reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians speaks of our bodies/lives as **not our own**, **not for immortality**, **but for the Lord**. While on Earth, our bodies are to be temples of God's presence and to **glorify God** with our bodies/lives as members of one body in Christ.

Finally, the Gospel tells us that Jesus put the question to the disciples, "What are you looking for?" They replied, "Rabbi/teacher." To this Jesus responds, "Come and see!"

These readings are worth pondering and praying with, not only from a personal standpoint, but also with regard to how we perceive ourselves in connection with God, our family members, friends, faith community, country, and the world. God's call comes to us each and every day if we are listening. How will we respond?

Ministry Opportunities

As we enter a new year, is God calling you to consider exploring a new ministry? If you've been thinking about getting more involved, a few of the liturgical areas where your time and talent that would benefit your faith community are listed below.

Sacristans (prepare for weekend, funeral, and/or special liturgies)
Ushers (welcome our guests and help with seating and the collection)

Servers (adult and youth)

Eucharistic Ministers (6:00 pm ministers are especially needed)

These ministries work around your schedule and liturgy preference.

Training is provided for all ministries. For more information, contact Chris Deily.

SUN Community Weekend Community Weekend 10:00 am Baptism Rehearsal Church 8:00 am Liturgy Church 9:00 am Youth Choir Reh. Rm 10 1:00 pm Intuitive Painting and Free Form Dance Hall A 9:30 am RCIA Rm 3 5:00 pm Liturgy Church 10:30 am Liturgy (Baptisms) Church Church 6:00 pm Liturgy

From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Often we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

DACA Recipients in Danger

For many DACA recipients their DACA status will expire March 5, 2018. Thousands of hard-working young people who are contributing to society will be in danger of deportation. The best legislative solution is a Dream Act, no strings attached. The Dream Act provides a 5 year path to citizenship and does not have the harsh restrictions which are a part of other proposals. Senator Jeff Flake (AZ) will have a seat at the table when and if there are discussions. Please call and express your support.

Jeff Flake, (202) 224-4521

www.flake.senate.gov

Tammy Baldwin (WI), (202) 224-5653 www.baldwin.senate.gov

Ron Johnson (WI), (202) 224-5323

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From the Social Justice Committee

Grief Group Potluck

Tuesday, February 6 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Room 10

We invite anyone who has lost a loved one to come. Come and bring some food to share. A time to share, laugh, and enjoy some good food. For questions, please contact Wanda Nye.

COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Personal Cyber Security Series

Shoulder surfing is performed by a criminal that stands behind you or nearby and watches as you type on a keyboard or keypad to capture important, private information. The attacker may watch you on an airplane or in your favorite coffee shop. The key is that the attacker has visibility to your screen and to your keyboard so they can watch your fingers as you type. He/she may video record your keystrokes to play them back for later use.

It is important that you are aware of your surroundings while entering sensitive information. Is there anyone standing or sitting close while you are working on your computer? Consider moving to another location or position where someone sitting close by cannot view your screen. Always assume that someone is watching and will take advantage of any information they can gleam.

Notes From Nancie...How are those New Year's Resolutions Going??

Ah yes, a new year brings new ideas and resolutions: "This is the year I lose those ten pounds, stop smoking, start exercising, read more, pray daily"...so, how's that going for you?

Letting go of bad habits is difficult. Often they are deeply ingrained actions or reactions that we fall into without thinking twice. To break an old or unhealthy habit requires will power and discipline. Our self-talk can easily dismantle these good intentions and before you know, they are in the pile marked, "try again next January."

How about this idea? Can we as a community, work to develop the positive habits of discipleship? By this I mean, purposely show kindness to a stranger, wait a bit longer at a door so as to hold it open for the person still in the parking lot; leave a little larger tip for the barista or restaurant employee; let that person who is following too close on the freeway, pass you—then ask God to bless them. These are small acts of generosity and kindness. They are large acts of recognizing Christ in each other. Disciples do that.

What do you think? Shall we work together at recognizing God in the ordinary? Shall we resolve to do this?

DISCIPLESHIP

The Great Relationship Series

Tuesday evenings: February 6, 13, 27, and March 6 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

This series will celebrate and inspire our Christian marriages and committed relationships. Lecturer and relationship coach, Bill Schacht, will engage all participants in:

- Exploring and discussing common sense wisdom that is essential for couples to create and grow a loving, emotionally intimate, and committed relationship.
- Learning how to use distinct communication tools and interaction patterns which are essential to ensure consistent couple happiness and satisfaction.
- Illuminating strategies that successful couples use to keep their romantic and sexual relationship growing better and better – rather than fading over time.

The cost for the entire series is \$25 per person.

Tickets may be purchased by calling 1 (866) 724-2000 or online at www.greatrelationshipsense.com/OLOL

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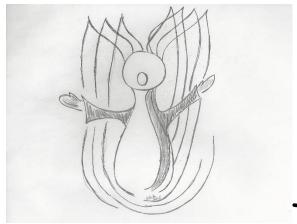
Eagle Scout Project

My name is Spencer Jackson. I am currently working on my Boy Scout Eagle Scout Project, in order to complete my project I need donations to fill "sibling bags" for the brothers and sisters who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House while their sibling is at Children's Hospital. The donations must be for children ages 3-13 years old. Some ideas are crayons, colored pencils, coloring books, activity pads, children's card games, books, and small toys, some examples are: Happy Meal Toys, action figures, Hot Wheels cars, travel size games. These donations must be new or gently used. There will be a box in the hallway with my name on it where you can leave your donations. If you can't donate supplies, cash and checks will be greatly appreciated. I am looking to purchase the drawstring backpacks to hold the items each child will be given. Cash donations can be left in the parish office. All donations must be in on or before January 29th. I am hoping to create at least 100 sibling bags. They are sometimes the forgotten ones as the focus is usually on their sibling that is receiving treatment. I am hoping to help them through these tough times by making their stay better.

Thanks for any help you may be able to provide,

Spencer Jackson Troop 612 at OLOL

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions 414 313-7638 my cell number or 414 329-9057 my mom's cell number



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AM - meets September-May, Thursdays 9:15-11am - facilitated by Judy Monday

PM - meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month from 6-7:30 pm - facilitated by Laurie Ozbolt

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