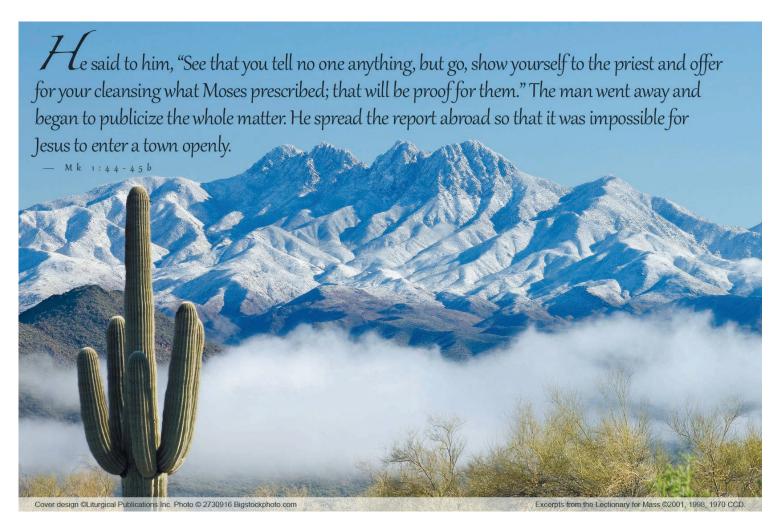
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - January 22-28, 2018

Improvement Fund Updates

| Balance (1/28/18) | \$58,513.24 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Expenses | <u>\$77,923.50</u> |
| Donations | \$30,11 <i>5</i> .88 |
| Beginning Balance 7/1/17 | \$106,061.95 |

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

| Contributions Received | \$471,418.98 |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Contribution Budget | \$459,000.00 |
| Difference (1/28/18) | \$12,418.98 |
| Operating Income | \$552,667.63 |
| Operating Expenses | \$506,579.96 |
| Balance (12/31/17) | \$46,087.67 |

2017 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (1/2/18)

| Donations: | \$33,430.00 |
|------------------|-------------|
| Goal=\$45,000.00 | 74.29% |
| Donors: | 219 |
| Goal=1,277 | 17.24% |

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

"If you witnessed a miracle, wouldn't you want to tell everyone? If you saw the sun dance in the sky, a crippled man walk, or the Virgin Mary appear in front of you, wouldn't you just want to shout about it from a rooftop so all could hear? Maybe you would be afraid others would not believe you. You might choose instead to keep it to yourself to avoid criticism and ridicule. At least, if you saw a miracle, you would have a choice: to tell or not to tell.

"Yet, at every Mass we witness a miracle. We witness bread and wine as it becomes the true presence of Jesus Christ. It isn't a saint or Mary appearing before us; it is actually Jesus! When was the last time you told anybody about that miracle?

"It might not be easy for us to always talk about our faith, but we can show them. When we receive the Eucharist into our bodies, we become one with Christ. We go forth from the Mass as a living testimony of the miracle that occurred at Mass. People will not be able to simply look at us and see the evidence. We need to demonstrate to them the reality of this miracle by our good deeds and profound acts of charity. That is stewardship. That is bearing witness to the truth of our God being truly present to us. It is something we should want to share with everyone."

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

ACCOUNABILTY

Accountability is the willingness to stand in responsibility for every choice. It is acting with integrity, doing what we say we will do. When we make a mistake, we do not seek to hide it or avoid it. We have the courage to face it willingly. With accountability, people can rely on us because we act with responsibility. We are guided by our highest standards.

What can you do this coming Lenten season to assure that you are seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus? How can you help others to do so also?

SUN

MON 12

TUE 13

| Blood Drive Sign-up | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--|
| Hallway Art Show Art Intake | | |
| 8:00 am Liturgy | Church | |
| 9:00 am Youth Choir | | |
| Rehearsal | Rm 10 | |
| 9:30 am RCIA | Rm 3 | |
| 10:30 am Liturgy | Church | |
| 6:00 pm Liturgy | Church | |
| | | |

| 9:00 am | Environment Change | Church |
|---------|---------------------------|--------|
| 2:00 pm | SVDP Blood Drive | Hall |
| 4:00 pm | Centering Prayer | Rm 9 |
| 6:30 pm | n Building and Grounds | |
| | Cmte. Mtg. | Rm 3 |

| 9:00 am | And the Elders Pray | Rm 6 |
|---------|---------------------|------|
| 6:30 pm | Great Relationships | |
| | Seminar | Hall |
| 6:30 pm | St. Vincent de Paul | |
| | Mtg. | Rm 3 |
| 7:00 pm | TAG Mtg. | Rm 4 |
| | | |

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Joan Bourgeois
Jason & Jamie Gonzalez
Janet Michalets
Michael & Sarah Moore
Alan & Mary Stroik

In Memoriam

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Mark & Susie Van Rixel

In loving memory of Katherine Kan

From

Kathleen Schmid

St. Mary's Young at Heart

Wednesday, February 28
Travel to the Sharon Lynn Wilson
Center to enjoy "Tony Bennett the
First 90 Years" with lunch at
Ristorante Bartolatta!

Call Polly Oldenburg today for more details: (262) 894-6450.

Morning of Reflection

February 17 9:00 am - noon Cardinal Stritch University

Begin your Lenten journey with a Morning of Reflection called "Into the Desert." Is the desert a place where you experience spiritual dryness, or a place where you experience the sacred? If you are journeying through the desert, what will guide you to new life? The cost is \$20.

Register at 414-410-4405 or at www.stritch.edu/SaintClareEvents.

Volunteers Needed

Calling all volunteers! We need 5-7 middle and high school teens to help with the Archdiocesan Engaged Enrichment Conferences at the Archbishop Cousins Center. Teens will help set up, clean up, and assist with registration and other tasks. Breakfast and lunch are provided and there is down time for games or homework. Please consider joining us on March 24 and April 14 from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Teen Action Group (TAG)

There will be a TAG meeting on Tuesday, February 13, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in room 4. We hope to see you there!

GIFT

Did you know that Milwaukee is a hub for human trafficking? Every year, men, women, and children are trafficked at home and abroad. Trafficking is a violation of human rights and the dignity of the human person. Because this topic appears in the news more and more, join us at GIFT, as a panel of experts explains what trafficking is and how we, as Catholics, are called to respond. Please join us on Sunday, February 18, from 11:45 am - 2:30 pm or Monday, February 19, from 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm to grow in awareness of this topic.

Do you have a prayer?

In just a few days, Lent will be upon us. The traditional Lent disciplines are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In this parish community, we strive to give to our mission partner in Haiti as our primary means of giving alms. A required fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday is understood as refraining from meat, eating no more than two full meals (one larger and two smaller), and nothing between meals. This is asked of people in good health and not pregnant between the ages of 18 and 59. Additionally, we are asked to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent.

But what about prayer? Certainly, we can all use a boost in our prayer lives! How about trying something new this year—have you ever considered becoming a part of our prayer ministry? To do so, kindly contact the Parish Office. You will then receive (or pick up) prayer intentions for our parish members and beyond on a weekly basis. This is a wonderful way to grow in compassion, in gratitude, and in making some quiet time a habit during Lent.

However you choose to engage these wonderful three Lenten exercises, we offer you blessing.

| WED 14 | THU 15 | FRI 16 |
|---|---|--------|
| 7:00 am St. Ben's Prep Kitchen 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service Church 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall AB 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service Church 7:00 pm GASIC Rm 3 | 8:00 am Communion Service Rm 9 9:15 am MOMS Spirituality Rm 3 10:00 am Lent Examin Rm 9 6:00 pm MOMS Spirituality Rm 6 6:30 pm Adult Choir Reh. Church 7:00 pm Lent Examen Rm 9 | |

Remote Control for Mass?

So here is the easiest Ministry opportunity you will be invited to all year. We have an i-Pad that controls the volume of all of the microphones: priest, vocals, piano, etc.. If you have discerning ears, we could use your help. We will show you how to use the i-Pad as a remote control to adjust the volume levels. You can sit with your family in the same spot you always sit. You would just have the i-Pad with you and be ready to tweak. Training is quick and easy. Contact Director of Music Ministry, Peg Kasun to make this your ministry!

Evening for Cantors

Vocalists who serve as cantors, or who are interested in learning more about Cantor Ministry, this is for you. Join us Monday, February 12, at 6:30 pm in Room 10 for our Evening for Cantors. Enjoy food and fellowship, spend time in prayer and reflection, and get to know some of the new repertoire that is coming up in the season of Lent. To reserve your spot, contact Peg Kasun.

Incense Flag: "Let my prayer rise like incense before you" (Ps 141:2)

Incense has been used in prayer and rituals since ancient times as a symbol of purification and sanctification. The smoke symbolizes the prayers of the people offered up to God, expressed beautifully in Psalm 141.

In modern times, incense is used much less frequently due to the number of people who have serious allergies to smoke of any kind. Even the most non-toxic formulas seem to affect their allergies, even to the point of preventing people from attending liturgy.

In lieu of incense, we will use an "incense flag" to begin our liturgies in Lent. As the flag moves, seemingly to float through our worship space, allow your spirit and your prayers to rise with the flow of the flag in worship with the movement minister.

| SAT 17 | SUN 18 |
|---|--|
| 9:00 am Parish Ambassador Training II Rm 9 5:00 pm Liturgy Church | 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 |

Blood Drive

The next St. Vincent de Paul sponsored blood drive is this Monday, February 12, from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

You can schedule your donation after any Mass, during the week anytime you are in the building, or online at bcw.edu/OLOL0212.

Walk-ups are always welcome. Refreshments are provided.

St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on February 14. Please bring fresh cut vegetables, hard-cooked eggs, and bakery to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday. To help with food preparation or serving, please call the Parish Office.

You can also make monetary donations to help pay for the chickens we serve using your monthly donation slips or our webpage: http://www.ololmke.org/st-bens/.

Human Concerns Pop Tab Collection

Please continue to collect pop tabs to help support the many families who make Ronald McDonald House their home away from home while their children are being treated at Children's or Rogers Memorial Hospitals. Families are asked to donate \$20 for each night of their stay, but no family is ever turned away because they are unable to pay. Tab Toss Day 2017 netted \$33,000 that was used to help defray the cost of running the house. A few minutes of your time can make a huge difference in the life of a family whose child is sick. Please keep those pop tabs coming! Pop tabs can be deposited in the Ronald McDonald House container located in the meeting room hallway.

COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Lent Prayer Page

Our Lent Prayer webpage is updated and active for 2018. The annual online retreat starts Ash Wednesday, February 14, and will continue through Easter. OLOL Parish Director, Nancie Chmielewski, is the author of the entire retreat, and it is very worth your time to check out.

There are great videos available including a new Lent in 3 Minutes from Busted Halo. Even if you have seen these videos before, they are wonderful to revisit each year as reminders of what Lent is all about. You can also forward them on to other people! There are also great links to other Lenten resources.

Be sure to check out our Lent Prayer page often through out the season.

ololmke.org/lent-prayer/

"The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all." —Proverbs 22:2

The mission of the olol Art Guild is to provide opportunities for spiritual growth through involvement in creative endeavors among guild members, within the parish community, and with the wider community at large. With that commitment in mind, the Art Guild will sponsor the 2018 Hallway Art Exhibition from February 24 - April 15. The theme of the show is "Unity in Diversity." The purpose of this undertaking is to encounter the sacred through the creative process in expression through the arts. We are enhancing the creative possibilities in this year's show by including Ekphrasis writing (writing inspired by visual art) and floral arranging in response to the art works on display. In addition, the Community Art Mosaic Raffle, in conjunction with the Hallway Art Exhibit, offers another forum for the artistically inclined.

The Art Guild would like to invite the Our Lady of Lourdes community, families, and friends to embrace this chance to nurture the soul by joining us in this artistic smorgasbord. Consider displaying a painting, a photograph, a drawing, a print, a fiber piece, a collage, etc., either in the Hallway Show or in the Mosaic Raffle. Express yourself through the written word in poetic or narrative form. Design a floral arrangement. Novices as well as seasoned artists are welcome to participate in this show that celebrates the strength we discover through the acceptance of our differences.

Mary Lou Maletta

DISCIPLESHIP

Parish Ambassador Training II

Saturday, February 17 9:00 am - noon

All parish ambassadors are invited to enter a new phase of their ministry. Parish ambassadors are already a welcoming presence within our community; now we begin the next phase – walking with new parishioners as they join our parish family. If you are currently a commissioned parish ambassador, please consider joining us for this weekend morning session.

The Lenten Examen

Thursdays, February 15 - March 22

10:00 am - 11:30 am or 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Facilitated by – Sr. Jean Ellman, SSND, and Josef Rodriguez, NSJ

Join Casa Romero this Lenten season for a spiritual tune-up for "Retreat in Daily Life." Through this six session series of prayer exercises and daily meditation on scripture, you will come to know Jesus more deeply and personally. This is a powerful way to prepare to enter fully into Lent and Easter this year!

Prerequisite: the desire to enter more deeply into your spiritual journey by committing yourself to daily prayer in the Jesuit tradition.

Fee for the entire series is \$30.00 per person

Registration can be made online, by calling the Parish Office, or by calling Sr. Jean Ellman at (414) 316-5469.

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Slavery in Our Midst: Human Trafficking

Presented by a panel of experts.

February 18 from 11:45 am - 2:30 pm

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Did you know that Milwaukee is a hub for human trafficking? Every year, men, women, and children are trafficked at home and abroad. Trafficking is a violation of human rights and the dignity of the human person. This topic is appearing in the news more and more. Join us at GIFT as a panel of experts explains what trafficking is and how we, as Catholics, are called to respond.

If you are interested in joining us, please call the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316.

"Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ...

It is a crime against humanity." – Pope Francis







"Slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children, and disgraceful working conditions where people are treated as instruments of gain rather than free and responsible persons" are "infamies" and "an affront to fundamental values...

values rooted in the very nature of the human person".

— Guadium et Spes, 27

Presenters:

We will have a panel of experts sharing stories and talking about their experiences.

Traveling to Outreach to Haiti

"When you visit Haiti, it'll break your heart, and when you leave, you won't take back all the pieces." -- Haitian Proverb

July 28 - August 3, 2018



Our Lady of Lourdes is planning another visit to our twinning partner, Outreach to Haiti, in Port au Prince, Haiti this summer. If you would be interested in representing the OLOL faith community, please plan to attend an information meeting Sunday, February 25, at 11:45 am at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Contact Ralph (414) 412-5842, Tanya (414) 870-9487, or Colleen (414) 732-7343 for more information.

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