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1st Sunday in Lent



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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - Jan 29-Feb 4, 2018
 Operating Fund..... \$14,799.00
 Offertory\$631.36

Improvement Fund Updates
 Beginning Balance 7/1/17 \$106,061.95
 Donations \$31,394.38
 Expenses \$77,923.50
Balance (2/4/18) \$59,791.74

**Budget Updates Fiscal Year:
 July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018**
 Contributions Received..... \$486,849.34
 Contribution Budget.....\$473,750.00
Difference (2/4/18) \$13,099.34
 Operating Income \$617,443.37
 Operating Expenses.....\$576,673.10
Balance (1/31/18)..... \$40,770.27

February Stewardship Mailing ERROR
 Due to an oversight by office staff, the recent stewardship mailing sent to all homes via the post office included contribution slips for February, rather than March, as they should have. We have included the March contribution slips as an insert in today's bulletin for your convenience. We apologize for this error. Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish community.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

“When I was a teenager, the experience of Catholic retreat basically changed my life. I wasn't lost or hurting, but the three days placed me on a path that led to where I am today. Certainly, my experiences of faith before and after that weekend also played a role in the person I have become. However, the power of God I felt in that short period of time had such a profound effect on me it became a type of lens through which I then came to see the rest of my life.

“Sometimes we need to get away from it all to realize what really matters in life. We step back and see things more clearly. When we are fully in the world it is hard to get past the busyness and constant noise of modern existence. Distractions are all around us and our attention span can be so limited when it comes to truth.

“This Lent, find the time to slow down, to get away from it all, and to rest in the peaceful arms of God. Go to the desert and work on surrendering all you are, and have, and will be to Jesus. Reflect on the many gifts you have been given and discern the best ways to cultivate those for God's glory. As this season begins, be mindful of the fact that this time will never come again. There might be a Lenten season next year, but God is calling you now.”

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

PERSEVERANCE

Perseverance is being steadfast and persistent. You commit to your goals and overcome obstacles no matter how long it takes. You don't give up; you just keep going. Sometimes you have to ride the waves.

How can you persevere this week to find the Spirit in your life? Seek what this calls you to be and do!

SUN 18

MON 19

TUE 20

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

8:00 am Communion Service Rm 9
 4:00 pm Centering Prayer Rm 9
 5:30 pm GIFT Hall

3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7
 7:00 pm The Passion
 Narratives in the
 Gospels Rm 10
 7:00 pm Faith Sharing Grp. Rm 3

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of June Dolensek, Stephanie Simic, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Thomas Rossmiller
From
John & Lucille Petersen

In loving memory of
Katherine Lee Kan
From
Judy Stankewicz

In loving memory of
Janet Grafwallner
From
Donna & Larry Nelson

Forum on Faith

February 22
7:30 am - 9:00 am
Cardinal Stritch University

Gain insights about mental health challenges at "Finding Grace in the Stories of Those with Mental Illness." Meg Kissinger, an investigative reporter for the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, has written about our mental health system for more than 20 years. Come hear what steered her down this path and what can be done to help those who have suffered in secret.

The cost is \$25, which includes breakfast. Register at (414) 410-4405 or www.stritch.edu/SaintClareEvents.

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.

Volunteers Needed

We need teens who are willing to help with the Engaged Enrichment Conference! This conference takes place on Saturday, March 24, from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm at the Archbishop Cousins Center. Teens will help with setup, registration, movement of supplies, and cleanup. Breakfast and lunch are provided, and there is downtime throughout the day. Please talk to Taylor if you are interested.

Living Stations of the Cross

Are you interested in being part of Living Stations of the Cross? Practice is from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm on March 5, 12, 20, and 26. Dress rehearsal will be on Friday, March 30, at 9:00 am, and enactment will be at noon on that day. We need youth to help with drama, dance, narration, music, and more. Please talk to Taylor if you are interested.

Magazines Needed

We are collecting magazines for an activity we would like to do on an upcoming retreat. If you have any magazines you are looking to donate, please consider dropping them off in the box by the Formation Office. Thank you for your help!

A Little Reading

Are you looking for some spiritual reading ideas for Lent? Be sure to visit our parish library cart, found in the hallway just outside the main entrance to the Parish Hall. Don't worry about signing out a book; we work on the honor system. Do, however, check and see if you have any previously borrowed books gracing your household, and return them when you are finished reading. Thank you!

WED 21

THU 22

FRI 23

8:30 am BAAM Mtg. Hall AB
9:30 am Liturgy Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
6:30 pm Pastoral Council Mtg. Rm 3
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall AB

8:00 am Communion Service Rm 9
9:15 am MOMS Spirituality Rm 3
10:00 am Lent Examen Rm 9
12:00 pm Widows' Support
Grp. Hall BC
6:30 pm Adult Choir Reh. Church
7:00 pm Lent Examen Rm 9

4:00 pm Fish Fry Hall

WORSHIP

“Teach me your Ways O God” (Ps 25:4)

“When we ask God, ‘Teach Me Your Ways,’ we are opening ourselves to existential knowledge of divine compassion, that is, we want to understand God’s ways in our flesh, in our hearts and guts, as well as in our minds. We want to be moved by the same loving identification with others that moves God’s saving love for us.

“C.S. Lewis may have been thinking of Jesus’ desert experience when he wrote in *The Screwtape Letters* that human beings are ‘amphibians—half spirit and half animal.’ Lewis said that we belong to both time and eternity, and that finding our balance in those two dimensions, learning how to be embodied spirits, or divinely-inspired persons of flesh and blood, is the goal of human life.

“In today’s Gospel we hear that Jesus found himself between the Spirit and Satan, between the wild beasts and the angels. Jesus emerged from the desert with his own answer to the human dilemma. He understood God’s love for humanity and that his mission was to make God’s love present to all.

“The Cycle B readings of Lent lead us to reflect on this covenant of love between God and all peoples. Covenant is the deepest and most unique concept in the Hebrew religious tradition. As Scripture presents it, a covenant is a free promise on God’s part. It is offered unilaterally, it does not depend on humanity’s response. As we move through the Sundays of Lent, we are invited to reflect on the meaning of this covenant in our lives today.”

(Exerpts from “Teach Me Your Ways” by Sr. Mary McGlone, S.S.J., in *Celebrations*, February 2018)

Outreach to Haiti

Most of you know that for many years we have nurtured a wonderful relationship with the people of Haiti. The spirit of these people and their gracious hospitality in the face of extreme poverty and natural disasters is a grace and a mirror of God’s goodness to all who have had the privilege to travel to Haiti and meet the people.

During Lent, as we focus on the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charity), we ask that you include Haiti in your prayers. Practice your fasting with the people of Haiti who struggle for their food, and include them in your charity by setting aside monies throughout Lent toward our mission in Haiti. Set up a special container for your loose change, and mark it for Haiti in some way as a reminder of our commitment to helping Haitians help themselves. Merci!

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In today’s Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations of wealth, power, and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.

An Opportunity to Visit Haiti

Our Lady of Lourdes is planning another visit to our twinning partner, Outreach to Haiti, in Port au Prince, Haiti this summer. We will be going July 28 - August 3. If you would be interested in representing the OLOL faith community, please plan to attend an information meeting March 25 at 11:45 am.

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

Calling Teens to Serve!

It’s never too early to start making summer plans. Registration is now open for teens aged 15-18 to participate in Reach Out Reach In, a summer service week sponsored by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, held July 15-20. This program is local and is great for teens who want to be involved in direct service and social action. The sites, located around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, include homeless shelters, adult day care, community organizations, meal programs, organic farms, child care, and more. Scholarships are available.

For more information visit: www.archmil.org/RORI

SAT 24

SUN 25

Hallway Art Show Opening
5:00 pm Liturgy

Church

Hallway Art Show Opening
8:00 am Liturgy
9:30 am RCIA
10:30 am Liturgy
6:00 pm Liturgy

Church
Rm 3
Church
Church

COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Lent Prayer Page

Our Lent Prayer webpage is updated and active for 2018. The annual online retreat started Ash Wednesday 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/

Notes from Nancie

Holy cow—it's Lent! Wasn't it just Christmas? How did this happen so soon? Easter is a movable feast. We celebrate Easter the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring. This year, that celebration is April 1. Thus, Ash Wednesday occurred on Valentine's Day, and here we are in Lent.

How appropriate to begin this season on a day associated with love, with the heart. Our readings this season are intertwined with this very notion, as we hear repeatedly of God's covenant of love with us.

So, what's in your heart? What is nudging at your conscience to be resolved? Is it a habit that needs to be changed? Are you being urged to take time to listen for God's voice through prayer, reading, and scripture? Perhaps your muscles of generosity need to be stretched! How might you share yourself and learn of another's life situation? This is the stuff of Lent—our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Taken together, alone and in community, we are able to grow in love of God and other.

What's in your heart this Lent?

DISCIPLESHIP

The Passion Narratives in the Gospels

Tuesdays, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, and 20

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Facilitated by Dr. Harry Fledderman, Professor Emeritus

The Gospels all climax in the accounts of Jesus' passion and resurrection. This course will probe the key events of all four passion narratives from Jesus' betrayal and final meal, to his trial, crucifixion, and resurrection. Participants will grapple with the central mystery of Christianity that revolves around Jesus' death and resurrection.

Each session will center on one or two key texts. After a brief introduction, participants will be invited to discuss the texts in small groups and explore how the texts speak to us today and shed light on our experience of God, Jesus, the community, and our world.

For more details on these and other Discipleship Institute events, please visit the parish website ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/, or grab a booklet from the rack by the Parish Office. Registration is encouraged but not required.

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