

JUL 2, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church

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

NOTES FROM DEB

Getting to know me in a new way.

While I am familiar to many OLOL folks, I think it is important for you to know a bit more about me as I begin my time as parish director.

Academically I have bachelor's and master's degrees in social work. In 2019, I completed my master's degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University—Chicago. In my work experience, I managed a housing project for elderly and disabled adults, I was a therapist, I worked in my husband's investment firm, and I was a full-time mom.

I've been married to my husband Mike for almost 29 years. We are blessed with two sons, Brian and John.

Most importantly, I am a person of prayer (that is how I started my interview with the Priest Placement Board for this position—that and a 2-pound box of chocolates!). I do my best, sometimes more successfully than others, to let God's Spirit lead me in my life.

That is my hope for all of us—to ground ourselves in prayer, to know how God is working in each of our lives, and maybe to even make what may seem like crazy choices (like going back to graduate school in one's 50's) in new paths of discipleship.

God is present in each of our lives and invites us to wonderful things. May we all continue to grow as disciples of Jesus our Christ.

In faith,
Deb Steppe

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SAT 5:00 PM

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WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - June 2023

	ACTUAL as of 6/16/2023	BUDGETED for June
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$34,101.25	\$61,000.00
Offertory	\$1,368.04	\$2,400.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: June 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$879,135.02	\$841,105.00
Op. Expenses	\$826,962.51	\$840,591.63

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/22 ..	\$110,693.46
Donations.....	\$35,087.16
Expenses.....	\$11,768.92
Balance (6/16/2023)	\$134,011.70

THANK YOU!

*Our Lady of Lourdes is greatly
blessed with your continued
generous support
of all our ministries!*

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 2

Hall of Honor	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:30 am Liturgy	Church
6:00 pm Mass Watch Party	Virtual



The parish will be closed
Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4

Wednesday, July 5

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:30 am Liturgy	Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall BC

Thursday, July 6

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6

Friday, July 7—Office Closed

Saturday, July 8

5:00 pm Liturgy	Church
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Sunday, July 9

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Irene Richter
From
Wednesday AM Faith Group

In Celebration

90th birthday (June 17, 2023)
Robert Kaiser
From
Jeffrey and Patricia Kaiser

Around the World Celebration

The archdiocesan Office for World Mission is hosting an event on Friday, September 29 from 5:30 pm-9:00 pm at St. Matthias.

This is an opportunity for people to experience mission through culture, taste foods from around the world, enjoy cultural entertainment, hear the firsthand stories of missionaries, and much more!

Learn more and register at
tinyurl.com/atwcelebration.

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel hear Jesus tell us: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

This week, know that you will bringing hope to the poor by your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Food Pantry

Thank you for the generous support of the pantry. We have experienced a 40% increase in family participation. "We cannot help without your help." Thank you so much.

At this time we are overwhelmed with bags, please keep them for a later date.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Assertiveness

Assertiveness is speaking one's truth with peaceful confidence. It is discerning the song we were given to sing and using our talents as a gift to the world. We have the courage to speak up for what we believe is right. We tell the truth about what is just. We ask for what we need by making simple, positive requests. We treat ourselves with respect and expect respect at all times.

The Gospel is a call to radical discipleship, a call to take up our crosses, a call to be Jesus' presence in the world. How can you speak the truth of your relationship with Jesus confidently, assertively with your loved ones and friends?



SPOTLIGHT

Unsung Disciples

Watch this space! In some future Spotlight articles, the volunteers and committees that are the heart and soul of the Our Lady of Lourdes parish community will be featured. You have already seen a preview of this with the Prayer Ministry Spotlight by Lorie Skeff in the May 7 bulletin, and there is more to come.

These articles will celebrate all our wonderful Unsung Disciples—the people and committees behind the scenes who are living their faith through their volunteering efforts. This new feature will also introduce us to the wide scope of service opportunities available to all members. Your discipleship journey is unique to you, and at OLOL there are many ways to explore how you can grow in your journey while helping others. It will also be another way to familiarize yourself with the people and history of OLOL—connecting our past to our future!

Jenny Keats
Pastoral Council

FORMATION

Are you ready to receive your sacraments of initiation?

Whether you are a high school student thinking of confirmation or an adult who is considering the sacraments, you are welcome to explore your faith here! For more information on our high school confirmation program or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please contact Maggie Russell.



Come Volunteer With Us!

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers to spread smiles and provide older adults and adults with disabilities with an extra set of eyes, ears, and hands. With your help, they are able to live safely and independently in their homes.

Volunteer opportunities available in:
Greenfield & Greendale

For more information, contact: Marie Honel, Volunteer Coordinator volunteer@ccmke.org

DISCIPLESHIP

A Prayer for our Nation

Loving Creator, extend your healing touch upon our land. Fill every heart with your unconditional love, compassion and thirst for justice.

Bless our leaders with wisdom so as to guide our nation on the path of righteousness.

Help us stand truly united. Embracing one another with open hearts and minds. May we celebrate our diversity and work together toward building a better future.

Allow your Spirit to flow through our communities, so we respect the dignity of all and respond to one another with love, kindness and in a manner that fosters peace.

We ask this as disciples of Jesus Christ, who is our true freedom.

Amen!

Behold how good and how pleasant it is when people come together and dwell in unity! (Psalm 133:1)

WORSHIP

Loving God,

We greet this Fourth of July with grateful hearts as we call to mind the vision of freedom and justice for all upon which our country was built. We give thanks for those who imagined this vision. We are grateful to those who continue advocating for and pursuing a land of peace, liberty, and equity for all. We realize it is still being created, however, as we witness the divisions, prejudices, and injustices that plague us.

May we hold fast to the dream and vision of unity within our country. May we dedicate ourselves to living as brothers and sisters respectful of one another's dignity and need for equity. May we also realize the importance of reverencing our Earth which provides for and sustains much of our lives. We give glory and praise to our God and pray that we may always live in harmony as one family. Amen.

Sr. Rita Ostry, ND

Scripture Readings for July 8/9

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Zechariah 9:9-10 | Psalm 145 | Romans 8:9, 11-13 | Matthew 11:25-30

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