

**JUL 9, 2023**

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



# Our Lady of Lourdes

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

## NOTES FROM DEB

### Going forward with your new shepherd

Question: So, what is Our Lady of Lourdes going to look like with a new parish director?

Answer: Not much different than it has looked before!

I am grateful to our former Parish Director, Nancie Chmielewski, for a great many things. On the top of that list is the overall health of the parish thanks to her leadership, so I do not anticipate any major changes going forward.

I do anticipate that we will keep learning, growing, and finding new ways of expanding our discipleship.

I expect us to continue to support one another and challenge one another to be better people.

I know we will continue to have good prayer together and I hope to increase our parish family.

I will do my utmost to be transparent in all parish matters, especially regarding our finances.

I will do my best to communicate clearly.

I will continue to hold every one of you in prayer.

Our Lady of Lourdes has been blessed with incredible leaders. I am grateful to have known Fr. Chuck Schramm, Fr. Tom Suriano, Fr. Mick Savio, Fr. Bill Burkert, and Nancie Chmielewski. While it could be intimidating to follow such great people, I know that the parish will thrive as long as we keep praying, keep loving God, and keep loving every one of our neighbors.

Your humble shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

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### EUCCHARIST:

**SAT** 5:00 PM

**SUN** 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

**WED** 9:30 AM

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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### Parish Support - June 2023

	ACTUAL as of 6/23/2023	BUDGETED for June
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$48,020.88	\$61,000.00
Offertory .....	\$2,311.78	\$2,400.00

### Budget Updates Fiscal Year: June 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income .....	\$894,198.39	\$841,105.00
Op. Expenses .....	\$869,284.75	\$840,591.63

### Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/22 ..	\$110,693.46
Donations.....	\$35,967.16
Expenses.....	\$14,968.92
<b>Balance (6/23/2023)</b>	<b>\$131,691.70</b>

THANK YOU!

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

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, July 9

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

### Monday, July 10

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
6:30 pm Building & Grounds	Rm 3

### Tuesday, July 11

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

### Wednesday, July 12

7:00 am St. Ben's Meal Prep	Kitchen
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:30 am Communion Service	Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall BC
6:45 pm Boy Scout Troop 612	Hall A
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3

### Thursday, July 13

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

### Friday, July 14—Office Closed

### Saturday, July 15

11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 9
5:00 pm Liturgy	Church

### Sunday, July 16

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

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Diane Tylinski and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Oktoberfest Meeting

July 12

7:00 pm—8:00 pm

Topic: Facility Layout and Event Flow

All are welcome as we seek ways to efficiently help our guests move through Oktoberfest in fun and interesting ways.



## OUTREACH

### From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace to those who are overwhelmed with life's burdens.

### St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, July 12. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday.

You can also make monetary donations using your monthly donation slips or our webpage: [www.ololmke.org/st-bens/](http://www.ololmke.org/st-bens/).

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### Integrity

Integrity is standing up for what we believe is right. We keep faith with our ideals and live by our deepest values. We keep our commitments reliably. Our actions match our words. We cherish the challenges of doing the right thing in all circumstances. We give excellence to whatever we undertake. We live by our personal covenant.

What could it mean to say Jesus's yoke is easy and His burden is light? How can we begin to look at discipleship as a way to add true meaning and purpose to our lives? What is your personal covenant?



## SPOTLIGHT

### Welcoming all God's People

Refugees are fleeing poverty and oppression. As Christians, how should we respond? Remember, Jesus and his family fled to Egypt, not knowing if they would ever return to Nazareth. Jesus was a refugee.

"No one should be obliged to flee their country," wrote Pope Francis in his book, *Let Us Dream*. "But the wrong is doubled when the migrant is forced into the hands of people traffickers in order to cross borders; and tripled when they reach the land they thought would give them a better future, only to find themselves despised, exploited, abandoned, or enslaved. We need to welcome, promote, protect, and integrate those who come in search of better lives for themselves and their families."

Terry Falk

Social Justice Committee



## FORMATION

### Registration for GIFT

Registration for GIFT opens this week! GIFT (Generations in Faith Together) is OLOL's formation program. All are welcome to participate in our 11 Sunday sessions and 1 Saturday session. These gatherings take place about every 3 to 4 weeks from September–May from 9:05 am–10:25 am in the Parish Hall. Enjoy a morning snack and socialize with other participants while learning about and discussing a wide variety of topics that are sure to help you grow in your faith.

Register by picking up a form at the Parish Office or on the parish website ([ololmke.org/gift](http://ololmke.org/gift)) starting on Monday, July 10. Contact Maggie, Steve, or Roxanne with questions.



## DISCIPLESHIP

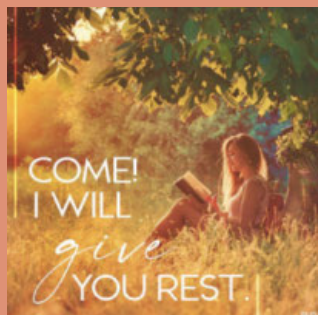
### Come To Me

The religious leaders of Jesus' day had a long list of rules for followers to observe. These same leaders did not observe the rules they imposed on others. The rules were a burden to the ordinary person.

God's laws were not meant to be a burden.

Those who listened to Jesus and became His followers appreciated His declaration: "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Mt 11:30). They never felt burdened or harassed by Jesus. Jesus made them feel freer, happier, and more confident about their relationship with God and with one another. All Jesus asked of His disciples was to come to Him—follow Him—imitate Him.

We must feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the lonely and imprisoned, welcome the stranger, seek peace and justice—love one another.



## WORSHIP

You must bring him everything!

Your dreams, your successes, your rejoicing.

And if you have little to rejoice over, bring him that little.

And if your life seems only like a heap of fragments,  
bring him the fragments.

And if you have only empty hands,  
bring him your empty hands.

Shattered hopes are his material;  
in his hands all is made good.

-Meister Eckhart

### Scripture Readings for July 15/16

#### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11 | Psalm 65 | Romans 8:18-23 |  
Matthew 13:1-23



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# Children's Socks & Underwear Drive

## July 15–July 23

**The Milwaukee Ladies of Charity** is a group of 120 female volunteers who work collectively to clothe underprivileged students ages 3K–high school.

For the past 65 years, our members have given the gift of self, time, devotion, and perseverance in an effort to bring dignity to each person and to respond with compassion.

Our lasting legacy is the Children's Clothing Center which provides free clothing to more than 1,100 children in Milwaukee each year. We depend on the generosity of individuals to supply the clothing and pay for our rent, utilities, and other expenses.

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The Human Concerns Committee asks that we once again help support them in their mission by providing new socks and underwear for these school children.

### **Girls and Boys Socks**

Crew length for cooler weather, **white and colors**,  
please avoid black.

### **Girls and Boys Underwear**

Boys: longer boxer briefs, sizes 4–Adult

Girls: Sizes 4–Adult

(Adult sizes benefit high school age children)

**New items only please.**

Please drop off your donations in the bins at the west and east entrances.  
Thank you in advance for your generosity!

For more info visit their website <https://locmilwaukee.com>