

JUL 16, 2023

15th 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

The Eucharistic Revival in Art

As you know, we are in the year of Eucharistic Revival. We will be focusing on not only what it means to receive the Eucharist, but what it means to be Eucharist—to be the Body of Christ for the world. Our first special event, the Corpus Christi bake sale for our friends in Haiti, was a wonderful success, earning \$2,082.

On the weekend of June 24-25, we blessed this gorgeous art piece created and donated by parishioner Tom Schroeder. We are so very grateful for his artistic talent and doubly grateful for his generosity in sharing this work of art with us.

This stunning wood piece is on the wall to the west of the altar. Please take some time to notice it, to pray with it, and to ponder its beauty. May all who look upon this stunning work of art be drawn into closer communion with Jesus Christ.

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 - July 2023

	ACTUAL <u>as of 7/7/2023</u>	BUDGETED <u>for July</u>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$23,151.39	\$63,000.00
Offertory	\$618.10	\$2,400.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$23,797.49	\$67,196.67
Op. Expenses	\$9,418.30	\$77,103.79

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23 ..	\$128,503.08
Donations.....	\$974.00
Expenses.....	\$0.00
Balance (7/7/2023)	\$129,477.08

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 16

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

Monday, July 17

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
1:00 pm Sheepshead Grp.	Rm 10
6:30 pm Discipleship Institute Team Mtg.	Virtual

Tuesday, July 18

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
3:00 pm Food Pantry	Rm 7

Wednesday, July 19

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
6:45 pm Boy Scout Troop 612	Hall A

Thursday, July 20

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
12:00 pm Women's Grief Support Group	Hall C

Friday, July 21—Office Closed

Saturday, July 22

<i>Children's Socks and Underwear Drive</i>	
5:00 pm Liturgy	Church

Sunday, July 23

<i>Children's Socks and Underwear Drive</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:30 am Liturgy	Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

Welcome New Parishioners June 2023

Matt and Justine Bales
Susan Clark

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Joyce Niemiec
From
Family and friends

In loving memory of
Owen Lynch

From
His family: Christine, PJ, and
Andrew Lynch

In loving memory of
Victor & Stella Witkowski
From
Theresa Arnsdorff

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

This week by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: July 18, August 1, 15, and 29

Most needed items: cereal (not Honey Nut Cheerios), canned tuna (5 oz. size), and cookies. Please watch the expiration dates and non-perishable items only. Thank you for the generous support of the pantry.

Learn more at
ololmke.org/food-pantry.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Openness

Openness is being honest, clear and sincere, sharing who we are and what we feel without pretense. It is the willingness to consider new ideas and listen to others without judgement. We reveal our thoughts candidly without attempting to manage the responses of others. We hold no hidden agendas. We are more interested in connecting than controlling. When we are open, we are receptive to the blessings and surprises of life.

In the Gospel, we hear of the many kinds of soil in which seeds grow. How can we open ourselves to the Word of God so that it continues to grow in us as good soil? Who helps you to be good soil? What disturbs your growth? What do you need to do to continue to grow strong?

SPOTLIGHT

Faith in Action: Unsung Disciples

On June 26, heeding Jesus's call to "feed the hungry," 9 OLOL disciples ranging from confirmation candidates to seniors braved occasional showers and muddy fields for 2 hours to



harvest approximately 800 lbs. of lettuce at the Hunger Task Force Farm in Franklin. They were provided with gloves, knives, boots, and bottled water. This activity was a joint effort of Human Concerns (Eileen Dunning) and Youth Ministry (Maggie Russell).

The 208-acre land was originally a family farm. Entirely donor driven, 5000 volunteers annually harvest 76 varieties of fruits and vegetables. The fresh produce is distributed daily throughout the area.

In referring to the morning's activity, Eileen stated that it was "a great intergenerational experience."

Patricia McKay

Pastoral Council

FORMATION

Baptism at Lourdes

Baptism is our common heritage in our faith. Through this sacrament, we die and rise to new life with Christ. Baptism unites us and challenges us to put on Christ and to live the mandate of the Gospel. This is no mere drop of water upon an infant's head—it is immersion into life with Christ, a life of love and discipleship!

We offer baptism five weekends each year at Our Lady of Lourdes during liturgy. There are a few steps in the process to prepare for baptism. These include a desire to model this life of faith for your child by joining the parish, worshipping here regularly, and engaging in the life of this community; an interview with Child Minister, Steve Szymanski; an evening of preparation for the sacrament; and a rehearsal a day or two prior to the baptism. Please contact the Parish Office to help you start this journey.

Upcoming Baptism Weekends at OLOL:

August 27, 2023

October 29, 2023

January 7, 2024

April 14, 2024

June 30, 2024

DISCIPLESHIP

The Chosen

The Chosen is the first ever multi season portrayal of the life of Christ. The series portrays Jesus as seen through the eyes of those who knew Him.

Beginning Tuesday, August 1, St. Matthias Parish will offer a viewing of each episode of Season 1 of *The Chosen*. This will be offered in Steiger Hall from 6:30 pm–8:00 pm. Please contact Brian Jens at (414) 982-2406 or by email at bjens@stmatthias-milw.org for more details or to register to attend (see the bulletin insert this weekend).

The Discipleship Institute **will also offer viewings of Season 1 beginning September 7**, and each consecutive Thursday from 6:30 pm–8:00 pm in our Hall. Discussion will follow each episode. More details to come!



WORSHIP

A reflection on today's Gospel

In the parable of the sower, Jesus exhorts us, as he so often does, to imitate God. Just as God has sown generously, we too should sow generously. We should pray for the grace to be open-handed as the sower: to remember those who are down when we are up, to share bounty when we have it, to give other living things their due, to trust the power of life even when death strikes, to love faithfully and forgive freely, to offer more than is asked, to invest in a tomorrow we may not live to see, to expect and let go of failures, to try again...and again...and again.

Jesus gives us the sower to think on when all our efforts seem barren. Something will get through. Something will get through.

'O prosper the work of our hands!'

Krista Ovist

Scripture Readings for July 22/23

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Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 | Psalm 86 | Romans 8:26-27 | Matthew 13:24-43

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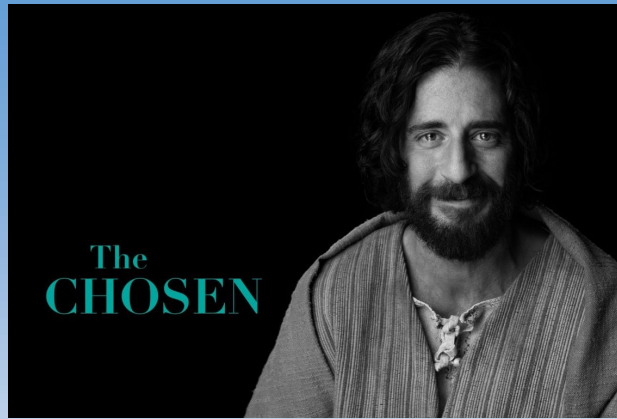
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The Chosen is the first-ever, multi-season drama about the life of Jesus. Created outside the Hollywood system, *The Chosen* portrays Jesus as seen through the eyes of those who knew Him.

No matter where you are in your journey of faith,
this series about Jesus is for you!

Please join us at St. Matthias Parish for this Adult Faith Formation opportunity as we dive into Season 1 of The Chosen.

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm in Steiger Hall at St. Matthias

August 1
August 15
September 5
September 19
October 3

October 17
November 7
November 21
December 5
December 19

There is no cost to join. Everyone is welcome! To sign up visit our website:

<https://stmatthias-milw.org/ffo/>

or contact Brian Jens at (414) 982-2406 or bjens@stmatthias-milw.org