

JUL 23, 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Catholic Church

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the kingdom of God
by being Christ
to the world.

NOTES FROM DEB

Let's Talk About Prayer

I was struck by a line from our Second Reading for this weekend, "for we do not know how to pray as we ought" (Romans 8:26).

I don't know that I have met anyone who was perfectly satisfied with one's prayer life—and I include myself in that group. We can feel that we do not pray often enough or long enough, or sometimes our prayer seems empty like it's going nowhere and sometimes we just cannot find the right words.

Several years ago, I wrote book reviews for books on prayer for an Indiana retreat house newsletter. I found that reading those books helped me out of many of my own prayer ruts—resources help!

Our parish has many books on prayer available for you to peruse. The parish library cart is located just outside my office and has been supplied with a variety of books on prayer. I invite you to take a look. Perhaps you will find some new inspiration or a new take on a favorite style of prayer.

And thanks go out to parishioner Karen Streich who has been sorting through the many books in our library and keeping our library cart current.

May we all continue to be people of prayer!

Your humble shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - July 2023

	ACTUAL as of 7/14/2023	BUDGETED for July
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$34,013.33	\$63,000.00
Offertory	\$1,140.10	\$2,400.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$37,671.43	\$67,196.67
Op. Expenses	\$40,354.60	\$77,103.79

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23 ..	\$128,503.08
Donations.....	\$1,309.00
Expenses.....	\$0.00
Balance (7/14/2023)	\$129,837.08

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 23

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

Monday, July 24

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

Tuesday, July 25

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
10:30 am SVDP Mtg.	Rm 4

Wednesday, July 26

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

Thursday, July 27

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

Friday, July 28—Office Closed

Saturday, July 29

5:00 pm Liturgy	Church
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Sunday, July 30

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

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

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Joyce Niemiec
From
Family and friends

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom.

This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

Grief Support Group

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, August 5 and August 19, in Room 9, starting at 11:00 am. No need to register. This group provides a safe setting for sharing and support with others going through loss.

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Today's Gospel is the parable of the weeds and wheat. Jesus tells the story of a farmer who has sown weeds in his neighbor's field. But instead of retaliating, the other farmer tells his servants to let the field grow and deal with the weeds at harvest time.

A student once complained that a partner was not doing her fair share of a project for which they'd both get the same grade. The advice given was for her to do her best and not worry about the lazy partner. The lazy partner would not benefit from the knowledge gained from doing the project.

How often have we struck back in response to an offense rather than trusting that the offender would get their comeuppance eventually?



SPOTLIGHT

A Thank You Note From Nancie

My dear disciples, thank you for the incredible and beautiful celebration and send off the weekend of June 17/18! I was so blessed to pray and sing with you all and to share hugs, memories, and good wishes going forward. Your generosity and kindness have overwhelmed me! I did receive a lovely pair of earrings without a note or card. If you are reading this and it came from you, please accept my thank you!

So, what has retirement been like thus far? I don't know as I have been "working" full-time preparing for a move. Tom and I will be relocating to the Madison area in early August. This is much sooner than we anticipated but that is how everything played out. We have been very busy purging and packing. And no, we don't know where we will be worshipping yet. We will be back from time to time to pray with you all. OLOL will always be our home.

May God bless you all and be the church!

With love and blessings,
Nancie Chmielewski

FORMATION

Sacrament Preparation

Is your child starting first grade this fall? Be ready for the sacraments of reconciliation and first Eucharist by enrolling in GIFT in August.

To be eligible for sacrament preparation the Archdiocese of Milwaukee requires that children be in religious formation one year prior to the year of sacrament reception. So, if your child was in 5-year-old kindergarten last school year, they need to participate in our formation program GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) during their first-grade year, so that they can celebrate the sacraments in second grade. Be sure to enroll in GIFT in August of 2023.

Contact Director of Child Ministry, Steve Szymanski, if you have any questions.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Institute Events

Parish Ambassador Summer Gathering

Wednesday, August 23

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Community Garden area (weather permitting)

Facilitated by: Jim Wielgosz and the Discipleship Institute Team

Calling all Parish Ambassadors! Please join us for our annual outdoor summer gathering. Bring a lawn chair and make yourself comfortable. We will pray, reflect, and discuss how we can be of service to our faith community and beyond.

Newcomers are welcome! No registration required. Just bring your thoughts and dreams for our future!

WORSHIP

Assisted Listening Devices are available for you!

Thanks to your generosity in our memorial funds, we now own four brand new assisted listening devices. If you are experiencing some difficulty hearing during Mass, please consider trying this out.



Each device is a simple box you can attach to your waistband or put in your pocket, along with an earpiece that hooks around either ear. Just like a radio, you control your own volume.

Wanna give it a try? Simply take one from the gift table area against the back wall, plug the earpiece into the power box and enjoy. Please return the device to the charger at the end of Mass.

Scripture Readings for July 29/30

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1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 | Psalm 119 | Romans 8:28-30 | Matthew 13:44-52

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Basket Raffle Information 2023

Thank you for your generosity in creating fantastic baskets!

We will continue to follow state rules; however, all 60 baskets will be available throughout the entire Oktoberfest weekend. Winners will be chosen on Sunday, October 15, 2023.

Sign-up

- It is **essential** that you sign up on the Oktoberfest Basket Raffle Information Board (classroom hallway). Signing up secures your “place at the table” and helps with the ticket planning and printing.
- Sign-up begins on September 5, 2023.
- Sign-up must be on a numbered sheet on the board.

Basket Theme Options

- Choose a theme from the Oktoberfest Basket Raffle Information Board.
- Create your own theme and sign up on the information board.
- Gift cards and certificates are very popular too.

Content

- Only new items; no perishables.
- Please provide a list of basket items.

Deliver and Deadline

- **All baskets must be at OLOL by September 25, 2023.** Sorry no exceptions!
- Express your creativity with a fully assembled and cellophane wrapped basket. (We can wrap it if you are unable to do so.)
- All gift cards and certificates must be delivered to the office for security reasons.

Questions? Please call the office and Kris will return your call with answers.

<https://www.ololmke.org/oktoberfest/>



LOLO 50/50 Raffle

Looking forward to success in 2023

- No need to be present to win.
- Winning ticket will be pulled Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 1:00 pm.
- Sales begin August 15, 2023, after select liturgies and continue throughout Oktoberfest weekend. Tickets will not be sold through the Parish Office.
- LOLO and the winner will split the jackpot equally.
- Check the website every Tuesday beginning August 22, 2023, for an update on the growing amount to win and other details.
- Parishioners are encouraged to sell tickets outside of Our Lady of Lourdes. Take tickets with you, gather the money and completed tickets, and return both together to the sales area after liturgies or at Oktoberfest.

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Official rules

The winning ticket will be randomly drawn on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes (LOLO) Oktoberfest in the Parish Hall. The winner does not need to be present to win. The winning number will be announced at Oktoberfest and will be posted on the LOLO website on Monday, October 16, 2023.

Only one person can be named on the ticket and only one winner will be awarded the prize.

The winner will have until October 30, 2023, to claim the prize and return all necessary paperwork to the LOLO Parish Office. If no one claims the prize by this date, another ticket will be drawn and announced on October 31, 2023, and this winner will have until November 14, 2023, to claim the prize by returning all the necessary paperwork to the LOLO Parish Office. If no one claims this prize, it will revert to LOLO.

Cash prize is determined by calculating half of net proceeds from the raffle sales. The remaining 50% will benefit LOLO Parish as it sees fit.

Participants must be 18 years or older to claim the prize.

All tickets transactions and winners associated with the 50/50 raffle are subject to state laws and the rules and regulations.

Applicable taxes are the sole responsibility of the winner. All winners will be required to provide LOLO with his/her social security number and a photo ID. Federal income tax withholding will be required for any prizes of more than \$5,000.

Cash prizes will be paid to the winner by check within 30 days from the date of paperwork being submitted.

