

JUL 30, 2023

17th 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

Sabbath

"To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit oneself to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything, is to succumb to a pervasive form of contemporary violence."

(Thomas Merton)

Then Jesus said, "Let's go to a place where we can be alone and get some rest."
(Mark 6:31 Contemporary English Version)

As this bulletin is being distributed, I am away from the parish with my family. Yes, it is a vacation, but it is very much an experience of Sabbath for us. Sabbath—from the Hebrew root meaning "cease" or "stop." In the following week we will walk on the beach, play board games, enjoy good food, and just rest.

Our culture highly values being busy, industrious, productive, and having the ability to get lots done. Jesus' wisdom shines through in his invitation to the disciples—and to us—to go away and get some rest. It isn't healthy—spiritually, physically, or psychologically to continually push ourselves. Jesus understood that. We hear it as well in the Fourth Commandment "Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8).

We cannot always get away to a beach or a secluded cabin in the woods, but we can make room for a day of sabbath in our week or even sabbath moments in our day. It is not only good, but it is a sacred task.

Your resting shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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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 as of 7/21/2023	BUDGETED for July
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$48,980.41	\$63,000.00
Offertory	\$1,717.87	\$2,400.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$54,316.28	\$67,196.67
Op. Expenses	\$42,339.73	\$77,103.79

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23 ..	\$128,503.08
Donations.....	\$2,014.00
Expenses.....	\$0.00
Balance (7/21/2023)	\$130,542.08

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 30

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

Monday, July 31

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 Group	Rm 10

Tuesday, August 1

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, August 2

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
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3

Thursday, August 3

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

Friday, August 4—Office Closed

Saturday, August 5

School Supply Collection	
11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
5:00 pm Liturgy	Church

Sunday, August 6

School Supply Collection	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:30 am Liturgy	Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Irene Richter
From
Andrea & Wayne Graham

Oktoberfest Meeting

August 2
7:00 pm–8:00 pm
Topic: Finalize Schedule and Activities
All are welcome to help us finalize
the fun activities planned for the
weekend.

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, we find that the
demand of daily Christian living is to
spend our life primarily searching
for the kingdom of God.

This month through your gifts the
Society of St. Vincent de Paul was
able to provide families with food
and assist financially with utility and
rent bills. Thank you!

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

Most needed items: canned
vegetables (except corn), 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

Love

Love is caring for someone, wanting to be near them, and wanting to share
with them. Love is the power of attraction. It is a special feeling that fills your
heart. Loving people is treating them with special care and kindness because
they mean so much to you. Love is treating other people just as you would like
them to treat you—with care and respect.

In the Second Reading today, we hear, “All things work for good for those
who love God.” Essentially, Paul is talking about an invitation God has given us
to live in the fullness of life in Christ. Does your love for God spill over to those
whom you love? Be sure to tell others what they truly mean to you?



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53235. *Thank you!*

SPOTLIGHT

The Missionary Cooperation Plan

The Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) was introduced in 1954 to the parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Its purpose was to provide “a systematic method of furnishing each parish in the archdiocese with one missionary once a year.” The director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (SPOF) was designated as the coordinator of the MCP. Then, as now, MCP has two primary purposes:

- 1) To support missionary fundraising. When shared by all parishes, the Archdiocese is able to respond to mission group’s monetary needs, without the burden falling solely on the Archdiocese or on only the largest or most well-funded parishes.
- 2) To ensure that all parishioners have their eyes and hearts open to the story of the global Church.

Each year our local SPOF partners with us for the annual MCP, offering an opportunity to encounter the global Church. For years OLOL has been able to foster our twinning relationship with Outreach to Haiti as our MCP mission. We have representatives speaking at all the Masses on August 12 and 13 to help us understand how our donations are being used to support our twinning relationship. Please be generous as only the OLOL community can. Thank you!

FORMATION

GIFT Sign-Up is Open

Registration for our intergenerational religious formation program GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) is open on the website at ololmke.org/gift. Our theme for the year, as the Eucharistic Revival begins in the United States, is “The Body of Christ: We are Eucharist.” GIFT is open to our entire OLOL family. Our first session will be Sunday, September 10, when our new shepherd, Deb Steppe, will present. Please join us for GIFT this fall.

We Are Eucharist: Second Annual Parish Kick-off Event

Join us as we come together as the body of Christ. On Sunday, August 27, at the 10:30 am liturgy, we will be affirming Deb Steppe as our Parish Director. Directly following Mass, we are hosting our second annual kick-off event and ministry fair. There will be hot dogs! There will be brats! There will be sweet treats! All we need is you! Stay tuned for information on how you can help build the body of Christ.

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 held 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 detail or to register to attend.

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 Parish Hall. Discussion will follow each episode. More details to come!



WORSHIP

Changes are coming to our Music Ministry! In addition to our Spirit & Grace Choir (10:30 Mass) and our Resurrection Choir (funerals), which meet throughout the year. We are adding the ensembles below. These offer you the opportunity to help lead our music without a full year commitment. Open to all ages, no experience required.

45-minute Choir

Rehearsals: 9:45 am on select Sundays. (Watch bulletin for scheduled dates.)
Liturgy: 10:30 am on those Sundays.

Polka Mass Choir

Rehearsal: October 11
6:00 pm–8:15 pm
Liturgy: October 14, 5:00 pm

Christmas Choir

Rehearsals: December 6, 13, 20
6:00 pm–7:15 pm
Liturgies: December 24, 9:00 pm & December 31, 10:30 am

Easter Vigil Choir

Rehearsals: March 6, 13, 20, 27
6:00 pm–7:15 pm
Liturgy: March 30, 7:00 pm

Pentecost Choir

Rehearsals: May 1, 8, 15
6:00 pm–7:15 pm
Liturgy: May 19, 10:30 am

Scripture Readings for August 5/6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 | Psalm 97 | 2 Peter 1:16-19 | Matthew 17:1-9

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