

AUG 13, 2023

19th 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

Affirmation

It is one of the great honors of my life to have been appointed the Parish Director here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Like Nancie Chmielewski's initial appointment, as well as the appointments of all first-year pastors, I have been appointed for a period of one year—a term that can be renewed. We will ritually affirm my leadership of the parish at the 10:30 am liturgy on August 27.



Since my appointment was announced, I have felt tremendous support from the OLOL parishioners and staff. The ovation at the liturgies at the beginning of May, the well-wishes, and the ongoing concern you have for me and how I am doing in the new job has touched me deeply. It is appropriate that we bring all of this into our community prayer.

And as you know following that liturgy, we will head into the Parish Hall for our 2nd annual kickoff event. This is a beautiful community! It is appropriate to celebrate who we are and to enjoy one another over a fun meal. It is also an opportunity to strengthen our connections with one another and build new connections.

Let's get to know one another a little better, take a look at the ministry opportunities we have going on in the parish, and just have some fun!

Thank you for your support and your prayers.

Your soon-to-be-affirmed 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 - August 2023

	ACTUAL as of 8/4/2023	BUDGETED for Aug.
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$8,545.20	\$63,000.00
Offertory	\$0.00	\$2,400.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$76,529.18	\$135,248.34
Op. Expenses	\$75,446.75	\$146,878.59

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23 ..	\$128,503.08
Donations.....	\$3,098.88
Expenses.....	\$0.00
Balance (8/4/2023)	\$131,626.96

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 13

<i>School Supply Collection</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:30 am Liturgy	Church

Monday, August 14

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
11:30 am Resurrection Choir	Rm 9
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm Building & Grounds	Rm 3
7:00 pm Music Rehearsals	Church

Tuesday, August 15

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
12:00 pm Assumption of Mary Liturgy	Church
3:00 pm Food Pantry	Rm 7
7:00 pm Music Rehearsals	Church

Wednesday, August 16

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
7:00 pm Music Rehearsals	Church

Thursday, August 17

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
6:30 pm Quinceanera Reh.	Church

Friday, August 18—Office Closed

12:00 pm Quinceanera	Church
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Saturday, August 19

10:00 am Donna Bickel Funeral Visitation	Church
11:00 am Donna Bickel Funeral	Church
11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
5:00 pm Liturgy	Church

Sunday, August 20

8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:30 am Liturgy	Church
11:30 am Confirmation Information Mtg.	Rm 10

COMMUNITY LIFE

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Harris Weller
From
His loving children and
grandchildren

Oktoberfest Meeting

August 16
7:00 pm—8:00 pm
Topic: Food and Paper order
We are committing to the final
menu and order amounts for the
Oktoberfest weekend.

Pastoral Council Elections

The Pastoral Council is looking for
a few new members who will assist in
shaping the direction the parish is
going and growing. Please read the
last weekend's insert for specific
details. Nominations close August 20.

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In this Gospel, Jesus immediately
stretched out his hand and caught
Peter, and said to him, "O you of
little faith, why did you doubt?"
Please help the Society of St.
Vincent de Paul bring respite and
hope to the elderly who are not able
to find relief from the summer heat,
and you will bring them faith and
hope!

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: August 15, and 29

Most needed items: canned
vegetables (except corn), canned
fruit (no fruit cocktail), Knorr sides,
and cake mix. 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

Resilience

Resilience is the strength of spirit to recover from adversity. When we
experience disappointment, loss, or tragedy, we find the hope and courage to
carry on. Humor lightens the load when it seems too heavy. We overcome
obstacles by tapping into a deep well of faith and endurance. At times of loss,
we come together for comfort. We create new memories. We engage fully in
the dance of life as we can.

Peter's initial enthusiasm as Jesus asks him to walk to him across the water
quickly turns to doubt. There would be many times that the disciples would need
the virtue of resilience in the years to come. When have you experienced the
need for resilience? When have you encouraged it in another?

SPOTLIGHT

Gerrymandering is a Social Justice Issue

Since America's founding, citizens have marched, fought, and died for the right to vote, guaranteed by the 15th Amendment. Nonetheless, laws are being proposed making it harder to vote disproportionately impacting the poor and people of color; however, there is a practice firmly in place, gerrymandering, that manipulates the boundaries of an electoral constituency to favor one party or class. In fact, "Wisconsin is home to some of the most extreme gerrymanders in the United States" (Princeton Gerrymandering Project). The USCCB recognized "...the importance of assuring the integrity of elections processes..." in their June 2021 letter to Congress. Gerrymandering definitely compromises this integrity. Candidates who support your beliefs and values may be predetermined to lose.

Submitted by Mary Yank Social Justice Committee of OLOL

FORMATION

We Are Eucharist: Second Annual Parish Kick-off Event

There is still time to pick up donation tags or sign up for volunteer opportunities for our kick-off event, "We Are Eucharist." We hope to see every one of you enjoying our Ministry Fair and picnic lunch on Sunday, August 27, following the 10:30 am liturgy!

GIFT Registration

Registration is open for GIFT 2023/24! This year's theme is "The Body of Christ: We are Eucharist." We have a plethora of fabulous speakers lined up including our very own Deb Steppe who will join us for our first session on Sunday, September 10. Our year will close out with another familiar face. Nancie Chmielewski is leading our final session on Sunday, April 28. It's going to be a great year!

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Institute Events

Radical Hospitality

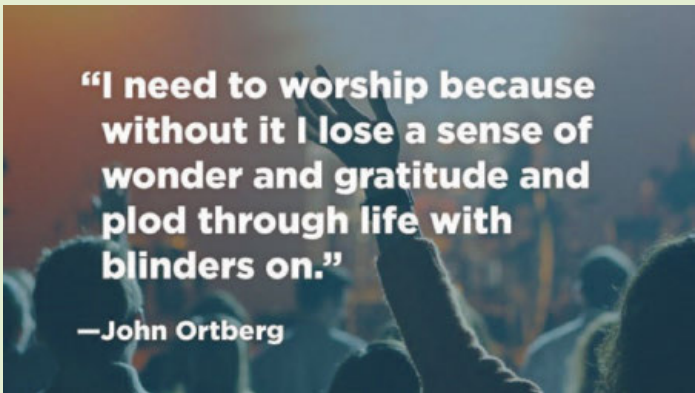
Monday, September 11

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

St. Matthias Parish–Steiger Hall

As a church we are called to be hospitable, but how can hospitality be radical? Join us for an interactive discussion on radical hospitality and why being a hospitable church is more important than ever! For more information or to register, contact Brian Jens at (414) 982-2406 or by email at bjens@stmatthias-milw.org

WORSHIP



"I need to worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on."

—John Ortberg

Please join us for Mass on the weekends:

Saturdays at 5:00 pm

Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Please also join us on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am.

Our prayer time is so much richer when you are there.

Scripture Readings for August 19/20

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Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 | Psalm 67 | Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

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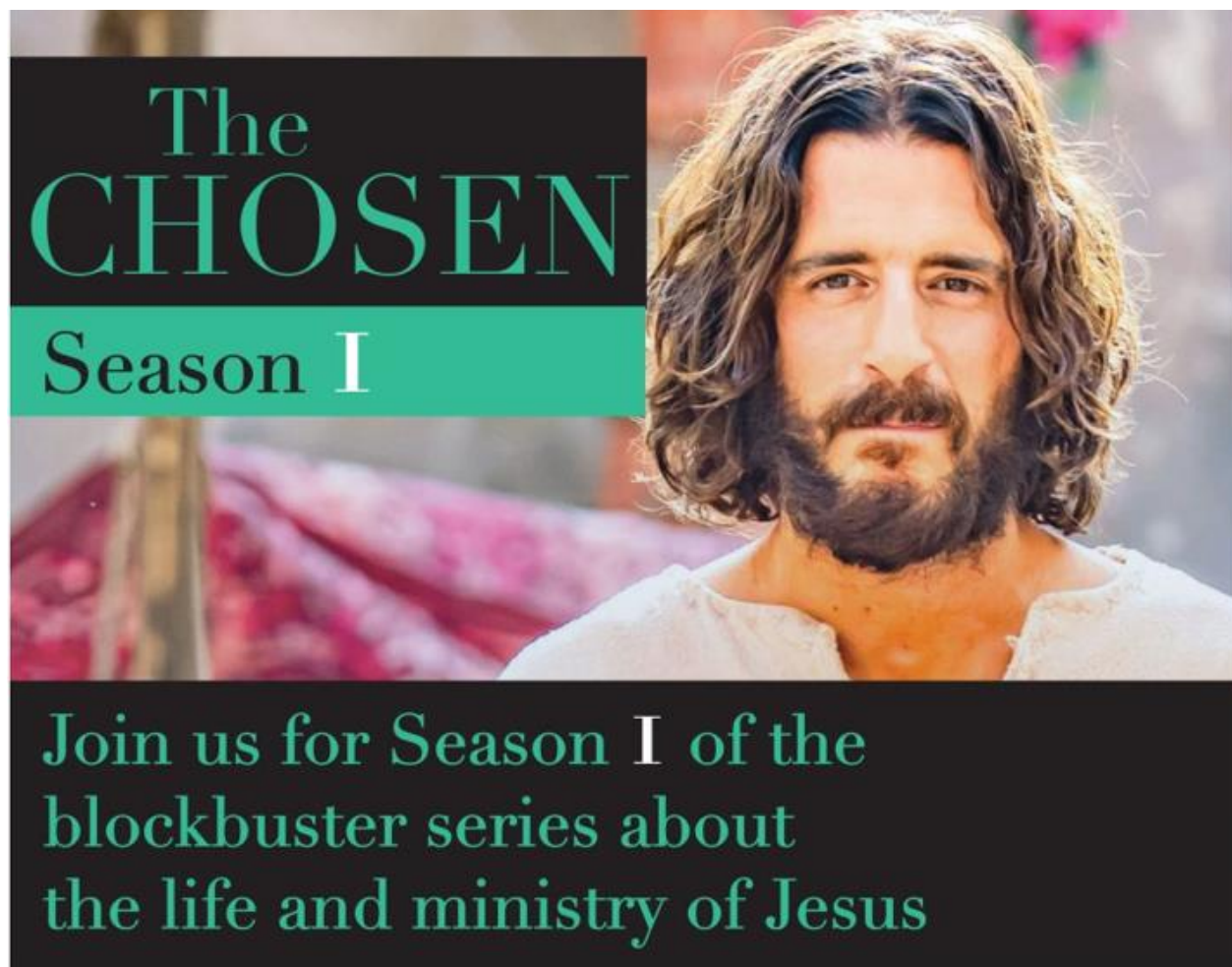
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