

AUG 20, 2023

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Catholic Church

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

NOTES FROM DEB

A Few Thoughts on the Gospel for Today

My time in graduate school at Loyola University was fruitful. I learned wonderful aspects of our faith, scripture, and the life of Jesus. One of the things that stuck with me was the idea that Jesus as a human being—like us in all things but sin—had a first century human consciousness as well. Jesus did not have it all figured out. He had to grow and mature and discern his vocation.

Our Gospel today seems to bear out what my professor was saying. Jesus had been focusing his message on the Jews—the lost people of Israel. This unnamed woman, driven by the strongest force in the universe, a mother's love, helps Jesus to understand that he was to move beyond his own people, beyond what he was expecting to do, to minister to all people.

Jesus' task is our task too. It is upon all of us to discern where God is calling each of us. While most of us adults have answered the big questions (i.e., marriage, single life, religious life etc.), God's call to us is ongoing and unique to each of us. My prayer is that we all come to understand where we are being led as disciples of Jesus Christ, and that we find the courage and strength to follow that call.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - August 2023

	ACTUAL <u>as of 8/11/2023</u>	BUDGETED <u>for Aug.</u>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$20,696.14	\$63,000.00
Offertory	\$574.01	\$2,400.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$92,550.99	\$135,248.34
Op. Expenses	\$95,315.34	\$146,878.59

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23 ..	\$128,503.08
Donations.....	\$4,034.88
Expenses.....	\$0.00
Balance (8/11/2023)	\$132,562.96

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 20

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

Monday, August 21

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

Tuesday, August 22

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
1:00 pm ART Guild Mtg.	Rm 4
6:00 pm Finance Council Mtg.	Virtual
6:15 pm GIFT Catechist Mtg.	Rm 10

Wednesday, August 23

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
6:30 pm Baptism Prep	Virtual
6:30 pm Parish Ambassadors	Garden
6:45 pm Boy Scout Troop 612	Hall A

Thursday, August 24

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Reh.	Church
6:30 pm Discipleship Institute Team Mtg.	Virtual
6:30 pm YAF Core Team	Rm 10

Friday, August 25—Office Closed

Saturday, August 26

<i>Deb's Installation</i>	
10:30 am Baptism Rehearsal	Church
5:00 pm Liturgy	Church

Sunday, August 27

<i>Deb's Installation</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Baptisms)	Church
11:30 am Kick-off Event	Hall

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Robert Calhoun, Marni Geissler, Linda Taylor, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank You from the Human Concerns Committee

Another exceptional donation from our generous parishioners! You provided 634 pairs of underwear, 432 pairs of socks, and 16 T-shirts to be distributed by the Ladies of Charity to children in need in our local community. On their behalf, we offer you a **very big thank you!**

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 12
2:00 pm-6:00 pm

Sign-up for our next blood drive begins next weekend. Online sign-up is available on our Blood Drive webpage ololmke.org/blood-drives.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Humanity is an attitude of caring and mercy toward all people. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. We all suffer and rejoice. Although in the eternal scheme of life, each of us is small, we are one of a kind, irreplaceable. We tap into our humanity when we put ourselves in others' shoes and are genuinely concerned for their welfare. Our humanity grows as we serve others. There is no "they", only "us".

In this Gospel, Matthew, uses this story to demonstrate an expansion of the mission in the vision of Jesus himself. Even in the face of insult this woman did not relent to ask for help to heal her daughter. Each of us needs to put ourselves in others shoes from time to time to experience our own humanity. Share a story of your experiences of this.

SPOTLIGHT

Unsung Disciples: GIFT Catechists

Our Lourdes community is blessed with a dedicated group of catechists serving in GIFT, our intergenerational family ministry. Founded in 2006 by Mary Osep and Nancie Chmielewski, this year's GIFT included 57 youth, 94 adults, 12 catechists and 2 substitute catechists.

Tanya Gross and Rick Cesar have taught in the Lourdes religious education program 15 and 25 years respectively. What keeps them motivated? "I love walking the journey with the youth of our parish. I learn from them; they learn from me," said Tanya. Rick stated, "I believe so deeply in using my faith always that I want the kids to know it is that relationship they have with God that can make their lives better." Contact Maggie Russell if interested in volunteering.

Pat McKay
Pastoral Council

FORMATION

GIFT 2023/24

Steve and Maggie dream of a day when the entire OLOL parish family registers for GIFT. Luckily there is still time for that dream to come true! All are welcome to register for GIFT and that means you! Young adults, adults, families, and retirees interested in registering for GIFT should go to our website ololmke.org/gift/ or call the Parish Office.



DISCIPLESHIP

The Chosen

Thursdays, September 7–October 26
6:30pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall

Join us as we view Season One of *The Chosen*. The series centers on Jesus and the diverse people who met, followed, and interacted with Him. One episode will be viewed each Thursday—eight episodes total. Group discussion will follow each episode. All ages are welcome. **This is a free event and no registration required.**

If you cannot join in person or have already viewed the series and are interested in discussing what you have already watched, we are offering **Zoom Discussion Only** sessions. Beginning Thursday evening, **September 7 at 6:30 pm** and each consecutive Thursday evening, we will discuss one episode each session. Registration is required for the Zoom Only sessions. Register on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or through the Parish Office.

WORSHIP

Next Week!

Affirmation of Deb as our Parish Director
at the 10:30 am liturgy!
Ministry Fair!
Tailgate Kickoff Picnic!
Baptisms!

All are welcome to join us next weekend as our programming year begins. Besides enjoying the fellowship of our parish family at the picnic that follows the 10:30 liturgy, we will also have a ministry fair – an opportunity to take in the different ministries of the parish. Join us to find a new discipleship opportunity or simply to enjoy a lovely lunch with our parish community. And feel free to bring a friend!

Scripture Readings for August 26/27 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23 | Psalm 138 | Romans 11:33-36 |
Matthew 16:13-20

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