

AUG 27, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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to the world.

NOTES FROM DEB

A Good Time to Reflect on the Eucharist

As you know, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have called a multi-year Eucharistic Revival. While we will be focusing on the Eucharist in much of our programming at the parish this year, I think it is important to look individually at our own hearts and beliefs about the Eucharist. This is a good time to do just that.

Some questions that might guide our reflections:

- The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek "eucharistia" which means thanksgiving. Am I able to connect receiving the Eucharist with a sense of gratitude?
- For several months in 2020, the parish was closed because of the coronavirus pandemic. No one was receiving the Eucharist (except for Fr. Bill who was recording Mass in his basement!). Did that time change how I viewed the Eucharist? Did missing receiving Communion get easier or harder as the pandemic dragged on?
- In my heart of hearts, what do I believe about the Eucharist. How has my understanding of the Eucharist changed over the years?
- St. Augustine said that in receiving the Eucharist, we become what we receive. In the parish we are speaking a lot about being Eucharist for the world. Does that make sense?

Understanding the Eucharist is our lifelong Christian task. I certainly do not have all the answers, but I am grateful to be on this journey with all of you.

Your 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 8/18/2023	BUDGETED for Aug.
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$28,224.18	\$63,000.00
Offertory	\$1,171.01	\$2,400.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$101,197.96	\$135,248.34
Op. Expenses	\$95,728.51	\$146,878.59

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23 ..	\$128,503.08
Donations.....	\$4,494.88
Expenses.....	\$0.00
Balance (8/18/2023)	\$133,022.96

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 27

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

Monday, August 28

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10

Tuesday, August 29

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

Wednesday, August 30

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:30 am Communion Service	Church
9:30 am Alverno Nurses	Hall A
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall BC
6:30 pm GIFT Core Team	Rm 10
6:45 pm Boy Scout Troop 612	Hall A

Thursday, August 31

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

Friday, September 1—Office Closed

Saturday, September 2

<i>Anointing of the Sick</i>	
11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 6
5:00 pm Liturgy	Church

Sunday, September 3

<i>Anointing of the Sick</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:30 am Liturgy	Church
6:00 pm Mass Watch Party	Virtual

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

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

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Linda Taylor
From
Marianne Potter

Walking Through Grief Together

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet September 2 and September 16 in Room 3 starting at 11:00 am. No need to register. This group provides a safe setting for sharing and support with others going through loss.

OUTREACH

Blood Drive

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

Sign-up for our next blood drive after any Mass or online. Online sign-up is available on our Blood Drive webpage ololmke.org/blood-drives.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: August 29, September 12 and 26

Most needed items: spaghetti sauce, ready to serve soup, condiments, and peanut butter. Please watch the expiration dates and non-perishable items only.
ololmke.org/food-pantry.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The reading from Isaiah doesn't make much sense on its own. The verses immediately before this portion explain that Shebna, the king's chief steward, has built a tomb for himself and done other things that distract from and embarrass the king. Because of his pride he must lose his station. The message is clear: pride is a bad thing.

Pride versus humility is a difficult line to walk. One wants to be a person of integrity, believing in oneself, proud of one's work, without being a prideful person. One wants to be humble, not valuing oneself and one's own ideas over another, but not wanting to be a doormat either. How are you doing?

craft fair

September 9, 2023
from 9am to 6pm

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SPOTLIGHT

Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of learning!
I want to grow closer to you
in everything I do at school.
In math and science, help me to see
your beautiful plan in the world.
Help me to discover new stories
and values as I read and write.
In arts and music, help me to be creative.
In sports, help me to treat my teammates
and my opponents fairly.
Help me to learn new skills in technology.
Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.
Help me to listen with open ears,
an open heart, and an open mind
to all my teachers at school.
Help me to treat my classmates
with care, kindness, and respect.
Thank you, Jesus, for school!
Amen.

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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.

Baptisms

10:30 am Mass

**We welcome the following
into our faith community
through the waters of baptism:**

*Frances Luka Lois Walker
Aubrey Mae Bales*

DISCIPLESHIP

Zoom Book Discussion—My Body is Not a Prayer Request

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17 and 24
7:00 pm

Discussion Facilitator: Rebekah Dubrosky

This book, written by Amy Kenny, a disabled Christian, shows that the Church is missing out on the prophetic witness and blessing of disability. Kenny reflects on her experiences inside the Church to expose unintentional ableism and cast a new vision for Christian communities to engage in disability justice. She shows that until we cultivate Church spaces where people with disabilities can fully belong, flourish, and lead, we are not valuing the diverse members of the Body of Christ.

Join us as we discuss the book and brainstorm how we can incorporate all peoples to be an active, included, and truly welcomed part of our faith community. Register on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or through the Parish Office

WORSHIP

Anointing of the Sick now takes place after all three liturgies on the first full weekend of the month. If you are ill, preparing for surgery, struggling, etc, you are invited to participate. All you need to do is move to the front row of chairs in the center section after Mass. Then, wait for the Presider and let the Holy Spirit wash over you.

We do have a request for the rest of the community. Please leave the worship space quietly and quickly after these Masses, saving your conversations for the hallway or outside. This will help preserve the sacred nature of the anointing process.

Our next anointing weekend is September 2/3.

Scripture Readings for September 2/3 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9 | Psalm 63 | Romans 12:1-2 |
Matthew 16:21-27



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