

SEP 3, 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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the kingdom of God  
by being Christ  
to the world.



## 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to  
come after me must  
deny himself, take up  
his cross, and follow  
me. For whoever  
wishes to save his  
life will lose it, but  
whoever loses his life  
for my sake will find it.”  
- Mt 16:24b-25

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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 8/25/2023	BUDGETED for Aug
Reg. Envelopes .....	\$55,636.59	\$63,000.00
Offertory .....	\$1,753.51	\$2,400.00

## Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income .....	\$130,177.82	\$135,248.34
Operating Expenses.....	\$103,950.13	\$146,878.59

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23..	\$128,503.08
Donations .....	\$5,044.88
Expenses.....	\$0.00
<b>Balance (8/25/2023)</b>	<b>\$133,572.96</b>

THANK YOU!

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

## 2023 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (7/19/2023)

Donations:..... **\$25,967.00**  
Goal is \$42,840 ..... 60.61%

Donors:.....117  
# of donors: 1,043 ..... 11.22%

DECIDE TO LEAD

[www.CatholicAppeal.org](http://www.CatholicAppeal.org)

## NOTES FROM DEB

### Labor Day Weekend

This week we celebrate Labor Day. For many families, mine included, it is a time for an end of the summer picnic and trip to the beach. As Catholic Christians it is important for us to acknowledge the importance of Labor Day as an issue of our faith as well. Catholic Social Teaching calls us to affirm the dignity of work and support workers' rights.

Let's join with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as we pray:

As the sun rises to bring in the new day:

We remember those who descend into the earth, their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth, the resources we steward.

We remember those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day.

We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes.

We remember those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.

As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest: We remember those who work in the night.

We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day.

We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work.

We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.

Have a blessed Labor Day!

Your shepherd,

Deb Steppe

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### Fortitude

Fortitude is strength of character. It is the will to endure no matter what happens, with courage, confidence, and patience. It is deeply rooted in the bedrock of our will. We cultivate it by strengthening our resolve to face whatever comes. It springs from devotion to a purpose we believe to be real and important. Our fortitude can astonish us.

Discipleship involves the willingness to die to self in order to find life again in service to others. Jesus outlines this as a threefold movement: denial of self, taking up the cross, and following after him. Is this what Jesus is asking of his disciples in the Gospel? How can we, as disciples, live this good news today?

**SUN 3**

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

**MON 4**

Office Closed



**TUE 5**

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5  
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6  
10:30 am SVDP Mtg. Rm 3  
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group Rm 3  
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall A

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
Linda Taylor

We will always be pals. Rest in  
peace. Blessings and love,  
Bill & Alyce Meyer

### LOLO ART Guild

The LOLO ART Guild meets on the  
second and fourth Tuesday of each  
month from 1:00 pm–4:00 pm in  
Room 4. September 12 will be an  
open studio to work on individual  
projects. The business meeting and  
class will be September 26. Everyone  
is welcome.

## FORMATION

### GIFT is Starting!

Our religious formation program GIFT, Generations In Faith Together, begins  
next week Sunday at 9:00 am in the Hall. Deb Steppe will present on the  
theme “We Are Eucharist.” You can sign up on-line at [ololmke.org/gift](http://ololmke.org/gift) or by  
filling out a paper form found outside the office. Call Steve Szymanski or  
Maggie Russell with any questions. Hope to see you there!



### Make a BIG Difference in the Life of a Child

Our success means we're growing for the 2023-2024 school year! Please join us! Volunteer for  
2 hours a week during the school day with Forward Scholars: A Common Ground initiated  
community volunteer tutoring program which started in Fall 2022 at 5 schools in MPS. You will  
work 1:1 with a student in kindergarten through 3rd grade. Training, high impact lesson plans,  
and loads of smiles provided. Join us as a tutor or substitute tutor! Check us out at  
<https://commongroundwi.org/forward-scholars>. Contact Dr. Carrie Streiff-Stuessy at  
[carriess@forwardscholars.org](mailto:carriess@forwardscholars.org) for more information.



**Friday, September 29**

**5:30 pm–9:00 pm**

**St. Matthias Catholic Church**

**9306 W. Beloit Rd. Milwaukee, WI 53227**

Please contact Lucca Kenyon at (414) 758-2280 or  
[kenyonl@archmil.org](mailto:kenyonl@archmil.org) with any questions

### Featuring

**Bishop Schuerman**

(Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Milwaukee)

**Fr. Jerry Herda**

(Chaplain of the Milwaukee Brewers &  
Pastor of St. Matthias Catholic Church)

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<https://tinyurl.com/atwcelebration>

**WED 6**

**THU 7**

**FRI 8**

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5  
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6  
9:00 am Alverno Nurses Rm 10  
9:30 am Liturgy Church  
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C  
3:00 pm Mary Jo Canar  
Funeral Visitation Church  
4:00 pm Mary Jo Canar  
Funeral Church  
7:00 pm Liturgy Team Mtg. Rm 9

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5  
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6  
3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Reh. Church  
6:30 pm The Chosen Hall A  
6:30 pm The Chosen Virtual

**Office Closed**



## WORSHIP



**“The only thing better than singing is more singing.”** (Ella Fitzgerald)

Hopefully you’ve been reading and hearing about the changes happening with our OLOL Music Ministry. Maybe you came to the Ministry Fair last weekend and grabbed a postcard—or two or three. Or maybe you just want to learn more about these changes so you can discern how you might be able to participate. Well, here we go.

This year we are expanding and restructuring our ministry. We will continue to have our regular Spirit & Grace (Sunday) Choir, which meets mostly from September through May, as well as our Resurrection (funeral) Choir, which meets year-round. In addition, we have created some seasonal, event-focused groups throughout the year. Participating in these groups will require shorter time commitments than the year-round groups. Our hope is that you’ll be able to commit to joining some of these. Keep an eye out in future bulletins for more information about these new groups.

Today, let’s highlight our **Spirit & Grace Choir**, as we officially begin our year this week. Spirit & Grace is open to everyone of high school age and older. Rehearsals are held on Thursday afternoons, from 3:30 pm–5:00 pm, and we sing at the 10:30 am Mass on scheduled Sundays. No experience is necessary, and we don’t require an audition. Rather, we will get to know you and help you decide where your voice type fits best. Our first rehearsal is this **Thursday, September 7**. You all sing so well from the pews, now share your voice in a new way.

Are you intrigued? Please contact either Anne Van Deusen or Julie Fraleigh for more information, talk to the current members of the choir, or just come to church this Thursday afternoon and check us out.

### Scripture Readings for September 9/10

#### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9 | Psalm 95 | Romans 13:8-10 | Matthew 18:15-20

## OUTREACH

### From St. Vincent de Paul

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

Last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus’ presence by providing families with food and assisting with utility and rent bills. Thank you!

### St. Vincent De Paul News

#### Thank You!

Remember when you received a box of crayons?

Well the students at Prince of Peace in Milwaukee will be receiving that and a whole lot of other school supplies. Thanks to your generous donations, 100 boxes of crayons, 181 pocket folders, 134 spiral notebooks, 417 pens, and 1031 pencils, just to name a few, were delivered to their school. They were thrilled and so appreciative of our generous donations. Thank you to all who made this happen.

#### Blood Drive

Our next event will be our Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 12, from 2:00 pm–6:00 pm. Sign up **now** online at [ololmke.org/blood-drives](http://ololmke.org/blood-drives). You can also sign up after all Masses. Every person who donates will receive a Versiti bottle koozie and as an added bonus a coupon from Culver’s for a pint of custard. Give a pint; get a pint!

Thank you in advance for your lifesaving donation.

**SAT 9**

Boy Scout Popcorn Sale  
5:00 pm Liturgy

Church

**SUN 10**

Boy Scout Popcorn Sale  
8:00 am Liturgy  
9:00 am GIFT Session 1  
10:30 am Liturgy

Church  
Hall  
Church

## A/V MINISTRY

## SPOTLIGHT

### A different way to serve the homebound

If you have attended a 5:00 pm Mass in the recent past, you have probably heard a greeting to our online parishioners. Some viewers are snowbirds. Others are parishioners who have moved from the area, but still want to be connected to OLOL. There are even people around the country searching for a church, and choose to view our Mass as it speaks to them most.

Majority of our viewers though are people who cannot leave their homes and the A/V Ministry provides an incredible service to them. We can use a few more people to learn how to operate our livestream. If you are interested, please contact Marc Puechner in the Parish Office. Training provided. Once or twice a month commitment.

### My Spiritual Journey

The first time I walked into OLOL in the summer of 2013, I had not been in any church in the past ten years. I don't think that I was in any other denomination of religion in that time, either.

I was born and raised Catholic. In the past 10 years, I'd become very upset and disgusted. There were more and more and more priests being accused and convicted of sexually abusing children. This was going on all over the place. To me, there is not anything worse.

2013 was a very bad year for me. I had toxic people living with me. No matter what I did or said, they would not leave. I was very depressed and I felt like my life was unraveling. I was evicted in July of that year. This was due to the people I was associating with. This was not due to non-payment of rent.

Due to the fact of not being in a church in at least 10 years, I felt "Why not?" When I first walked into OLOL for the first time, I felt extremely welcome. I feel like I've never felt welcomed before. In any church. Ever.

OLOL is a very special place. Everyone here has helped me grow tremendously in my faith.

Mary Alston  
Pastoral Council

## 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/](http://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/) or through the Parish Office.

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IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR COMMUNITY



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OUR HISTORY**

"What is your church doing today?" In 1833, young college student Frédéric Ozanam and five friends responded by creating the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The Society is represented in the Milwaukee Archdiocese in over 100 parishes including our own!

## FROM THE HEART

### VISITS TO OTHERS IN NEED



What stands out in our outreach is our friendship through person-to-person contact with people in crisis. Representing our parish, Society members help others with emergency assistance such as food, personal or household needs. We meet regularly as a group to pray together and in support of each other for the services we provide.



## IN THE HEART

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need." We respect the dignity of each individual created in God's image. Our faith's tradition of compassionate care and love for the most vulnerable is put into action with Vincentian charism.

## BE THE HEART

### WE NEED YOU! JOIN US!



A Vincentian heart is a heart on fire to serve the mission of Christ! In this time of great need, has your heart been moved to help relieve distress in our community?

We invite you to follow your heart and serve with us.