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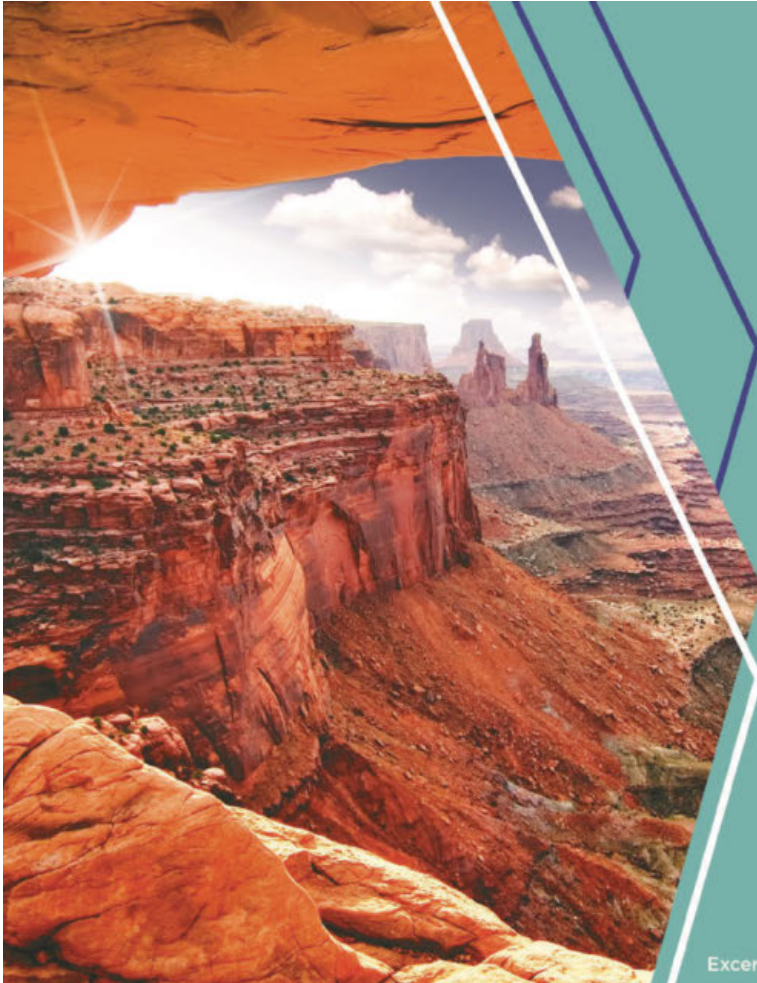
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Catholic Church

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the kingdom of God
by being Christ
to the world.



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to
you in the way of
righteousness, you did
not believe him; but
tax collectors and
prostitutes did. Yet
even when you saw
that, you did not later
change your minds
and believe him.”
- Mt 21:32

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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 - September 2023

	ACTUAL <i>as of 9/22/2023</i>	BUDGETED <i>for Sept.</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$39,618.46	\$63,000.00
Offertory	\$1,749.00	\$2,500.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: September 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$186,705.45	\$209,300.01
Operating Expenses.....	\$164,349.92	\$213,640.44

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23..	\$128,503.08
Donations	\$8,183.26
Expenses.....	\$0.00
Balance (9/22/2023)	\$136,711.34

THANK YOU!

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

2023 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (9/5/2023)

Donations:..... **\$27,277.00**
Goal is \$42,840 63.67%

Donors: **120**
of donors: 1,043 11.51%

DECIDE TO LEAD

www.CatholicAppeal.org

NOTES FROM DEB

A Moment of Church History—The Synod

Two years ago, Pope Francis began a process to listen to the people of God—the Synod on Synodality. According to the Vatican, the purpose of the Synod “Is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands.”

That is quite a lofty set of goals!

This month, Church representatives will gather in Rome to consider the issues that have been brought forth from members of the faith throughout the world. Under the guidance of Pope Francis, the Synod will include not only priests, bishops, and cardinals, but also women religious, and lay women and men, all of whom will get a vote in the process! The Synod is focusing on communion, participation, and mission, so some of the topics on the table may include priestly celibacy, and the role of women in the church. A second Synod gathering will take place in October 2024.

This is a significant moment in the history of the Catholic Church. Let’s join with Catholics around the world as we pray for the synodal process. May all participants be open to God’s presence as they allow God’s spirit to inspire their hearts and minds as they work to envision a hopeful, enlightened future for the Church we love.

Your hopeful shepherd,
Deb Steppe

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Righteousness

Righteousness is living by a code of moral rectitude. It is practicing integrity in light of what we know is right. We don’t allow the fads of the day to sway us from doing what is right. Nor do we stand in judgment of others. We don’t shame ourselves when we go off track. We resist being driven by our egos. We choose to be led by our souls. We live the good life.

In the Gospel, in the story of the vineyard they appear to be righteous, but they fail to be open to the coming of God’s kingdom. We see that we are in need of constant conversion in carrying out the will of God. Discipleship involves no sense of hesitancy or complacency. How can we best pay attention to God’s call and will in our lives?

SUN 1

MON 2

TUE 3

8:00 am Liturgy Church
9:00 am GIFT Hall
10:30 am Liturgy Church
6:00 pm Virtual Mass
Watch Party Virtual

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
9:30 am Lazarus Mtg. Rm 10
11:30 am Resurrection Choir Rm 9

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
6:30 pm GIFT Core Team Virtual
7:00 pm Book Discussion Virtual

COMMUNITY LIFE

Welcome New Parishioners July 2023

Joan Bickler
Jena Zastrow & Mason Mueller

August 2023

Peter & Erica Barnhardt
John & Mary Gentile
Blanca Romo & Luis Mercado
James & Sebrina Sedlar

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
our mother, Virginia Weller
who passed away 7 years
ago on her birthday.

From
her loving children and
grandchildren

In loving memory of
Kathy Wroblewski

From
Patricia Piazza

In loving memory of
Eddie & Olga Szrom

From
Deb Steppe

In loving memory of
Rita & Ted Wisniewski who
gave life and love to so
many. They lived the spirit of
justice.

From
Mary O'Connell Williams

FORMATION

Book Discussion: *The Risk of the Cross: Living Gospel Nonviolence in the Nuclear Age*

Author: Arthur Laffin
Mondays, October 23–November 20
6:30-8:30 pm
Room 3

How do we find hope and courage to stand for God's reign of love, justice and nonviolence in a threatened world? Join us as we struggle to answer this question.

Call the Parish Office or go to ololmke.org/social-justice/ to register.

Parish Library Cart

Remember to stop by the parish library cart outside the office and borrow any books that you wish. Books are changed weekly and cover a wide variety of topics related to our faith. We have books for children too. No need to check books out; just bring them back when you are finished.

Thriving in Turbulent Times: Spiritual Lessons for Dancing in the Darkness

Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III
Wednesday, Oct. 11
10:30 am–1:00 pm
Siena Retreat Center—5637 Erie St., Racine
\$30 includes lunch

Join us as Dr. Moss draws on the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Howard Thurman, Black culture, and his own experience as a civil rights leader to build spiritual resilience for these times.

Otis Moss III, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, IL, one of the top 12 preachers in the English-speaking world, has addressed issues of mass incarceration, environmental justice, and economic inequality.

Register at:

[Thriving in Turbulent Times: Dancing in the Darkness | Siena Retreat Center](#)
or www.sienaretreatcenter.org.



WED 4

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
9:30 am Liturgy Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall A
7:00 pm Liturgy Team Mtg. Rm 9

THU 5

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 C

FRI 6

Office Closed

WORSHIP

Blessing of the Animals

God has gifted us with many things, including our pets. Please join us under the trees on the east side of the building on **Saturday, October 7, at 10:00 am**. Bring your pets, on a leash or in a kennel, as we show our appreciation for them and bless them for good health and happiness. If it rains, we will gather in the Parish Hall for the blessing.



All are invited to join in the fun!

Guess what time it is? Time to party—as a community, as people of faith, as artists, and art appreciators. And when we gather together for Mass? Nothing beats some polka energy. Please consider joining the Polka Mass Ensemble for our 5:00 pm liturgy on Saturday, October 14. All ages are needed and invited to participate.



The music for this liturgy will be familiar, with a little oom-pah-pah flair added. If you'd like to play an instrument (clarinet, trumpet, etc.), you need to contact Anne Van Deusen by October 7 and attend our one rehearsal. Singers do not need to sign up ahead of time, but do need to attend our one rehearsal. You already sing beautifully from the pews. Why not give this a shot? Here are the important dates:

- October 7: instrumentalists deadline for signing up
- October 11: rehearsal in church from 6:00 pm–8:15 pm
- October 14 Mass at 5:00 pm. (Meet in church at 4:15 for warm-ups.)

Scripture Readings for October 7/8

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7 | Psalm 80 | Philippians 4:6-9 | Matthew 21:33-43

OUTREACH

Upcoming Food Pantry Date: October 24

Most needed items: bottled juice, hamburger helper, ready to serve soup, and canned meats. Please watch the expiration dates and non-perishable items only.

Learn more at
ololmke.org/food-pantry.

Benefit Rummage Sale at Mother of Perpetual Help

This sale is sponsored by School Sister of Notre Dame associates and supports the St. Bahkita Catholic Worker House which strives to provide supportive housing for survivors of sexual exploitation. Proceeds will assist in paying off the debt for a new roof for their residence that was badly needed.

Dates: Saturday, October 14, from 9:00 am–6:00 pm and Sunday, October 15, from 9:00am–1:00pm in the Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Center. (106th Street and Lincoln Avenue) Besides rummage, we will be selling plants, crafts, and bakery.

SAT 7

10:00 am	Animal Blessing	Labyrinth
11:00 am	Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
5:00 pm	Liturgy	Church

SUN 8

8:00 am	Liturgy	Church
9:00 am	Sacrament Prep	Hall
10:30 am	Liturgy	Church
11:30 am	Mercy High School Reunion	Hall BC



ANNUAL CELEBRATION MASS

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center | St. Francis, WI

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COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Among many other important awareness topics this month, October is also Cybersecurity Awareness month. In regards to you and OLOL, please know that emails from us end with ololmke.org in the address line. Anything else is fake. Also, the only time we will ever ask for money is through is through organized campaigns such as our annual stewardship pledge request. No staff member will ever ask anyone for personal financial help. Any request you receive is a scam. Mostly, cybercriminals will try to pose as Deb or Fr. Bill. Treat any email or text from them with suspicion or caution. Call the Parish Office to confirm anything out of the ordinary you would ever receive.

Belonging

Belonging – what does this mean? According to the dictionary, it means “a feeling of being comfortable as part of a particular group.” At Our Lady of Lourdes, we strive to create a sense of belonging for everyone who walks through our doors. For a person in the LGBTQIA+ community, a sense of belonging can be life-changing! Some of you may know that I am part of the LGBTQIA+ community. If not, well, now you know! Over the past few weeks, I have seen my partner of 20 years be harassed on two separate occasions—just for being who she is and loving who she loves. In recent times, the world seems more fueled by hate and division than moved forward by love and inclusion. For this reason, a community of belonging like Our Lady of Lourdes is needed now more than ever. October is LGBTQIA+ History month and I encourage you to check out ways to be an ally at <https://www.hrc.org/resources/being-an-lgbtq-ally>. You can also sign up to participate in Lourdes’ ministry group GASIC (Gay and Straight in Christ) to show support to the community. More information can be found at <https://www.ololmke.org/gasic/>. My family is so glad we can call Lourdes a place of belonging and pray for others to experience this in their lives as well.

Denise Haussy
OLOL Parish Council Member

DISCIPLESHIP

Evolutionary Theology—Sexual Morality & the Catholic Church

Monday, October 9

6:30pm

St. Matthias—Steiger Hall

Facilitated by: Fr. Chuck Schramm, Brian Jens, and Peter Morello

Evolutionary Theology is a bringing together of faith and science. Both have truths that can give us a fresh perspective on our understanding/experience of the mysterious presence we call God.

In this session we will lay out the history of sexual morality in the Catholic Church starting from biblical times to our understanding of sexual morality today. Then using what we have learned from history we will lay out several areas for potential dialogue where Evolutionary Theology can aid in understanding sexual morality in a new perspective.

Register by calling Brian Jens at (414) 982-2406 or sign up online at <https://stmatthias-milw.org/ffo/>.

This session will be both in person and offered on Zoom.

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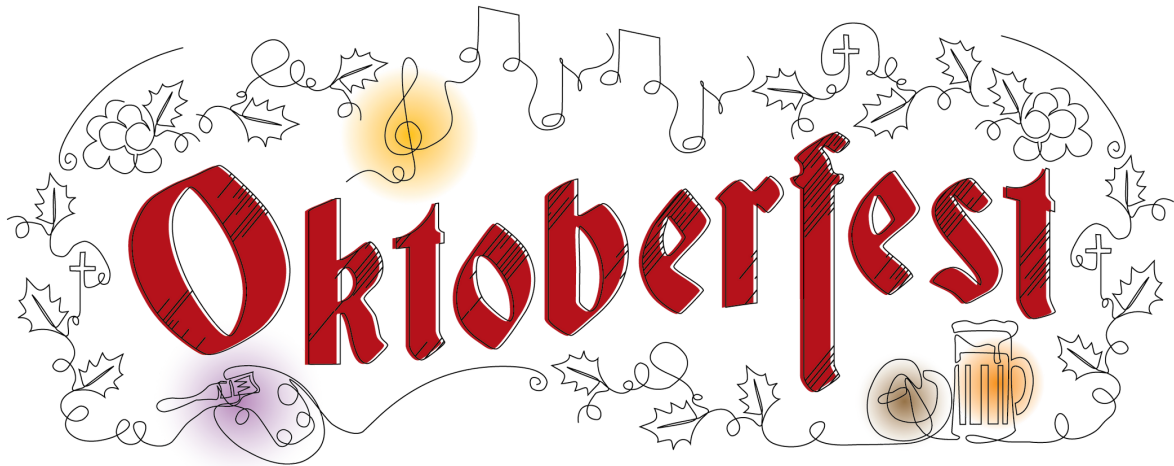
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OCTOBER 13-15, 2023

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FRIDAY 10/13

FISH FRY & POLKA BAND
4:00PM-7:00PM

FAMILY CAMPFIRE, MUSIC,
S'MORES, & PUMPKIN
DECORATING
6:00PM - 8:30PM



SATURDAY 10/14

ARTISAN FAIR
11:00AM - 8:00PM

SHEEPSHEAD
11:00AM - 1:00PM

FAMILY ACTIVITIES
1:00PM-4:00PM

DINNER 4:30PM - 7:00PM

SQUEEZETTES 6:30PM - 9:30PM

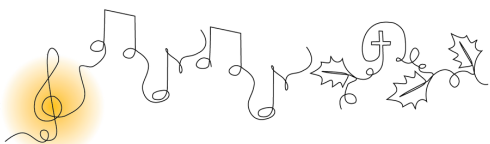
POLKA MASS 5:00PM

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Weekend Menu

Friday Night Fish Fry (serving 4:00 pm-7:00 pm)

Baked or fried cod with parsley potatoes or fries, coleslaw, rye bread and coffee or milk \$12

Hot dogs, fries, and milk available for children \$5

Saturday Night Dinner (serving 4:30 pm-7:30 pm)

Rupena's 1/2 chicken dinner, German potato salad, green beans, and dinner roll \$13

Beer Garden à la Carte Food (serving Saturday 11:30 am-7:30 am Sunday 9:00 am-1:00 pm)

Brats (optional sauerkraut) \$5

Rupena's Pulled Pork Sandwich (optional coleslaw) \$6

Hot Dogs \$3

Sarma (Mrs. Ruepena's handmade cabbage roll) \$6

Vegetable Soup & fresh-baked roll \$5

German Potato Salad \$2

Chips \$1

Beer Garden Beverages (open throughout event)

Specialty beers (the good stuff) \$5

Sprecher Sodas \$3

Water and Canned soda \$2

Black Forest Café (open throughout event)

Tortes \$6

Apple Strudel (Osep family recipe) \$4

Cookies \$2.50

Coffee \$1.50

Milk \$1

Hansel and Gretel's Popcorn and Pretzels

Popcorn \$1

Pretzels \$2.50

To-go containers available upon request

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