28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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NOTES FROM DEB

You Are Welcome Here!

This is a fabulous weekend here at Our Lady of Lourdes. It is our Oktoberfest Artisan Fair!

I hope that you have enjoyed the food, artistry, fellowship, and fun of these three days. This weekend we have opened our doors to artisans, parishioners, shoppers, dancers, families, and guests. The folks on the Oktoberfest planning committee have worked hard to make sure that not only things run smoothly, but that everyone who comes through our doors this weekend feels welcome. I am grateful for their hard work, organization, and the ability to transform our facility for this amazing festival.

I too, want visitors and parishioners alike to know that all are welcome here this weekend and throughout the year. Recently Pope Francis said, "In the Church, there is room for everyone!" As parish director, I share that sentiment—at Our Lady of Lourdes, there is room for everyone! We welcome your questions, your enthusiasm, your struggles, and your joys. We are a parish of disciples, striving to live out the call of our baptism and we welcome all who will join us.

Thank you to all for this wonderful weekend—please know of my gratitude and my prayers.

Your shepherd, Deb Steppe

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - October 2023 **ACTUAL BUDGETED** as of 10/6/2023 for Oct.

Reg. Envelopes......\$16,947.94......\$64,000.00 Offertory\$675.05\$3,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: October 2023 ACTUAL **BUDGETED**

Op. Income\$214,963.89......\$311,081.68 Op. Expenses \$209,792.83 \$301,804.79

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23	\$128,503.08
Donations	\$13,805.56
Expenses	\$0.00

Balance (10/6/2023) \$142,333.64

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 15

Oktoberfest	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:30 am Liturgy	Church

October 16	
Autism Intervention	Rm 5
Autism Intervention	Rm 6
Mary Cintron	
Funeral Visitation	Church
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	Autism Intervention Autism Intervention Mary Cintron Funeral Visitation Mary Cintron

Tuesday, October 17

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

Wednesday, October 18

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	8:15	am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
	8:15	am	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
	9:30	am	Liturgy	Church
1	0:00	am	Alverno Nurses	Rm 10
1	0:15	am	Morning Faith Group	Hall BC
	6:00	рm	Pastoral Council Mtg.	Rm 3
	6:30	рm	Youth Group	Rm 6
	6:45	рm	Boy Scout Troop 612	Hall A

Thursday, October 19

8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:00 am	Stewardship Mailing	
	Prep	Rm 4
3:30 pm	Spirit & Grace Reh.	Church
6:30 pm	The Chosen	Hall A
6:30 pm	Women's Spirituality	Rm 4
6:30 pm	Social Justice Cmte.	Rm 3

Friday, October 20-Office Closed

Saturday, October 21

	Muertos Altar	
11:00 am	Walking Through	
	Grief Together	Rm 3
5:00 pm	Liturgy	Church

Sunday, October 22

Día de los Muertos Altar	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
9:00 am GIFT	Hall
10:30 am Liturgy	Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

Walking Through Grief Together

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, November 4 and November 18 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.

Women's Spirituality Group Meeting

Thursday, October 19 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Room 4

Discussion and reflection led by fellow parishioners of next weekend's scripture readings. All women are welcome!

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Strength

Strength is the inner power to withstand whatever comes. It is our capacity to endure in the midst of tests. We tackle life's challenges with courage and determination to grow in strength. We stay strong when we recognize that suffering is a thread woven through the design of our lives, not to make us unhappy, but to transform us with grace.

In the Second Reading, we hear very clearly, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." When was the last time you prayed for strength? How did you feel God's presence at that time? Have you prayed for strength for another?

SPOTLIGHT

Open Wide Our Hearts

In a Gallup poll of Black Americans, 88 percent said they or a friend had been mistreated by police. One in four faced discrimination at work. Thirty-five percent reported being treated unfairly while shopping.

Franklin police stopped my friend while he was driving to pick up his daughter from the home of a schoolmate.

My friend was the only Black woman on the staff whose job was recruiting racially diverse volunteers. Someone asked how to determine race on the phone. The response: "If they speak good English, they're White; if they don't, they're Black."

While I was dining with a diverse group, the White women were given ice water. The Black women received no ice.

Whatever you do to the least of mine, you do to me (Matthew 25:40)

Eileen O'Connor Social Justice Committee

FORMATION

Next GIFT Sunday, October 22, We Are One Body with Mike Kolz

A drop of water when standing alone has little power. A drop of water that works in unison with the river is a source of tremendous power. Likewise, a single part of the body is powerless on its own. When the parts of the body work in harmony, the body's power is multiplied exponentially. St. Paul states in 1 Corinthians 12 that we are called to be one body—the Body of Christ. It is a high calling which is best accomplished when each part of the body is valued and when the parts work as one. Join us as veteran theology and scripture teacher Michael Kolz leads our examination of St. Paul's view of Eucharist.

"An Unforgettable Journey," a Men's Retreat

November 10–12 Siena Center (Racine)

A special men's retreat where themes of walking and pilgrimage in Scripture will spark reflections on your personal walks through life's ups and downs to encounter God. Led by Christopher Cox, a Notre Dame alum and former Holy Cross priest. For information, contact Tom Kelley at (262) 853-4982 or kelleym55@gmail.com

DISCIPLESHIP

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

Author: Arthur Laffin

Mondays, October 23-November 20

6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Room 3

Discussion Facilitator: Steve Szymanski & Social Justice Team

What does it mean to follow Jesus' way of the cross and to place our trust in God for our true security? How do we find hope and courage to stand for God's reign of love, justice, and nonviolence in a world threatened by nuclear weapons, environmental devastation, warfare, systemic inequality, and other perils?

Join us as we discuss this book, by Arthur Laffin, that focuses on Jesus' call to discipleship and helps faith communities today embrace the way of gospel nonviolence.

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

WORSHIP

The Prayer of the Chalice

(Author unknown)

Father, to you I raise my whole being, a vessel emptied of self. Accept, Lord, this my emptiness, and so fill me with Yourself — your light, your love, your life—that these your precious gifts may radiate through me and overflow the chalice of my heart into the hearts of all with whom I come in contact this day, revealing to them the beauty of your joy and wholeness and the serenity of your peace which nothing can destroy.

Scripture Readings for October 21/22 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 | Psalm 96 | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b | Matthew 22:15-21

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