

OCT 22, 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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NOTES FROM DEB

Prayerful Disciples—Part Two

As people of prayer, it is often helpful to hear some new ideas or strategies for enhancing our prayer life. A couple of weeks ago, I wrote about praying “help, thanks, and wow.” Today I would like to introduce (or re-introduce) a prayer technique developed by St. Ignatius and that is the Examen.

In the Examen we look back at our day to look at how God is working through our lives. There are many versions of the Examen that can be found in books and online. Here is a version that works for me:

- Become aware of God’s presence.
- Look back on the day for the “God moments”—times of joy, love, humor, and kindness. God is the author of all goodness, so those moments are moments of God’s presence in our day. Express your gratitude to God for these moments.
- Notice where you struggled that day and ask God for healing.
- Ask God for what you need for tomorrow.
- Thank God for this time of prayer.

There are countless ways to pray and countless prayers to say. May we all continue to grow in our relationship with our loving God.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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SAT 5:00 PM

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WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - October 2023

	ACTUAL <u>as of 10/13/2023</u>	BUDGETED <u>for Oct.</u>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$30,498.51	\$64,000.00
Offertory	\$1,440.15	\$3,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: October 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$231,439.58	\$311,081.68
Op. Expenses	\$237,522.67	\$301,804.79

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23 ..	\$128,503.08
Donations.....	\$14,806.06
Expenses.....	\$0.00
Balance (10/13/2023)	\$143,334.14

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 22

<i>Día de los Muertos Ofrenda</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
9:00 am GIFT	Hall
10:30 am Liturgy	Church

Monday, October 23

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm Book Discussion: The Risk of the Cross	Rm 3
6:30 pm Discipleship Institute Team Mtg.	Virtual

Tuesday, October 24

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
1:00 pm Art Guild Mtg.	Rm 4
3:00 pm Food Pantry	Rm 7
6:00 pm Finance Council Mtg.	Virtual

Wednesday, October 25

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:30 am Communion Service	Church
10:00 am Alverno Nurses	Hall C
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall BC
6:30 pm Baptism Prep	Virtual
6:45 pm Boy Scout Troop 612	Hall A
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3

Thursday, October 26

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
12:00 pm Women's Grief Support Group	Hall C
4:00 pm Mary Cintron Funeral Visitation	Church
5:00 pm Mary Cintron Funeral	Church
6:30 pm The Chosen	Hall C
6:30 pm The Chosen	Virtual

Friday, October 27—Office Closed

6:30 pm Baptism Rehearsal	Church
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Saturday, October 28

<i>Welcome Weekend</i>	
5:00 pm Liturgy	Church
5:00 pm Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Meet & Greet	Hall AB

Sunday, October 29

<i>Welcome Weekend</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Baptisms)	Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

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

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Tony Greco
From
Thomas Maher

Oktoberfest Meeting

Wednesday, October 25

7:00 pm

Room 3

Topic: Debrief and Celebrate

All are welcome as we discuss
Oktoberfest 2023. We will
celebrate the wonderful weekend
with an eye on the opportunities
learned.

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today Jesus says:
"Repay to Caesar what belongs to
Caesar and to God what belongs to
God." When God is the center of
our lives there is no problem with
giving others their due.

Through your gift to the Society
of St. Vincent de Paul you are
helping your neighbor who is hungry,
hopeless and frightened to know
that they belong to God.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates:

October 24, November 7 and 21

Most needed items: bottled juice,
pasta, peanut butter, and soup.
Please watch the expiration dates
and non-perishable items only.

ololmke.org/food-pantry.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Isaiah informs us that God has anointed Cyrus, the king of the Persian Empire. The surprise is that Cyrus did not know God at all. Yet God worked through him to spread awareness of God to many nations (through Cyrus' conquest). Perhaps, however, Cyrus was aware of God, but by another name.

Given that all major religions teach the same core values, is it possible that God, Allah, and YHWH are the same entity? People experience God in different ways—even Christians have three names for different ways we experience the Divine. We are all sisters and brothers in the one God-of-many-names.

SPOTLIGHT

Faith in Action: Unsung Disciples

What a party it was! Were you part of Oktoberfest this year? It has been held at Lourdes for more than a dozen years and the “unsung disciples” of Oktoberfest started planning last January to keep the party fresh yet familiar this year. They reached out to all ages, from children to seniors. Volunteer disciples served 200 shifts of two to three hours each.

Why do they do it? Barb Webber says Oktoberfest recognizes the harvest of talents, outreach, and joyful community building.

And, after the party, when all the artisans had moved out, and the furniture was still out of the classrooms, the rooms were vacuumed and dusted—fall housecleaning done! Soon the disciples will begin to think about next year’s party. If you’d like to help next year, contact the office; they know how to reach the organizers.

Anita Eikens
Pastoral Council

FORMATION

Come to Our Table: Donut Sunday

All GIFT Households are invited to join us at our table for some extra nourishment in the form of donuts and fellowship from 8:45 am–9:00 am before our GIFT session on Sunday, November 5. Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/ololdonuts23 ASAP!

Family Ministry

Our first ever Family Ministry event is taking place on Friday, November 10, at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall. This all-ages event is open to everyone! We are asking that each household that attends donates \$5 at the door. This donation will go towards this event and future events as well. The hygge vibes will be strong from the seasonal treats to the autumnal trivia (as well as other categories) and movies so cozy you will be able to smell the falling leaves. Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/fallfamily23 ASAP!

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

Presence (by Sister Joan Metzner, M.M.)

Some people enter our lives
like deer slipping in and out of the woods.
They touch our earth
and as we stop to look at them
they disappear as quietly as they came.
But we feel blessed
for having experienced their gentle presence.
And we give you thanks
that the world is a better place
because of the joy that they brought.

As we look ahead to the month of November, we are mindful of a couple things – we spend this month remembering and celebrating those whom we have lost, as well as being grateful for all our blessings. Please make plans to join us at the following services:

All Saints’ Day: Wednesday, November 1, 12:00 pm

Lazarus Prayer Service: Thursday, November 2, 7:00 pm

Slideshow of Remembrance: All Masses, November 4/5

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 23, 9:30 am

Scripture Readings for October 28/29

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Exodus 22:20-26 | Psalm 18 | 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 |
Matthew 22:34-40

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House of Peace

Food Boxes



It is almost time to fill up the Holiday Food Boxes for Capuchin Community Services!

Our Lady of Lourdes has been part of this wonderful ministry for a number of years. This year, we are again going to pack the food boxes as a community during our November 5 GIFT session (child care will be provided for children under kindergarten age). Our goal is to fill 200 boxes, as the need to great in our community.

- **This is a way to live our discipleship.** Our theme for GIFT is *The Body of Christ: We Are Eucharist* and we have been talking about the ways that we are the Body of Christ to one another. One of the ways we can build and live our discipleship is through service. This will be a wonderful way to show our children, and everyone in our formation program, faith in action.
- **This is a community effort.** We would like everyone from the community to have ownership of this project. Having many people donate items and many people pack the boxes, we are building community at Lourdes and supporting our Milwaukee community.

How will this work?

- **Donating items:** There will be tags on a bulletin board with items that are needed for the boxes. We combined them in such a way that we believe each set of groceries costs about the same for each tag. Select however many tags you would like and purchase those items. **NO GLASS jars**, please, and check the use by dates.
- **Dropping items off:** Please bring your items to OLOL by November 2 and leave them on the cart in the hallway.
- **Packing the boxes:** We appreciate that many people love packing the boxes. If you would like to join us at GIFT to pack the boxes, you are more than welcome to come and be part of this process! Please call the office to let us know if you will be attending.

Thank you so much for your donations! You are helping to contribute to the formation of our young people and GIFT attendees, you are helping to share a Thanksgiving meal with members of the Milwaukee community, and you are modeling discipleship.



If you have questions, please call the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316.



Each year Capuchin Community Services provides food boxes to families at Thanksgiving. These boxes are given out at the House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal.

About one third of those who eat at St. Ben's have access to a kitchen, but don't always have food. Many of those served by the House of Peace are the working poor who rely on their Emergency Food Pantry.

For more information about Capuchin Community Services, please visit their website at: <https://www.capuchincommunityservices.org/>.

Our Lady of Lourdes is always generous in filling up boxes, and we are looking forward to helping Capuchin Community Services again this year.

To see how you can help fill boxes this year, please see the other side of this flyer.

Thank you for your generosity and support.