

NOV 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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the kingdom of God
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to the world.

NOTES FROM DEB

Time Does Seem to Fly

As we journey into mid-November, we are coming to the end of the Church liturgical year. Thanksgiving Day is just a week and a half away—and Advent begins in three weeks!

We will have our Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 23. As we did last year, we are inviting all who attend to participate in our bread exchange—to share a loaf of bread with another member of our parish family. You can either bake a loaf of bread (like banana, zucchini, pumpkin, or a yeast bread) or pick up a nice loaf from your favorite bakery. We ask that you enclose your name and phone number or email address so that the family who receives your loaf can thank you. This simple gesture is another beautiful way we care for one another as the Body of Christ.

This year the season of Advent is as short as it can possibly be, with Christmas Eve and the 4th Sunday of Advent being the same day! Because of this, we will adjust our Mass schedule for that weekend as follows:

December 23, 5:00 pm—4th Sunday of Advent Liturgy
December 24, 9:00 am—4th Sunday of Advent Liturgy
December 24, 5:00 pm—Christmas Liturgy
December 24, 9:00 pm—Christmas Liturgy
December 25, 8:00 am—Christmas Liturgy
December 25, 10:30 am—Christmas Liturgy

Know of my continued prayers, love, and support.
Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - October 2023

	ACTUAL as of 10/31/2023	BUDGETED for Oct.
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$59,728.39	\$64,000.00
Offertory	\$3,792.78	\$3,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: October 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$294,779.71	\$311,081.68
Op. Expenses	\$279,696.76	\$301,804.79

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23 ..	\$128,503.08
Donations.....	\$16,674.94
Expenses.....	\$0.00
Balance (10/31/2023)	\$145,203.02

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 12

8:00 am Liturgy	Church
9:00 am Sacrament Prep	Hall
10:30 am Liturgy	Church

Monday, November 13

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
6:30 pm Building & Grounds	Rm 4
6:30 pm Book Discussion: The Risk of the Cross	Rm 3

Tuesday, November 14

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
10:30 am SVDP Mtg.	Rm 3
1:00 pm Art Guild	
Open Studio	Rm 4
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group	Rm 3
6:30 pm GIFT Core Team	Virtual

Wednesday, November 15

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:00 am BAAM Mtg.	Hall AB
9:30 am Liturgy	Church
10:00 am Alverno Nurses	Rm 10
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall C
6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg.	Rm 3
6:30 pm Women's Spirituality	Rm 4
6:30 pm Youth Group	Rm 6
6:45 pm Boy Scout Troop 612	Hall A

Thursday, November 16

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

Friday, November 17—Office Closed

Saturday, November 18

Giving Tree	
11:00 am Walking Though Grief Together	Rm 6
5:00 pm Liturgy	Church

Sunday, November 19

Giving Tree	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
9:00 am GIFT	Hall
10:30 am Liturgy	Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

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From St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually.

Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: November 21, December 5 and 19

Our food pantry is in desperate need of food. Many more families in need than in the past have visited our pantry over the last couple of months. Please consider grabbing a few extra items the next time you go grocery shopping.

ololmke.org/food-pantry.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Wisdom

Wisdom is the guardian of our choices. It helps us to discern the right path at the right moment. It gives us clarity of thought and deeper understanding. We use our best judgment, resisting the pull of impulse and desire. We seek knowledge, enter reflection and open ourselves to inspiration. We consider carefully, then act confidently. Wisdom grounds us in grace.

The message of the parable is "If you are wise, you will stay alert and ready for the bridegroom coming!" How do we wisely stay alert today for the presence of God among us? Jesus tells great stories to help us discern the right path. What stories could you tell to help others do that?

SPOTLIGHT

Open Wide Our Hearts

November is Native American Heritage Month. Beyond casinos, how do we answer the gospel question “who is my neighbor?” Over the centuries, Native Americans had their land stolen, had children taken from their families and forced to forget their native languages and customs, and were denied necessary resources for survival due to unjust treaties.

Let us take time to learn about our native neighbors. Research 1 of the 11 recognized tribes in Wisconsin. Is my house or apartment located on native lands? What daily trials face Native Americans in Milwaukee and Southeast Wisconsin?

It is one thing to know my neighbor. Learning about them helps following through with “loving my neighbor as myself.”

Kevin Kane
Social Justice Committee

FORMATION

GIFT: Praying with Color and Gratitude

In our penultimate session of 2023, Maggie will help us connect prayer and art with gratitude serving as our muse. We hope you join us as we discern the connection between Eucharist and gratitude during this creative and meditative session. Please be sure to bring your bible and your GIFT tumbler or other reusable cup with you to the session on Sunday, November 19.

Women's Spirituality Group Meeting

Wednesday, November 15

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!

DISCIPLESHIP

Advent—The Little Blue Book

The Little Blue Book for Advent is now available! You can obtain a copy by contacting the Parish Office or pick one up as you leave Mass.

The Little Blue Book will be your Advent companion. There will be two Zoom discussions on this booklet during Advent. The first will kick off the season and how to best use the book. The second session will occur in mid-Advent just to check in and see how your Advent prayer and reflection is progressing.

Zoom Session One: Kickoff December 4 at 6:30 pm

Zoom Session Two: Check-In December 18 at 6:30 pm

Both Zoom discussions will be facilitated by our Parish Director, Deb Steppe. You can obtain the booklet without attending the Zoom sessions. Register on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or by contacting the Parish Office.

WORSHIP

A thought on the Gospel for today.

As we come to the end of the liturgical year, we are presented with scripture passages that speak to us of the end times. The Bible's images of this time are sometimes troubling; today, we have a locked door and a Bridegroom who refuses to recognize those who came unprepared for the wedding feast—hardly a reassuring image of Christ's boundless mercy! But this is not a gospel about the mechanics of our preparation—when we put it into dialogue with the other readings for today, it becomes a gospel about our longing to be with Jesus. Let us focus today on our longing for Christ's presence in our lives.

Adapted from *Living Liturgy*, 2023

Scripture Readings for November 18/19

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Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | Psalm 128 |

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 | Matthew 25:14-30

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