

NOV 19, 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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to the world.

NOTES FROM DEB

Stewardship of the Parish

This weekend we are asking everyone to return their stewardship pledge cards. Thank you to those who have done so—and for those who haven't yet, you can turn them in next week as well. The pledge cards are helpful as we prepare our budget for next year.

As a relatively new parish director, this is my first deep dive into the parish budget and stewardship process. Wow! I have been most impressed with how the parish finances are budgeted, tracked, and managed. Everyone here takes seriously the responsibility to be good stewards of parish funds.

Thank you for your continued support! I am so very grateful for your generosity. Our Lady of Lourdes is a vibrant, active parish because of your donations of time, talent, and financial resources. I know that, especially at this time of year, there are many charities that are asking for your donations. I am grateful that you have made Our Lady of Lourdes the priority that you do.

Know of my continued prayers, love, and support.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe



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WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Looking Ahead to 2024

As we fast approach the end of another year, you are reminded that contributions for calendar year 2023 must be dropped in the collection by Sunday, December 31, dropped in the drop box outside the front entrance, or in an envelope postmarked no later than December 31. Also, a check dated December 31 or earlier sent through the mail, but not in our possession or in a valid postmarked envelope, and received after January 1, is a 2024 contribution. **Parishioners who want to make any contributions in person** must have them in the Parish Office by **12:00 pm (noon) on Thursday, December 21**, to receive credit for 2023 as the Parish Office is closed Friday, December 22, 2023 through January 2, 2024 due to carpet cleaning in the office. Please plan accordingly! Thank you for your generosity.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Welcome New Parishioners October 2023

Collin Ciombor & Kelsey Jackson

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Our mother, Virginia Weller
who passed away seven
years ago on her birthday.
From
Her loving children and
grandchildren

Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief
Together group will meet twice next
month, December 2 and December
16 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.

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

The good news of today's Gospel
is the extravagance of what is being
given us. All we need do is be
faithful in "small matters." The cost of
fidelity has no comparison to the
reward given.

When you give the furniture,
household items and clothing you no
longer use to the Society of St.
Vincent de Paul, you are sharing
God's extravagant love.

Giving Tree

Just a reminder that the Christmas
Giving Tree has begun. Please stop
in the meeting room hallway to
select a tag to buy a gift for a child.
Drop off all gifts, wrapped with the
tags securely attached, by Sunday,
December 3.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19

Giving Tree

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

Monday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 21

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
3:00 pm Food Pantry	Rm 7
6:00 pm Adoption Support	Rm 6

Wednesday, November 22

Office closes at 12:00 pm

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:30 am Communion Service	Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall BC
6:45 pm Boy Scout Troop 612	Hall A

Thursday, November 23



Office Closed

9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass	Church
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Friday, November 24—Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

Giving Tree

5:00 pm Liturgy	Church
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Sunday, November 26

Giving Tree

8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:00 am RCIA	Rm 6
10:30 am Liturgy	Church

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Diligence

Diligence is doing what needs to be done with care, concentration, and single-pointed attention. When we work with diligence we give our absolute best. We work in alignment with our purpose. We choose relationships with discernment, then give them our full commitment, joy, love, and excellence to keep them strong and alive.

The real message of the Gospel asks the question what will you do to help bring the coming reign of God to reality? What one thing will make a difference?

SPOTLIGHT

LOL's Pastoral Council

The "Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Manual" specifies that the Pastoral Council "has to do with mission and ministry to the people of the parish and to the people in the surrounding area. The council does not manage as much as it visions or looks to the future." As advisors to Parish Director, Deb Steppe, the "council discerns questions, seeks responses, and then comes up with solutions."

LOL's Pastoral Council recently discerned Cory Anshus, Jim Stamatakos, Barb Webber, and Christine Yatzack to join Chair Donna Van Wynsberghe, Mary Alston, Paula Dahlman, Jackie Dombrowski, Anita Eikens, Dave Hansen, Denise Haussy, Pat McKay, Tom McKean, Rebecca Porter (Trustee Treasurer), Judeen Schulte (Secretary), Nancy Short (Trustee Secretary), and Lorie Skeff. See the LOL website for pictures and introductions.

FORMATION

7th and 8th Grade Retreat

On Saturday, December 2, the 7th and 8th grade GIFT participants will be spending their day on retreat. Please keep them in prayer as they spend the day learning what it means to live as a servant leader and say hello to them at the 5:00 pm liturgy!

GIFT Session 6—December 10

Dr. Lorrie Wenzel and her husband have visited more than 300 churches and cathedrals in Europe over the last 12 years and have taken more than 1,900 photos of the sacred spaces. The duo is filled to the brim with knowledge from their travels and educational experiences. The Wenzel's put all that knowledge into a book, *Cathedrals: Clues to Identifying Biblical Figures in Cathedrals Around the World*, so that other religious tourists could have a better understanding of the biblical stories in the cathedrals they visit. Using this book as a foundation, Dr. Wenzel will help GIFT attendees take inspiration from the statues and stained glass of cathedrals around the world as we strive to be a Eucharistic people.

DISCIPLESHIP

This Thanksgiving

Let us proclaim our gratitude to God for manifold blessings. Let us be humbly thankful for inherited ideals. Let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human beings throughout the world.

On this day let us gather to worship. In homes blessed by family affection, let us express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God.

Let us earnestly and humbly pray that God will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice, and understanding among all peoples and nations and of ending misery and suffering wherever they exist.

John F. Kennedy



WORSHIP

Thanksgiving Mass & Bread Exchange

Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 23, at 9:00 am. In addition to praying together, you're invited to participate in our bread exchange. Bring a loaf of bread (any flavor, homemade or purchased) and enclose your name and phone number or email address so that the family who receives your loaf can thank you.

Christmas Carolers (no experience needed) wanted!

The Jackson Park Community Association will host their annual tree lighting on Friday, December 1, at 6:45 pm (This lasts approximately 20-30 minutes) LOL parishioners lead the holiday sing-alongs, and it's more fun when lots of us are there. All ages are welcome. Please dress warm and meet us on the triangle by Oklahoma Ave., Forest Home Ave., and 43rd St. at 6:40 pm. Song lyrics provided.

Christmas Choir

There's still time to join our new-this-year Christmas Choir. We'd love to celebrate Christ's birth with more voices in the music corner. To sign up (by December 1) or if you have questions, contact Anne Van Deusen or Julie Fraleigh.

Scripture Readings for November 25/26

The Feast of Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 | Psalm 23 | 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 | Matthew 25:31-46

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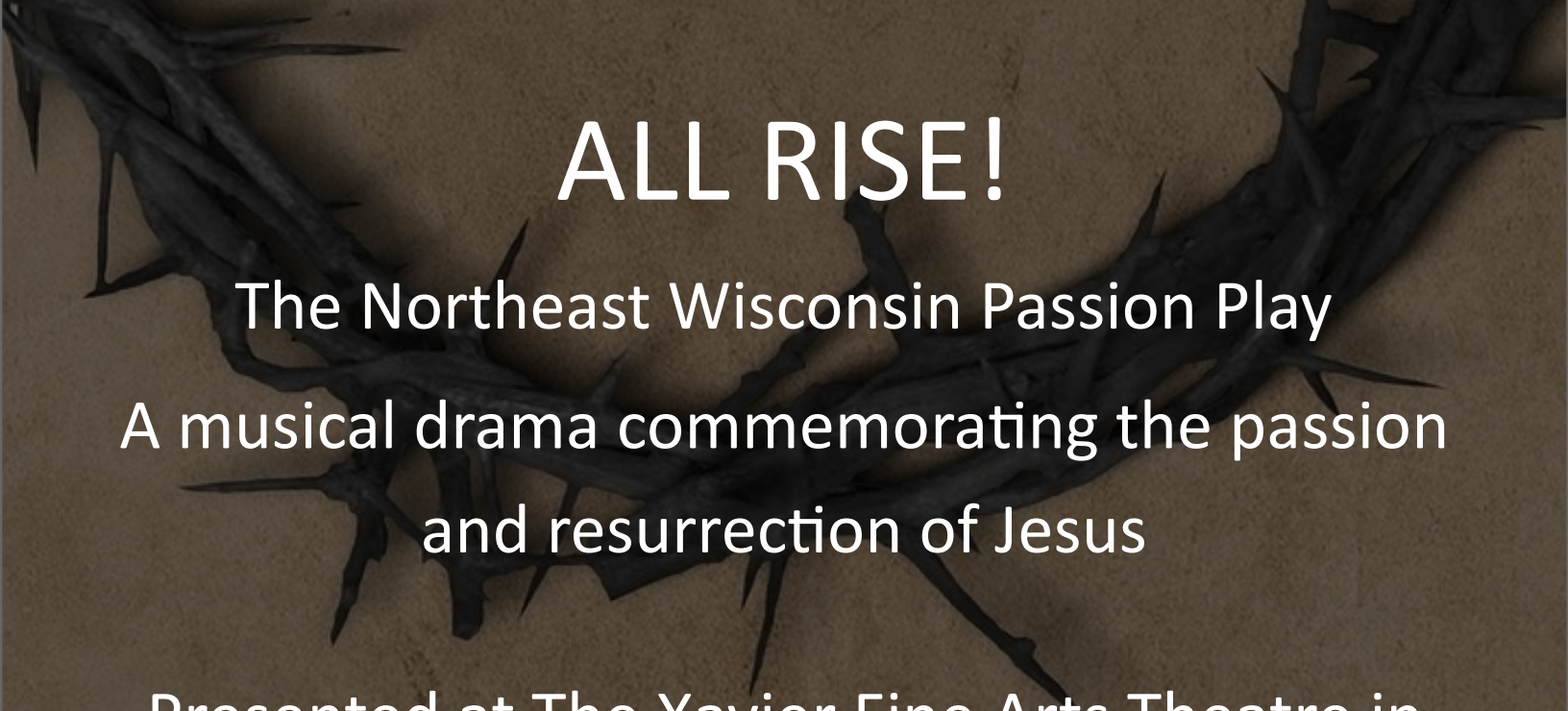
Power up your heart!

Photo booth

Questions?

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A crown of thorns, made of dark, sharp, and tangled branches, is positioned at the top of the image, partially framing the text.

ALL RISE!

The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play

A musical drama commemorating the passion
and resurrection of Jesus

Presented at The Xavier Fine Arts Theatre in
Appleton, WI on March 23, 2024.

Trip includes bus transportation, a buffet lunch at
The Machine Shed, and a show ticket.

The bus leaves OLOL parking lot at 8:30 am
and returns at 6:00 pm.

Cost is \$70. Make checks payable to OLOL. No refunds.

Reservation deadline: November 26, 2023

Contact Carol Wojtecki at carollwojtecki@gmail.com
for details or questions.

Sponsored by the Wednesday Morning Faith Group