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Solemnity of Christ the King



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NOTES FROM DEB

Advent

The beautiful, sacred season of Advent begins next week—a time to slow down, to be quiet, to wait in stillness as we ponder Christ's presence.

In the secular world, however, Christmas has been happening for quite a while. I saw Christmas trees in stores back in September. With parties, cooking, shopping, gift wrapping, etc., it isn't easy to find time to slow down at all, let alone to be still and pray!

Here are a couple of prayer ideas that may be helpful. First is the Little Blue Book for Advent sponsored by the Discipleship Institute. There is a reflection for each day of Advent. They suggest taking six minutes a day for each reflection. Even on the busiest days, we can probably spare six minutes!

I have also crafted the online Advent retreat. The retreat can be found on our website at ololmke.org/advent-prayer/. There will be entries on the Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays of Advent, that will include guided meditations, music, and scripture reflections.

I pray we may all find the time for a little stillness in these days.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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SAT 5:00 PM

SUN 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - November 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
	<u>as of 11/10/2023</u>	<u>for Nov.</u>
Reg. Envelopes	\$29,349.94	\$64,000.00
Offertory	\$751.00	\$2,700.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: November 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$327,204.07	\$383,003.35
Op. Expenses	\$299,994.68	\$381,806.26

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23...	\$128,503.08
Donations	\$17,314.94
Expenses	\$0.00
Balance (11/10/2023)	\$145,843.02

THANK YOU!

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blessed with your continued
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From
Nancy and Tom Maher
Leon & Carole Burzynski

In loving memory of
Mary Kaniewski
From
John Kaniewski

In loving memory of
Victor & Stella Witkowski
From
Theresa Arnsdorff

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, this month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve families by providing food and financial help for utility and rent bills. Thank you!

Giving Tree

Just a friendly reminder that all Giving Tree gifts are due next weekend! Please remember to have the tags securely attached.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: December 5 and 19

Most needed items: cake mix, cereal, condiments, creamed soups, and Chef Boy R Dee.

Thank you everyone for stepping up to the plate with donations.
ololmke.org/food-pantry.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 26

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

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

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 Mtg.	Rm 4
6:00 pm Finance Council Mtg.	Virtual
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group	Rm 3

Wednesday, November 29

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 Health Fair	Hall A
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall BC
6:45 pm Boy Scout Troop 612	Hall A

Thursday, November 30

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Reh.	Church

Friday, December 1—Office Closed

Saturday, December 2

Art Guild Canvas Distribution	
Haiti Craft Fair	
Welcome Weekend	
10:00 am 7/8 Gr. Retreat	Rm 6
11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
5:00 pm Liturgy	Church

Sunday, December 3

Art Guild Canvas Distribution	
Haiti Craft Fair	
Welcome Weekend	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:00 am RCIA	Rm 6
10:30 am Liturgy	Church
6:00 pm Confirmation Conversation	St. Greg's

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

In today's Gospel Matthew lays out the heart of Jesus' teaching: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the imprisoned. It's as simple as that—and as hard as that. All these actions require recognizing the humanity of others and being willing to attend to their needs. Matthew states pretty clearly that living these teachings is not optional. There will be consequences for failure. He doesn't say, but there are surely consequences for ignoring the teachings in this life—a smaller heart, fewer friends, and poorer in blessings.

SPOTLIGHT

Attention to any would be budding artists!

The doldrums of winter will soon be upon us after Christmas is done. The Art Guild has an exciting way of beating them. Get those creative juices flowing because we have just the project for you!

The Art Guild will be distributing the 6x6 art canvases the weekend of December 2 and 3. They are due to the Art Guild on the weekend of February 10 and 11.

For those unfamiliar with this project, the Art Guild gives the canvases to anyone who would like to participate and must be over 18 years old. You can use whichever type of media you want. Painting, textiles, messages, and any type of creativity you may have. You might get some ideas from our Facebook page at Our Lady of Lourdes Art Guild where we do have pictures of past projects on the mosaics.

We do require the participants to return them in February so that we can put them together in a large display and will sell raffle tickets starting the weekend of March 2 and 3. That weekend will also be the opening of our Hallway Art Exhibit entitled "Colors of the Wind." More info on the art exhibit will be coming. We will be pulling the Raffle Tickets at the end of April, and you will be notified to pick up the mosaic you have won.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Beth Javorek at mrjavorek@yahoo.com or contact the Art Guild. Can't wait to see the results!

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

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

Reminder: Christmas Carolers Wanted!

Friday, December 1 at 6:45 pm is the Jackson Park Community Association's annual tree lighting (20-30 minutes in length) Please join fellow parishioners as we lead a few carols. All ages are welcome. Meet on the triangle by Oklahoma Ave, Forest Home Ave, and 43rd St. at 6:40 pm. Song lyrics provided.

Christmas Choir

December 1 is the deadline to sign up for our Christmas Choir. This is a short-term commitment, with just the following dates required:

Rehearsals: December 6, 13, 20, 6:00 pm–7:15 pm

Mass: December 24, 9:00 pm & December 31, 10:30 am

Sign up outside Room 8 and get ready to celebrate the beautiful sounds of this sacred season.

Advent 4/Christmas Mass Schedule

December 23, 5:00 pm—Advent 4

December 24, 9:00 am—Advent 4

December 24, 5:00 pm & 9:00 pm—Christmas Eve

December 25, 8:00 am & 10:30 am—Christmas Day

Scripture Readings for December 2/3

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 | Psalm 80 |
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 | Mark 13:33-37

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