

JAN 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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NOTES FROM DEB

A Little Bit of Ordinary Time

After the briefest Advent, and a quick Christmas season, we have returned to Ordinary Time, but only for a few weeks. Ash Wednesday is one month away!

In these January days, let's savor the blessings of Ordinary Time:

- simple meals instead of the elaborate feasts of Christmas.
- sharing time with our friends instead of figuring out what gift we should purchase for them.
- enjoying the daylight hours that are lengthening each day.
- taking some time to emotionally rest—whether that means resting from all the festivities or resting from the grief that often feels heavier over the holidays.

And speaking of timing, just a reminder that the church opens 45 minutes before each service and closes 30 minutes afterward. Given that we are still short-staffed, these guidelines are most workable for the staff.

Please know that I hold each of you in prayer every day. I am so very grateful for this wonderful community of disciples!

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 - December 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
	<u>as of 12/31/2023</u>	<u>for Dec.</u>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$73,741.14	\$70,000.00
Offertory	\$6,237.40	\$4,500.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: December 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$494,166.28	\$464,315.02
Op. Expenses	\$421,962.02	\$454,919.21

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23 ..	\$128,528.08
Donations.....	\$22,311.20
Expenses.....	\$50.00
Balance (12/31/2023)	\$150,789.28

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14

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

Monday, January 15

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
6:30 pm Discipleship Institute Team Mtg.	Virtual

Tuesday, January 16

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 Group	Rm 6
6:15 pm GIFT Catechist Gathering	Rm 10

Wednesday, January 17

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
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall C
6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg.	Rm 3
6:30 pm Women's Spirituality Group	Rm 4

Thursday, January 18

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:00 am Year End Statement Mailing Prep	Rm 4
6:30 pm The Chosen Season 2	Hall C

Friday, January 19—Office Closed

Saturday, January 20

Collection for the Homeless

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

Sunday, January 21

Collection for the Homeless

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of George Strnad, Lori Loewus, Janet Falk, Maxine Stypa, Janice Gaffney and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Dorothy Calicchio
From

Claude & Susan Krawczyk
Sandra Nicolazzi
Cynthia Crebbin
Craig Birkby & Sharon Birkby
Joyce & Thomas Nicolazzi
James & Susan Sajdak

OUTREACH

Homeless Shelter Collection

January 19–28

We are collecting items for the homeless shelter, Repairers of the Breach. Please donate the following items **only**:

- Men's boxers (all sizes)
- Shower soap (travel size)
- Razors
- Laundry soap
- Ziplock bags
- Ground coffee
- Sugar and Equal packets

Please **do not donate** socks, scarves, hats, long underwear, or adult diapers.

Please drop-off your donations in the boxes located in the Lobby and the handicapped entrance.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Initiative

Initiative is originality and creativity in action. When we have initiative, we boldly express new ideas, discover a new method, or find a different way to solve a problem. We lead our lives responsibly. We don't wait for others to remind us or pressure us into action. We spring to a challenge with enthusiasm. We call on discernment to forge a new way. With initiative, we dare to be original.

Like the disciples, in the Gospel, our relationship with God is a result of God's initiative and calling. We can choose whether to heed the call and follow or turn a deaf ear to God's voice. How about it?

SPOTLIGHT

Open Wide Our Hearts: It's Cold and Blue Season

January and February are noted for being challenging months for mental health, and for good reason:

- Shorter, colder, dreary days.
- Back to reality and credit card bills after the holidays.
- Fading New Year's resolutions.
- Seasonal Affective Disorder—it's real and affects 10 million Americans!
- Mental health conditions are seen as "lesser" than physical conditions.

Fight the stigma:

- It is **not** a weakness to seek professional help!
- It is a loving kindness to be watchful for mental health imbalance in you/loved ones.
- Words matter. Avoid phrases like "just get over it," "he's crazy," "she's a junkie."
- Mental health meds are as important as diabetic or heart medications!

Know your resources:

- Milwaukee Crisis Number (414) 257-7222
- Suicide and Crisis Hotline Call 988 or text 62640
- NAMI.org

FORMATION

Second Annual Parish Spring Clean

Our second GIFT service day will take place on Saturday, March 2, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Saturday session now!



Women's Spirituality Group Meeting

Wednesday, January 17

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Attention women of the parish. The Women's Spirituality Group would like any interested women to join us for discussion and reflection, lead by fellow parishioners, of next weekend's scripture readings. All women welcome!

DISCIPLESHIP

The Chosen

Thursdays: January 18–March 7

6:30 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall

Join us as we view Season Two of *The Chosen*. Season One was so well received and attended, we are excited to view the next season.

The second season focuses on the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and what happens as word of His ministry begins to spread. The series centers on Jesus and the diverse people who met, followed, and interacted with Him. One episode will be viewed each Thursday evening—eight episodes total. Group discussion will follow each episode. **All ages are welcome. This is a free event and no registration required.**

Can't make the viewing? Watch an episode on your own and join our Zoom discussion only group held each Wednesday evening beginning January 24.

Register for Zoom discussion: ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or call the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316.

WORSHIP

We had so much fun with our Christmas Choir this year! Over 30 singers came together, and with only three rehearsals, we were ready to lead the music on Christmas Eve.

Now, as we enter the new year, please consider joining us for one of the groups coming up next:

- **Resurrection Choir**—we sing at all our funerals. Attendance is based on each member's individual availability. We rehearse approximately one Monday a month (11:30 am-12:30 pm), to keep our repertoire fresh and learn new pieces to comfort and support grieving families.
- **Spirit & Grace**—we rehearse on Thursdays from 3:30 pm-5:00 pm and sing at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday. But it's not every Thursday and not every Sunday, so the breaks make it easier to participate.
- **Easter Vigil Choir**—this is our next "seasonal choir." We will rehearse Wednesdays in March (6:00 pm-7:15 pm) and lead the music on March 30 at the Easter Vigil.

Please come and share your voice and spirit with us! For more detailed information, grab a flyer outside Room 8 or contact Anne Van Deusen or Julie Fraleigh.

Scripture Readings for January 20/21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 | Psalm 25 | 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 | Mark 1:14-20

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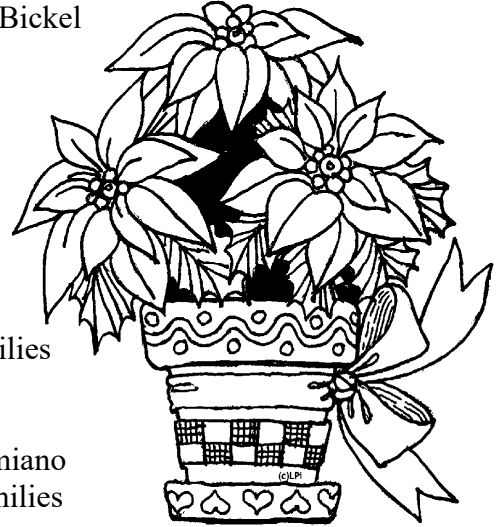
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2023 Christmas Memorial Flowers

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Rosalind Wolf
Gerald Youretz
Charmaine Zube

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