

JAN 21, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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NOTES FROM DEB

A Few Winter Notes

Back in 2020 when COVID-19 was at its worse—when we were taking reservations for Mass and had tape on the chairs in church—I had hoped COVID-19 would be just a memory at this point in our lives. I am sure that I am not alone in that. Now that winter has established itself, folks are getting sick from that as well as from the usual colds, flu, and other viruses.

I am asking everyone to use common sense measures to keep everyone safe. If you are feeling ill, please do not come to Mass. If you miss Mass, you can view our liturgies online at www.youtube.com/@ololmke. You will also find our Wednesday Table Reflections on that page as well as other offerings such as the online Lenten Retreat.

And on a much happier topic, I'd like to take this opportunity to again thank those of you who completed your parish pledge cards. As we have said (about 1,000 times) we use that pledge information to develop our budget for next year. I know that there are many causes that are deserving of your donations, time, and energy. I am incredibly grateful to you for sharing your treasure, your time, and your talents with Our Lady of Lourdes.

Know that I am holding each of you in prayer.

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 - January 2024

	ACTUAL <u>as of 1/12/2024</u>	BUDGETED <u>for Jan.</u>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$23,721.40	\$65,000.00
Offertory	\$782.00	\$3,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: January 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$519,144.18	\$536,468.85
Op. Expenses	\$468,046.81	\$535,675.82

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23 ..	\$128,528.08
Donations.....	\$23,740.98
Expenses.....	\$50.00
Balance (1/12/2024)	\$152,219.06

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 21

Collection for the Homeless

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

Monday, January 22

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
11:30 am Resurrection Choir	Rm 9

Tuesday, January 23

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
6:30 pm GIFT Core Team	Virtual

Wednesday, January 24

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
6:30 pm <i>The Chosen: Season 2</i>	Virtual Discussion Virtual
6:45 pm Boy Scout Troop 612	Hall A

Thursday, January 25

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Reh.	Church
6:30 pm <i>The Chosen: Season 2</i>	Hall C

Friday, January 26—Office Closed

Saturday, January 27

Collection for the Homeless

5:00 pm Liturgy	Church
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Sunday, January 28

Collection for the Homeless

8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:30 am Liturgy	Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
George Strnad

From

Kris Strnad
Frank Schietsski
Diane Roth
Bruce & Terri Zivney
Tanya Gross

In loving memory of
Maxine Stypa

From

Nick & Diane Somers
Diane Chow-Neathery
Jeff Girard

In loving memory of
Kathleen Schmid

From

Bruce & Terri Zivney

In loving memory of
Douglas Hardy and
James Arnsdorff

From

Theresa Arnsdorff

OUTREACH

Thank You

Thank you from Human Concerns and the Ronald McDonald House Charities for helping to keep families close. Your kind act of saving pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities allows families whose children are being treated at Children's Wisconsin and Rogers Memorial Hospital to stay close to their children during difficult times.

Walking Through Grief Together

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, February 3 and February 17 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.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Commitment

Commitment is caring deeply about a person, a goal or a belief. Once we discern a direction, we go for it wholeheartedly. We don't hold back or hesitate to act on it fully. We set goals and achieve them. We make promises and keep them. We go the extra mile. Keeping our commitments strengthens our inner integrity. It deepens our capacity to carry responsibility with grace.

In the Gospel, we hear the disciples being called from their homes and work to follow Jesus, to make that huge commitment. In the series, *The Chosen*, we get a glimpse of how hard that most likely was for them. How do you prioritize your relationship with God, with loved ones, with others that you interact with frequently?

SPOTLIGHT

Cancellation and Closing Notifications

Since we just had over a week of Wisconsin winter weather, let's visit one more time how best to learn about cancellations and closing the parish due to bad weather.

First alerts will go out through our **app and text notifications**. If you miss the notification on our app, open the app and check "Messages" located on the menu bar at the bottom of the screen. You will find a copy of all notifications that we have sent out.

Then postings will go up on our **website home page and Facebook**. If you are having trouble finding "Messages" or they are not loading properly, you can access our website from the app to see the cancellation posting.

Lastly, the **local TV stations** will be contacted. This order is based on the speed and ease (fastest to slowest) of disseminating the information.

We are aware that not everyone has a smartphone or tablet, so we will continue to use every means necessary to alert people about closings and cancellations. If you do have a smartphone or tablet, we encourage you to download our app.

Even if we are open in bad weather, please use your best judgement and stay home if that is what you are most comfortable with.

FORMATION

The Body of Christ: We Are Synodal

Join us on Sunday, February 4 to pray, listen, discern, react, and share as we delve into the issues raised at the Synod on Synodality last October. This GIFT session, facilitated by Steve Szymanski, connects with our previous GIFT session on January 14, yet attendance on January 14 is not a prerequisite to attend.



GIFT Coffee Bar

We are keeping things green, so bring your GIFT tumbler or other travel cup if you want to drink coffee or water! Compostable cups will be available for guests and adults registering for individual sessions.



DISCIPLESHIP

Evolutionary Theology Part 2—Sexual Morality & the Catholic Church

Monday, February 12

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

St. Matthias Parish

Facilitated by: Fr. Chuck Schramm & Brian Jens

Evolutionary Theology brings together faith and science, recognizing that both have truths that can give us a fresh perspective on our understanding/experience of the mysterious presence we call God.

In Part 2 of our series, using what we have learned from history, we will lay out several areas for potential dialogue where Evolutionary Theology can aid in understanding sexual morality in a new perspective. All are welcome!

Contact Brian Jens at (414) 982-2406 or by email at bjens@stmatthias-milw.org.

WORSHIP

**Next to the word of God,
the noble art of music
is the greatest treasure in the world.**

Martin Luther

Resurrection Choir rehearsal takes place this Monday, January 22, from 11:30 am–12:30 pm. We meet in Room 9. Please consider taking an hour to join us and see what we're all about. You'll be amazed at all the ways you will be blessed.

Spirit & Grace Choir has taken most of this month off. We will be coming back rested and re-energized, beginning with our first rehearsal this Thursday, January 25, from 3:30 pm–5:00 pm. We meet in the Church and/or Room 10. Come check us out, for camaraderie, laughter, fun—and some singing as well.

Scripture Readings for January 27/28

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Deuteronomy 18:15-20 | Psalm 95 |

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 | Mark 1:21-28

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An Evening of Gospel Music

Who: All Saints Gospel Choir

Date: Friday, February 9

Time: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes

Free admission with a suggested donation of hygiene items* to Courage MKE for distribution to local schools and non-profits.

The music program will be followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall.



Travel size deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, hand sanitizer; lip balm, or Band-Aids; hand warmers; menstrual products; gum; or granola bars.

Register at ololmke.org/social-justice/ or call the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316.

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