4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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NOTES FROM DEB

Anointing of the Sick Prayer Service

The sacrament of anointing of the sick is one of the many elements of Catholic life that changed with the Second Vatican Council. Once referred to as last rites or extreme unction, one could only receive the sacrament once, so it was reserved for folks who were near death.

Now the sacrament is for anyone who is facing a difficult time physically, emotionally, or spiritually. We offer the sacrament after Mass on the first full weekend of the month. While our monthly services are simple celebrations of the sacrament, anointing of the sick can be surrounded by a whole prayer service.

Peg Kasun, our former music director, has been working on her master's degree in music and liturgy. One of the requirements of her degree is to develop a prayer service. Peg has created her service around the sacrament of anointing of the sick, and she would like to share that service here with us at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Her anointing of the sick prayer service will take place on Thursday, February 8, at 7:00 pm. Please join us if you would like to receive the sacrament or if you would like the opportunity to pray with our friend Peg. There will be a short reception afterward in the Parish Hall.

Be well and be assured of my prayers.

Your shepherd, Deb Steppe

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

2024 Stewardship Pledge Commitments

As of this writing (January 19, 2024), OLOL has been abundantly blessed by the generosity of 324 of our parishioners who have returned their pledge commitment forms for 2024. Every gift is valued—and needed. Through our commitment, we are living as God intended: as disciples of Christ, building the kingdom of God. If you have not yet prayerfully discerned your pledge, we ask that you spend time in prayer, and return your pledge commitment as soon as possible to the Parish Office.

We have begun the budget process for the 2024-2025 year, and we base our expenses on the amount pledged from you. We depend on your generosity to help us continue to provide vital liturgies, pastoral care, innovative education programs, caring outreach ministries, the up-keep of our buildings, and a livelihood for our staff. In gratitude, we take up the challenge to be faithful with little, with much, and with **all**.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Welcome New Parishioners December 2023

Debra Fusek Michael Howden Sally Lemke Margaret Marcin Vranes

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Jan Falk From

Tanya Gross Marcelline Weinsheim

In loving memory of Gloria Perry From

The Perry Family

In loving memory of
Donna & Kathy Bickel
From
Anonymous

OUTREACH

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: January 30, February 13 and 27

Most needed items: baked beans, Hamburger Helper, jelly, bottled juice, mac and cheese, and canned meats. Thanks for your ongoing support to the pantry. It is because of you that we can provide food to the needy. God bless.

Please watch expiration dates. ololmke.org/food-pantry.

Recycling Update

We are once again collecting pens, markers, and glue sticks. The bins are in the meeting room hallway.



CALENDAR

Sunday, January 28

Collection for the Homeless
8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy Church

Monday, January 29

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5 8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6 11:45 am Autism Intervention Rm 4 1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

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 The Chosen: Season 2
Virtual Discussion Virtual
6:45 pm Boy Scout Troop 612 Hall A

Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2-Office Closed

Saturday, February 3

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

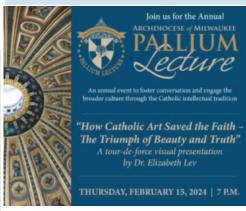
Sunday, February 4

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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

In today's gospel, the people of Capernaum are astonished that Jesus teaches in the synagogue with authority. Jesus was, after all, only a working-class man from Nazareth! How often do we underestimate a person's wisdom based on their job, level of education, or socioeconomic class? Do we ever expect less from a person based on race, first language, or immigration status?

If we are honest with ourselves, we have all probably been guilty of underestimating another person based on these arbitrary and unreliable categories. While Jesus is teaching, an unclean spirit is the one who recognizes him as "The Holy One of God." Sometimes it takes an unexpected and perhaps even unwelcome voice to point to holiness.



Register and learn more at archmil.org/bishops/Pallium-Lecture-Series.htm

SPOTLIGHT

FORMATION

An Evening of Gospel Music

You are invited to gather with fellow parishioners and guests for an hour of energizing music in our church presented by the All Saints Church Gospel Choir on Friday, February 9, from 7:00 pm-8:00 pm. The choir is well-known, having performed in the greater Milwaukee area as well as out of state for many years. The musical program will be followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall.

Admission is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring travel size hygiene items* for Courage Kits which are distributed to local schools and non-profit agencies by Courage MKE, a charity that provides shelter and guidance for displaced LGBTQ+ youth.

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

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

Sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes Social Justice Committee

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.

A Saturday GIFT Session

Please note that the first GIFT session in March takes place on Saturday, March 2, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

Youth Volunteers Needed

We are looking for youth volunteers to help with our Souper Bowl Sunday Collection on February 10 and 11 after each Mass. Use the QR code or go to https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C0D4AABAB2CA1FDC25-45429106-souper#/ to sign up.



DISCIPLESHIP

Stations of the Cross-Being a Synodal Church Friday, February 16, 6:30 pm, Zoom Thursday, March 21, 6:30 pm, Church

We will offer two opportunities to pray the Stations of the Cross this Lenten season. The first opportunity is online (via Zoom) on Friday, February 16, from the comfort of your own home. The theme will be "Being a Synodal Church." The online presentation will begin at 6:30 pm and registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Register on the Discipleship Institute web page at <u>ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/</u> or through the Parish Office.

The second opportunity to walk along these same stations will be held live in the church space on Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 pm. You can attend one or both services. This is an excellent opportunity to begin and close out the Lenten season reflecting on Christ's love for usand how we must reflect that same love as His disciples.

WORSHIP

What to do with Ordinary Time?

Try applying the beautiful message of this poem by William Martin to these weeks of ordinary time in the church.

Do not ask your children to strive for extraordinary lives. Such striving may seem admirable, but it is the way of foolishness.

Help them instead to find the wonder and the marvel of an ordinary life. Show them the joy of tasting tomatoes, apples and pears. Show them how to cry when pets and people die. Show them the infinite pleasure in the touch of a hand.

And make the ordinary come alive for them. The extraordinary will take care of itself.

Scripture Readings for February 3/4 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 | Psalm 147 | 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 | Mark 1:29-39 YOUR ONE STOP AUTO REPAIR SHOP Transmissions Brakes • A/C Alignment - Engines-Repair/Rebuild

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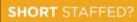


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Colors of the wind 2024

Our Lady of Lourdes Hallway Art Gallery Exhibition Theme: Colors of the Wind March 2-April 28 Sponsored by the OLOL Art Guild

Art Exhibition Reguirements:

Theme: Subject matter must relate in some way to the theme, Colors of the Wind and is open to the artist's unique interpretation.

Number of Pieces: 1-4 pieces may be exhibited, depending on space available

Entrance Fee: \$15.00 (Non Guild Members)

Free- Art Guild Members= any person who has ever attended an OLOL Art Guild Meeting) Upcoming meetings: January and February 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Hanging Requirements: Artwork must be framed and suitable for hanging with a wire. No Sawtooth hangers, please! Fiber/glass pieces do not have to be framed, but must be set up for hanging. Please clean your frame and glass before submitting!

Art Intake: Saturday February 10 and Sunday, February 11. (1/2 hour before any Mass: To arrange late drop off, contact Intake Coordinators, Mary Beth Javorek or Elena Olveda. Absolutely no art work accepted after February 15.

Artist statement required: Upon submission, please provide a two or three sentence statement how your piece/pieces relate to the theme.

Pricing: Artwork may be priced or designated as NOT FOR SALE. Sold items will be red dotted and kept up throughout the entire exhibit. Checks made out to the artist. A 10% or 20% commission donation to the parish is suggested.

Art accepted: 2 dimensional work only, including drawings, paintings, prints, mixed media, fiber art pieces, clay, mosaics, stained glass, and photography.

Age requirement: Adults, age 16 and up. No family groups with underage children.

Opening Receptions: Taking place following Masses on Saturday, March 2, 5:00 pm and Sunday, March 3, 10:30 am. Artists' presence at both receptions is encouraged

Pick-up Art Weekend: Saturday, May 4, and Sunday May 5 after any Mass. Individual arrangements must be made with the parish office for pick-up between Monday, May 6 and Thursday, May 9.

LABELS FOR SUBMISSION

Please cut out this entire column, sign the disclaimer and turn in when submitting your work, regardless of whether you submit one or more pieces.

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