



DISCIPLESHIP INSTITUTE WINTER & SPRING 2024

The Discipleship Institute of Our Lady of Lourdes is committed to “forming disciples” in the way of Jesus. We provide opportunities/events that challenge us to live out the Gospel mission. We, as a team, work to collaborate with all parish ministries and other parishes, to provide these opportunities and events.

Welcome to our winter and spring events for 2024! We continue to focus on becoming a diverse community of disciples that truly accepts all. Together we are the Body of Christ!

GIFT 2024

The Body of Christ: We Are Eucharist

All GIFT sessions are 9:05 am–10:20 am unless otherwise noted.

- Session 7: January 14 – The Synod on Synodality
- Session 8: February 4 – The Body of Christ: We Are Synodal
- Session 9: March 2 – Service Day: Parish Spring Cleaning
- Session 10: March 17 – Celebrating God’s Presence Among Us
- Session 11: April 7 – TBA
- Session 12: April 28 – Sending Forth

Register on the GIFT (Generations in Faith Together) web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-gift/ or through the Parish Office

DEEPER REFLECTION

Women’s Spirituality Group

The Women’s Spirituality group will meet monthly on the third Wednesday or third Thursday of each month (alternating days each month) from 6:30 pm–8:00 pm. Upcoming meeting dates are noted below:

- January 17
- February 15
- March 20
- April 18
- May 15

The group will gather to reflect on the Sunday readings and bible study with other women from the parish. **Watch for upcoming details on our Women’s Spirituality Retreat to be held on-site at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on April 13.** Contact Rebecca Szymanski (rdbrayer@yahoo.com) or Tanya Gross (tanyamg69@hotmail.com) to join or for more information.

Sunday Scripture Reflection

Thursdays

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

St. Matthias Parish

In person or via Zoom

Fr. Chuck Schramm and Brian Jens of St. Matthias, continue to invite us to join their weekly discussion group on the Sunday Scriptures. Call Brian Jens at (414) 982-2406 for more information.

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

Join us as we bring together faith and science, recognizing they both have truths that can give us a fresh perspective on our understanding/experience of the mysterious presence we call God. For more information or to register, contact Brian Jens at (414) 982-2406 or by email at bjens@stmatthias-milw.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE

All Saints Gospel Choir Music Program

Friday, February 9

7:00 pm–8:00 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Join us as we celebrate Black History Month with an hour of beautiful music presented by the Gospel Choir of All Saints Catholic Church. There will be fellowship in the church hall following the program.

Admission is free, but attendees are encouraged to bring a hygiene item to be distributed to local schools and non-profit agencies through Courage MKE. This is a continuing collaboration to bring together our two parishes to address social justice issues that impact our common community. Visit the Social Justice page on the parish website at ololmke.org/social-justice/ to obtain more details.

Recycling Program

The Social Justice Team continues to collect recyclable items via the hallway collection bins. Please be sure to bring your empty medicine bottles, toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes, pens, markers, and glue sticks. This is a simple way to show respect for all of God's creation.

April – Earth Day Events

In conjunction with the celebration of Earth Day, parishioners and parish families will be invited to visit the Catholic Ecology Center in Neosho, WI. The date for this visit will be forthcoming. Watch the bulletin and the parish website for more information.

We invite you to visit the revised Social Justice web page at ololmke.org/social-justice/. There are links to Catholic Social Justice teaching videos and much, much more!

Gay and Straight in Christ (GASIC)

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:00 pm–8:00 pm beginning in September through June via Zoom. Upcoming meeting dates are:

- January 10
- February 14
- March 6* (earlier date due to Zoom scheduling conflict)
- April 10
- May 8
- June 12

Please contact the Parish Office to receive the Zoom link.

This ministry works to help the LGBTQIA+ community find their rightful place within the Catholic Christian community. The group is open to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer persons, their families, friends, and those who wish to stand in solidarity with them in Christ. Visit our site on the parish webpage at ololmke.org/gasic/ for more information.

PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY

Livestream/Recorded Weekend Liturgy Wednesday Table Reflections

All our Saturday 5:00 pm Masses are live streamed and recorded for later viewing during the weekend. Each Wednesday we also offer a recorded table reflection on the day's scriptures. Visit the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish website at ololmke.org/word-services-and-reflections/.

Book Discussion – The Meal That Reconnects: Eucharistic Eating and the Global Food Crisis

Mondays, April 8, 15, and 22

7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Room 10 and via Zoom

Discussion Facilitator: Tanya Gross

In *The Meal That Reconnects*, Dr. Mary McGann, RSCJ, invites readers to a more profound appreciation of the sacredness of eating and the destructiveness of the industrial food system that is supplying food to tables globally. She presents the food crisis as a spiritual crisis—a call to rediscover the theological, ecological, and spiritual significance of eating and to probe its challenge to Christian eucharistic practice. McGann invites communities to reclaim the foundational meal character of eucharistic celebration while offering pertinent strategies for this renewal. Register on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or through the Parish Office. Be sure to give us your email to receive the Zoom link.

Art Guild

The focus of the Art Guild is to assist members in their spiritual journey through art mediums. The Art Guild sponsors the Community Mosaic as well as the Art Gallery display in the parish hallway. The Art Gallery Display will begin in February.

The Art Guild has its monthly business meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month from August through May. Open Studio is the 2nd Tuesday of each month and is open to anyone to work on individual projects. Call the Parish Office or watch the bulletin for more information on the Art Guild.

THE CHOSEN – SEASONS TWO & THREE

Join us as we view Seasons Two and Three of the blockbuster series about the life and ministry of Jesus.

Season Two – One episode will be viewed each Thursday beginning **January 18 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall**. There are 8 episodes in total. **The final viewing will be on March 7**. This is a free event. No cost. No reservations required. All ages welcome!

Season Three – One episode will be viewed each Thursday beginning **April 4 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall**. There are 8 episodes in total. **The final viewing will be on May 23**. This is a free event. No cost. No reservations required. All ages welcome!

There will be opportunity for discussion after every “live” episode.

Not able to join us in person, but you still want to take part in this event?? Maybe you already viewed the series??

We are offering a **Zoom Discussion Only** session each week. This will be held the Wednesday evening **after** the live community viewing. The first session will be held Wednesday, January 24, at 6:30 pm and will discuss Episode 1 of Season 2. This will continue each consecutive Wednesday evening until the season is completed. **You must register for the Zoom Discussion Only sessions.** Register on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or through the Parish Office.

You can obtain "The Chosen" free on the following streaming platforms:

- Netflix
- Amazon Prime Video
- CW Network
- Crackle
- Peacock
- Peacock Premium
- VUDU Free
- Tubi TV
- Redbox
- The Roku Channel
- Pure Flix
- The Chosen App – available free on any Smart TV and mobile device

LENT 2024

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 quiet space. The theme will be “Being a Synodal Church” as we walk along with Christ to the cross and His victory over death. 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 ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ 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. This is an excellent opportunity to begin and close out the Lenten season reflecting on Christ’s love for us—and how we must reflect that same love as His disciples.

Two Parables of Love

Tuesday, March 12

7:00 pm–8:00 pm

Room 10

Presenter: Dr. Harry Fleddermann

Join us for an hour this Lent as we reflect on Two Parables of Love—The Good Samaritan and The Lost Sheep. We will break open these parables and learn that Jesus is calling us to a special kind of love when we choose to follow Him. This is an excellent opportunity to grow as a disciple and better ourselves as human beings in this sacred season of Lent. Space is limited so please register on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or through the Parish Office.

Lenten Lunch Bag Retreat

February 18–March 18

Allow for about one hour each week.

Introduction to the Retreat on Zoom – Monday, February 19, 6:30 pm

Final Discussion on Zoom – Monday, March 18, 6:30 pm

Facilitated by: Anita Hallman-Kowalski

Pack up your lunch bag and go on a Lenten retreat—in the comfort of your own home! All you need is openness, a questioning mind, a cheerful spirit, a bit of reflection, and a willingness to change. We will look at the Lenten Sunday scriptures through the Ignatian Examen to see where we are invited or challenged to change. Register by February 12 and you will receive a packet of material in your email to guide you. There will be an introduction to the retreat offered via Zoom on February 19. Please register on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or through the Parish Office.

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Please note that most of our previous programs have been recorded and are therefore accessible to the homebound or for those who missed the original program. For more information, feel free to contact one of the Discipleship Institute Team listed above or please visit our webpage at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute-resources/.