

JUL 6, 2025

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Our Lady of Lourdes

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the kingdom of God  
by being Christ  
to the world.

## NOTES FROM DEB

### Some Time Away

I will be making my annual retreat this week and I ask that you keep me in your prayers. An annual retreat is a requirement of my job—and a good one. Time away to relax, to pray, and to take a breath or two is a good thing for all of us. As I will be focusing on prayer this week, I thought I would share this prayer with you. It is a Celtic version of the Our Father written by John Phillip Newell, an author in the field of Celtic spirituality.

Holy One beyond all names  
Eternal Wellspring  
May love rise again in us today  
With food for every table  
Shelter for every family  
And reverence for every life.  
Forgive us our failings in love  
And free us from all falseness  
That the light of our souls may shine  
And the strength of our spirits endure  
For Earth and all its people  
This day, tonight, and forever. Amen.

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

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**SAT** 4:00 PM

**SUN** 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

**WED** 9:30 AM

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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### Stewardship at the Ministry Fair on July 17

Do you have questions about using WeShare for your regular contributions to Our Lady of Lourdes? Have you ever considered using an ACH withdrawal from one of your bank accounts to make your donation? Wondering “How do I set up an IRA Distribution to honor my pledge?” Are you new to the parish and would like to learn more about joining the Love One Another Campaign?

Cindi Roark and Patricia Fabian will be at the Ministry Fair from 3:00 pm–7:00 pm on July 17 with the answers to these questions and simple direction sheets to help you get started! Please stop by and say hello even if you do not have questions—we’d like to meet you!

Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes!

## TRUSTEE NOMINATION

Every parish in Wisconsin, besides being a faith community, is also a legal corporation of Wisconsin. As such, it is subject to state corporation law, which means (among other things) it must have five trustees.

The archbishop and the vicar general of the archdiocese are ex-officio trustees in every parish of the archdiocese. The pastor/parish director of the parish is the third ex-officio trustee. The parish also has a trustee-treasurer and a trustee-secretary.

The term of Catherine Markwiese, our trustee-secretary, is expiring. Catherine was elected to complete the second year of an existing two-year term. The pastor/parish director may nominate one candidate for the position. Accordingly, Deborah Steppe is nominating Catherine Markwiese for the position of trustee-secretary.

Should anyone else desire nomination for this role, state law dictates that we follow this process: such a person must be an actual member of the parish, at least 25 years of age, and must receive the written support of at least 10 other adult parishioners. Nominations should be submitted to the Parish Office with the accompanying names of supporters. Nomination forms are available in the Parish Office.

Please contact Deborah Steppe if you have any questions about this process. According to state law, this notice will be published here for four weeks. Should there be other nominee(s), an election will be held the weekend of July 26 and 27.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, July 6

8:00 am Liturgy (Heinze) Church  
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert) Church

### Monday, July 7

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10  
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Group Rm 3

### Tuesday, July 8

10:00 am Art Guild Core Team Rm 4  
5:00 pm Pink Umbrella Group Rm 9  
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Group Rm 3  
6:00 pm Milwaukee Police  
Community Mtg. Hall A

### Wednesday, July 9

9:30 am Communion Service Church  
10:15 am Morning Faith Group Hall C  
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Group Rm 3

### Thursday, July 10

5:00 pm Pink Umbrella Group Hall A  
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Group Rm 3

### Friday, July 11—Office Closed

### Saturday, July 12

4:00 pm Liturgy (Marco) Church

### Sunday, July 13

8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert) Church  
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert) Church

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### Courage

Courage transforms fear into determination. It is embracing life fully, without holding back, doing what must be done even when it is difficult or risky. It allows us to face adversity with confidence. Courage opens us to new possibilities, and gives us the strength to sacrifice for what we love. Courage gives me the strength to make this journey with all my heart.

In the Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples out to do the work he needs them to do in His name. He gave them clear instructions and yet, they must have been frightened as to how they would succeed. Think about the last time you acted in a way Jesus would have called you to do. What gave you courage?

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Wedding Banns

II Daniela Herrera  
& Brandon Reid Davis

## SPOTLIGHT

### The Power of Community Prayer

What's going on in your life that's worrying you?

“Do not be anxious about anything ...in every situation, by prayer and petition...present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”  
(Philippians 4:6-7)

That's a great offer, so don't go it alone. At Our Lady of Lourdes, we believe in the power of prayer, and act on it. Requests for prayers can be submitted on the website at [ololmke.org/prayer-request/](http://ololmke.org/prayer-request/) or on paper to the prayer box outside church doors facing 58th Street. Coordinator Mary Crisp collects the requests and distributes them to parish volunteers who pray. Anyone can make a prayer request. Contact the Parish Office to be a prayer volunteer and receive prayer requests monthly. Unite in prayer!

Christine M. Yatchak  
Pastoral Council Member

## FORMATION

### GIFT theme for 2025-2026 Activating the Body of Christ

Our theme for our formation program GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) in 2025-2026 is Activating the Body of Christ. Come join us at the OLOL Ministry Fair on Thursday, July 17, to learn about how you can do this through our many formation opportunities.



**ACTIVATING THE  
BODY OF CHRIST**  
GIFT 2025-2026  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES

## DISCIPLESHIP

### The Christian Journey

When we encounter the living God and come to know God's love, we are motivated to change our lives. It is God's extraordinary love that beckons us to discover the fullness of life. God's love casts out fear from our lives and invites us to come face to face with the truth of our human condition. We are quick to see our faults, admit them honestly, and walk humbly on the journey. Gradually, we stop living for ourselves and start living for the Lord. God's love is the greatest motivator for lasting change in our lives.

The Christian life is a journey marked by three stages: discovery of the love of God, allowing God to radically change our lives, and being sent to let the light of Christ shine through us in the world.

Where are you on the journey?



## WORSHIP

### Ordinary Time is not Ordinary

This weekend, we begin "Ordinary Time." That might conjure up ideas of nothing special, but that is not the purpose of this time of year. Here is how the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) explains Ordinary Time:

"Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost... Ordinary Time, on the other hand, takes us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ."

As we begin this special time, let's be on the lookout for opportunities of conversion and living the life of Christ.

### Scripture Readings for July 12-13

#### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 | Psalm 19 | Colossians 1:15-20 | Luke 10:25-37

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