

JUL 13, 2025

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church

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coming to know
the kingdom of God
by being Christ
to the world.

NOTES FROM DEB

A New-ish Office!

As you may have seen, we are in the process of re-configuring the main office. While our current layout of cubicles and desks has worked well for many years, the needs of our office staff and office equipment are quite different than they were 10, 20, or 50 years ago!

Director of Administrative Services, Patricia Fabian found Recon Relocation to not only help us with the renovation, but they are donating all the new office furniture to us!

When it is finished, we think the office layout will be much more efficient and user friendly. For the next week or so, Patricia, Julie Petri and Marc Puechner will be somewhat displaced, but we will be available. After completion, we will have an open house so folks can see the new design.

We have so many ministries and so many avenues of discipleship here at Our Lady of Lourdes. It takes a lot of organization to guide all of that to happen. An efficient office in which to work will be helpful in those efforts. Thank you all for your continued support of the parish. I am most grateful.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 4:00 PM

SUN 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - June 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
	<u>as of 6/30/25</u>	<u>for June</u>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$52,368.29	\$43,610.11
Offertory	\$4,003.49	\$1,666.66

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: June 30, 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$994,260.33	\$909,925.00
Op. Expenses	\$947,415.85	\$909,758.00

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24..	\$169,666.89
Donations.....	\$462,281.16
Expenses.....	\$285,742.83
Balance (6/30/25)	\$346,205.22

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 13

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

Monday, July 14

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
1:30 pm Pink Umbrella Group	Rm 9
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Group	Rm 3

Tuesday, July 15

1:30 pm Pink Umbrella Group	Rm 9
3:00 pm Food Pantry	Rm 7
5:00 pm Pink Umbrella Group	Hall A
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Group	Rm 3

Wednesday, July 16

9:30 am Liturgy	Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall C
1:30 pm Pink Umbrella Group	Rm 9
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Group	Rm 3

Thursday, July 17

1:30 pm Pink Umbrella Group	Rm 9
3:00 pm Ministry Fair	Hall
5:00 pm Pink Umbrella Group	Rm 3

Friday, July 18—Office Closed

Saturday, July 19

<i>Children's Sock and Underwear Drive</i>	
11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
4:00 pm Liturgy (Suriano)	Church

Sunday, July 20

<i>Children's Sock and Underwear Drive</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy (Schramm)	Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church

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.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Mercy

Mercy is blessing others with our compassion and forgiveness. We are touched by their suffering and want to help. Justice is giving people what they deserve. Mercy is giving them more. We give ourselves and others a fresh start after an offense or mistake. Nothing inspires hope so much as a clean slate. We offer the gift of humility and forgiveness when we find it in our hearts to show mercy to others.

In the Gospel, the Good Samaritan story tells us that applying merciful love in any situation constitutes the double love commandment. Can you try to practice mercy this week to both yourself and your neighbor? Share an example with another person.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Wedding Banns

Il Daniela Herrera
& Brandon Reid Davis

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Diana Hashek
From
Denise Hashek

SPOTLIGHT

Open Wide Our Hearts

What is kinship? It's "a sharing of characteristics or origins." Synonyms include connection, affinity, community. We can feel kinship with a sports team, nature, or a parish. This may seem like a somewhat exclusionary word. But Jesus calls us to be expansive in our kinship. Can you feel kinship with someone of a different race, religion, legal status, language, sexual orientation? It only takes a little effort to establish fellowship with people we may never have thought we could. When we do that, we are enriched and rewarded.

To start your newest connection, grab a friend and go to Kinship Cafe at 2153 N. Dr. MLK Dr. for a meal in a neighborhood and venue you might otherwise never have discovered.

The Social Justice Committee

FORMATION

Bread of Healing Clinic & Reusing Pill Bottles

We are so grateful for the tremendous response to our program to reuse prescription pill bottles by the Bread of Healing Clinic. Though we had been accepting vitamin bottles, it has come to our attention that the Bread of Healing Clinic **only needs old prescription bottles**. Please make sure that the bottles are **dry and that the labels are removed**. If you experience problems removing the labels, please recycle the bottles in your community recycling program, along with used vitamin bottles. We appreciate your assistance.

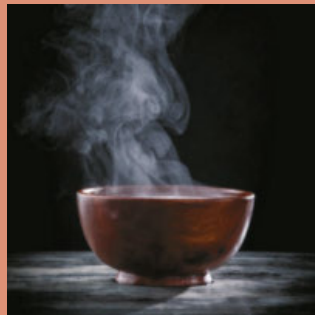


DISCIPLESHIP

Good Samaritan Opportunity

Have you been looking for a way to display love of God and love of neighbor? The Social Justice Committee has the perfect opportunity for you.

During the school year, Marquette University students work in the meal program at All Saints Church on 25th and Capitol. They serve on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 pm–6:00 pm. All Saints has requested our help this summer when students are not there. The remaining dates requested to serve are July 22 and 24, and August 5 and 7. Volunteers work from 4:00 pm–6:30 pm, setting up, serving, and clean-up. Families are welcome with children from age 10 and up. Registration can be done at <https://allsaints.org> or call Pat at (414) 321-3698.



WORSHIP

Knowing & Acting

It is one thing to know something; it is entirely another thing to act on that knowledge.

Knowing is safe and requires little or no risk. Knowing is the stuff of committees who can talk endlessly about an issue but never decide to take action. Knowing is full of hope, promises and good intentions—but knowing will take us nowhere unless we are willing to take the first step, the first attempt toward doing.

Doing, on the other hand, reveals who we are and what we stand for. Doing requires courage, strength and fortitude because doing can get us into trouble.

We know the mission, message and vision of Christ. It is already in your mind, your mouth and in your heart. You have only to carry it out.

What is it that holds you back when you come face to face with human need?

Scripture Readings for July 19-20 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10a | Psalm 15 | Colossians 1:24-28 | Luke 10:38-42

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Children's Sock & Underwear Drive

July 19–July 27

The Milwaukee Ladies of Charity is a group of 120 female volunteers who work collectively to clothe underprivileged students ages 4K–high school. OLOL has been extremely generous in the past with providing new socks and underwear for these school children. The Human Concerns Committee asks that we once again show our true discipleship and support them in their mission. Their needs are:

Girls and Boys Socks

Crew socks and socks to the ankle, please no low cut

Because the Ladies of Charity receive donations of black socks from Bombas, they suggest white and colors

Girls and Boys Underwear

Boy's Boxer Briefs sizes 4–12

Girl's sizes 4–16

New items only please

The Children's Clothing Center provides free clothing to more than 1,100 children in Milwaukee each year. All members are volunteers with no paid positions. Their expenses include only items that directly benefit their mission to clothe the children, such as the purchase of clothing, rent, utilities, and administration expenses, including insurance and office expenses.

Thank you in advance for the generosity you show these children!

Please drop off your donations in the bins at the west and east entrances of OLOL.

For more info visit their website at <https://www.locmilwaukee.org>