

JUL 27, 2025

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Our Lady of Lourdes

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

## NOTES FROM DEB

This summer I am finding myself dealing with some emotional whiplash.

On the one hand, the parish is growing, our ministry fair was a blast, and I had a profound retreat followed by a family reunion to celebrate my late mom's 100th birthday—all wonderful stuff!

Then I look at the news and my heart sinks.

Hostilities in the Holy Land only seem to be increasing. Things in Haiti are more dangerous than ever for our sisters and brothers there. In our own country, people are being detained without the due process promised by our constitution and are being held in horrific conditions in a detention facility.

As Christians how do we handle all of this? How do we hold gratitude for our many blessings and at the same time hold compassion for those in extreme suffering?

There's no easy answer to this. I think we need to remember that the good things in our lives are not lessened by suffering in other places, and while the atrocities in the world can take much of our time, our prayer, and our activism, it's okay to take a break from it for a while too.

Most importantly, I think, is to take care of ourselves, to invite God's peace into our own hearts, and to share with God the blessings and the difficulties. That's how we stay grounded, and that will allow us to keep counting our blessings, to keep moving in our activism, and to keep working to build God's kin-dom.

Please know of my prayers.

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 - July 2025

	<b>ACTUAL</b> <i>as of 7/16/25</i>	<b>BUDGETED</b> <i>for July</i>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$31,555.04	
Offertory .....	\$1,569.91	

### Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 2025

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>
Op. Income .....	\$80,073.59	
Op. Expenses .....	\$44,943.86	

### Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25 ..	\$346,205.22
Donations.....	\$725.00
Expense	
<b>Balance (7/16/25)</b>	<b>\$346,930.22</b>

THANK YOU!

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

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, July 27

*Children's Sock and Underwear Drive*  
8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert) Church  
10:30 am Liturgy (Jurkus) Church

### Monday, July 28

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 29

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 30

9:30 am Communion Service 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 31

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

### Friday, August 1—Office Closed

7:00 pm Pink Umbrella Show Hall AB

### Saturday, August 2

*School Supply Drive*  
11:00 am Walking Through  
Grief Together Rm 3  
1:00 pm Pink Umbrella Show Hall AB  
4:00 pm Liturgy (Lewis) Church

### Sunday, August 3

*School Supply Drive*  
8:00 am Liturgy (Cooper) Church  
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert) Church  
2:00 pm Pink Umbrella Show Hall AB

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Welcome New Parishioners June 2025

Michael & Michele Howard  
Christopher & Mary Beth Johnson  
Corrine Klaus  
Stephanie Ortega

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
Jeffrey Javorek  
From

Javorek Family  
Patricia McKay  
M. Pautz  
Jodie & Thomas Lane  
Mary & Jeff Logic  
Andrea & Wayne Graham

In loving memory of  
Douglas Hardy  
and Jim Arnsdorff  
From  
Theresa Arnsdorff

## OUTREACH

### Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, August 2 and August 16 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.

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: July 29, August 12 and 26

Most needed items: vegetables (all varieties), pasta, pasta sauce, and canned meat.

Thanks for your ongoing support to the pantry. God bless.

**Please watch expiration dates.**

[ololmke.org/food-pantry](http://ololmke.org/food-pantry)

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

In the Gospel, we are given the image of a friend knocking at the door at night. If the pull of friendship does not drag us out of bed to assist our friend, perhaps their persistence will. Presence and persistent communication bring about cooperative action, much like Abraham's persistent pleading with God to spare a sinful community for the sake of a few righteous. Likewise, if we are not present to God or God's people, how can we be moved to act? Pope Francis told us to "smell like the sheep." He also said "You pray for the poor. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works." It is important that we are not merely thinking about the suffering in the world. We need to place ourselves in such a way that we are present to suffering. If we surround ourselves with only what is comfortable, we miss the opportunity to have our hearts moved towards persistence. Our persistent prayers should move us to action.

## SPOTLIGHT

### Recombobulation in the Front Office

It is amazing what you find when completely cleaning out a space—every drawer and cabinet—not to mention what falls out of nooks and crannies! We found Pabst Blue Ribbon bottle openers; a Boy Scout Fish Fry poster; floppy disks; and a metal box for Youth Play tickets!

Please pardon our disarray while we put ourselves back together during the next few weeks. We are looking forward to hosting three **open house events** inviting everyone to come in and see the new work space!

#### Open House Schedule:

Wednesday, August 27

11:30 am–3:30 pm

Coffee and cookies provided by the Wednesday Faith Group

Saturday, August 30

5:00 pm–6:00 after Mass

Sunday August 31

9:00 am–10:30 am between Masses

## FORMATION

### GIFT Sign-Up is Open

Registration for our intergenerational religious formation program GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) is now open on the website. Our theme for the year is Activating the Body of Christ. Activating the Body of Christ is all about empowering us to live out our faith fully with unity, purpose, and spiritual maturity. It's not just a theological concept—it's a call to action. GIFT is open to our entire OLOL family. Our first session will be Sunday, September 7, from 9:00 am–10:20 am, when Deacon Bill Goulding will present on the Mass and why we do what we do. Please join us for GIFT this fall. [ololmke.org/gift](http://ololmke.org/gift)



## DISCIPLESHIP

### Discipleship Opportunity

Are you looking to try a new ministry? 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 is requesting our help this summer when students are not there. The remaining dates requested to serve are 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. Call Pat at (414) 321-3698 for more information or to register.



## WORSHIP

### Teach Us to Pray

Jesus showed us that prayer is not an optional practice for His followers. Rather, it is a spiritual discipline needed for spiritual vitality and maturity.

Prayer isn't something that Jesus only did once His earthly ministry began. Jesus made prayer an essential element of His daily life—and the daily life of His disciples. Prayer was never to be self-focused, but selfless and always seeking the heart of His Abba. The importance of prayer in the life of Jesus cannot be overstated.

Prayer was Jesus' source of strength, wisdom, and compassion because it connected Him to His Abba. We should have the same strong, faith-filled life that Jesus had. Our prayer should expose the heart of our relationship with God: who we think God is and how we stand in God's presence.

Do you pray out of obligation, or do you genuinely experience God's presence and peace during prayer?

### Scripture Readings for August 2-3

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Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 | Psalm 90 |

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 | Luke 12:13-21

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