

AUG 3, 2025

18th 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

Thank you!

It's been a few weeks since our Ministry Fair/Potluck, but I wanted to express my gratitude to everyone who helped make the event a success.

Traditionally we have done ministry fairs after the weekend liturgies, so we weren't sure what to expect for a Thursday afternoon in the middle of the summer. Well, I couldn't be more pleased with how things turned out. I estimate that we had around 150 people attend, the food was fantastic, and folks got to see the many ministries that make up our discipleship. Most importantly, it was an afternoon of fellowship and community. It was great seeing so many familiar and new faces. In the coming weeks, we'll be in touch with those who have signed up for new ministries, and I'm excited to take a look at the ministry suggestions that Fr. Bill received!

Going forward if you find that you may be interested in trying something new here at OLOL, please contact me or one of the staff—we would be happy to help you try out something new.

As always, please know that I continue to hold you in prayer and I ask for your prayers for me too.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Trustee Secretary Nomination/Election is Complete

Unique to Catholic parishes in Wisconsin is the position of trustee. Under civil statute, each parish is a corporation with the archbishop as president, the pastor/parish director as vice president and two trustees as secretary and treasurer. Trustees at Our Lady of Lourdes serve on the Finance Council and the Pastoral Council. We have run the Nomination of Catherine Markwiese as Trustee-Secretary for the required weeks and are pleased to announce her new two year term. Cathy is a member of the choir, often serves at the A/V desk, and is part of the Oktoberfest committee. Our parish is rich with talented, wise, and grace-filled disciples.

CALENDAR

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

Monday, August 4

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

Tuesday, August 5

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

Wednesday, August 6

9:30 am Liturgy Church
 10:15 am Morning Faith Group Hall C
 5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Group Rm 3
 7:00 pm Worship Team Mtg. Rm 9
 7:00 pm Remembering
 Hiroshima/Nagasaki Garden

Thursday, August 7

10:00 am Dorothy Tennesen
 Funeral Visitation Church
 11:00 am Dorothy Tennesen
 Funeral Church
 5:00 pm Pink Umbrella Group Hall A
 5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Group Rm 3

Friday, August 8—Office Closed

Saturday, August 9

School Supply Drive
 4:00 pm Liturgy (Burkert) Church

Sunday, August 10

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Dorothy Tennesen, Rolan Doffing, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

2025 Pallium Lecture

Archbishop Jeffrey Grob invites you to "Synods, Councils, and Creeds—Treasuring Our Catholic Inheritance Today"

Presented by Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores, S.T.D., Bishop of Brownsville, Texas
 Thursday, September 4
 7:00 pm

Brookfield Conference Center
 325 S. Moorland Road
 Brookfield, WI 53005

Free and open to the public
 American Sign Language interpreter available

Register at

archmil.regfox.com/pallium-lecture-2025

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

This week, as you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: August 12 and 26

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

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

Please watch expiration dates.

ololmke.org/food-pantry

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Grace

Grace is our connection to the Divine, a sense that we are loved and provided for in all circumstances. Grace inspires us to give unconditional love to others. With grace, we can turn every communication and relationship into a thing of beauty. We grow in grace when we treat others with dignity, kindness and courtesy, and whenever we forgive. As we connect deeply with grace, we become the presence of grace to others.

As in the first two readings, Jesus emphasizes that things of this world are passing while things of heaven endure eternally. How can we let grace guide our choices and decisions?

IF TODAY YOU
 HEAR HIS VOICE,
 HARDEN NOT
 YOUR HEARTS.



PSALM 95

SPOTLIGHT

Seas of Change

Let's take a minute to talk about change. Change has always been hard for me, bringing with it anxiety of the unknown. Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, is quoted for saying "Change is the only constant in life." That seems to be spot on—society, people, and life are always evolving. Sometimes the change is good and we rejoice. Sometimes the change is difficult and we endure sadness, but, regardless, change is inevitable. Change isn't always something that we can control, but, how we respond is something we can control. Trusting that God is with us in all seasons of change can provide comfort to embrace what we are transforming through. God is our beacon as we navigate seas of change.

Denise Haussy
Pastoral Council Member

FORMATION

Sacrament Preparation

Is your child starting first grade this fall? Be ready for the sacraments of reconciliation and first Eucharist by enrolling in GIFT now.

To be eligible for sacrament preparation the Archdiocese of Milwaukee requires that children be in religious formation one year prior to the year of sacrament reception. So, if your child was in five-year-old kindergarten last school year, they need to participate in our formation program GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) during their first-grade year, so that they can celebrate the sacraments in second grade. GIFT begins Sunday, September 7. Be sure to enroll in GIFT now.

ololmke.org/gift/

Contact Director of Child Ministry, Steve Szymanski if you have any questions.

DISCIPLESHIP

The Chosen

Thursdays, August 14–October 2
6:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall

Join us as we view Season Five of *The Chosen*. The series centers on Jesus and the diverse people who met, followed, and interacted with Him. One episode will be viewed each Thursday (eight episodes in total). Group discussion will follow each episode. All ages are welcome. This is a free event, and no registration required.

If you cannot join in person or have already seen the series and are interested in discussing what you have already watched, we are offering Zoom Discussion Only sessions. Beginning Wednesday evening, August 20, at 6:30 pm and each consecutive Wednesday evening, we will discuss one episode each session. Registration is required for the Zoom Only sessions. Register on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or through the Parish Office.

WORSHIP

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker in Concert

Friday, August 22
7:00 pm
St. Luke Catholic Church
18000 W. Greenfield Ave, Brookfield, WI 53045

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker is a singer, composer, recording artist, and veteran pastoral musician. We sing many of her compositions here at Lourdes, including *In Every Age, Here at This Table, Springs of Water, The Lord Is My Shepherd, Canticle of the Free, Comfort My People, and Day of Peace*.

Use the QR Code to order tickets in advance or purchase at the door.

Sponsored by ALMA (Archdiocesan Liturgical Musicians' Association)



Scripture Readings for August 9/10 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18: 6-9 | Psalm 33 | Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12 |
Luke 12: 35-40

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Outreach to Haiti: Our Missionary Connection

A 25-Year Bond of Faith and Service

Since 1954, the Missionary Cooperation Plan has connected parishes to global missions. For over 25 years, OLOL has embraced this call through a twinning relationship with Outreach to Haiti (OTH)—fostering deep ties with our Haitian brothers and sisters.

Medical Ministry

OTH operates a vital clinic in Kris Wa, Port-au-Prince, offering:

- Basic medical care and immunizations
- Prenatal services and nutrition education
- Programs for malnourished children
- Progress toward a new dental clinic

Empowering Education

With OLOL's support, OTH's education program serves 200+ students, offering:

- Guaranteed high school completion
- Tutoring and nutrition support
- Opportunities for college and careers — graduates include nurses, doctors, and entrepreneurs

Supporting Women

The FAK (Advancing Women Now) program helps Haitian women start and grow small businesses. One participant's expanded peanut butter enterprise funded a wheelchair for her daughter—a powerful testament to hope and resilience.

Enduring in Troubled Times

Despite hardship and unrest, OTH continues to serve with courage. Your support tells them they are not forgotten. As employee Jean Marie Brutus shared:

"I pray for every parishioner—and ask you to keep Haiti in your prayers."

How You Can Help

Donations are welcome:

- Online—use the QR code
- By check to OLOL (memo: "Haiti donation"), placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office
- Learn more at ololmke.org/outreach-to-haiti/



**Mesi Anpil! Thank you for your faith, compassion, and solidarity.
Bondye bon (God is good)!**