

AUG 17, 2025

20th 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

Greetings all,

We may be still in the midst of summer, but staff and parishioners alike are gearing up for our next programming year. In the next month we are watching *The Chosen*, GIFT begins, and sheepshead continues. We are collecting items for Repairers of the Breach, the Art Guild has open studio time, and Judge Derek Mosley will present on "Blacks in History." The Spirit and Grace choir returns, we continue to serve at St. Ben's, and our Wednesday Faith and Social Group will have a Labor Day party. And that's not even close to being a complete list!

It takes no small amount of time and energy to accomplish all that happens here, not to mention a good number of financial resources too. So, thank you for your financial donations. Thank you for your in-kind donations to the Food Pantry, St. Ben's and others. Thank you for the time and energy you bring to your discipleship here. And thank you for praying with us every week (in person and online!).

It is such a blessing to be a part of this parish family!

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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SAT 4:00 PM

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WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - July 2025

	ACTUAL <i>as of 7/31/25</i>	BUDGETED <i>for July</i>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$73,109.22	\$46,416.67
Offertory	\$2,943.18	\$2,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$126,135.80	\$53,200.00
Op. Expenses	\$73,069.02	\$77,911.68

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25 ..	\$346,205.22
Donations.....	\$2,351.88
Expense	\$2,123.38
Balance (8/7/25)	\$346,433.72

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 17

8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Suriano)	Church
2:00 pm Pink Umbrella Show	Hall AB

Monday, August 18

11:30 am Resurrection Choir	Rm 9
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm GIFT Core Team	Rm 10

Tuesday, August 19

6:30 pm GIFT Core Team	Rm 10
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Wednesday, August 20

9:30 am Liturgy	Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall C

Thursday, August 21

6:30 pm The Chosen	Hall C
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Friday, August 22—Office Closed

Saturday, August 23

4:00 pm Liturgy (Cooper)	Church
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Sunday, August 24

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Shirley Pliszka

From

Therese and Bruce Zivney
Mary K (Lemke) &
Jerry Babcock
The Pliszka Family

In loving memory of

Robert J. Hashek

From

Ed Hashek

Parish Office Open House:

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

OUTREACH

Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, September 6 and 20, 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.

Thank you from the Human Concerns Committee

Every year your level of giving expands! This year's donations to the Ladies of Charity Drive of Children's Socks and Underwear **again** exceeded last year's amounts! You donated 756 pairs of socks and 1,051 pairs of underwear! The Ladies expressed how grateful the parents are! Many thanks to you, especially from those families that benefit from your generosity!

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Unity

Unity is a powerful virtue and it brings great strength. Unity is inclusiveness. We see our commonality without devaluing our differences. Unity frees us from the divisiveness of prejudice and heals our fears. We refuse to engage in conflict, listening carefully to another's view point. With civility and tolerance, we can share our views and hope the same respect is returned to us.

The readings today seem to stress conflict and division. Turning on the news can do the same. Conversations with family and friends can often result in divisive discussions. How do you choose to handle these situations? Share with others what has worked for you.

LET
THE
HOLY
SPIRIT
BLAZE
LIKE
FIRE
IN YOUR
heart



SPOTLIGHT

Unsung Disciples OLOL Recycling Program Update

In its fourth year, the OLOL Recycling Program continues to draw much participation. Several volunteers make sure that the contributions are delivered to the proper sites. Steve Szymanski monitors the collection containers which are located in the south hallway. Rick Cesar delivers approximately 200 prescription pill bottles (no vitamin bottles accepted) every two weeks to the Bread of Healing Clinic. Eileen Dunning takes care of the pull tabs for the benefit of the Ronald McDonald House (\$1800 donated last year) and Lisa Jones mails boxes of dental products through UPS. Emily and Kevin Kane take the writing implements to the Staples store in Madison. What a great group of disciples who are helping to care for Mother Earth!

Patricia McKay, Pastoral Council

FORMATION

Have you signed-up for GIFT yet?

Registration for our formation program GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) has been open for a few weeks now. You can register on our website at ololmke.org/gift. Our first session will be Sunday, September 7, from 9:00 am–10:20 am, when Deacon Bill Goulding will present on the topic “The Mass, Why Do We Do What We Do?”

Our theme for the year is “Activating the Body of Christ.” Other presenters in 2025-2026 include Jim Wielgosz, Mike Kolz, Darryl Morin, and Nancie Chmielewski. See the website for more details and dates. Hope to see you at GIFT!



DISCIPLESHIP

Set the Earth on Fire

“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing.”
Luke 12:49

What a statement.

Sometimes we picture Jesus as this feel-good person who is always smiling and always gentle and always peaceful. But when we really think about it, when we see how much He stirs things up, in our families, in our world, in our hearts, we don't think of Jesus being as much a teddy bear as He is a fire. A blazing, burning fire.

A fire that molds us, changes us, inspires us. A fire that brings conversion and gets us on our feet, ready to carry our cross and follow Jesus wherever he leads us.

Whenever we get that stirred-up feeling and hints of something new coming—some new conversion, some new life, some strong push in a different direction—don't get nervous, get ready.

Jesus is up to something.

WORSHIP

**“You know what music is?
God's little reminder that there's something else
besides us in this universe;
harmonic connection between all living beings,
everywhere, even the stars.”**

Robin Williams, in *August Rush*

Music plays many roles in our worship services. It helps us break open the scripture, enhancing the words we hear read to us. It lifts us to a different level of awareness—of our gifts, our needs, and our call to be Christ in the world. And it brings us together as community, connecting us in deep and powerful ways. Thank you for being the singing community that you are. Your voices are heard so beautifully every time we gather together, filling our worship space and creating that harmonic connection.

Scripture Readings for August 23/24

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Isaiah 66:18-21 | Psalm 117 | Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
| Luke 13: 22-30

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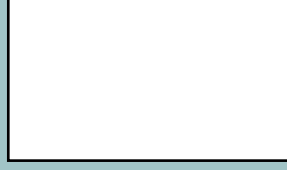
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