

AUG 24, 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church

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

NOTES FROM DEB

Greetings all,

One of my sisters-in-law shared the following quote with me from the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu:

“We may be surprised at the people we find in heaven.
God has a soft spot for sinners. His standards are quite low.”

This really struck a chord within me. It is a reminder of God’s infinite mercy and love. It is also a reminder that the love of God is bigger and more expansive than what our human minds can even imagine. It’s humbling too when we realize our human tendency to judge and condemn is no match for the love of God.

There is so much going on in our world these days—so many issues that need our time and energy. Let’s leave the judgements to God and let’s continue to work together to build God’s kin-dom.

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 - August 2025

	ACTUAL as of 8/15/25	BUDGETED for August
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$27,926.65	\$60,916.67
Offertory	\$1,324.26	\$3,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$159,792.48	\$126,025.00
Op. Expenses	\$101,663.31	\$155,823.36

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25 ..	\$346,205.22
Donations.....	\$2,856.88
Expense	\$2,123.38
Balance (8/15/25)	\$346,928.72

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 24

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

Monday, August 25

1:00 pm Sheephead Group	Rm 10
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Tuesday, August 26

9:30 am Rolan Doffing Funeral Visitation	Church
10:30 am Rolan Doffing Funeral	Church
1:00 pm Art Guild Class	Rm 4
3:15 pm Food Pantry	Rm 7
6:15 pm Catechist Dinner	Rm 10

Wednesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 28

11:00 am Women's Grief Support Group	Hall C
6:30 pm <i>The Chosen</i>	Hall C

Friday, August 29—Office Closed

Saturday, August 30

4:00 pm Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
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Sunday, August 31

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

Parish Office Open House:

Wednesday, August 27
11:30 am–3:30 pm

Saturday, August 30
5:00 pm–6:00 pm

Sunday, August 31
9:00 am–10:30 am

Jubilee Mass 2025

Saturday, October 25
10:00 am

St Stephen's Catholic Church in Oak Creek

Married couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary (or greater!) are invited to participate in Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob.

Register for this **free** event by Friday, October 10.

archmil.regfox.com/jubilee-anniversary-mass-2025



OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others.

In the month of August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to provide families with food and assist with utility and rent bills. Thank you!

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: August 26, September 9 and 23

Most needed items: bottled juice (64 ounce size), peanut butter (16 ounce size), Hamburger and Tuna Helper, vegetables (all varieties), cookies, and soups.

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

Please watch expiration dates.

ololmke.org/food-pantry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Today the readings remind us that being a person of faith calls us to be disciplined. What this looks like in a practical sense could be widely debated. Should most of our efforts go to religious practices? Generosity? Denying ourselves for the greater good?

In the Gospel, Jesus makes the familiar statement that the last shall be first and the first shall be last. Where do you see yourself on an earthly scale of first and last? If we are a people who are "first," what are we called to do? Who are the "last" among us? Is it enough to simply share resources with the "last" or are we called to something that brings us closer to the poor and suffering? Jesus calls us to a discipline that goes deeper than giving of our excess. We each need to find the best way to carry out this calling towards the narrow gate.

SPOTLIGHT

Active Nonviolence Corner

As a follow up to the “Season For Nonviolence” e-mails, the Social Justice committee is working to extend this work. As a result, you are invited to visit the **Active Nonviolence Corner** on the OLOL website debuting on **September 1**. This new initiative offers information, reflection, and action suggestions, with a focus on our call to create opportunities for peace in our world.

The Active Nonviolence Corner will have monthly themes and content will change regularly. This month's theme is “Season of Creation: Peace With Creation.” We hope you check it out.

Look for the Active Nonviolence Corner link on the Social Justice page at ololmke.org/social-justice.

FORMATION

GIFT in 2025-2026

Believe it or not, this will be our 20th year of GIFT! GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) began back in fall 2006. We want to remind our entire OLOL family that GIFT is designed for everyone! If you are age 4 or 90+, GIFT is for you!

Registration for our intergenerational religious formation program GIFT is now open on our website. ololmke.org/gift

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.

See the Worship Column below for details about our first session on September 7, from 9:00 am-10:20 am.



**ACTIVATING THE
BODY OF CHRIST**

GIFT 2025-2026
OUR LADY OF LOURDES

DISCIPLESHIP

Things Your History Teacher Didn't Teach You: Blacks in History

Join us on September 15, as Derek Mosley, Director of Marquette Law School's Lubar Center for Public Research and Civic Education, will discuss the many contributions of African Americans as he conveys that Black History is indeed U.S. History.

Historically, the contributions and stories of people of color in America have been minimized or ignored in American history books. Through narration, photos, and humor, Mr. Mosley will provide us an opportunity to meet people and hear stories that will surprise and enlighten.

The program will take place from 6:30 pm–8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Please register at ololmke.org/social-justice or call the Parish Office.

WORSHIP

The Mass, Why Do We Do What We Do?

GIFT (Generations in Faith Together) is our parish's innovative approach to faith formation. The GIFT program provides an opportunity for all ages to grow in faith together. GIFT programs will begin again on Sunday, September 7. The sessions take place from 9:05 am–10:20 am.

Our first session is “The Mass, Why Do We Do What We Do?” presented by Deacon Bill Goulding. Although we “do it” every week of our lives, there is so much about the Mass that is unknown or misunderstood. In this session, we will “demystify” the Mass so that it becomes less of a repetitive ritual and more of a meaningful and even inspirational experience. This is a must-see session.

Register at ololmke.org/gift/ or call the Parish Office.

Scripture Readings for August 30/31

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Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 | Psalm 68 |

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a | Luke 14:1, 7-14

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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SERVING?

Our Lady of Lourdes has openings to its Pastoral Council and is searching for new members!

Do you feel called to a leadership role in our Parish community? If so, please consider nominating yourself or someone from whom you obtain permission for consideration.

Please use this QR code to access the online nomination form. You may also submit the nomination form on the other side of this page. **All nominations must be submitted online or to the Parish Office no later than Sunday, September 7.**

Please contact **Cory Anshus** (coryanshus2020@gmail.com) or **Denise Haussy** (denise.haussy@yahoo.com) with any questions!





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PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

The Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council serves the parish in partnership with Deb Steppe on how best to carry out the mission of Jesus and the Church within the Lourdes community. The Council currently has 17 members. We would like our council to be as diverse as our community, and we welcome youth and adults of any gender, race, or age.

Please consider nominating yourself or someone from whom you obtain permission for this position using this form and return it to the boxes at the entry of church by **September 7, 2025**. Nominees will be sent further information and will be requested to attend the September 17th Pastoral Council meeting between 6:00 pm-7:00 pm.

To be eligible to serve on the Pastoral Council, individuals must be:

- **At least 18 years old (youth with parental permission are welcome to apply)**
- **A registered member of Our Lady of Lourdes**
- **An active participant in parish life – service in a Parish ministry or on a Parish committee is preferred**
- **Willing to meet for 1.5 hours on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except July and August)**

If you are nominating someone other than yourself, that person’s consent must be on the nomination form.

Please select one of the following options

_____ **I am interested in serving on the OLOL Pastoral Council. Please contact me for further discussion.**

Name (please print): _____

E-mail address and phone number: _____

OR

_____ **I (your name)** _____ **would like to nominate**
_____ **to serve on the OLOL Pastoral Council.**

Nominee’s E-mail address and phone number: _____

I confirm that the nominee has consented to being nominated and will serve on the Council if selected.

Nominator’s E-mail address & phone number: _____