

AUG 31, 2025

22nd 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 are all aware of the many places in our world facing extreme difficulty. This summer it seems the situation in Gaza has hit new levels of extremity. According to CBS news, the latest data indicates that famine thresholds have been reached for food consumption in most of the Gaza Strip and for acute malnutrition in Gaza City. A recent story on NPR indicated that on July 19 alone, 80 people were killed trying to get flour, most of them were shot from across the border.

Pope Leo has called starvation of civilians a cheap way to wage war and has called using hunger as a weapon of war “inhumane” (*Vatican News*, June 25, 2025). While we can have various opinions on Middle East politics, the bad actors, and possible solutions, I think we can all agree that starving civilians—including children—is barbaric.

We have the tradition of not having second collections at Mass, but because of the extraordinary nature of the crisis in Gaza, Archbishop Grob has asked us to have a second collection for the people of Gaza. Funds received will go to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Catholic Relief Services. Both organizations provide emergency humanitarian relief. This collection will take place at all the liturgies on the weekend of September 6 and 7. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes and mark on the check that the funds are for Gaza.

Let’s hold in prayer the people of Gaza and all those around the world who are in such difficult conditions.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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SAT 4:00 PM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - August 2025

	ACTUAL as of 8/22/25	BUDGETED for August
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$36,065.65	\$60,916.67
Offertory	\$2,322.26	\$3,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$167,931.48	\$126,025.00
Op. Expenses	\$110,596.17	\$155,823.36

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25 ..	\$346,205.22
Donations.....	\$3,311.88
Expense	\$2,265.88
Balance (8/22/25)	\$347,251.22

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 31

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

Monday, September 1—Labor Day Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

Wednesday, September 3

9:30 am Liturgy	Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall C
6:30 pm Women's Spirituality	Rm 6
7:00 pm Worship Team	Rm 3

Thursday, September 4

3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Reh.	Church
6:30 pm <i>The Chosen</i>	Hall C

Friday, September 5—Office Closed

Saturday, September 6

<i>Oktoberfest Sign-up Sheets</i>	
<i>Repairers of the Breach Collection</i>	
4:00 pm Liturgy (Cooper)	Church

Sunday, September 7

<i>Oktoberfest Sign-up Sheets</i>	
<i>Repairers of the Breach Collection</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy (Jurkus)	Church
9:00 am GIFT	Hall
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

Welcome New Parishioners July 2025

Mary & Kevin Donnelly
Diane Falk

Women's Spirituality Group Meeting

Wednesday, September 3
6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Discussion and reflection, lead by fellow parishioners, of next weekend's scripture readings. **All women welcome.**

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

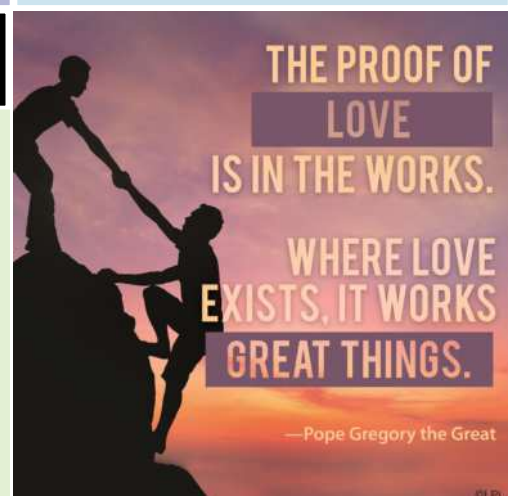
With love for your neighbors who are poor, crippled, lame, or blind, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Righteousness

Righteousness is living by a code of moral behavior and thinking. It is practicing integrity in light of what we know is right. We don't fall for the fads of the day. We don't stand in judgment of others. We discern the lesson in a teachable moment and gently call ourselves back to our better selves. We resist being driven by our egos. We choose to be led by our souls.

The readings always call us to our best selves. It is important to distinguish between self-righteousness and righteousness. Can you name an experience of being self-righteous? Did you try to call on your better self?



SPOTLIGHT

Collection for the Homeless

We are collecting items for Repairers of the Breach, a daytime shelter for the homeless, on 14th and Vliet. Bring any of the listed items with you to church next weekend, September 6 and 7. Leave them in the large container in the meeting room hallway. Please donate only the items listed.

Coffee
Laundry soap
Men's boxers (all sizes)
Deodorant
Shavers
Socks
Trial size shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush

Financial donations can be made by writing a check payable to "Repairers of the Breach" and mailed to: PO Box 5648 Milwaukee, WI 53205 or online at www.repairers.org/donate

Questions? Contact: Debra Raduka, (414) 530-5430, draduka13@gmail.com

FORMATION

GIFT Begins Next Sunday

Deacon Bill Goulding on
"The Mass, Why Do We Do What We Do?"

Although we "do it" virtually every week of our lives, there is so much about the Mass that is unknown or misunderstood. In this session, we will try to "demystify" the Mass so that it becomes less of a repetitive ritual and more of a meaningful and even inspirational experience. Join us Sunday, September 7, at 9:00 am in the Hall for GIFT.



ACTIVATING THE
BODY OF CHRIST
GIFT 2025-2026
OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Still Not Registered for GIFT? You can still Activate the Body of Christ!

Register at ololmke.com/gift for our intergenerational religious formation program GIFT. GIFT is open to our entire OLOL family. Call the Parish Office with questions.

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Institute Presents A Walk Through the Bible

Wednesdays: September 17 and 24
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
Room 10
Presented by Jim Gill

If you attended "Bible Basics for Beginners" last spring, then this is the natural next step for you!

In this two-part session, we will dive just a bit deeper into the origins and arrangement of the Bible. We will learn how to use footnotes, commentaries, and maps as well as resources outside of the Bible such as commentaries and concordances. If you want to sharpen your Bible skills, please register at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or call the Parish Office.

WORSHIP

"I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord." (Ps 104:33-34)

It's that exciting time of the year when the music groups we put to rest for the summer start up again. Two of these begin over the next few weeks, and we'd love to have you give us a try. No audition is required.

Spirit & Grace Choir: These singers and instrumentalists lead music on Sunday mornings and other special liturgies throughout the year. Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 4, from 3:30 pm–5:00 pm.

Oktoberfest Polka Mass Ensemble: One rehearsal only! Monday, September 29, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm. Then help us set the festive mood at our Polka Mass on Saturday, October 11, at 4:00 pm.

For a full schedule of all our choirs visit ololmke.org/choirs/ or if you have any questions, please contact Anne Van Deusen.

Scripture Readings for September 6/7 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9: 13-18b | Psalm 90 | Philemon 9-10, 12-17 | Luke 14: 25-33

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