

SEP 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



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the kingdom of God
by being Christ
to the world.

NOTES FROM DEB

History, pets, cards, and a fair!

One of the many things I love about our parish is the wide diversity of opportunities we have for learning, for prayer, and for fun. On Monday of this week, we have Derek Mosley, Director of the Lubar Center for Public Research and Civic Education at Marquette University sharing his presentation, "Things Your History Teacher Didn't Teach You: Blacks in History." I have heard Judge Mosley in the past. He is a dynamic speaker and well worth your time.

With the feast of St. Francis of Assisi approaching, we will have our annual pet blessing on Saturday, October 4, at 10:00 am on the east side of our building or in the Hall if it's raining. Our pets are such a blessing to us—it is so appropriate to appreciate and bless them in this way. The pet blessing is an absolute joy—and sometimes the dogs even form a choir to accompany the blessing!

One of the suggestions that came out of our Ministry Fair was to have a Euchre card group. If you are interested in playing Euchre here at church on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday afternoons, please call Julie in the Parish Office.

Our Oktoberfest Artisan Fair is just around the corner. The sense of community and a true spirit of joy are present throughout the weekend. Please consider volunteering a bit of your time to help with this wonderful event. I look forward to seeing you there!

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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SAT 4:00 PM

SUN 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - August 2025

	ACTUAL as of 8/31/25	BUDGETED for August
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$59,218.03	\$60,916.67
Offertory	\$3,744.22	\$3,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$195,451.55	\$126,025.00
Op. Expenses	\$131,818.64	\$155,823.36

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25 ..	\$346,205.22
Donations.....	\$6,167.14
Expense	\$4,389.26
Balance (8/31/25)	\$347,983.10

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 14

<i>Oktoberfest Sign-up Sheets</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy (Cooper)	Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Lewis)	Church

Monday, September 15

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm Blacks in History	Hall

Tuesday, September 16

6:00 pm Adoption Support	Rm 6
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Wednesday, September 17

9:00 am BAAM Mtg.	Hall AB
9:30 am Liturgy	Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall C
6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg.	Rm 3
6:30 pm <i>The Chosen</i> Discussion	Virtual
7:00 pm A Walk Through the Bible	Rm 10

Thursday, September 18

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

Friday, September 19—Office Closed

9:00 am Lindsay Levenhagen Funeral Visitation	Church
11:00 am Lindsay Levenhagen Funeral	Church

Saturday, September 20

<i>Oktoberfest Sign-up Sheets</i>	
11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
4:00 pm Liturgy (Heinze)	Church

Sunday, September 21

<i>Oktoberfest Sign-up Sheets</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
9:00 am Sacrament Prep	Hall
10:30 am Liturgy (Abert)	Church
11:30 am Environment Change	Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Lindsay Levenhagen, James Hopefl, Valerie Blonski, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Victor & Stella Witkowski

From
Theresa Arnsdorff

In loving memory of
Marion Holtz

From
Her loving family

Library News

For two weeks, beginning Sunday, September 14, the library will feature books about the Bible.

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

Today's Gospel reminds us of God's great love for each of us, a love so great that He sent His son not to condemn the world, but to save it, so that we might have eternal life.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul... we want to help!

Blacks in History

Join us on September 15, from 6:30 pm–8:00 pm in the Parish Hall as Derek Mosley will discuss the many contributions of African Americans as he conveys that Black History is indeed U.S. History.

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

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Fidelity

Fidelity is abiding by an agreement, treating it as a personal commitment. It is remaining true to a cherished ideal no matter what happens to thwart our purpose. Fidelity keeps us loyal. We avoid backbiting and casting blame. We call on our courage to resolve differences face to face. We continually aim to be trustworthy. Fidelity keeps us on a path of true integrity.

In the Gospel, we hear a familiar verse as we observe and honor Christ's cross as the symbol of our salvation and proclamation of our faith. If you wear a cross, what does it mean to you? If you see others wearing a cross, ask each person what it means to them.

SPOTLIGHT

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair 2025

Have you checked out Oktoberfest Artisan Fair on ololmke.org/oktoberfest? It is a great way to remember fun times from past years or learn about this wonderful weekend. Are you curious about the cake walk? Do you know the story behind our coveted homemade apple strudel that creates waiting lines? Would you like to watch the jackpot as it grows in the weeks leading up to Oktoberfest? Well, check the website!

The schedule and menu are listed on the website. In a nutshell, here is what is new in 2025.

- New artists join your favorite returning artists. Follow us on Facebook to preview their art!
- That's Amore lasagna on Saturday evening.
- New art and activities for all ages and skill levels on Saturday afternoon from 12:30 pm– 3:30 pm.
- New baskets donated by parishioners and organizations
- And **you**, if you haven't joined us before!

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair Team

FORMATION

You Can Still Join Us for GIFT

If you missed last weekend's GIFT session with Deacon Bill, it is not too late to join us for the rest of the GIFT year. You can register on our website at ololmke.org/gift. The next GIFT session will be Sunday, September 28, with Jim Wielgosz presenting on "Secret Superpowers: Unlocking Your God-Given Abilities."

Prayer Service for the International Day of Nonviolence

Join us Wednesday, October 1, from 6:30-7:00 pm in the church to pray for our world and to take Jesus' words to heart and become people of nonviolence.



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

On this feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we rejoice in the cross of Jesus. This can feel like an odd feast to celebrate. We raise up and exalt an instrument of torture, the means of our Savior's death.

But it is not about the cross itself; it is about the whole story, the love story of a God never giving up on humanity. God's love is self-emptying and life-giving. The Creator became the created, enduring even suffering and death, in order to unite us with the Divine.

Love is what makes the cross beautiful. It transforms the cross from a death-dealing device to a sign of hope. Truly anything is possible with God.

How can you participate in the self-emptying, life-giving love that Jesus models for us on the cross?

Scripture Readings for September 20/21 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8: 4-7 | Psalm 113 | 1 Timothy 2:1-8 |
Luke 16:10-13

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