

SEP 21, 2025

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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NOTES FROM DEB

Greetings all,

As a parish family, we care for one another, we hold one another's concerns close to our heart and we pray for one another. If you have a concern or difficulty and would like to be held in prayer, we have a prayer team that would love to pray for you.

Feel free to write your intention and place it in the prayer box that is near the front door of the church (we have pencils and paper right there). Every month those prayer intentions are received and sent out to the prayer team. I am one of the people who receives the list of intentions each month. It is a tender responsibility that I hold very dearly.

If you would like to join this prayer ministry, please call the Parish Office. You can receive these intentions via email, or you can pick them up on the counter at the office.

Thank you for considering joining in this ministry, and thank you for the love you share with one another each and every day. I never cease to be inspired by the love and care of this faith community.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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SAT 4:00 PM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - September 2025

	ACTUAL <i>as of 9/5/25</i>	BUDGETED <i>for September</i>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$17,756.74	\$60,916.67
Offertory	\$722.00	\$3,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: September 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$234,488.62	\$200,527.87
Op. Expenses	\$163,349.62	\$233,735.04

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25 ..	\$346,205.22
Donations.....	\$6,832.14
Expense	\$6,405.26
Balance (9/11/25)	\$346,632.10

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 21

Oktoberfest Sign-up Sheets

8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
9:00 am Sacrament Prep	Hall
10:30 am Liturgy (Abert)	Church

Monday, September 22

11:30 am Resurrection Choir	Rm 9
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10

Tuesday, September 23

1:00 pm Art Guild Class	Rm 4
1:00 pm Deanery Mtg.	Rm 10
2:00 pm Art Guild Painting	Hall A
3:00 pm Food Pantry	Rm 7
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella	Hall A
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group	Rm 3
6:30 pm GIFT Core Team	Virtual

Wednesday, September 24

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

Thursday, September 25

12:00 pm Women's Grief Support Group	Hall C
3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Choir	Church
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella	Hall A
6:30 pm <i>The Chosen</i>	Hall C

Friday, September 26—Office Closed

Saturday, September 27

Oktoberfest Sign-up Sheets

9:30 am Music Rehearsal	Rm 6
4:00 pm Liturgy (Schramm)	Church

Sunday, September 28

Oktoberfest Sign-up Sheets

8:00 am Liturgy (Abert)	Church
9:00 am GIFT	Hall
10:30 am Liturgy (Cooper)	Church
11:30 am Environment Change	Church
6:00 pm Music Rehearsal	Rm 6

COMMUNITY LIFE

Oktoberfest Meeting

Wednesday, September 24
7:00 pm
Room 3

Topic: Pulling it all together.
Important meeting for leaders.

We are synchronizing details for Oktoberfest!

Wednesday Faith Group Presentation

October 1 at 11:00 am

Come join the Wednesday Faith Group for Mass at 9:30 am and stay for some fellowship and a presentation by Jessica Michna portraying Eleanor Maher, Wisconsin's first nurse to join the U. S. Army Nurse Corp in World War I. Eleanor will share uplifting true stories from various wars and conflicts, some civilian, some military.

All are welcome!

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.

Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, October 4 and 18, 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.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Prayerfulness

Prayerfulness is a relationship with a power greater than ourselves, one that loves us and knows us intimately. Prayer is a quiet reflection that cleanses the mirror of our soul. It is a sacred conversation that opens us to forgiveness, hope, and renewed intentions. We ask for help, heighten our awareness, and watch for it to come. Praying our gratitude keeps us in the flow of Grace.

In the Second Reading today, Paul recognizes that times of unrest can distract people from their focus on God. We are asked to pray for everyone! Who is hardest for you to pray for? Why? Can you try it?

SPOTLIGHT

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair 2025

October 10-11-12

You are OLOL's best advertising. Please help spread the word to bring a crowd to our campus event. Here are some ideas.

- Proudly display a yard sign.
- Display posters at your work, school, or favorite meeting place.
- Carry handbills in your purse or car and distribute them!
- Like and share Oktoberfest Artisan Fair Facebook posts.
- Follow Oktoberfest Artisan Fair on Instagram and like and share our posts.
- Invite friends and family by phone, personal conversations, and email.

Talk up Oktoberfest Artisan Fair to neighbors, friends, and family. Invite them to join you for coffee and a torte after holiday shopping. Invite some to join you for a music performance and an adult beverage. Bring a group of friends and dance to the Squeezettes on Saturday night. Bring your grandchildren and their friends to do an art project or make a gift.

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair Team

FORMATION

GIFT September 28—"Secret Superpowers: Unlocking Your God-Given Abilities"

OLOL Director of Worship Ministries, Jim Wielgosz will help participants discover and develop their innate potential and spiritual gifts. We will examine our skills, talents, and character traits to determine our "superpowers" or spiritual gifts, and learn how to use them! Join us September 28, at 9:00 am in the Hall.

Register at ololmke.org/gift for GIFT for the entire year or call the office to attend a single GIFT session. There is a \$10.00 fee to attend a single GIFT session if you are not registered for the entire year.

International Day of Nonviolence Prayer Service

Join us in the church on Wednesday, October 1, from 6:30 pm–7:00 pm as we mark the International Day for Nonviolence.

DISCIPLESHIP

Book Discussion

Love's Braided Dance: Hope in a Time of Crisis

Tuesdays: October 14–November 11

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Room 6

Facilitated by: Steve Szymanski

In this series of meditations, author Norman Wirzba recasts hope not as something people have, like a vaccine to prevent pain and trouble, but as something people do. Hope evaporates in conditions of abandonment and abuse. It grows in context of nurture and belonging. Hope ignites when people join in what Wendell Berry calls "love's braided dance"—a commitment to care for one another and our world.

This book is available for purchase from Amazon or Walmart. Registration is required and can be done at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or by calling the Parish Office.

WORSHIP

Don't miss out! Join the Polka Mass Choir & Band!

Singers and instrumentalists of all ages are invited to help lead the music at our annual Polka Mass, part of the fun activities at Oktoberfest. Participation is easy. You only need to attend one rehearsal and the Mass itself.



Important Dates:

- Monday, September 29, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm – rehearsal in church
- Saturday, October 11, 4:00 pm Mass (meet at 3:15 pm)

If you'd like to play an instrument, please contact Anne Van Deusen by September 26. If you'd like to sing, just come to rehearsal on September 29. We hope to see you all there!

Scripture Readings for September 27/28

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Amos 6:1a, 4-7 | Psalm 146 | 1 Timothy 6:11-16 | Luke 16:19-31

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