

SEP 28, 2025

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Our Lady of Lourdes

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the kingdom of God  
by being Christ  
to the world.

## NOTES FROM DEB

### A New Way to Celebrate You!

Birthdays and anniversaries are traditionally a time to celebrate and give thanks to God. As a parish family we love to celebrate these milestones in each other's lives and have done so at weekend liturgies for the past several years. Many folks really love how we have done that, and just as many folks find the birthday and anniversary part of our weekend liturgies distracting and even annoying. So, beginning in November, we thought we would try something new. On the second weekend of every month, before Mass begins, we will invite those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries to stand so that we can celebrate them and bless them. We will also include those celebrating in our petitions for the liturgy.

We on the staff are always looking at ways to make our gatherings more accessible, more prayerful, and more beautiful. If you have any ideas you would like to share with me about our weekend liturgies, I would love to hear from you.

Please pray for me as I do you.

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

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### EUCCHARIST:

**SAT** 4:00 PM

**SUN** 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

**WED** 9:30 AM

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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### Parish Support - September 2025

	ACTUAL as of 9/18/25	BUDGETED for September
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$33,342.92	\$60,916.67
Offertory .....	\$1,671.61	\$ 3,750.00

### Budget Updates Fiscal Year: September 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income .....	\$248,973.98	\$200,527.87
Op. Expenses .....	\$177,457.54	\$233,735.04

### Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25 ..	\$346,205.22
Donations.....	\$7,809.14
Expense .....	\$6,410.26
<b>Balance (9/18/25)</b>	<b>\$347,604.10</b>

THANK YOU!

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

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 28

<i>Oktoberfest Sign-up Sheets</i>		
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

### Monday, September 29

1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:00 pm	Polka Mass Reh.	Church

### Tuesday, September 30

10:30 am	SVDP Mtg.	Rm 3
2:30 pm	Pink Umbrella	Rm 3
5:30 pm	Pink Umbrella	Hall A

### Wednesday, October 1

9:30 am	Mass	Church
10:15 am	Morning Faith Group	Hall C
6:30 pm	Women's Spirituality	Rm 6
6:30 pm	<i>The Chosen</i> Discussion	Virtual
6:30 pm	Nonviolence Prayer Service	Church
7:00 pm	Worship Team Mtg.	Rm 3

### Thursday, October 2

5:30 pm	Pink Umbrella	Hall A
6:30 pm	<i>The Chosen</i>	Hall C

### Friday, October 3—Office Closed

### Saturday, October 4

<i>Oktoberfest Sign-up Sheets</i>		
<i>SVDP Blood Drive Sign-up</i>		
10:00 am	Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
10:00 am	Pet Blessing	Outside
4:00 pm	Liturgy (Jurkus)	Church

### Sunday, October 5

<i>Oktoberfest Sign-up Sheets</i>		
<i>SVDP Blood Drive Sign-up</i>		
8:00 am	Liturgy (Schramm)	Church
10:30 am	Liturgy (Burkert)	Church

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Welcome New Parishioners August 2025

Sandra Engel

### Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Rita Smith, Kathleen Flynn, Catherine Jung, James Pankratz, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
Rolan Doffing  
From

Doffing family & Mueller family

### Women's Spirituality Group

Wednesday, October 1  
6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Discussion and reflection, led by fellow parishioners, of next weekend's scripture readings. **All women welcome.** This month will begin with the nonviolence prayer service.

## OUTREACH

### From St. Vincent de Paul

On September 27, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, we continue his work and mission in our parish.

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

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: October 21, November 4 and 18

Most needed items: pasta sauce, all vegetables, cereal, (please no Honey Nut Cheerios), and cake mix.

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

**Please watch expiration dates.**

[ololmke.org/food-pantry](http://ololmke.org/food-pantry)

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Today's readings are all hard hitters, requiring no feats of interpretation to locate a theme of social justice. Amos and Luke pull no punches. God demands that we don't allow ourselves to become complacent. Giving our primary attention to comfort, consumption, and entertainment distances us from God. Giving our primary attention to the poor and suffering brings us closer to God. Most of us do not have a starving and sickly man like Lazarus begging for scraps at our threshold. We may claim that we wouldn't neglect such a person. But do we scroll past the starving Palestinian child, drive past the unhoused person on the corner, turn off the news story of the latest act of violence, or blame the inner city resident for their evictions? Lazarus is all around. Opportunities for mercy and selflessness are everywhere. So are opportunities for consumption, comfort, and entertainment. Where is your primary focus?

## SPOTLIGHT

### Volunteer Opportunity

Do you love the smell of a freshly cut lawn? Do you like the feeling of zipping along with the wind in your hair? We have the perfect opportunity for you! One of our great Grass Cutting Volunteers will be hanging up his ear plugs and safety glasses and we are seeking new people to continue to keep our lawn looking sharp.

This opportunity does require a skill level of using a commercial grade, zero turn lawnmower. It's not something most people have at home; however, if you have an interest and desire to learn, Ken Marshman will provide you with lessons to safely use our mowers.

The time commitment is 1.5 hours a week from late April through around the end of October. Our lawn takes about 3 hours/week to cut. If we have a few people interested it would assist with rotating and covering for people taking vacations. Please contact Ken Marshman by calling the Parish Office to express an interest or to ask any questions.

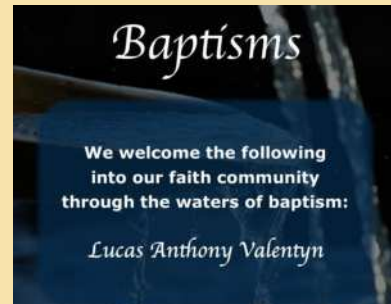
## FORMATION

### GIFT 3 October 19—The Power and Perils of Invitation

From the beginning pages of Genesis to closing pages of Revelation, the Bible is filled with invitations. Another word for invitation could be calling. The invitation that we receive as Christians requires both a response and responsibilities. Jesus tells his disciples to take up their crosses and follow him. In this session, we will examine how the call and cross is a means of suffering which leads us to place of exaltation.

### International Day of Nonviolence Prayer Service

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

Registration is required and can be done at [ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/](http://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/) or by calling the Parish Office.

## WORSHIP



### Oom-pah-pah, Oom-pah-pah

Calling singers of all ages! Add your spirit to our Oktoberfest festivities by joining the choir for our annual Polka Mass. Participation is easy—just attend the following two events:

**Rehearsal:** Monday, September 29, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

**Mass:** Saturday, October 11, 4:00 pm  
(meet at 3:15 pm)

This is a super fun event each year, and it will be even better if you're with us!

### Scripture Readings for October 4/5

#### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 | Psalm 95 |

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 | Luke 17:5-10

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# Oktoberfest Artisan Fair 2025

## Friday, October 10: 4:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Friday Night Fish Fry 4:00 - 7:00 PM  
**Ed Hause** 4:30 - 7:30 PM, Polka Time!  
 Beer Garden beverages served 4:00 - 8:00 PM  
 Black Forest Café 4:00 – 7:30 PM  
 Hansel & Gretels 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Basket Raffle: 4:00 – 8:00 PM  
 50/50 Raffle: 4:00 – 8:00 PM  
 Youth friendly creative activity 6:00 – 7:30 PM

### Outdoors/Community Garden

Campfire & S'mores 7:00 – 8:30 PM (weather permitting)

## Saturday, October 11: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM

### Artisans in rooms & hallway, 11:00 AM–8:00 PM

Beer Garden Bar serving 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
 Food: Brats, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Vegetarian Soup  
 Saturday dinner: Serving begins 4:30 PM That's Amore Lasagna  
 Black Forest Café 11:30 AM – 8:00 PM (closed 3:45 – 5:15 PM)  
 Hansel & Gretels Popcorn and Pretzels 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
 Basket Raffle 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM  
 50/50 Raffle 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

### Saturday Activities

Sheepshead open to all. Gather to play at 11:00 AM (Hall)

Art & Activities 12:30 – 3:30 PM in the hall  
 Several tables of arts and craft activities for all ages, including the popular Art Guild Sponsored table.

**Saturday Polka Mass** 4:00 PM in the church  
**Squeezettes** 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM POWER Polka, Pop, Rock and so much more!  
 Reserve a table! Details online or in office.

## Sunday, October 12: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### Artisans in rooms & hallway, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Beer Garden Bar serving 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
 Food: Brats, Polish Sausage, Hot Dogs and Vegetarian Soups.  
 Black Forest Café 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM  
 Hansel & Gretels Popcorn and Pretzels 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### Dino the Lounge Lizard and the Yankovic Tradition

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

50/50 Raffle

- Tickets must be returned by 12:45 PM
- Winning ticket pulled at 1:00 PM

Basket Raffle

- Purchase tickets by 12:00 PM
- Bags close to new ticket entries at 12:15PM
- Drawing starts at 12:30 PM
- Winners may pick up baskets from 1:00-3:00 PM

### Black Forest Café

homemade apple strudel

cookies

fancy tortes

Cake Walk	
Friday	5:30 PM
	6:30 PM
Saturday	3:30 PM
	*6:00 PM
	7:30 PM
	8:30 PM
*if possible due to dinner seating	
Sunday	11:45 AM



# Oktoberfest Artisan Fair 2025

## Weekend Menu

### Friday Night Fish Fry (serving 4:00-7:00)

Baked or fried cod with parsley potatoes or fries, coleslaw, rye bread	\$12
Hot dog or 1 piece of fish with fries for children	\$5

### Saturday Night Dinner (serving 4:30-7:30)

**Ticket sales start at 3:30**

That's Amore Lasagna dinner includes lasagna, salad and garlic bread (Gluten-Free option available)	\$13
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### Beer Garden à la Carte Food

**(serving Saturday 11:00AM - 8:00 PM/Sunday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM)**

Brats (optional sauerkraut)	\$6
Pulled Pork Sandwich (optional coleslaw)	\$6
Hot Dogs	\$3
Vegetable Soup & fresh-baked roll	\$6
German Potato Salad	\$2
Chips	\$1

### Beer Garden Beverages (open throughout event)

Specialty beers (the good stuff)	\$7
Local beers	\$5
Wine	\$4
Sprecher Sodas	\$3
Water and Canned soda	\$2
Koozies	\$2
Coffee	\$2
Milk	\$1

### Black Forest Café (open throughout event)

Tortes	\$6
Apple Strudel (Osep family recipe)	\$4
Cookie	\$3
Coffee	\$2
Milk	\$1

### Hansel and Gretel's Popcorn and Pretzels

Popcorn	\$1
Pretzels	\$3

To-go containers available upon request  
\*prices subject to change depending upon supply cost

