

OCT 5, 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 <i>As of 9/25/25</i>	BUDGETED <i>for Sept</i>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$44,849.97	\$60,916.67
Offertory .....	\$2,460.76	\$3,750.00

## Budget Updates Fiscal Year: September 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income .....	\$244,812.42	\$200,527.87
Operating Expense.....	\$187,970.90	\$233,735.04

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25 .	\$346,205.22
Donations .....	\$8,389.14
Expenses.....	<del>\$11,015.26</del>
<b>Balance (9/25/25)</b>	<b>\$343,579.10</b>

**THANK YOU!**

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

## Love One Another

(Quarter Ending 8/30/25)

Donations:.....	<b>\$19,389.00</b>
Parish Received .....	<b>\$11,327.40</b>

Deposited 8/25/25

*Thank you for your continued support  
of this campaign!*

## NOTES FROM DEB

Greetings all,

There is an old curse dating back to 19th century England that says, “May you live in interesting times.” Well, my friends, we are indeed living through some very interesting times!

As difficult as the news is these days, I am consoled by being a part of the Our Lady of Lourdes community. We are made up of Republicans, Democrats, progressives, conservatives, and everything in between. So, while we may differ on how we view the world’s difficulties, we continue to work together to resolve those difficulties in whatever way we can. We continue to build God’s kin-dom. Whether it is through our donations to St. Vincent de Paul, Haiti, or the food pantry, we continue to open our hearts—and our wallets to care for those who are most vulnerable around us. Our second collection for humanitarian aid to Gaza alone brought in over \$14,000. I am heartened by your generosity and your fidelity to the Gospel.

A fun part of being a part of this community is our Oktoberfest Artisan Fair that takes place next weekend. This event is my favorite weekend of the entire year (well, after Holy Week). I recently noticed that many volunteer spots for the fair were filled, but there were still a few openings to lend a hand. Thank you to all who have already signed up to help. Please join us throughout the weekend. The food, the music, and the chance to have fun with your parish family will be fantastic.

Please know of my prayers for each of you.

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### Service

Using our gifts to be of service is the fullest expression of our lives. Each day, we find a multitude of ways to be useful. Whatever we may achieve, the quality of our lives comes from how we contribute to others. First and foremost we serve our loved ones. We notice what others need, and respond helpfully. We don't wait to be asked. We give our very best effort. Kindness can be a great service.

The Gospel encourages us to work tirelessly to build up our faith. We are also called to help others stoke the fire of their faith. We are reminded that our work is not self-centered but is focused on serving others. Have you ever thought of sharing your faith as service? How can you work at being more aware of others needs?

## SUN 5

*Oktoberfest Sign-up Sheets*  
*SVDP Blood Drive Sign-up*  
8:00 am Mass (Schramm) Church  
10:30 am Mass (Burkert) Church

## MON 6

*Oktoberfest Set-up*  
9:30 am Active Nonviolence  
Group Mtg. Rm 9  
9:30 am Lazarus Bereavement  
Ministry Mtg. Rm 10  
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10

## TUE 7

*Oktoberfest Set-up*

# COMMUNITY LIFE

# FORMATION

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
Mary Cintron

From  
Lisa Cintron

In loving memory of  
Jeffrey Javorek

From  
Paula Magolan

ONE Church,  
ONE Mission.



## Fall Combined Collections

**OCTOBER 11-12**

- Catholic Relief Services
- Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- Peter's Pence
- World Mission Sunday
- The Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Twice per year, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee participates in the USCCB National Collections, which we refer to as "Combined Collections." The faithful are encouraged to support this wonderful initiative this October: [archmil.givingfuel.com/combinedcollections](http://archmil.givingfuel.com/combinedcollections)



## The Power and Perils of Invitation with Mike Kolz GIFT 3 October 19 (Donut Sunday)

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. Michael Kolz currently teaches theology and scripture at Catholic Memorial High School in Waukesha.

This is also our Donut Sunday. Join us on October 19 from 8:45 am–9:00 am for some sweet treats and fellowship before GIFT. To get your donut, RVSP by October 14 on the GIFT webpage under Session 3 or by using the link below:

<https://ololmke.wufoo.com/forms/donut-sundayoctober-19-signup/>

If you have any dietary restrictions, please let Steve know before October 14.

## Active Nonviolence Corner

This webpage enters its second month in October with a theme of "Mental Health Awareness Month." The content discusses the great need for sound and accessible mental health care for all and some of the challenges to achieving that goal. Denying these needs or creating disparities in access is a source of violence to our well-being. We hope you have read September's "Season of Creation" webpage and will look forward to this new topic. Look for the Active Nonviolence Corner link on the Social Justice page at [ololmke.org/social-justice](http://ololmke.org/social-justice).

## World Mission Soup Festival

Sunday, October 19

St. Joseph Hall—School Sisters of St. Francis

1501 S Layton Blvd., Milwaukee

Come for the World Mission Soup Festival on Sunday, October 19, to celebrate World Mission Day and World Mission Month this October! Hosted by the School Sisters of St. Francis, this unique event brings together community, culture, and faith in a joyful celebration of their global mission spirit.

This family-friendly event blends faith, food, and fellowship while raising awareness and support for mission efforts worldwide. Come taste, pray, and celebrate with us as we honor the global mission of the Church!

Register at:

<https://officeforworldmission.regfox.com/world-mission-soup-festival->

**WED 8**

**THU 9**

**FRI 10**

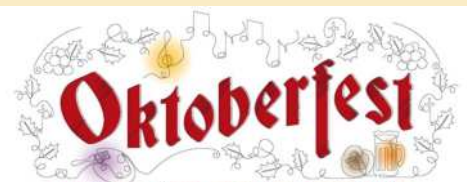
### Oktoberfest Set-up

7:00 am St. Ben's Prep	Kitchen
9:30 am Communion Service	Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social	Hall C
6:30 pm <i>The Chosen</i> Discussion	Virtual
7:00 pm GASIC	Virtual

### Oktoberfest Set-up

5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Reh.	Hall A
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Reh.	Rm 10

**Office Closed**



**4:30 pm-8:30 pm**

## WORSHIP

### Roles in the Sacred Liturgy

“Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebration which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy.”

(*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 14)

Participation is a word with profound theological meaning. It is the translation of the Greek scriptural term “koinonia” and can be translated “communion,” “fellowship,” “sharing,” “partaking,” and “partnership.” When the document quoted above speaks of active participation, it means that there are no spectators at the liturgy. All come as the body of Christ, to pray, to offer themselves as Christ, to re-enact the Paschal sacrifice, and to eat and drink his Body and Blood. Everyone is attentively being brought into communion with Christ; no one sits watching on the sidelines.

The assembly engages in the liturgy sometimes by singing, sometimes by praying together aloud, sometimes by careful attention to the prayers being said by the presider, sometimes by listening closely to God’s word and responding to it in their hearts, sometimes by receiving Christ’s body and blood, whether standing or sitting in various postures of active prayer.

Those with special roles in the liturgical celebration do so in a way that helps the worshippers avoid the “entertainment mentality” so prevalent in modern life. This is not a show; the musicians are not performing for an appreciative crowd; the lectors are not doing adventures in dramatic reading. All roles are done in such a way as to preserve the center of attention being Christ, to aid the worshippers in entering that action, and to avoid distracting them from it.

The Catholic liturgy is sacred because it serves as the primary way believers encounter the Divine—drawing all people into communion with God and with one another. Strengthened by the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, believers are transformed and empowered to go out into the world and participate in the Church’s larger mission.

### Scripture Readings for October 11/12

#### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17 | Psalm 98 | 2 Timothy 2:8-13 | Luke 17:11-19

## OUTREACH

### Blood Drive

Monday, October 27  
2:00 pm–6:00 pm

Sign-up for our next Blood Drive will be October 4/5, October 18/19, and October 25/26. On-line sign-up is also available on our blood drive webpage at [ololmke.org/blood-drives](http://ololmke.org/blood-drives). All donors will receive a coupon for a pint of custard from Culver’s - Give A Pint; Get A Pint.

Thank you in advance for your lifesaving donation!

### St. Ben’s Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor’s meal program on Wednesday, October 8. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday. [ololmke.org/st-bens/](http://ololmke.org/st-bens/)

### 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)

SAT 11

4:00 pm Polka Mass (Burkert) Church

SUN 12

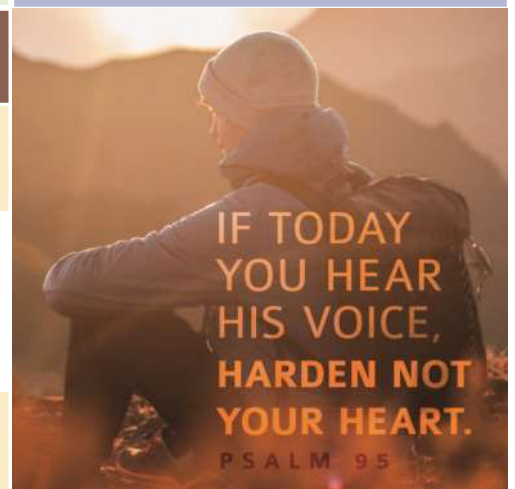
8:00 am Mass (Heinze) Church  
10:30 am Mass (Suriano) Church



11:00 am-9:30 pm



9:00 am-1:00 pm



## COMMUNICATIONS

## SPOTLIGHT

### What's New on the Website

Community is a major characteristic of OLOL and spending time having fun with each other grows the bonds we all share with each other. (Don't believe it? Check out Oktoberfest next weekend.)

To that end, we have moved a few things around on the website to highlight our desire for fellowship. "News and Events" on the menu is no more. The "News" portion has moved into "Our Parish" while "Events" has become "Fun Stuff"!

Here you will find "Oktoberfest," "Art Ministry," "Community Garden," "Wednesday Faith Group," and the new "Travel Group" pages. Soon to be added is a card games page to promote our Sheepshead Group and the upcoming Euchre Group.

### Oktoberfest Artisan Fair 2025

October 10-11-12

We are celebrating our 16th year of Oktoberfest Artisan Fair as a "fund-raiser" at Our Lady of Lourdes. Our goal has always been to have fun at Oktoberfest, harvest our talents, honor art and artists, cover our costs, and be grateful for any profit.

We have a wonderful parish family, a noisy exuberant family! We get to know each other by working side by side in the kitchen or selling popcorn. We stop in the hall to chat or catch up over a cup of coffee in the Black Forest Café. We play together at the cake walks or Saturday activities. We make a joyful noise at the Polka Liturgy. We meet new friends, cherish old friends, and remember those no longer with us. Guests are always welcome!

Please consider spending time with our OLOL family or taking a meal home for someone who cannot join us.

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair Team



## 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.

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