

OCT 12, 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Our Lady of Lourdes

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coming to know  
the kingdom of God  
by being Christ  
to the world.

## NOTES FROM DEB

### WELCOME!

On this Oktoberfest weekend, our campus has been transformed into wonders of art, food, fun, and blessed community. Many thanks to all who made this celebration possible. Thank you to all on the Oktoberfest committee and thank you to the many folks who are serving food, welcoming volunteers, tending bar, selling popcorn, making s'mores, washing dishes, and so much more! The success of this weekend is because of the hard work of many, many hands. Thank you to all who are visiting us! I hope the warmth of this parish family touches your heart. Please know that you are always welcome here.

The warmth of the parish community shows itself in many ways besides holding this wonderful fair. We continue to look for ways to support one another through difficult times. To that end, we are looking to host a cancer support group for people who are dealing with the disease and their caregivers. If you are interested in participating in this group facilitated by retired nurse and parishioner Rick Cesar, please call the Parish Office and let us know your interest and which time of day would work for you.

Please know that I hold you all in my prayers.

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 9/30/25	BUDGETED for September
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$59,109.51	\$60,916.67
Offertory .....	\$3,387.76	\$ 3,750.00

## Budget Updates Fiscal Year: September 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income .....	\$277,687.24	\$200,527.87
Op. Expenses .....	\$206,450.12	\$233,735.04

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25 ..	\$346,205.22
Donations.....	\$62,595.53
Expense .....	\$11,015.26
<b>Balance (9/30/25)</b>	<b>\$397,785.49</b>

THANK YOU!

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

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, October 12

*Oktoberfest: 9:00 am–1:00 pm*  
 8:00 am Mass (Heinze) Church  
 10:30 am Mass (Suriano) Church

## Monday, October 13

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10  
 6:30 pm Building & Grounds Rm 3

## Tuesday, October 14

10:30 am SVDP Mtg. Rm 3  
 1:00 pm Art Guild Rm 4  
 Open Studio Rm 4  
 5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Hall A  
 6:30 pm *Love's Braided Dance*  
 Book Discussion Rm 6

## Wednesday, October 15

9:30 am Mass Church  
 10:15 am Morning Faith Group Hall C  
 5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Hall A  
 6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg. Rm 3

## Thursday, October 16

9:00 am Stewardship Mailing Preparation Rm 4  
 3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Choir Church  
 5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Hall A  
 6:30 pm Social Justice Cmte. Rm 3

## Friday, October 17—Office Closed

## Saturday, October 18

*Blood Drive Sign-up*  
*House of Peace Food Basket Sign-up*  
 11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together Rm 3  
 4:00 pm Mass (Cooper) Church

## Sunday, October 19

*Blood Drive Sign-up*  
*House of Peace Food Basket Sign-up*  
 8:00 am Mass (Burkert) Church  
 9:00 am GIFT  
 10:30 am Mass (Heinze) Church

# COMMUNITY LIFE

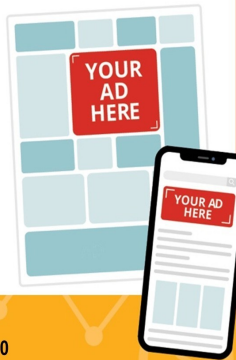
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 From  
 Marianne Soldavini and  
 Gary Giombi

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# OUTREACH

## Blood Drive

Monday, October 27  
 2:00 pm–6:00 pm  
 Sign-up for our next Blood Drive will be after Masses on October 18/19, and October 25/26. On-line sign-up is available now 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.

## Social Justice: An Invitation

The Social Justice Committee seeks to educate and awaken people to the issues of justice that confront society today. Our next meeting is October 16, at 6:30 pm. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.

# VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

## Mindfulness

Mindfulness is living reflectively, with conscious awareness of our actions, words and thoughts. Awake to the world around us, we fully experience our senses. We are attentive to others' needs. We refuse to rush. Living mindfully lightens our lives by helping us to detach from our emotions. We cultivate our inner vision aware of life's lessons as they unfold. Mindfulness brings us serenity.

In the Gospel, thankfulness and mindfulness work together. The Samaritan was the only one healed who returns to thank Jesus while the others took God's presence in their lives for granted. The other nine could be labeled entitled. Who are we in our relationship with God: the Samaritan or the other nine lepers?

## SPOTLIGHT

### Digital Deception: How Social Media Endangers Mental Health and Truth

Our computers/cell phones are wonderful tools, but this technology is also a double-edged sword. Bullying, hate-filled rhetoric, social isolation, and addictive behavior are all amplified by social media. Impact Fund reported widespread correlations exist between time spent on social media and increases in mental health crises. Finally, MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) found false news spreads significantly faster and further than true news on social media.

What to do? Research ethical social media and artificial intelligence usage, set screen-time limits, create open communication with your family to discuss content, consume info with a critical eye and verify sources. Or perhaps as Governor Cox of Utah recently said, "Put down your phone. Go outside...Serve your neighbors... Laugh with your friends."

Mary Botsford, Social Justice Committee

## FORMATION

### GIFT Donut Sunday and The Power & Perils of Invitation with Mike Kolz on October 19

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 from 8:45 am–9:00 am on October 19 for a donut & 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 call the Parish Office by October 14.

## 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

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

In the Catholic liturgy, birthdays and anniversaries are acknowledged through blessings, prayers, and hospitality—reflecting a balance between personal milestones and the sacredness of the Mass. While personal celebrations are important, the formal liturgy prioritizes the central mysteries of the faith. Parishes are encouraged to recognize birthdays and anniversaries as they are an important part of building up community, but this is encouraged outside the formal prayers of the liturgy.

Beginning in November, birthdays and anniversaries will be recognized once a month, on the second weekend of each month. All of this will take place just prior to the start of liturgy, to respect the sacred flow of the liturgy.

### Scripture Readings for October 18/19

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Exodus 17:8-13 | Psalm 121 | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 | Luke 18:1-8

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# St. Vincent de Paul at OLOL



## How we serve:

- Visit and assist neighbors requesting assistance
- Serve dinner monthly at Crossroads Kitchen meal site
- Host Blood Drives at OLOL twice per year
- Host annual August Back-to-School Supplies drive
- Host the annual Christmas Giving Tree

## 20 households served (in past 12 months)

### We provided:

- 4 appliances, 11 beds
- Rent-assistance to 2 neighbors
- Clothing, furniture, and household items
- Average spent = \$400–\$500 per request

### How you can help:

- Join us! New members are welcome! We meet bi-weekly to prayerfully plan and discuss our service.
- Donate money—designate St Vincent de Paul on your donation.