

OCT 19, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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NOTES FROM DEB

Taking Care

So—as this year of political intensity continues, how are you doing?

For many folks, following the news these days can be tough, heavy, and more than a little anxiety-producing; however, as Catholic Christians we have a responsibility to participate in public life. As Pope Francis said, “Everything, including political life belongs to the mission of the Church.” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 181). Like many things, our political lives require a balance. We need to stay informed about the political activities of our country, and we need to take breaks from it all as well.

Immersing ourselves in bad news—“doom scrolling”—on our phones and tablets is not helpful. Keeping our political blinders on might feel good for a while, but in doing so we are neglecting our civic responsibilities. We need to find that balance.

Here’s what I am doing to try to achieve some equilibrium:

- Fact-checking the news. AP, Reuters, Poynter, and PBS all have fact-checking options.
- Limiting the amount of time I spend online.
- Getting outside and enjoying nature, even if it’s just standing on the back porch for a few minutes every evening.
- Praying—sharing all that is going on in my heart with God.

Let’s continue to take care of ourselves and to take tender care of one another.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - October 2025

	ACTUAL as of 10/9/25	BUDGETED for October
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$17,178.11	\$61,916.67
Offertory	\$874.00	\$3,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: October 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$296,318.77	\$292,653.32
Op. Expenses	\$218,655.62	\$311,532.75

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25 ..	\$346,205.22
Donations.....	\$63,274.53
Expense	\$14,145.26
Balance (10/9/25)	\$395,334.49

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

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

Monday, October 20

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

Tuesday, October 21

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 Love's Braided Dance	
Book Discussion	Rm 6

Wednesday, October 22

9:30 am Communion Service	Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall C

Thursday, October 23

12:00 pm Women's Grief Support Group	Hall C
3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Choir	Church
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella	Hall A
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella	Rm 6

Friday, October 24—Office Closed

Saturday, October 25

Blood Drive Sign-up	
House of Peace Food Basket Sign-up	
Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda	
4:00 pm Liturgy (Lewis)	Church

Sunday, October 26

Blood Drive Sign-up	
House of Peace Food Basket Sign-up	
Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda	
8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
6:00 pm Music Rehearsal	Rm 6

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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 or online sign at ololmke.org/blood-drives. All donors will receive a coupon for a pint of custard from Culver's - Give A Pint; Get A Pint.

Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, November 1 and 15 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

Justice

Justice is being fair in all that we do. We continually look for the truth. Not bowing to others' judgements or perceptions. We do not backbite. We clear up problems face to face. We make agreements that benefit everyone equally. When we commit a wrong, we are honest in correcting it and making amends. If someone is hurting us, it is just to stop them. With justice, we protect everyone's rights. Sometimes when we stand for justice, we stand alone.

Justice requires steadfastness and perseverance. The widow in the Gospel is an example of that. What injustices in your home, school or workplace, and in our world require you to act justly and sometimes challenge others to do so?

SPOTLIGHT

Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Among many other important awareness topics this month, October is also Cybersecurity Awareness month. Here are some basic everyday tips to follow:

- Don't answer calls from unknown numbers.
- Don't click links from email addresses or text numbers you don't know.
- If you receive an odd request from someone you know, check the email address to see if it is correct. If not, it is a scam.
- Know if you're expecting a delivery.
- Be suspicious of texts or emails saying you have a delivery coming or your account is compromised.
- Use strong, unique passwords.
- Run updates when your computer or phone tells you to.
- Change your router's password from the default setting.
- Don't click on search results labeled "Sponsored" in search engines like Google. They may lead to a fake website.
- If in doubt, ignore or delete.

FORMATION

Next GIFT—There is a Season for Everything...a Time to Be Born; a Time to Die...

Join us on Sunday, November 2, at GIFT, as Alice Hatzenbeller leads us on an exploration of life as a journey with many seasons that encourage us to take advantage of all that God gives us.

House of Peace Food Boxes

GIFT will again pack holiday meals for Capuchin Community Services. Last year, we filled 215 boxes thanks to your generosity. On October 18, tags will be available on a bulletin board with items needed for the boxes. We invite you to consider donating the contents of one of these tags. Return items to OLOL by November 12 and put them on the shelves in the hallway. The items will be sorted and packed at GIFT on November 16.

DISCIPLESHIP

Getting Ready to Hear Matthew

Tuesday, November 18

6:30pm

Room 10

Facilitated by: Jim Gill

Join us as we participate in an overview of the gospel of Matthew, which will begin as we start the new church year on the First Sunday of Advent. This is an excellent session for lectors and anyone in bible study groups.

The gospel of Matthew introduces Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, King of the Jews, and the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. The book was written to a Greek-speaking Jewish audience and establishes Jesus' royal lineage and authority. This gospel emphasizes Jesus' connection to the prophets and highlights His role as Emmanuel—God with us.

Registration is required and can be done at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or by calling the Parish Office.

WORSHIP

Welcoming Visitors

The welcoming of visitors is a core part of the Church's evangelizing mission. Hospitality is viewed as everyone's responsibility. A warm welcome from greeters, ushers, or fellow parishioners can significantly enhance a visitor's experience of the liturgy.

In the Catholic liturgy, visitors can be acknowledged through blessings, prayers, and hospitality—reflecting a balance between the personal and the sacredness of the Mass. While personal celebrations are important, the formal liturgy prioritizes the central mysteries of the faith.

Beginning in November, visitors will be welcomed at all liturgies. All of this will take place just prior to the start of liturgy, so as to respect the sacred flow of the liturgy.

Scripture Readings for October 25/26

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Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 | Psalm 34 |

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 | Luke 18:9-14

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Día de los Muertos

Day of the Dead Altar

A Parish-wide Art & Prayer Invitation
presented by the OLOL Art Guild
October 25–November 16, 2025

We will be creating a “**Remembrance Table**” in the Lobby area—a “shrine” to remember our loved ones who have died. You are invited to bring the following items to honor your dearly departed family member or friend:

- A photo of the person you wish to remember—framed or free-standing.
- Any small item that is symbolic of the person.
- Any artificial fruits and vegetables that represent their favorite foods (*no real food, please!*).
- Votive candle holders (not to be lit) but as a symbol to light the way for the anticipated reunion with our dear ones. Traditionally, tall Mexican themed votives are used. You can bring battery operated votives and light them as you attend Mass or other functions at OLOL. Please turn them off when you leave if you want them to last.
- Skeleton and skull décor (*no sugar skulls, please!*).

Please label your items with your name and phone number. These items should not be valuable or highly sentimental objects since the parish cannot be responsible for lost items.

You may bring your items and place them on the memorial tables in the lobby on the weekend of October 25/26 when you come to Mass. Art Guild members will adjust items on the altar as needed. The ofrenda will be on display from that time through November 16. At that time, you are asked to remove your personal items from the tables following all weekend Masses.



Día de los Muertos Celebration

Some Common Misconceptions

by May Herz



El Dia de los Muertos is not the Mexican version of Halloween. Mexicans have celebrated the Day of the Dead since 1800 B.C.



It is not scary or morbid. There are not pictures or images of dead people, ghosts, witches, or the devil.



The Day of the Dead is not a cult. This ritual has nothing to do with cults. It is a Catholic Christian ritual intermixed with folk culture. Going to Mass is an essential aspect of this celebration.



It doesn't honor death but rather our dead relatives. We welcome the opportunity to reflect upon our lives, our heritage, our ancestors, and the meaning and purpose of our own existence.



Altars or *ofrendas* are not for worshiping but for offering our love and remembering our departed family members.



It is not a sad ritual. It's a day of happiness because we will be remembering our loved ones. Although when in the graveyard, people assume an introspective attitude.



The Day of the Dead is about love not fear.



It is not a "strange" ritual. It is very similar to going to a grave and leaving flowers or stuffed animals or lighting a candle to remember the deceased.



It is not a careless or fearless confrontation of death. It is a moment to reflect upon one's life and the cycle of life and death.