

OCT 26, 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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NOTES FROM DEB

Month of Remembrance

One of the beautiful traditions of the Catholic Church is taking the month of November to remember in a special way, those who have gone before us. Our faith tells us that we are all united in the Communion of Saints and that sacred connection we have with one another can never be broken—even by death.

We will begin the month of November with a photo presentation of all who have died in our parish family in the last year at all our liturgies on November 1 and 2. This year, since All Saints Day is on a Saturday, it is not a Holy Day of obligation, so we will have our usual weekend Mass schedule.

Throughout the month of November, our Book of Life will be enthroned near the sanctuary. Everyone who has had funerals through Our Lady of Lourdes has their name inscribed in this book of remembrance. In addition, many folks will write the names of loved ones who had funerals elsewhere. I wrote my own parents' names in the book many years ago.

On Monday, November 17, at 7:00 pm, we will hold our Lazarus Service of Remembrance. This is an opportunity to pray together with others who are grieving, especially those who lost someone in the last year. But grief doesn't subscribe to any timetable. If grief is weighing heavy on your shoulders, I invite you to join with others at this prayer service.

Please know of my prayers for each of you and I ask that you keep me in your prayers as well.

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 - 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 26

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

Monday, October 27

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
2:00 pm Blood Drive	Hall

Tuesday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

9:30 am Communion Service	Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall C
6:30 pm Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3

Thursday, October 30

3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Choir	Church
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella	Hall A
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella	Rm 6

Friday, October 31—Office Closed



Saturday, November 1

House of Peace Holiday Food Collection	
Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda	
11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
4:00 pm Liturgy (Burkert)	Church



Sunday, November 2

House of Peace Holiday Food Collection	
Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda	
8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
9:00 am GIFT	Hall
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
6:00 pm Music Rehearsal	Rm 6



COMMUNITY LIFE

Welcome New Parishioners September 2025

Lacey Kurkowski
Julie Tiesling

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Rita Smith
From
Kim Stephens

In loving memory of
Bill Richard
From
Betty Richard

Oktoberfest Meeting

Wednesday, September 29

6:30 pm

Room 3

Topic: Debrief and Celebrate
Important meeting for leaders.

All are welcome as we discuss
Oktoberfest 2025. We will
celebrate the wonderful weekend
with an eye on the opportunities
learned.

OUTREACH

Blood Drive

Monday, October 27
2:00 pm–6:00 pm

Sign-up for our next Blood Drive
after any Mass or online 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.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: November 4 and 18

Most needed items: pasta sauce,
all canned 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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Jesus tells "those convinced of their own righteousness" in today's gospel that those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted. It seems we are easily convinced of our own righteousness. We see our own perspective most clearly, and it is easy to believe that what we see most clearly is the most true. It is important that we are each reminded that we can be wrong, misinformed, and just plain prideful at times. We make more headway towards justice when we humble ourselves and do undistinguished work than when we point fingers at others. As tempting as it is to blame those who we view as worse sinners than ourselves, we can instead recognize that we are all dependent on God's mercy and work side by side.

Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair 2025 is a wonderful memory! A spirit of joy flowed through OLOL. We are grateful for all the artists, families, neighbors and guests who gathered. We served a record number of Fish Fry meals, lasagna dinners, and strudels. The 61 baskets were outstanding. The winning Jackpot was \$3,404. All parking spots were filled for the polka mass. The smiles were too numerous to count.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible! You help new people feel comfortable and you help our guests feel relaxed and happy. In addition to those who worked during the weekend, volunteers planned the liturgy, prepared the music, and worked on the basket and 50/50 raffles.

Thank you to our gracious staff. They pitch in to make this a wonderful weekend, as staff members and as volunteers in our community. We are fortunate to have their guidance and expertise. Thank you, Fr Bill, for leading us in liturgy polka style. And thank you, Deb Steppe, for your leadership in many, many ways.

We thank our fun Oktoberfest Artisan Fair Team who strategically plan this weekend. They continue to develop their expertise, keep expenses low, and seek creative fresh ideas to share.

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 Hatzembeller 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.

Help Fill House of Peace Holiday Food Boxes

It is time to pack holiday meals for Capuchin Community Services. Last year, we filled 215 boxes, and our goal is to fill 225 boxes this year. Tags of needed items are available on the bulletin board in the south hallway. Please 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.

Library News

In November, the Church celebrates its saints and remembers those who have died. The library will feature books related to these topics during this month.

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

Blessed are the Flexible/Embracing Change

The liturgy is often called the "sacrament of unity" because it brings together the Body of Christ—people of different backgrounds, cultures, and liturgical preferences—around one altar. The liturgy is ultimately where heaven meets earth—where Christians participate in the eternal worship of God.

Beginning next weekend, all visitors will be welcomed prior to the start of the liturgy. Birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated and recognized on the second weekend of each month, also prior to the start of liturgy. This is a change for us—a change that respects the sacred flow of our liturgies yet still allows us to build up and celebrate our community.

Scripture Readings for November 1/2

All Soul's Day/Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Wisdom 3:1-4, 9 | Psalm 25 | 1 John 4: 7, 9-12 | John 6: 37-40

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PRESENTATION



Wednesday, November 5



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6:00 - 7:00 PM *Presentation*

7:00 - 7:30 PM *Questions & Answers*



Amy Waldoch *Medicare Counselor*

Questions?



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