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NOTES FROM DEB

Stewardship of the Parish

It is the beginning of budget season here at the parish! Everyone should have received a letter from me with information about making your pledge of parish membership, time and talent, and financial contributions for next year. We are asking everyone to return their stewardship pledge forms next weekend. You can also complete the form online at ololmke.org/stewardship/. The pledge information is vital to our budgeting process for next year. Knowing the amount of income we will receive helps us to determine what programming and activities we can provide. Please note that the pledge does not include donations to the food pantry or the building improvement fund.

As a staff, we take seriously the responsibility to be good stewards of the parish's finances. We are a frugal staff, and I see every day the care with which everyone takes in dealing with the funds we have available.

I am so very grateful for your continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes. We are an active, vibrant, growing parish. Your donations of time, ideas, talent, and finances not only keep the lights on and the building heated, your donations help us to build God's kin-dom here in Milwaukee and around the world. I know that, especially at this time of year, there are many charities that are asking for your donations. I am grateful that you have made Our Lady of Lourdes the priority that you do.

Know of my continued prayers, love, and support.
Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - October 2025

	ACTUAL as of 10/29/25	BUDGETED for October
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$49,778.20	\$61,916.67
Offertory	\$3,555.82	\$3,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: October 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$360,991.03	\$292,653.32
Op. Expenses	\$295,616.57	\$311,532.75

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25 ..	\$346,205.22
Donations.....	\$64,397.53
Expense	\$14,145.26
Balance (10/29/25)	\$396,457.49

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 9

Community Weekend
House of Peace Holiday Food Collection
Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda
8:00 am Liturgy (Abert) Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert) Church
(Baptism)

Monday, November 10

11:30 am Resurrection Choir Rm 9
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10
6:30 pm Building & Grounds Rm 3

Tuesday, November 11

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

Wednesday, November 12

7:30 am St. Ben's Meal Prep Kitchen
9:30 am Communion Service Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group Hall C
7:00 pm GASIC Virtual

Thursday, November 13

12:00 pm Women's Grief Support Group Hall C
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Hall A
5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Rm 4
6:30 pm Social Justice Cmte. Rm 3

Friday, November 14—Office Closed

Saturday, November 15

House of Peace Holiday Food Collection
11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together Rm 3
4:00 pm Liturgy (Burkert) w/All Saints Choir Church

Sunday, November 16

House of Peace Holiday Food Collection
8:00 am Liturgy (Jurkus) Church
9:00 am GIFT Hall
10:30 am Liturgy (Marco) Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Ruth Dorava, Larry Kaiser, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

Baptisms

We welcome the following into our faith community through the waters of baptism:

Adeline Louise Tomczak

OUTREACH

Social Justice: An Invitation

The Social Justice Committee seeks to educate and awaken people to the issues of justice that confront society today. We meet monthly on the second Thursday. Our next meeting is November 13, at 6:30 pm, in Room 3. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: November 18, December 2 and 16

Most needed items: canned fruit and vegetables, all varieties, canned tuna, condiments (mustard, catsup, salad dressing, etc.), peanut butter, jelly, saltines, and boxed potatoes.

Please do not donate anything with past expiration dates.

ololmke.org/food-pantry

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Cleanliness

Cleanliness is treating our bodies with respect and care by keeping ourselves clean, fresh and healthy, eating pure foods and breathing fresh air. We rid ourselves of habits that do not serve our dignity. We think and speak in ways that honor others and ourselves. When we forgive, we cleanse our hearts of negativity. We do our part to care for the earth. Cleanliness within us brings more peace to the world.

In the Gospel, Jesus cleanses the temple of sellers and money changers. They were not treating the purchasers fairly and Jesus got them out. This virtue describes the full meaning of cleanliness. What in this description, do you feel you most need to work on?

SPOTLIGHT

Open Wide Our Hearts

November is Native American Heritage Month. Established in 1990, it emphasizes the contributions by our Native American neighbors, especially when it comes to conserving our natural resources. It helps us understand native cultural heritage, the nature of “tribal” nations instead of our typical understanding of states and nations demarcated by artificial lines.

As with the other months we celebrate each year, Native American Heritage month asks, “Who is my neighbor?” Knowing our neighbors may mean knowing their native names since many use their anglicized names. Suggestions: research who first occupied the land on which you reside at <https://native-land.ca/>; read the book *Wisconsin Indians* by Nancy Oestreich Lurie, and visit the OLOL website at ololmke.org/active-nonviolence-corner/.

Kevin Kane, Social Justice Committee

FORMATION

House of Peace Food Boxes

Next Sunday, November 16, the GIFT community will pack the House of Peace Holiday Food Boxes for Capuchin Community Services. With your help, we hope to assemble 225 boxes this year. We are hoping that you continue your generosity to help us meet this goal. There may still be tags on the bulletin board in the south hallway with items that are needed for the boxes. We invite you to consider donating the contents of one of these tags. Please bring your items to OLOL by Wednesday, November 12, and leave them on the rolling shelves in the hallway. GIFT participants will sort your donations and pack the food into boxes. Thank you for helping us with this service project!

DISCIPLESHIP

All Saints Choir

Saturday, November 15
4:00 pm Liturgy

Join us as members of the music ministry from All Saints Catholic Church lead us in our weekend prayer. Whether the song selections are familiar or new, our prayer will certainly be enriched, calling all to sing or clap along.

This liturgy will be live streamed.

Getting Ready to Hear Matthew

Tuesday, November 18
Room 10
6:30pm

Facilitated by: Jim Gill

Join us 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.

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

WORSHIP

Time to Give Thanks

The United States celebrates Thanksgiving Day as a secular holiday on the fourth Thursday of November. Abraham Lincoln once called upon the American people to give thanks and praise to God but also to pray for healing where we as a nation have gone astray.

This year, as a faith community, we will celebrate a Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Monday, November 24, at 6:30pm in the church space. This is a change from celebrating a Mass like we have in the past on the actual holiday. The prayer service allows us freedom to do some things we cannot do within the sacred liturgy. Please mark your calendar and come and pray with us. Join us afterward for a pie social in the Hall.

Scripture Readings for November 15/16

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20a | Psalm 98 | 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 | Luke 21:5-19

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