

NOV 16, 2025

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church

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

NOTES FROM DEB

**"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink..." Mt 25:35**

On November 1 and 2, I made an announcement at all our liturgies requesting extra food donations to compensate for the lack of federal funding for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). From the time I made that request until the Food Pantry session on November 4, our parishioners donated quite literally thousands of dollars worth of food—and I am not exaggerating! Because of your generosity we were able to serve everyone who came to our door that day. Seeing those donations along with all the food for the House of Peace holiday boxes has been so hopeful, so heartening, so beautiful.

No matter what political winds may blow, either from the east or from the west, from the left or from the right, the Our Lady of Lourdes family continues to live out Gospel values. The food donations from earlier this month and that are continuing now are a fitting example of that. You learned of people in need, and you lovingly responded. Thank you!

Know of my continued prayers, love, and support.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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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 <i>as of 10/31/25</i>	BUDGETED <i>for October</i>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$51,013.77	\$61,916.67
Offertory	\$3,555.82	\$3,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: October 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$362,223.33	\$292,653.32
Op. Expenses	\$297,156.29	\$311,532.75

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25 ..	\$346,205.22
Donations.....	\$69,440.91
Expense	\$17,000.26
Balance (10/31/25)	\$398,440.91

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 16

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

Monday, November 17

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10
 7:00 pm Lazarus Service of Remembrance Church

Tuesday, November 18

3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7
 5:30 pm Pink Umbrella Hall A
 6:00 pm Adoption Support Group Rm 6
 6:00 pm Sacred Movement Rehearsal Church
 6:30 pm Intro to Matthew Rm 10
 6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group Rm 3

Wednesday, November 19

9:30 am Mass Church
 10:15 am Morning Faith Group Hall C
 12:30 pm Euchre Group Rm 10
 6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg. Rm 3

Thursday, November 20

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

Friday, November 21—Office Closed

Saturday, November 22

Giving Tree
 4:00 pm Mass (Jurkus) Church

Sunday, November 23

Giving Tree
 8:00 am Mass (Drenzek) Church
 9:00 am Sacrament Prep Hall
 10:30 am Mass (Burkert) Church
 11:30 am Environment Change Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Tom McKean and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
 Rita Smith
 From
 Kim Stephens

Euchre Card Group

All are welcome from beginner to expert! Lessons provided for people new to the game. Come and join the fun; no need to RSVP. See you in Room 10 on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 12:30 pm–2:00 pm.

OUTREACH

Widow Support Group

Women of Our Lady of Lourdes are invited to join the St. Greg's Widow Support Group for faith, friendship and fellowship. We meet at OLOL on the 4th Thursday of the month from 12:00 pm–2:00 pm in the Hall and share prayer, birthday celebrations, support, and our special Prayer Angel Activity.

If interested, please call Bonnie Pendzick at (414) 550-1645 or St. Greg's parish office at (414) 543-8292. If you are a widow looking for some friendly support, give us a try! Hope to see you there!

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Virtues

Have you ever wondered why we choose a virtue to reflect on in the light of the readings each week? Virtues are the muscle tone that develops from daily training of spiritual beings. We are spiritual beings created with enormous potential known as virtues! Our character develops when parents, friends, co-workers, teachers and others, recognize and **name** those qualities. This is the way our true selves develop and the light of Christ shines brighter in the world.

Do you think we need more light in this world? Will you begin to name the virtues you see in those around you?

SPOTLIGHT

Who Knew

It was like going into the unknown. What would the first pantry date after the reduction of S.N.A.P. funds be like? How much inventory will be enough?

We survived!

We serviced 53 families; our average is 28.

Individuals 97, usually 55.

Bags 100, usually 58.

Gift cards (\$10.00 each) \$530.00, usually \$300.00.

A fantastic crew of volunteers, both seasoned and new, who made everything run smooth and made everyone feel welcome.

It is **you** who are making our ministry a success. Your donations, your caring for those in need and your prayers are truly appreciated.

Our next distribution date is November 18. The most needed items: canned fruit and vegetables, all varieties, canned tuna, condiments (mustard, catsup, salad dressing, etc.), peanut butter, jelly, saltines, and boxed potatoes. One favor, we are in need of brown full-sized grocery bags. On this last pantry day, we used 200 bags.

Please donate them when you can. Please do not donate anything with past expiration dates.

FORMATION

Welcome

Hello OLOL Community. I am your new director of formation ministries. It feels strange and wonderful to state that. Strange, because my professional background would never have brought me here, but wonderful because my volunteer work and my heart for service has finally found a home!

I joined OLOL in 1992 after “shopping around” to find a parish that would fit my catholic and spiritual identity. I have been involved in many different aspects of parish life which has allowed me to meet many of you already. And I would be remiss if I didn't say thank you to those who have congratulated me on my new position!

I'm eager to learn from each of you and grow together in faith.

Blessings!

Tanya Gross

DISCIPLESHIP

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.

Thanksgiving Prayer Service

This year, as a faith community, we will celebrate a Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Monday, November 24, at 6:30 pm in church. This is a change from celebrating a liturgical Mass like we have in the past on the actual holiday. Please mark your calendar and come and pray with us. Join us afterward for a pie social in the Hall.

WORSHIP

Mark Your Calendar

Save these dates and watch future bulletins, the website, etc. for more information. We'd love to have you join us—and invite a friend or two.

Monday, November 17, 7:00 pm

Lazarus Remembrance Service

Monday, November 24, 6:30 pm

Thanksgiving Service and Pie Social

Sundays, November 30, December 7, 14 and 21, 4:00 pm

Advent Evening Prayer

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15 and 22, 6:00 pm

Christmas Choir rehearsals

Friday, December 5, 6:30 pm

Humble Night: Advent and Christmas Concert with parishioners and singer-songwriters, Tom and Barb Webber.

Watch next week's bulletin for a fun Advent Community Project.

Scripture Readings for November 22/23

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Samuel 5:1-3 | Psalm 122 | Colossians 1:12-20 |

Luke 23:35-43

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CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Please stop in the meeting room hallway, beginning November 22, to select a Giving Tree gift tag and purchase a Christmas gift for a child from a local parish. Requested items to buy are on the tags. Please leave your first name and a phone number for us on the bottom tag and leave that tag on the board. Please, only take the small colored tag.

You do not need to buy everything on the list. The suggested spending amount is \$25.

Please return the wrapped gift with tag attached to the cart in the meeting room hallway no later than December 7.

For some of the hundreds of children we serve, this will be the only gift they receive this Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry, year after year. Your kindness is truly appreciated by those we serve.

MOSAIC CANVAS DISTRIBUTION

2026 HALLWAY ART SHOW

Attention to Art Gallery and Mosaic Participants,

The Art Guild will be doing our annual fund raiser of our Mosaic Project. We will be distributing 6-inch canvases (the weekend of December 6 and 7) to anyone that would like to participate. We encourage you to do any type of artwork that inspires you. In the past, people painted, used verses, stickers, ceramics and many items to enhance the canvases. You may go on the Our Lady of Lourdes Art Guild Facebook page to view the past Mosaic Projects to get some ideas. The completed canvases are to be turned back into the Art Guild the weekend of February 7 and 8.

We will also be hosting a workshop for people that would like to have help with creating their canvas. Many people have expressed concern about not having ideas, not having the materials, or just looking for inspiration. We will be holding the workshops on January 10 and 17 from 1:00 pm–3:30 pm.

The Art Guild is pleased to announce that we will be sponsoring the Hanging Art Gallery again this year. Anyone can join us in this activity, by submitting original artwork that is able to be hung in our hallways. In years past, we have had a variety of items ranging from paintings, fabric art, wooden pieces, stained glass, etc. There is no charge for entry if you are a member of the Art Guild and a small fee if you are not a member. We allow up to 6 pieces per person. We will be taking the art pieces in for hanging on the weekend of February 7 and 8. More details to follow as we get closer to the dates.

These are really a fun and creative ways to get through some of those January blues when it is too cold to go outside, or you are just wanting to hunker down with a project to stay warm and cozy in front of the fireplace or heat vent. Get those creative juices flowing and see how artistic you can be!

If you should have any questions in regard to either the Mosaic Canvases or the Hanging Art Gallery, you may contact Mary Beth Javorek at Jrjavorek@yahoo.com or the mosaic chairperson, Barb Leavitt at Leavittbj@aol.com

DECEMBER 6 & 7
AFTER ALL MASSES