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Solemnity of Christ the King



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NOTES FROM DEB

Greetings all,

It seems like summer picnics and days at the beach weren't so long ago and now here we are nearing the end of November. We have Thanksgiving this week and the sacred season of Advent begins next weekend.

We are trying something new with Thanksgiving this year. We will host a Thanksgiving prayer service on Monday, November 24, at 6:30pm with an opportunity for fellowship (and pie!) in the parish hall afterward. With so many of us cooking or traveling on Thanksgiving morning, our Worship Team is hoping that more of our parish family can gather together on Monday of this week. I hope to see you there.

Advent is such a beautiful season, and we have many opportunities to enhance your Advent prayer:

Advent Evening Prayer at 4:00 pm on November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. Please join us in the church for a time of prayer and reflection during this busy holiday season.

Online Advent Retreat at ololmke.org/advent-prayer/. These reflections based on the readings of the day take place on Sundays through Fridays throughout Advent, and crafted to take just a couple of minutes each day.

Advent Reconciliation Services at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm Wednesday, December 10. We all make unhealthy and unwise choices, and so much of our sin has a social component. It makes sense that we are joined with one another in community for reconciliation and forgiveness.

Thank you all for being a part of this parish family. Know of my continued prayers.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - November 2025

	ACTUAL as of 11/7/25	BUDGETED for November
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$26,435.26	\$77,916.67
Offertory	\$889.85	\$3,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: November 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$389,967.86	\$390,503.32
Op. Expenses	\$299,555.21	\$394,394.46

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25 ..	\$346,205.22
Donations.....	\$70,269.91
Expense	\$17,000.26
Balance (11/7/25)	\$399,474.87

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

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

Monday, November 24

1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Prayer Service	Church

Tuesday, November 25

10:30 am	SVDP Mtg.	Rm 3
1:00 pm	Art Guild Class	Rm 4
6:00 pm	Finance Council	Rm 9

Wednesday, November 26 Office Closes at 12:00 pm

Thursday, November 27 Office Closed

Friday, November 28 Office Closed

Saturday, November 29

Christmas Giving Tree
Haiti Craft Fair in the Hall

4:00 pm	Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
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Sunday, November 30

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Haiti Craft Fair in the Hall

8:00 am	Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
10:30 am	Liturgy (Drenzek)	Church
4:00 pm	Advent Evening Reflection	Church



COMMUNITY LIFE

Welcome New Parishioners October 2025

Tom and Amy Winter

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Patricia Rosman, Kathy Masch, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

Holiday Bake/Cookie Sale

The Blessed Sacrament Parish Society of Christian Women is having their Holiday Bake/Cookie Sale Saturday, December 6, from 3:30 pm–5:30 pm and Sunday, December 7, from 7:30 am–11:30 am in the church hall. The parish is located at 3100 W. Oklahoma Ave. All baked goods are home baked. There will also be some gluten free baked goods.

OUTREACH

Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, December 6 and 20 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.

Christmas Giving Tree

Just a reminder that the Christmas Giving Tree has begun. Please stop in the corridor to select a tag to buy a gift for a child. All gifts are due back, wrapped, and with the tags securely attached, by Sunday, December 7.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

When we read of Christ crucified, suffering, and mocked, who do we relate to most? Jesus? The sneering rulers? The jeering soldiers? The criminal who reviles Jesus and tells him to save himself? Or the criminal who stands up for Jesus? Perhaps it is none of these. The situation is much too heinous for most of us to relate; however, as a culture, we are pretty adept at sneering, jeering, and reviling.

From our current perspective two millennia removed, it is easy to forget how Jesus was, at the time of his death, not yet understood as he would be after the resurrection. He was, simply stated, a bit of a weirdo. Even his best friends denied knowing him. Jesus said and did countercultural things. He was mocked in his own hometown.

Justice comes in standing up for the weirdos. We can step back from the temptation to join a sneering group. We can stand up for good rather than revile what is different.

SPOTLIGHT

Día de los Muertos Ofrendas

Have you ever heard of a Día de los Muertos Ofrenda? The tradition dates back to the Indigenous Peoples of Mexico and South America. Candles, water, banners, and favorite foods of the dead are often placed on these altars. Ofrendas can be ornate or simple but all with the same purpose—remembrance of those we loved.

In 2011, the Art Guild started an ofrenda at OLOL with guidance over the years from Mary Ann Logic, Paula Dahlman, and Elena Olveda. This year, the ofrenda was placed in the main lobby and the Art Guild is happy to share that this year has had the most participation! If you would like to learn more about getting involved, please reach out to a member of the Art Guild.

Denise Haussy
Pastoral Council

FORMATION

Fr. Alan Jurkus at GIFT on December 7

Join us at GIFT on Sunday, December 7, at 9:00 am in the Hall, as Fr. Alan Jurkus presents on the papacy from Pope Pius XII to Pope Leo XIV. If you do not regularly attend GIFT and wish to attend, please call the Parish Office for details.

Gospel Dramatization on Christmas Eve

In a Christmas Eve tradition at OLOL, children in GIFT grades 3 & 4 will dramatize the Gospel as it is read at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve liturgy. This is especially helpful for younger children to understand why we celebrate Christmas. Please plan on joining us.



DISCIPLESHIP

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.

Advent Evening Prayer Service

Deb Steppe and Deacon Bill will alternate hosting Evening Prayers throughout Advent at 4:00 pm on the following Sundays: November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. Our theme will be “When you pray, move your feet.”

Advent is generally seen as a time of **waiting**, yet also as a time of **preparation**. How do we accomplish both? Our reflections will focus on how others have put **prayer** into **action** and how we can, too.

WORSHIP

Advent Community Project/Challenge

Beginning the First Sunday of Advent, there will be tables at the entrances of the church space containing strips of paper. These strips are part of an Advent Community Project that requires your participation. Your task is very simple.

During Advent, do random acts of kindness. In other words, be Christ-like! Every time you **do** this Christ-like behavior, note what you did on a strip of paper. Bring your completed strips back each weekend and deposit them in the basket beneath the Christmas trees in church. Just keep being Christ-like and keep returning more slips. There is no limit to the number of entries allowed.

The Challenge—can we perform enough acts to cover this building with kindness for the Christmas season?

Please see the flyer in today’s bulletin for full details and post it on your fridge as a daily reminder.

Scripture Readings for November 29/30

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5 | Psalm 122 | Romans 13:11-14 |
Matthew 24:37-44

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Advent Kindness Challenge: Let's Cover the Church in Love!

This Advent season, we're inviting you to be part of something beautiful. Something bold. Something that reflects the heart of Christ in action.

Starting the First Sunday of Advent, you'll find tables at each church entrance filled with strips of paper. These aren't just paper—they're the seeds of a movement. A movement of kindness, compassion, and Christ-like love.

What's the Challenge?

Simple: **Do random acts of kindness.**

Hold a door. Share a meal. Call someone who's lonely. Forgive. Encourage. Serve.

Every time you do something that reflects the love of Christ, write it down on a strip. Then, each weekend, bring your slips and place them in the basket beneath the Christmas trees in the sanctuary.

There's no limit. No quota. Just a call to keep loving, keep giving, and keep showing up for others.

Our Goal?

To **cover the church with kindness**—literally.

We want to see those slips multiply and fill the space with visible reminders of what it means to live as Christ taught us. Imagine walking into church and seeing the building adorned with hundreds of acts of love. That's the kind of Christmas spirit that transforms hearts.

Why It Matters

Advent is a season of waiting, of preparation, of hope. But it's also a season of action. Christ came into the world not just to be admired—but to be followed.

This challenge is more than a project. It's a declaration:

We are a community that chooses kindness.

We are a people who reflect Christ's love.

We believe that small acts, multiplied, can change everything.

So, grab a strip. Make a difference. And let's see just how much love we can pour into this sacred space.





Haiti Craft Sale

After all Masses
November 29-30, 2025

Due to the continued unrest in Haiti, we were unable to send a parish group to visit this year, but we still have some inventory from past years and have acquired items from other sources. Please come support our sisters and brothers in Haiti by purchasing some crafts.

This is beneficial in several ways:

- Directly supports the artists in Haiti by providing a much-needed market for their crafts.
- Supports our parish's twin, Outreach to Haiti, and their work in Haiti. All profits from the sale go directly back to them.
- Provides advocacy for Haiti by exposing the people of Milwaukee to some of the beautiful crafts created by the Haitian people.
- Provides a source of unusual, yet beautiful, Christmas gifts for the members of Our Lady of Lourdes to purchase. Every purchase made will connect the buyer directly to the Haitian people and Outreach to Haiti.

PLEASE STOP BY THE PARISH HALL AFTER MASS NEXT WEEKEND!

We accept cash or check. Tanya Gross will be there once again with her artwork and will do credit card sales for us. 10% of her sales also goes to Outreach to Haiti.

Mesi Anpil (Thankyou very much)!