



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass and Communion Services

WEEKEND

Sat: 4:00 pm

Sun: 8:00 am | 10:30 am

WEEKDAY

1st and 3rd Wed: 9:30 am Mass

2nd, 4th, and 5th, Wed: 9:30 am

Communion Service

(Except on holy days or communal reconciliation during Advent and Lent. Please check the Parish Calendar.)



Notes from Deb Prophets

In our first reading today, we heard from the prophet Jeremiah. Now that we are in Ordinary Time, we will be hearing from the Old Testament prophets from time to time, and I found myself thinking of the ministry of being a prophet. In every age, God raises up prophets—not only in the dramatic voices of Scripture, but in the ordinary lives of regular folks. Each one of us at our baptisms were anointed to be prophets and are called to share in that mission. To be a prophet is to speak God’s truth with courage and to live the Gospel with integrity—to be the hands, feet and heart of Christ for the world.

As Jeremiah reminds us, the prophets of old faced resistance because they spoke to the people of God’s ways when it was uncomfortable to hear. In our own time, the challenge is similar. We are called to uphold the dignity of every human life, to stand for justice and mercy, and to remain faithful to Christ’s teachings—even when they are countercultural.

Being a prophet begins in simple ways: choosing honesty over convenience, forgiveness over resentment, generosity over selfishness. It means allowing our words and actions to reflect Christ’s love to all we encounter. When we do this, we become living signs of God’s presence.

On this Father’s Day weekend, we should note that some of the great prophets in our lives are our dads. Happy Father’s Day to all those wonderful men who are father figures to so many.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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Calendar

Sunday, June 21 –Father's Day

8:00 am Mass (Lewis) Church
 10:30 am Mass (Heinze) Church



Monday, June 22

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10

Tuesday, June 23

10:30 am SVDP Mtg. Rm 3
 6:00 pm Finance Council Rm 9

Wednesday, June 24

9:30 am Mass Church
 10:15 am Wednesday Morning Faith Group Social Hall C
 6:00 pm Amazing Faith Dinner Dialogue Hall

Thursday, June 25

12:00 pm Women's Grief Support Group Hall C

Friday, June 26 –Office Closed

Saturday, June 27

4:00 pm Mass (Abert) Church

Sunday, June 28

8:00 am Mass (Burkert) Church
 10:30 am Mass (Cooper) Church



Parish Support - June 2026

	ACTUAL as of 6/11/26	BUDGETED for June
Reg. Envelopes	\$24,021.03	\$67,016.67
Offertory	\$856.55	\$2,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: June 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$972,469.31	\$961,925.00
Bequests	\$72,593.08	
Op. Expenses	\$966,387.33	\$961,075.71

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25		\$346,205.22
Donations		\$236,149.40
Expense		\$150,585.96
Balance (6/11/26)		\$431,768.66

Love One Another Update

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Love One Another campaign on behalf of Our Lady of Lourdes. We just received our quarterly distribution (ending on 3/31/2026). The total collected was **\$34,604** and we received our distribution of **\$19,136.40**.

If you are new to the parish or would like to contribute to this investment in our future endeavors, please call the Parish Office and we will provide you with the information you need.

Community Life

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
 John A. Zaganczyk Jr.
 Alex A. Zaganczyk
 Boleslaw Zaganczyk

From John and Leslie Zaganczyk

Virtue of the Week

Service

Using our gifts to be of service is the fullest expression of our lives. Each day, we find a multitude of ways to be useful. Whatever we may achieve, the quality of our own life comes from the quality of our contribution. We notice what others need, discover their wishes, and respond helpfully. We give our very best effort. People who want to be of service can make a huge difference in others lives.

Can you discover who is most in need of your help? What is most needed? How can you begin to be of service?

There seem to be many things we don't feel we can change. Think about some ways you can make a difference, no matter how small it seems.

Formation

Calling all youth artists and writers!

The Catholic Climate Covenant is sponsoring the St. Francis and St. Clare Catholic Youth Art Competition in celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi. Youth K-12 are invited to participate. The theme is Creation Sings! They welcome all forms of original art including visual art, media, poetry, and other literary works. For more details go to the Catholic Climate Covenant website at The Covenant Announces: St. Francis & St. Clare Youth Art Competition: Creation Sings! | Catholic Climate Covenant.

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/blogs/the-covenant-announces-st-francis-st-clare-youth-art-competition-creation-sings/>

Vacation Bible School

Are you looking for something to do with your kids in July? We are collaborating with St. Greg's and St. Matthias for Vacation Bible School (VBS) again this year. Children between K4 –5th grade are welcome to participate at no cost. For more details and to sign up, goto stmatthias-milw.org/vbs-2 or email Steve Szymanski or Tanya Gross or call the Parish Office.

July Youth Service Project – Vacation Bible School

In collaborating with St. Greg's and St. Matthias for Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year, we are looking for youth (grade 6 or older) and adults to help out with the program. For more details, use the above website or contact information. We will be taking the month of August off and start back up in September.

Worship

What's New?

A parishioner recently asked me why we don't regularly teach our new music. That's a very valid question—and a difficult one to answer. Sometimes the "new" music isn't really new to our congregation, but it is new to some of the people at mass. Sometimes that's because a person who attends mass regularly came from another parish where they didn't sing that song. Sometimes it's because a person isn't able to attend regularly and missed the previous weeks when we sang that song. Sometimes we choose a song that was previously used a lot, but because it's been a while (which could even be years!), it seems new.

So, what's the best way to keep all of you up-to-date on our music? I'm not sure I have the perfect answer, but here's a start. We will be introducing a few newer pieces this summer, including those below. When you have some time, please click these links and give them a listen. That way, they'll be familiar to you when you come to Mass. If you have other ideas, please feel free to connect with me and share your thoughts. The bottom line? Your singing fills our worship space every time we gather, which is such a blessing. When we all raise our voices together, the spirit of our community is present and palpable—and really quite beautiful. Let's find ways to keep that participation happening.

Anne Van Deusen, Director of Music Ministries

New (or new-to-some) songs coming in the summer of 2026:

Homeland (Dan Schutte)

youtube.com/watch?v=ky2c02m3mnQ&list=RDky2c02m3mnQ&start_radio=1

Day of Peace (Janèt Sullivan Whitaker)

youtube.com/watch?v=jTacujPDnpg&list=RDjTacujPDnpg&start_radio=1

The Body of Christ (Sarah Hart)

youtube.com/watch?v=yTLJ9l4cm6k&list=RDyTLJ9l4cm6k&start_radio=1

Come, All You Thirsty (Kathleen Basi)

youtube.com/watch?v=CtDP-13fEe0&list=RDCtDP-13fEe0&start_radio=1

The Feast Meant for Everyone (Tom Booth, Sarah Hart)

youtube.com/watch?v=uTZyyVcCCLU&list=RDuTZyyVcCCLU&start_radio=1

Behold the Lamb (Martin Willett)

youtube.com/watch?v=nVHVE87OnZk&list=RDnVHVE87OnZk&start_radio=1

Prosper the Work of Our Hands (ValLimar Jansen, Tom Booth, Tom Tomaszek)

youtube.com/watch?v=viHlhwOlu4U&list=RDviHlhwOlu4U&start_radio=1

Spotlight

Faith and Family: Unsung Hero

"I came to Our Lady of Lourdes in the 1990's. I remember the times I received a smile with open arms to feel welcomed. It's important to me to give that smile back and welcome to others," says Nevenka Lutzow Bralic. Franciscan ways of love, service, human dignity and goodness of creation guide her life and actions. Faith and family were woven into every story that Nevenka shared.

Nevenka was born in Sinj and raised in a nearby village of Dicmo, Croatia. "The whole village was Catholic. We were not far from Medjugorje, the home of Marian apparitions that began in 1981." Croatia was still experiencing the aftermath of WWII when Nevenka was a child. When she was a young teenager, her parents felt there were few opportunities in their homeland. Nevenka was brought to America to live with an aunt and uncle in Waukesha, Wisconsin. She still has cherished family in Croatia.

Nevenka attended St. William's grade school. She praised the nuns there for helping her through the challenges of not knowing the language. "They would spend time on the weekends reading cookbooks and making food with me. They were a gift from God." She went on to receive a degree in Chemistry at Alverno College, a Franciscan college, in 1977. She spoke of Alverno faculty that would take students on outings and field trips such as the annual Nobel Conference to meet various scientists and Nobel Laureates. She laughingly said she chose sciences because that was easier than literature!

Nevenka and a well-seasoned group of volunteers have answered the call to run the kitchen for Oktoberfest this year. You will likely see her often during the weekend. Sharing her smiles and welcome that she first received from Lourdes so many years ago!

Mary Botsford
Parish Council

Discipleship

Amazing Faith Dinner Dialogues at OLOL

June 24 | 6:00pm

People of all faiths and no faith, all spiritualities and theologies gather in small groups to share a meal and participate in a moderated discussion using a proven model, evoking deep exchanges about lived experiences and the role of faith and/or spirituality in their lives. Through exploration and dialogue, participants learn about the beliefs and traditions of others within an atmosphere of respect and understanding and are empowered to stand as witnesses for tolerance and inclusion.

The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee sponsors this event. Visit their website today to register and to receive more information <https://www.interfaithconference.org/amazing-faiths-project>.

Beyond Our Walls

Check out the section that was recently added to the Discipleship Institute webpage—"Beyond Our Walls." The Discipleship Institute continues the formation process of all disciples by offering programs, events, opportunities and discussions for families and adults of the parish. This new section of our webpage promotes those same opportunities for growth outside our parish. These are neighboring faith communities offering programs or events that will help you nurture your discipleship in various ways – mind, body, and spirit. Go to ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ to see all that is available to you.

Summer Resources

Are you looking for something to fill your free time this summer? The summer season is an excellent time to visit the Discipleship Institute's Resources page and view some of our past events that you may have missed. You can listen to an audio of the "Who is Mary" discussion that took place. This discussion showcased representatives from the Muslim and Catholic faith coming together to have a discussion on Mary and her role in each faith tradition. There are also guided meditations available for you to use. In addition to that, you will also find previous "Building Bridges" events regarding racism and homelessness. Visit ololmke.org/discipleship-institute-resources/ to find out everything you may have missed.

Outreach

Grief Group

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet only once next month on July 18 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.

Communications

AI in Parish Life: Helping Us Focus on What Matters Most

As we wrap up our series on using AI wisely, let's talk about how it can support parish life— not just for staff or super-volunteers, but for **anyone** in the congregation. And yes, even if technology makes you nervous, or you still refer to your phone as “just a phone,” AI can both help lighten the behind-the-scenes work of ministry, and it can also help parishioners who simply want to stay connected, grow in faith, or participate in small ways.

For example, AI can help you:

- Write a kind note to someone on the prayer list
- Summarize a long parish email so it feels less overwhelming
- Draft a question for your Bible study or small group
- Translate a parish announcement for a neighbor
- Create a simple prayer or reflection for your week

None of this replaces the heart of parish life—the smiles, the conversations, the casseroles, the compassion. AI can't greet someone at Mass or bring comfort to a grieving friend. That's the work of the Body of Christ. But if AI can make it easier to stay connected, to understand what's happening, or to offer a small act of kindness, then it becomes a tool that helps all of us live our faith a little more intentionally.

Try This: AI for Parish Life

Magisterium.ai—great for learning, catechesis, and faith questions

Microsoft Copilot—simple, gentle, and built into Windows

Apple Intelligence—quietly helps rewrite or summarize text on your device

ChatGPT—helpful for drafting notes or reflections

Gemini—good for translation and planning

Disciples on the Journey Podcast

Anne Van Deusen's "Disciple on the Journey" Podcast premiered Monday, June 15.

Anne shares her journey of faith and her passion for music and prayer in this month's episode on the Our Lady of Lourdes podcast channel.

Here's a quick excerpt from Anne's episode:

"I've watched people blossom when they're allowed to pray in ways that touch their heart or that make them feel accepted or that make them feel empowered.

You know, as long as we are feeding the people that we're here to serve and that they feel fed and they're feeling enriched in what they're doing...But I just believe we were given intelligence and creativity and imagination and courage, that we should be using those things in any way possible to break open our faith, our acceptance of each other, our worship for God, our appreciation for each other."

Find out more about Anne's journey by listening to her podcast. You can find her interview at: ololmke.org/digitalmedia/

Maybe there is someone you can forward this to.

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Parish Photo Directory

Remember to sign up for a photo session for our next parish photo directory! Sessions are available from July 6-July10.



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**Wednesday, July 1
following the 9:30 am Mass**