



### 13th 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.)




#### 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42


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#### Notes from Deb Hospitality

One of the themes in our readings this week is that of hospitality. In our first reading we hear of the woman who offers hospitality for the prophet Elisha, and in our Gospel, Jesus speaks of sharing of even a cup of cold water with the little ones.

Hospitality was important in my family as I was growing up. I think my mom followed the philosophy, “way too much food is just right”! It was important to her that everyone who came into our home had plenty to eat and drink and would have leftovers to take with them too.

I am impressed at how we practice hospitality here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Our food pantry serves dozens of families twice every month and helps the folks at St. Josephat with their pantry as well. We help serve at the All Saints Parish meal site in the summers—with several of our younger parish members helping this month. In addition to that, we continue our long-standing service to the St. Ben’s meal program. Each month we prepare 160 chicken dinners to serve those who are struggling to feed their families.

Moreover, the hospitality I see at every liturgy is so important. The warmth of the welcome you provide to visitors and new members is sacred. Thank you for your ever-flowing graciousness as we continue to grow as a parish family.

Know of my prayers and my love.

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

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## Calendar

### Sunday, June 28

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

### Monday, June 29

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10

### Tuesday, June 30

3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 3

### Wednesday, July 1

9:30 am Mass Church  
 10:15 am Wednesday Morning Faith Group Social Hall C  
 12:30 pm Euchre Card Group Rm 10

### Thursday, July 2

9:30 am Lisa Krysiak Funeral Visitation Church  
 11:00 am Lisa Krysiak Funeral Church

### Friday, July 3—Building Closed Independence Day Observance



### Saturday, July 4

4:00 pm Mass (Burkert) Church

### Sunday, July 5

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

## Parish Support - June 2026

	ACTUAL as of 6/18/26	BUDGETED for June
<b>Reg. Envelopes</b>	<b>\$45,608.64</b>	<b>\$67,016.67</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$1,785.65</b>	<b>\$2,750.00</b>
<b>Budget Updates Fiscal Year: June 2026</b>		
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
<b>Op. Income</b>	<b>\$995,012.02</b>	<b>\$961,925.00</b>
<b>Bequests</b>	<b>\$72,593.08</b>	
<b>Op. Expenses</b>	<b>\$969,812.49</b>	<b>\$961,075.71</b>
<b>Improvement Fund Updates</b>		
<b>Reg. Balance 7/1/25</b>		<b>\$346,205.22</b>
<b>Donations</b>		<b>\$236,999.40</b>
<b>Expense</b>		<b>\$150,585.96</b>
<b>Balance (6/18/26)</b>		<b>\$432,618.66</b>

## Catholic Social Teaching

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me." These words, Matthew 10:40, from the middle of today's gospel, are a layered statement of hospitality and gift. When needing hospitality, we are Christ. When giving hospitality, we are Christlike. When we receive another, we receive Christ, who is the Father. In a nutshell, when we are kind to another, we are kind to Jesus. When we accept kindness, we represent Jesus.

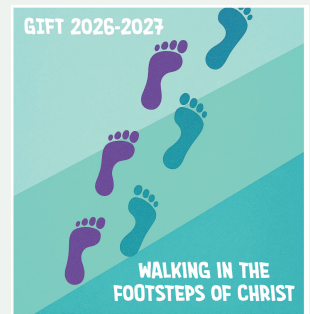
Today's readings speak of rewards for giving our lives over to Christ. What if we are creating the very reward God promises when we follow Jesus' teachings? What if a kin-dom of mutual kindness, acceptance and hospitality is the reward? It sounds like a pretty nice community in which to live—on Earth and in Heaven. Of course, getting there isn't easy. We can each only control ourselves. Hospitality and selflessness can be a tall order in a broken society, and we won't always get it right or even know what "right" is. All we can do is strive each day to see the face of Jesus in those we encounter—those who are easy to love as well as those who try our faith.



## Formation

### GIFT Registration for 2026-2027

We know summer has just begun, but we have already been planning the next season of GIFT. Generations In Faith Together (GIFT) is our intergenerational religious formation program at Our Lady of Lourdes that gathers children, teens, parents, grandparents, and other adults for shared prayer, learning, and service. Over the coming year, our theme, “Walking in the Footsteps of Christ,” will be explored through the lens of Franciscan spirituality—emphasizing humility, joyful simplicity, reverence for creation, solidarity with the poor, being instruments of Christ’s peace by fostering reconciliation, compassion, and harmony in our everyday relationships, and living the Gospel values.



Please watch the bulletin and website for more information about registration. If you have questions about this program, please reach out to Steve Szymanski or Tanya Gross.

### Vacation Bible School

Last chance to register for Vacation Bible School! We are collaborating with St. Greg’s and St. Matthias for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Children between K4–5th grade are welcome to participate at no cost. For more details and to sign up, use <https://www.stmatthias-milw.org/vbs-2> or call Steve Szymanski at ext.127 or Tanya Gross at ext.115. Registration is due by June 29.

### Reconciliation and First Eucharist at OLOL

Is your child starting first grade this fall? Be ready for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist by enrolling for GIFT this fall. To be eligible for sacrament preparation the Archdiocese of Milwaukee requires that children be in religious formation one year prior to the year of sacrament reception. If your child was in five-year-old kindergarten last school year, they need to participate in our formation program GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) during their first-grade year, so that they can celebrate the sacraments in second grade. GIFT begins Sunday, September 13, 2026. Enrollment to open soon. Contact Steve Szymanski, Director of Child Ministry, if you have any questions.

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## Worship

### Reimagine Family

In this weekend’s challenging Gospel passage, Jesus is trying to teach us two particularly important things. First, Jesus is calling us to share His own passion for God. He wants us to light a fire that will burn in our hearts just like it did in His. He is asking us not just to praise Him and adore Him and worship Him, but most importantly of all – to follow Him. Do as He did. Love what He loved. Be committed to what He was committed to: selfless service and genuine compassion.

Second, Jesus is asking us to join Him in creating a new type of family. He wants us to leave behind the kind of family that was so prominent in His time and begin forming a family united by the common desire to do God’s will.

In a word, Jesus wants us to become baptized in our hearts. In doing so, Jesus is asking us to re-imagine the meaning of family, namely, a community of people dedicated to witnessing to the world what life could be like if we were willing to be transformed and changed.

All of this, of course, will not be easy. It will stretch us, pull us out of our small selves; introduce us to something bigger, richer, and fuller. It will involve taking ourselves to a whole new level of living. A level where water – the water of baptism – is thicker than blood.

#### Questions to ponder:

- How do I actively follow Jesus’ mission, message, and vision in my daily life?
- Do I see my faith community as a family united by a common faith?
- How is Jesus stretching me or pulling me out of my comfort zone right now?



## Spotlight

### Gospel Meditation

I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:37-38) Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange – almost insane – this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ's claim on my love is absolute? Are you?

Over the years, I've learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.

Father John Muir

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## Discipleship

### Find Your "Something More"

Ever feel like there's a gap between sitting in the "pew" and living out your faith? We've all been there—wondering how our specific talents or gifts can actually make a difference. Whether you're a natural conversationalist, a behind-the-scenes organizer, or someone who just knows how to make a great cup of coffee, there is a ministry where you fit perfectly.

Stepping into a ministry isn't just about filling a slot; it's about the community you find while doing it. You'll grow, you'll laugh, and you'll see firsthand how God uses small acts to change lives. Explore and see where your heart and gifts fit best!

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeter/Usher)

This ministry offers the opportunity to greet parishioners and guests who come to worship at Our Lady of Lourdes. Many parishioners have joined our parish because of the welcoming presence of our greeters and ushers. Greeters are asked to arrive at least one half-hour before liturgy begins in order to greet people as they arrive. Other duties in this ministry are handing out any worship aids to those who require them, assisting with seating, helping with the collection and distributing bulletins at the end of liturgy. Consider trying this ministry as a family or with a friend or two!

No formal schedule or training is involved. If you are interested in this ministry, you need only to show up and connect with another greeter/usher for instructions.

### Weekend Sacristan

Sacristans are a vital part of our weekend worship, as they complete many tasks to prepare our worship space. This includes lighting candles, setting out the bread and wine, preparing the items for the altar (wine cups, bread bowls, purificators), and after liturgy clean up. If you are more of a behind the scenes type of personality, this is an ideal ministry for you. Training is always provided.

If either ministry speaks to your heart, call the Parish Office or contact Director of Worship Ministries, Jim Wielgosz.

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## Outreach

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: June 30 and July 28

Most needed items: boxed potatoes, cake mixes, mac and cheese, saltine crackers, ketchup, and canned soups (not creamed). Remember to check expiration dates. We are also in need of brown paper grocery bags and plastic bags (not Sendiks bags, please).

[ololmke.org/food-pantry](http://ololmke.org/food-pantry).

## Communications

### A Gentle Invitation: Taking One Small Step with AI

Over the past several weeks, we've explored what AI is (a tool), what it isn't (sentient, spiritual, or secretly updating the parish calendar), and how it can support everyday life, prayer, emotions, and parish involvement. Some of you have already tried it. Some of you are still thinking about it. And some of you are politely waiting for this series to end.

Wherever you are—that's perfectly fine.

AI isn't something anyone **has** to use. It's simply another tool available to us, like a cookbook, a dictionary, or that one friend who always knows how to help you use your smartphone. For some people, it will become a helpful companion. For others, it will remain a curiosity. Both are okay.

If you are curious, you don't need to dive in. You can start with one small, safe step:

- Ask it to summarize a long email
- Ask for a simple prayer
- Ask it to rewrite a message more kindly
- Ask a question about the faith

That's it. No pressure. No expectations. Just a gentle experiment.

AI won't replace your wisdom, your relationships, or your faith. But it might lighten a task, spark an idea, or help you connect more deeply with others — and that's worth celebrating.

Not sure where to begin with AI? Try what's already familiar: Copilot on Windows, Apple Intelligence on iPhone or Mac, ChatGPT for writing help, Gemini on Google for organizing, or Magisterium.ai for Church teaching. One small step is all you need.

## Community Life

### Welcome New Parishioners May 2026

Kathryn Behling  
Kathleen Mantz  
Karla Rosas  
Diana Stockwell

### Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Lisa Krysiak, Arthur Kobza, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of Thomas Wolf  
From Rosalind Wolf

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