



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church

July 5, 2026

14th 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.)





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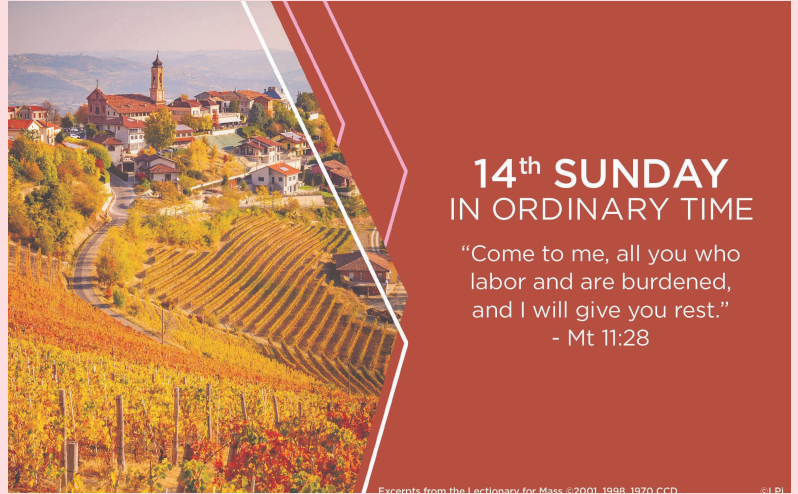


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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”
- Mt 11:28

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass—2001–1998–1970 CCD © LEB

Notes from Deb Photos and Three Years

As a reminder, this week is the final opportunity to be a part of our next pictorial directory. Please register using this link https://book.usesession.com/s/TuvvXJ_0CU or call the Parish Office and we can get an appointment lined up for you. As a reminder, the photo session is free, and one print is also free. If you choose to purchase any other photos, the directory is free. If you do not wish to purchase any photos, the directory is \$20.

At this writing, I have completed my third year as Parish Director here at Our Lady of Lourdes. I am grateful to be able to say that the parish is in great shape. We continue to grow. We average about 100 more people attending Mass every weekend than we did two years ago. I believe this is due to the warm welcome people receive when they come through our doors, followed by engaging prayer, fantastic music, and outstanding preaching in our worship services.

We are also in good financial shape. We have a balanced budget for 2026/2027 that was recently approved by the archdiocese. We are able to safely invest some of our assets in bank CDs to generate income, and our building improvement fund is healthy.

For all of that please accept my most sincere thanks. We are a parish family that continues to grow in discipleship thanks to the contributions of everyone—parishioners, staff, preachers, and ministers of all kinds.

Please know of my gratitude and my continued prayers.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

Calendar

Sunday, July 5

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

Monday, July 6

9:30 am Active Nonviolence Group Rm 9
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10

Tuesday, July 7

4:00 pm Serving at All Saints Off Site

Wednesday, July 8

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

Thursday, July 9

4:00 pm Serving at All Saints Off Site

Friday, July 10—Office Closed

Saturday, July 11

4:00 pm Mass (Schramm) Church

Sunday, July 12

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



Parish Support - June 2026

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

Community Life

Did your address or phone number change?

The Parish Office would greatly appreciate sharing any changes to your home address, phone number, and/or email. We reach out to folks in many different formats. We are noticing that keeping our email records accurate has been very challenging as people are changing their older and no longer supported email address or provider to newer versions (for example, switching from yahoo.com to gmail.com. Please use the change form at ololmke.wufoo.com/forms/m12ke02b0457pm5/ or give us a call and keep us up to date!

Virtue of the Week

Courage

Courage transforms fear into determination. It is embracing life fully, without holding back, doing what must be done even when it is difficult or risky. When we are tempted to give up, courage supports us to take the next step. It allows us to face adversity with confidence.

Courage opens us to new possibilities, and gives us the strength to sacrifice for what we love. At times we need courage to accept the truth, and to pick ourselves up after a mistake, ready to make amends and try again. Courage takes heart.

When have you reached beyond your comfort zone?
What happened?

What requires the greatest amount of courage in your life today?

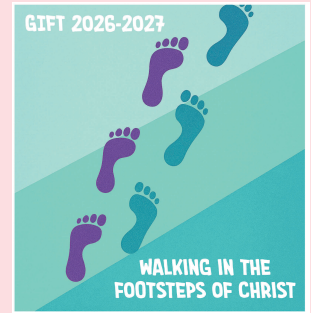
Formation

Confirmation at OLOL

Do you have a young person starting tenth grade this fall? Be ready for the sacrament of confirmation by enrolling for GIFT for the 2026-2027 school year.

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. Watch the bulletin and parish website for details on registering for GIFT.

Contact Director of Formation Ministries, Tanya Gross, if you have any questions.



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

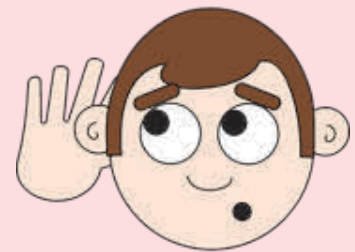
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Worship

Assistive Listening Devices are available!

Do you have difficulty hearing the music and spoken word during Mass? If so, please consider trying out one of our Assistive Listening Devices. Each device consists of a simple box and a lightweight earpiece. Just like a radio, you can control your own volume. Wanna give it a try? Simply take one from the gift table area against the back wall, plug the earpiece into the power box and enjoy. Then, please return the device to the charger station at the end of Mass, so that someone else can use it next time.



New (or new-to-some) songs coming this summer

If you missed it a couple weeks ago, here are some newer songs we'll be using this summer. Pour yourself a glass of lemonade and spend a little time giving them a listen. Then come add your voice to the body of Christ in our worship services. We can't wait to hear you!

The Body of Christ (Sarah Hart)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTLJ9I4cm6k&list=RDyTLJ9I4cm6k&start_radio=1

Come, All You Thirsty (Kathleen Basi)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtDP-13fEe0&list=RDcTDP-13fEe0&start_radio=1

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

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

Behold the Lamb (Martin Willett)

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

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

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

Spotlight

Red, White and Blue

The Fourth of July or Independence Day commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, 250 years ago. Fireworks, family fun, concerts, barbecues, parades, and baseball games are some ways of celebrating our independence from Great Britain. That establishment of democracy is something we have struggled to maintain since then. There are many ways of honoring those who actively participated in keeping our democracy alive and well.

One gentleman, Jim, who is a member of an American Legion Honor Guard for Veterans, is a part of ceremonial military honors at funerals or graveside services. You may know Jim as he presents the casings of the shells fired to a family member in a small blue bag with a red ribbon. Thank you, Jim and the entire Honor Guard, for this special service. Also, occasionally a local quilting group makes red, white, and blue "Quilts of Honor" and presents them to qualified service members for their role in defending our democracy. These individuals are Purple Heart recipients, those suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, traumatic brain injury or dealing with effects of Agent Orange, or those who have served multiple tours, etc. This local quilting group not only quilts and presents these "Quilts of Honor" but also makes the small blue bags with red ribbons for the Honor Guard.

I am lucky to be a part of this quilting group and a part of the charity projects we do that reward the men and women who have defended our democracy for 250 years. In many ways, we all contribute to our democracy in all the things we do daily to help our neighbors, friends and families. What makes our nation strong is this caring we show to those in need, without expectations of reward.

Donna Van Wynsberghe, OLOL Pastoral Council



Discipleship

Everyday Discipleship : Step Into Service

A disciple of Jesus is a lifelong learner and follower who seeks to model their entire life after the mission, message, and vision of Jesus Christ. Whether you are serving coffee, setting the altar, or greeting a newcomer, you are creating a pathway for someone else to encounter Christ.

We are currently looking for passionate disciples to serve right here in our faith community. You do not need a degree in theology—just a willing heart!

Weekend Altar Servers

This ministry welcomes all teens, young adults, and "seasoned" adults. Servers assist the presider in a variety of ways and serve the community by helping keep the liturgy flowing smoothly. You can even choose the liturgy that best fits your schedule. Training is required and will be provided.

Funeral Sacristan and Server

In this wonderful ministry you serve as a representative of Our Lady of Lourdes to the families who come to remember, mourn, and celebrate the life of a loved one. Responsibilities include setting up for the funeral liturgy and assisting the presider. A flexible schedule is a plus since funerals can be scheduled at various times. You will be added to a list of funeral sacristans and contacted on a rotating basis. Training would be provided and you would work along with an experienced sacristan until you feel ready to serve on your own.

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!

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

Outreach

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates:

July 28, August 11 and 25

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.



Communications

How to Favorite Websites (So You Don't Have to Hunt for Them Every Time)

If you've ever opened your browser, stared at the screen, and thought, "Now... how did I get to that page last time," this one's for you. Many parishioners tell us they always start from Google, Yahoo, or MSN and then click around until they eventually find the parish website, the bulletin, or Mass times.

There's a much easier way: favoriting (also called bookmarking) a website. Think of it as putting a sticky note on a page you want to return to – except the sticky note never falls off.

And good news: it's simple, and you can't break anything.

How to Favorite a Website

On a computer (Windows or Mac):

1. Go to the website you want to save.
2. Look for a star, heart, or the word "Bookmark" at the top of your browser.
3. Click it. That's it. The site is now saved for next time.

On a phone or tablet:

1. In Safari (iPhone/iPad): tap the open book or the Share button then Add Bookmark.
2. In Chrome: tap the star or tap the three dots then Bookmark.
3. In Samsung Internet: tap the star in the address bar.

Bonus: If you use the same account on your devices (iCloud, Google, or Microsoft), your bookmarks often sync automatically—save it once, and it appears everywhere.

Great Pages to Favorite

- Our website: ololmke.org
- Our bulletin
- Magisterium.ai (for faith questions)
- Any site you visit often

Loving God,

We greet this Fourth of July with grateful hearts as we call to mind the vision of freedom and justice for all upon which our country was built.

We give thanks for those who imagined this vision.

We are grateful to those who continue advocating for and pursuing a land of peace, liberty and equity for all. We realize it is still being created, however, as we witness the divisions, prejudices and injustices that plague us.

May we hold fast to the dream and vision of unity within our country.

May we dedicate ourselves to living as brothers and sisters respectful of one another's dignity and need for equity.

May we also realize the importance of reverencing our earth which provides for and sustains much of our lives.

We give glory and praise to our God and pray that we may always live in harmony as one family.

Amen.

~Sr. Rita Ostry, ND



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“As a middle school teacher, it was important to me to go beyond math and teach my students “human skills to help them grow as a person. We would start each week with a ‘virtue of the week’ and discuss what the virtue means and how it can be lived out at school, home and their community.”

~ Rebecca Heimerl, OLOL parish member

“As a physician assistant, I use virtues as part of goal setting with my patients. I share with the patient several virtues I see in them and examples of how they demonstrate them. I ask the patients to list three virtues they demonstrate, along with examples, and I challenge them to choose three virtues on which to improve. We then create a realistic plan together of ways to achieve their virtue goals.”

~ Pollyanna Kabara, OLOL parish member

JOIN US!

Inspire. Connect. Grow. Make a Difference!



DATE: July 30 and July 31, 2026 (Fri. & Sat.)



TIME: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm



WHERE: Our Lady of Lourdes Church



COST: \$40 (includes 2 meals, refreshments and handouts) (Payable via cash or check – see registration form for details.)

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BOTH DAYS



REGISTER BY:

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at <https://ololmke.wufoo.com/forms/awakening-the-gifts-within-virtues-registration/>



QUESTIONS?

Contact Tanya Gross at grosst@ololmke.org

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