



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church

July 19, 2026

16th 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.)



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will
shine like the sun in the
kingdom of their Father."
- Mt 13:43a

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Notes from Deb

Dr. Harry Fleddermann

As you know, Dr. Harry Fleddermann, a dear sweet man, passed away in June. Harry was a long-time parishioner and one of the founders of our Discipleship Institute. As a world renown scripture professor at Alverno University, Our Lady of Lourdes was richly blessed to have Harry's knowledge and expertise in a wide variety of presentations, from DI to GIFT to RCIA (now known as OCIA).

Thankfully, we have five episodes of Harry's presentation on the social justice prophets, "Amos and Hosea" available on the Discipleship Resource page on our website:

ololmke.org/discipleship-institute-resources/

While you are on that page, I invite you to check out some of the other presentations we have done in the past. Included are some guided meditations to help you through stressful days as well as presentations on dialogue and building bridges. I know that the Discipleship Institute folks are already making plans for next year. I hope to see you there.

Please know that I hold you each in prayer and I ask your prayers for me too!

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

Calendar

Sunday, July 19

Children's Sock and Underwear Drive

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

Monday, July 20

1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:00 pm	Police District 6 Safety Mtg.	Hall

Tuesday, July 21

10:30 am	SVDP Mtg.	Rm 3
4:00 pm	Serving at All Saints	Offsite

Wednesday, July 22

9:30 am	Communion Service	Church
10:15 am	Wednesday Morning Faith Group Social	Hall C

Thursday, July 23

12:00 pm	Women's Grief Support Group	Hall C
6:30 pm	Love Your Neighbor Love Your Community Hall	

Friday, July 24—Building Closed

Saturday, July 25

Children's Sock and Underwear Drive

10:00 am	Harry Fleddermann Funeral Visitation	Church
11:00 am	Harry Fleddermann Funeral	Church
4:00 pm	Mass (Burkert)	Church

Sunday, July 26

Children's Sock and Underwear Drive

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

Parish Support - July 2026

	ACTUAL as of 7/9/26	BUDGETED for July
Reg. Envelopes	\$31,823.33	\$60,283.00
Offertory	\$569.00	\$2,750.00
Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 2026		
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$32,655.75	\$68,333.00
Bequests	\$0.00	
Op. Expenses	\$679.13	\$81,722.82
Improvement Fund Updates		
Beg. Balance 7/1/26		\$433,070.54
Donations		\$581.00
Expense		\$0.00
Balance (7/9/26)		\$433,651.54

Community Life

Our Condolences

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

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Douglas Hardy & Jim Arnsdorff
From Theresa Arnsdorff

Virtue of the Week

Nobility

Nobility is keeping faith with our true value as spiritual beings. It is living up to being created in the image of God, and the trust that we will treat ourselves and others with dignity and respect. We speak and act graciously. We choose the moral high road regardless of the cost. If others try to bring us down, we remain steadfast, remembering our true worth. We don't follow the path of least resistance. We live principled lives.

What helps you live with high ethical standards?

Who is a role model of nobility for you?

Who or what helps you see and value your true dignity?

Awaking the Gifts Within

Join us for this fun and interactive two-day introduction to The Virtues Project, facilitated by Terry Rahn and Tanya Gross at Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday and Friday, July 30–31, from 9:00 am–3:00 pm. We will explore practical tools for strengthening relationships, leadership, and positive environments.

The registration fee is \$40, which includes meals, refreshments, handouts, and lunch both days. Please note: the flyer in the bulletin at the beginning of the month had the wrong days.

Register for this workshop at: ololmke.wufoo.com/forms/awakening-the-gifts-within-virtues-registration/ by July 22. For more information, contact Tanya Gross.

Formation

GIFT Registration is now open!

Did you know that GIFT is open to our entire OLOL family? Generations In Faith Together (GIFT) is our intergenerational religious formation program at Our Lady of Lourdes. It 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.

To register and get more details, go to our website at ololmke.org/gift/. Our first session will be on Sunday, September 13.

If you have questions about GIFT, please contact Director of Formation Ministries, Tanya Gross, or Director of Child Ministries, Steve Szymanski.

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 registering 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. Registration is now open.

Contact Director of Child Ministries, Steve Szymanski, if you have any questions.

Worship

Praying the Lyrics

In the theatre world, when performers need to break open the message of a song, we ask them to "monologue" it. Basically, that means to read the lyrics over and over in paragraph form, rather than the rhyming pattern we use in music, to make the words come to life. I really like to do the same thing with our church music, so here's a fun idea. "The Feast Meant for Everyone" by Tom Booth and Sarah Hart, is a new song we'll be introducing next month. Here are the words in paragraph form. Use this as your morning or evening prayer each day. Try to read them as complete sentences, rather than in the style of song lyrics. Discover and stress the words that really speak to you. Pray these words until they truly become a part of you. Then, when we come together as community and add the melody, our collective prayer will be that much richer.

The Feast Meant for Everyone – Lyrics

"Bread for the immigrant, bread for the poor, bread for the hungry who beg at our door. Food for the outcast waiting to belong; come to the feast meant for everyone. Bread for the sheltered, bread for the rich; those who need nothing but all Jesus is. Food for all people, empty, we all come; come to the feast meant for everyone. Drink for the brother, thirsting for more; drink for the sister who's run out of hope. This cup is healing, more than just enough. Come to the feast meant for everyone. Gather the sinners, gather the saints, all souls in heaven and here in this place. This is the table where we are made one, here in the feast meant for everyone. Oh, how great is the love of God in this body broken, this saving blood. Oh, how great is the love of God here in the feast meant for everyone, here in the feast meant for everyone."

The Feast Meant for Everyone – Recording

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

Spotlight

Unsung Disciples

Mary Conarchy shares her journey to Our Lady of Lourdes and her experience on the OLOL Social Justice Committee. Mary joined OLOL five years ago. She was led by her need to be spiritually fed. She experienced an authentic welcoming spirit at OLOL on occasional visits when the Mass times best fit the schedule of her family. Mary believes that it is the presence of love, not proselytizing, that is the basis of OLOL's strong community. Mary believes that you never know how you touch a person's life by being present, so take the risk of extending yourself and making room to be a friend.

Mary was drawn to be grounded not only within the church community, but beyond the church walls. An invitation came in the form of a bulletin announcement for a Social Justice Committee meeting. Mary endured a snowstorm to attend her first meeting two years ago. The committee brings together individual talents to collectively learn, inspire, and challenge each other. Mary says involvement has widened her attention and responsibility as a disciple of Christ. "There are no easy answers in meeting the complexity of human needs within the confines of our own limitations." The group has a collaborative nature where each member has a voice and is heard. Group members introduce topics, research, host speakers, and offer opportunities for action. "We are always learning how to respond within our personal lives, parish community, and beyond."

Most recently the Social Justice Committee has organized nonviolence themed prayer services. There will be prayer services held August 6 for Hiroshima; September 1 to recognize Care of Creation; November 2 in anticipation of the national election; and November 10 for Native American Heritage month. Find out more at the Active Nonviolence Corner ololmke.org/active-nonviolence-corner/ and on the Social Justice webpage ololmke.org/social-justice/.

Christine Yatchak, Pastoral Council member

Discipleship

Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogue at Deer Creek Senior Village

July 29 | 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>.

Live Stream Group Gathering

Did you know that the Discipleship Institute sponsors an online gathering space to view the live streamed 4:00 pm Saturday liturgy on Zoom?

Call the Parish Office and ask to be added to the email list for the Zoom group watch of the 4:00 pm Saturday liturgy. The Discipleship Institute will then email you a Zoom link for the Livestream Watch. You connect through this link on Saturday afternoon and the host will do all the work. You get to pray with others online and interact with those praying right along with you. This is great for those who are not able to join us in person for whatever reason.

"Community is much more than belonging to something; it is about doing something together that makes belonging matter." – Brian Solis

You can register for this link at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or, as previously stated, by calling the Parish Office.

Outreach

Grief Support Group

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, August 1 and August 15, 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.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates:

July 28, August 11 and 25

Most needed items: boxed potatoes, Hamburger Helper, pasta sauce, creamed soups, jam, and jelly. Remember to check expiration dates. We are also in need of tall paper grocery bags.

ololmke.org/food-pantry.



We welcome the following
into our faith community
through the waters of baptism:

Keenan David Henkel
(July 12, 2026)



Disciples on the Journey

A Catholic storytelling podcast

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Communications

Staying Organized with Digital Calendars and To-Do Lists

If you ever carried a Franklin Planner like it was a sacred text, you already know the thrill of choosing your next annual appointment book based entirely on the cover. (Because obviously the cutest kitten collage or band logo was going to make you a productivity icon.) Many of us once lugged around multiple calendars (work, personal, school) like we were auditioning for the role of “Most Overbooked Human.” It was a system held together by hope, highlighters, transparent packing tape, and the occasional sticky note avalanche.

Digital tools can rescue you from that paper-based juggling act. A digital calendar becomes your central command center, syncing across your all of your devices, as well as family members' devices, so you're never left wondering whether that appointment is at 2:00 pm or 2:30 pm. Color-coding still exists (thank goodness), but now it doesn't require owning five different marker sets. Reminders pop up automatically, sparing you from flipping frantically through pages like you're searching for buried treasure.

To-do list apps add the structure your brain wishes it had. Whether you use Microsoft To Do, or Apple Reminders, these apps let you sort tasks into neat categories, set deadlines, and enjoy the deeply satisfying dopamine hit of checking something off. They also prevent the classic problem of writing down a task, forgetting where you wrote it, and then rewriting it three more times in three different calendar books.

For those who still treasure the feel of paper under their fingertips, please know this isn't a call to abandon your beloved system. It has served you faithfully through graduations, surgeries, vacations, and more potlucks than any human should attend. If your system works, keep it! No one is taking away your pen, sticky notes, or the color-coded tabs that could rival the Dewey Decimal System.

But if you've ever wondered whether digital tools might make life a little easier, start with one small step. Try adding just one recurring appointment, like Sunday Mass or birthdays, to a digital calendar. Experiment with a single to-do list on your phone for groceries or errands. A tiny start can grow into a helpful habit, and you might discover that your paper planner and your phone can live in peaceful harmony.

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GIFT 2026-2027

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST

WE WILL EXPLORE THIS 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.

SEPTEMBER 13

SEPTEMBER 27

OCTOBER 18

NOVEMBER 1

NOVEMBER 14 - SERVICE (1:00 - 3:30 PM)

NOVEMBER 22

DECEMBER 6

JANUARY 10

JANUARY 31

FEBRUARY 21

MARCH 14

APRIL 11

APRIL 24 - SERVICE (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM)

MAY 2 - FULL MEAL (TIME TBD)

***TIME IS 9:00 AM - 10:20 AM UNLESS SPECIFIED

What is GIFT?

- GIFT is Generations in Faith Together; our program of faith formation.
- An innovative approach to faith formation for everyone!
- It is an intergenerational learning experience as singles, seniors, couples, and families/households of all varieties and forms gather to grow in faith together. We encourage all OLOL parishioners to take part in this.

Our gatherings include:

- An opening experience that is an introduction to the theme of the session.
- Learning and service sessions on the thematic topics that are age appropriate.
- Two annual Donut Sundays to foster fellowship amongst our OLOL Family.
- A meal for our last session

Why GIFT?

- To offer Catholic Christians a method of faith formation that speaks to both their lives and the world we live in
- To strengthen those who still feel that faith is a priority, but struggle in commitment
- To make sense of all that is part and parcel of Catholicism
- To live our faith and grow in it in the day to day of family life, jobs, school, etc...
- To impart our faith to the young people in our community which accompanies them on a life-long faith journey, as research shows that those who grow up discussing faith with adults are more likely to remain engaged in their faith

When is GIFT?

- We gather 14 times per year, between September and May, approximately every 3–4 weeks.
- We meet on Sundays between the 8:00 & 10:30 liturgies (from 9:00-10:20 am)
- For households with school-aged children, our expectation is that you will attend each session throughout the year.
- If your child is preparing for Sacraments, you will also take part in a separate preparation program.
- Households without school aged children have the option of signing up for individual sessions.

How much does GIFT cost?

- Sacrament Prep materials, retreat fees, and all supplies are included in the tuition fee.
- Fees vary according to the size of the household.
- There is a discount for seniors!
- Please see current year registration form for exact fees.
- Payments can be made in full, quarterly, or monthly through WeShare.
- Tuition scholarships are also available.

To register and get more details, go to our website at <https://www.ololmke.org/gift/>

If you have questions about GIFT, please contact Tanya Gross, Director of Formation Ministries or Steve Szymanski, Director of Child Ministries.