



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass and Communion Services

WEEKEND

Sat: 4:00 pm

Sun: 8:00 am | 10:30 am

WEEKDAY

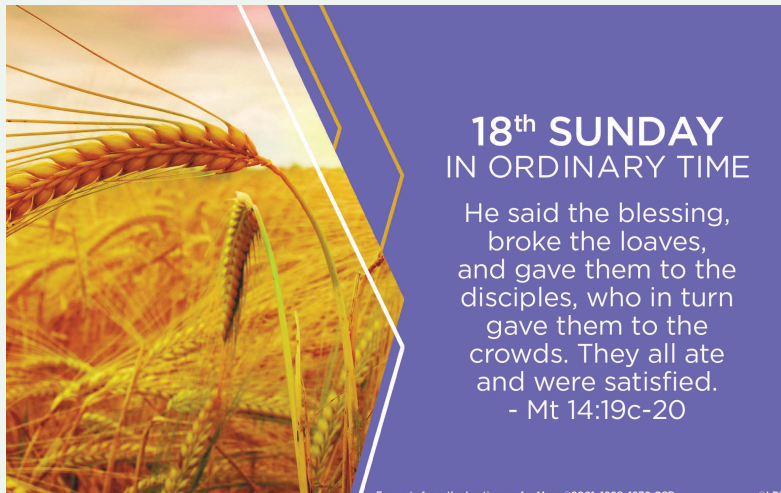
1st and 3rd Wed: 9:30 am Mass

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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Notes from Deb

Have You Noticed?

Have you noticed the numbers 1, 2, and 3 over our entry doors? We have added those numbers to help people who call for rides from ride share companies (Uber, Lyft, etc.) as well as van transport companies. If you give our address and specify the door number you will be using, we are hoping your pick-up will be easier. Door #1 is the door on 58th Street. Door #2 is at the south parking lot, and Door #3 is the wheelchair-accessible door on the east side of the building.

Have you noticed our library recently? The library is located outside my office. Along with a lovely variety of books that are changed from time to time (including children's books on the bottom shelf), we have a magazine rack. In it you will find various periodicals as well as forms that may be helpful. Recently, we have had some requests to include the Sunday scripture citations in our bulletin. Since we don't always have space in the bulletin, we have added the listing of Sunday scripture citations to the magazine rack as well.

Finally, have you noticed our suggestion box? It is on the left side of the counter at the main office. If you have an idea that would be helpful for the parish, please jot it down (with your name so I can get back to you) and place it in the box.

Thank you all for being a part of the OLOL parish family.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

Calendar

Sunday, August 2

St. Vincent de Paul School Supply Collection

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

Monday, August 3

9:30 am	Active Nonviolence Planning Mtg.	Rm 9
1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm	Proclaiming the Word Lector Development	Church

Tuesday, August 4

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

Wednesday, August 5

9:30 am	Mass	Church
10:15 am	Wednesday Morning Faith Group Social	Hall C
12:30 pm	Euchre Card Group	Rm 10
6:00 pm	Worship Team Mtg.	Rm 3

Thursday, August 6

1:00 pm	Proclaiming the Word Lector Development	Church
4:00 pm	Serving at All Saints	Offsite
7:00 pm	Hiroshima & Nagasaki Prayer Service	Garden

Friday, August 7—Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 8

St. Vincent de Paul School Supply Collection

4:00 pm	Mass (Lewis)	Church
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10:30 am	Mass (Burkert)	Church

Parish Support - July 2026

	ACTUAL as of 7/23/26	BUDGETED for July
Reg. Envelopes	\$58,510.64	\$60,283.00
Offertory	\$2,339.80	\$2,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$63,518.48	\$68,333.00
Bequests	\$0.00	
Op. Expenses	\$33,484.67	\$81,722.82

Improvement Fund Updates

Reg. Balance 7/1/26	\$437,986.31
Donations	\$2,398.00
Expense	\$29,000.00
Balance (7/16/26)	\$411,384.31

Community Life

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Karen Kitchin, Bill Simon, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

Did your address or phone number change?

The Parish Office would greatly appreciate your sharing changes in home address, phone number and email. We reach out to folks in many different formats, and we are noticing that email has been very challenging as people are changing their email address or provider—and we receive the “error” messages in response to our contact efforts. Please use our online form

ololmke.wufoo.com/forms/m12ke02b0457pm5/

or give us a call and keep us up to date!

Virtue of the Week

Serenity

Serenity is tranquility of spirit. It is an abiding sense of trust and faith that all is well. In the midst of trials, we are accepting and resilient. We go with the flow. We practice stillness, reflection, and mindfulness. Serenity allows us to detach from strong emotions that can cloud our judgment. We do not allow worry or fear to throw us off balance. We cultivate peaceful presence.

What does “going with the flow” mean to you?

How can you stand up for your opinions and beliefs and maintain serenity?

Where and when do you experience serenity in the most powerful way?



Formation

Note from Tanya

Having just recently finished my ninth month as the Director of Formation Ministries, I wanted to thank all of you for helping me transition into this role. Your support and acceptance have meant more than you will ever know.

Over the next few weeks, I would like to explore the “Renewing the Vision” document that is guiding me in my work and decision-making. Originally published in 1997 by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), I find much of what was written to still be relevant today. It starts with three goals. I will share the first one this week: “To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.” In essence, we need to help young people understand what it means to be followers of Jesus Christ in today’s world. How do we do this? Through catechesis and service. In collaboration with parents and other adults in their lives, we catechize through the GIFT program and youth retreats. In Spring 2026, I started to nudge our youth to do liturgical service and made available parish and community service projects once a month. All in an effort to help them understand how to live as disciples. A more robust service program will be introduced to our youth at our first GIFT session in September.

I leave you with a reminder that this is not only my work but the work of every parishioner to encourage discipleship in each other.

GIFT Registration

Did you know that GIFT is open to our entire OLOL family? 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 Sunday, September 13. If you have questions about GIFT, please contact Director of Formation Ministries, Tanya Gross or Director of Child Ministries, Steve Szymanski.

Worship

Farewell to composer Gary Daigle

Over 20 years ago, we were blessed to host a couple concerts here at Lourdes that included several composers whose works we use regularly in our music ministry. One of those composers was Gary Daigle. Gary passed away on July 7, leaving a legacy that will continue to serve us for many years to come.

Among his many roles, Gary was a composer, arranger, producer, pastoral musician, collaborator and friend. Through his work with the Dameans and many collaborations with artists like Rory Cooney, Theresa Donohoo, Marty Haugen, Michael Joncas, etc, Gary gave us music that sang scripture, prayer, mercy, and hope into the hearts and voices of assemblies all over the world. A sought-after producer, Gary contributed to countless recordings of some of the most beloved liturgical music written in the past several decades. A thoughtful mentor, Gary was also a tireless advocate for many aspiring liturgical composers. His life’s work stands as a testament to the transformative power of music, ministry, mentorship, and love.

“Wherever you die, I will be there
To sing you to sleep with a psalm,
To soothe you with tales of our journey,
Your fears and your doubts I will calm.
We’ll live when journeys are done
Forever in memory as one.
And we will be buried together,
And waken to greet a new dawn.”

Rory Cooney, with music by Gary Daigle, Covenant Hymn, © 1992 GIA Publications



If you are interested, you can watch the livestream of Gary’s celebration of life here:
<https://vimeo.com/1210333702>

Spotlight

From the Pastoral Council

Today's readings have a theme of a banquet invitation within the context of tragedy. Historically during the sixth century BC, Israel is invaded by the Babylonians who destroy the temple and force the Israelites to live in Babylon. God invites His people to be renewed and promises rich food without cost. "I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David." God said the blessings promised to King David would apply to all who uphold God's laws.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus withdraws to a deserted place by himself when he learns of the beheading of his cousin, John the Baptist, who suffers the consequences of speaking out against the adulterous relationship of King Herod Antipas. Despite his grief, Jesus is moved by the needs of the crowds who follow him. He cures the sick and feeds five thousand.

Forced displacement, religious wars, and unjust murders continue today. We can all add to the list of current evils causing pain and loss. "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Him who loved us." How do we face the perils in our lives? "...listen, that you may have life." Jesus conquers evil for all time. He continually reaches into our brokenness to heal, feed us, and give life. Reach back and be fed.

Christine Yatchak, Pastoral Council member

Discipleship

Prayer Service of Remembrance: Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Garden

August 6 | 7:00 pm

The Social Justice Committee is holding a prayer service in remembrance of the 81st anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan in 1945. Hiroshima was devastated on August 6 and Nagasaki on August 9, 1945, causing tens of thousands of deaths, radiation sickness, and long-term social and environmental consequences. Please join us in the Our Common Home Community Garden (the north side of the church) for a prayer service to remember and mark this somber anniversary. Please bring a lawn chair. We will meet in the church if it rains.

<https://visit.archives.gov/whats-on/explore-exhibits/atomic-bombing-hiroshima-and-nagasaki>

Live Stream Group Prayer Opportunity

The Discipleship Institute sponsors an online gathering space to pray along with the live-streamed 4:00 pm Saturday liturgy on Zoom.

Call the Parish Office to be added to the email list for the Zoom group watch of this liturgy. The Discipleship Institute will email you a Zoom link for the Live Stream 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.

"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.

Communications

Prompting AI Effectively: Simple Tips for Getting Better Results

Artificial intelligence is becoming a common tool in daily life, yet many people aren't sure how to "talk" to it in a way that produces helpful results. Prompting AI isn't technical; it's simply clear communication. With a few easy habits, anyone can use AI more confidently and effectively.

Start with a Clear Goal

AI works best when it knows what you're trying to accomplish. Begin with a purpose: "Write a short announcement," "Help me understand," or "Draft a friendly reminder." A clear direction keeps the response focused.

Add Helpful Context

Small details make a big difference. Mention your audience (family, volunteers, teens), the tone you want (warm, formal, humorous), and the format (bullet points, paragraph, prayer). If you have a word limit or theme, include that too.

Be Specific About the Style

AI can produce lists, reflections, comparisons, or multiple versions. Just ask. If you want three options, say so. If you want something simple or more detailed, name it.

Refine Through Conversation

Think of AI as a drafting partner. If the first answer isn't quite right, ask for adjustments: "Make it shorter," "Add a spiritual angle," or "Use everyday language." You can add your own adjustments if AI isn't getting it just quite right.

Try This: A Prompt Makeover

Less effective: "Write a thank you note."

More effective: "Write a warm, 100-word thank-you note to our parish volunteers for their work at last weekend's food pantry. Keep the tone grateful and encouraging, and end with one sentence about the impact their service makes."

The second prompt gives purpose, audience, tone, length, and structure—resulting in a far more useful response.

Use Care with Sensitive Topics

For pastoral or personal matters, guide the tone: "Keep this compassionate," or "Avoid medical advice."

Remember: AI Supports Your Voice

AI can help brainstorm, organize, and draft, but your judgment, experience, and prayerful discernment remain at the center.

On the Journey: Watch, Listen, Reflect

If you are looking for something to do this summer that will help you grow as a disciple of Christ visit our parish website and explore the page that offers podcasts, previous Wednesday Table Reflections, and various presider homilies from past liturgies. We are blessed with many amazing people, ordained and lay, who open our minds to the scriptures each weekend. This is a great way to hear from them when you attend a different liturgy. Just follow this link ololmke.org/digitalmedia/ and then sit back, listen, and relax in the dog days of summer.



OCIC/OCIA at OLOL

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), formerly known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is a spiritual and pastoral journey for adults seeking to join the Catholic Church. It is designed for both unbaptized individuals (catechumens) and already baptized Christians (candidates) preparing for confirmation and first Eucharist. The process emphasizes faith formation, prayer, discernment, and integration into the parish. A similar process that is age-appropriate is used for OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children)

If you or someone you know is interested in OCIC or OCIA, please contact Tanya Gross via email or call using extension 115. The process begins with an interview with the catechumen or candidate.

Parish Library

Did you know that Our Lady of Lourdes has a lending library and it has books for young kids, teenagers, and adults? There is no formal check out of the books. Simply take the books you want and return them when you are finished. The library is located on the bookshelves outside of Deb's office. Books are changed out every couple of weeks.

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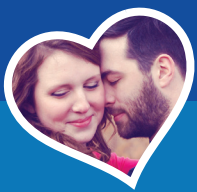


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Remembrance of 81st Anniversary of Hiroshima Bombing



Prayer Vigil

Thursday, August 6, at 7:00 pm

OLOL at Peace Pole in Community Garden

Please bring a lawn chair.

Rain site is the church.

How much do you know about nuclear weapons?

Take our quiz and find out!

or go to:

<https://clintonfranciscans.com/nuclear-weapons-quiz>

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