



19th 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.)



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.
- Mt 14:28-29

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Notes from Deb

A difficult decision and an easy "Yes!"

As many of you know, a gentleman who appears to be homeless has been sleeping on our property. His name is Dee. We have tried, with no success, to get him some assistance. Officers from the Milwaukee Police Department as well as workers from Milwaukee County Outreach have offered to help him, and he has refused. Dee is almost always intoxicated and leaves quite a mess on our property. Because of that, and because of his reluctance to accept help, I came to the difficult decision to hire a security guard to send him away. We of course should care for those who are homeless, but we are not equipped to meet Dee's needs. Please hold him and all those struggling with homelessness and addiction in your prayers.

That was the difficult decision part. Here's the easy "Yes!" Recently I attended a conference at the archdiocese and struck up a conversation with Archbishop Grob. He told me that he has some free weekends coming up and would like to come to OLOL for Mass. I of course said that he would be most welcome here! After a conversation with his assistant a couple days later, we have set a date. Archbishop Grob will be the presider at the 10:30 am liturgy on August 23. I look forward to him experiencing the warmth and the love of this parish community.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

Calendar

Sunday, August 9

St. Vincent de Paul School Supply Collection

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

Monday, August 10

1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm	Building & Grounds	Rm 3

Tuesday, August 11

1:00 pm	Proclaiming the Word	
	Lector Development	Church
3:00 pm	Food Pantry	Rm 7
6:30 pm	Proclaiming the Word	
	Lector Development	Church

Wednesday, August 12

7:00 am	St. Ben's Prep	Kitchen
9:30 am	Communion Service	Church
10:15 am	Wednesday Morning	
	Faith Group Social	Hall C
6:00 pm	Prayer in Movement	Hall AB

Thursday, August 13

6:30 pm	Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3
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Friday, August 14—Parish Office Closed

10:00 am	Paul Servais	
	Funeral Visitation	Church
11:00 am	Paul Servais	
	Funeral	Church

Saturday, August 15

St. Vincent de Paul School Supply Collection

11:00 am	Walking Through	
	Grief Together	Rm 3
4:00 pm	Mass (Jurkus)	Church

Sunday, August 16

St. Vincent de Paul School Supply Collection

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

Parish Support - July 2026

	ACTUAL as of 7/30/26	BUDGETED for July
Reg. Envelopes	\$63,230.13	\$60,283.00
Offertory	\$3,206.30	\$2,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$69,991.47	\$68,333.00
Bequests	\$0.00	
Op. Expenses	\$57,638.91	\$81,722.82

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/26	\$437,986.31
Donations	\$2,489.88
Expense	\$29,000.00
Balance (7/30/26)	\$411,476.19

Community Life

Our Condolences

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

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Bill Simon
From Lois Ksobiech

Oktoberfest Meeting

Thursday, August 13

Topic: Food and paper order

We are committing to the final menu and order amounts for the Oktoberfest weekend.

Virtue of the Week

Peacefulness

Peacefulness is inner calm and tranquility. It is a sense of harmony with all creation. Inner peace comes from quiet reflection and prayer. We release the past and let anxiety go. We keep a graceful pace, not allowing ourselves to be rushed or overwhelmed. We do not give in to anger. We resolve conflict in a just and gentle way. Peace is giving up the love of power for the power of love. Peace in the world begins with peace in our lives.

How can you release your fears to achieve peacefulness?

How does working for a more just society instead of anger benefit you and others?

Who helps you learn more about peacefulness?



Disciples on the Journey

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Formation

Note from Tanya

Last week, I introduced you to 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), much of what is written in it is still quite relevant. Last week I shared the first of three goals: “To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.”

This week, I will share the second goal: “To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community”. Young people experience the Catholic community of faith in several ways: home, parish, or Catholic school. As a parish, we should be a place that welcomes young people, encourages a personal relationship with God, and allows youth to minister side by side with adults in the community so that they have a sense of belonging and acceptance. Programs should recognize the special talents and role of youth in the life of the Church. In essence, youth should have a conspicuous presence in parish life.

I leave you with something to ponder this week. Do you think the youth of our parish have a conspicuous presence in parish life? As you participate in mass and in programs here at OLOL, do you think we are a welcoming presence to youth? Is there something we could do differently? Is there something you could do differently?

GIFT Registration

Our theme, “Walking in the Footsteps of Christ,” will explore the lens of Franciscan spirituality. All are welcome for GIFT no matter what stage of life you are in: single, widowed, couples, families!

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, 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. GIFT begins Sunday, September 13, 2026. Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 GIFT year. See the website for more details. Contact Director of Child Ministries, Steve Szymanski, if you have any questions.

Worship

Holy Day of Obligation—or Not?

The Feast of the Assumption is not a holy day of obligation this year because it falls on a Saturday. Under the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) complementary norms for canon law, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted when the Solemnity of the Assumption (August 15) lands on a Saturday or a Monday. This rule applies to the Solemnity of the Assumption, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1), and the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1). Our Saturday evening Mass on August 15, will celebrate the Sunday liturgy (the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time).

Prayer to Our Lady, Assumed into Heaven

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen. We join them in praising you and bless the Lord who raised you above all creatures. With them, we offer you our devotion and love. We are confident that you watch over our daily efforts and needs, and we take comfort from the faith in the coming resurrection. We look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.
Amen!



Spotlight

Laudato Si'—A Call to an Eco-spirituality

With the words, “Laudato Si’ mi’ Signore” (“Praise be to you, my Lord”), Pope Francis opens his May 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si’—On Care for Our Common Home*. In the opening paragraph he says: “In the words of this beautiful canticle (The Canticle of the Creatures), Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.” (LS#1). He adds, “This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.” (LS#2).

Jesuit Father James Martin summarizes the messages of *Laudato Si’* as “the spiritual perspective is now part of the discussion on the environment, the poor are disproportionately affected by climate change, less is more, Catholic Social Teaching now includes teaching on the environment, discussions about ecology can be grounded in the Bible and church tradition, everything is connected, scientific research on the environment is to be praised and used, widespread indifference and selfishness worsen environmental problems, global dialog and solidarity are needed, and a change of heart is required.”

Pope Francis’ call to action is summarized in paragraph 14: “All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.” The *Laudato Si’* inspired question for each of us is “How am I an instrument?” Watch for opportunities to explore this encyclical and act upon it through offerings of the Discipleship Institute and Social Justice Committee. You can access the entire document by searching on-line for *Laudato Si’* which will give the link to it on the Vatican website.

Jim Gill

Discipleship

Way of Creation Prayer Service

September 1 | 7:00 pm

Join us in Our Common Home Community Garden as the Social Justice Committee celebrates the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The garden is located just north of the church building. We will journey through the creation story in Genesis, weaving in other scripture, poetry, and inspirational writings as we give thanks and praise for each gift of creation. We hope for a beautiful late-summer evening, but the service will be held indoors if there is rain or extreme heat. Please bring a lawn chair.

Women’s Spirituality Group

September 2 | 6:30 pm

The Women’s Spirituality Group will gather again to reflect on the Sunday readings and bible study with other women from the parish. This group meets on the first Wednesday of each month in Room 6.

Men’s Spirituality Group

September 10 | 6:30 pm

All men are welcome to gather for real life conversations on how to live the Gospel in our day to day lives. Through prayer and reflection we will explore our role as brothers in Christ. This group will meet on the second Thursday of each month in Room 6.

Beyond Our Walls

Visit the section on the Discipleship Institute webpage entitled “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.

More details for all of these opportunities are available at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or by calling the Parish Office.

Outreach

St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, August 12. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday.

ololmke.org/st-bens/

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates:

August 11 and 25

Most needed items: canned beets and peas, pasta sauce, deodorant, liquid hand soap, and sponges. Please remember to check expiration dates.

ololmke.org/food-pantry.

Spirituality Opportunity

Prayer in Movement

Wednesdays, August 12 and 19

6:00 pm-7:00 pm

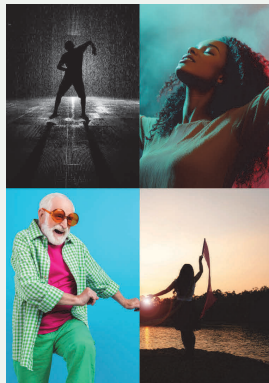
(No Cost)

Movement Leaders: Theresa Barnes and Rosalita Villa.

Adults and teens are invited to participate in this sacred whole person form of prayer. Prayer in Movement incorporates all of you, mind, body and spirit. Enter into a conversation with God, Creator of all, as you praise God with your lips and your hips as well bow down in heartfelt gratitude through gentle worship. You do not need formal dance training to pray reverently and be open to connect with the Creator's divine presence. You will be encouraged to dance and move within your own comfort zone and capability. Some worship tools such as flags, scarfs, and banners may be used.

Spread the word and or invite a friend to share in the experience for one or both of these Prayer in Movement Sessions.

To register or if you need more information, please email your name and contact information to divinemovement@sbcglobal.net



Communications

Expanding Our Digital Signage for Better Communication

If you've walked through the hallway across from the Parish Office recently, you may (or may not) have noticed something missing—the wall-mounted monitor that once served as an electronic sign. When we first installed it, the long-term plan was to add more screens throughout the building to help share information more effectively. While that broader expansion never materialized, the need for clear, visible communication certainly hasn't gone away.

Rather than letting the monitor sit unnoticed, we've taken a creative new approach. The screen has been moved onto a mobile cart and is now joining our two existing mobile TVs. By combining all three, we're increasing the visibility of parish news, upcoming events, ministry highlights, and other important information in a flexible and dynamic way.

This new setup gives us the ability to place eye-catching signage in the Lobby and church entrances before and after Mass to draw attention to special events, and support parish gatherings in ways we haven't even imagined yet. Because the TVs remain fully functional for presentations, meetings, and laptop connections, they will also continue to serve multiple purposes depending on the needs of the day.

We officially launched this updated system on August 1 and 2. As with any new initiative, this will be a learning process filled with trial, error, and discovery. We're paying close attention to what works well, what doesn't, and how parishioners interact with the screens. Your feedback, suggestions, and creative ideas are not only welcome—they're encouraged.

There are practical considerations we're navigating as well. Electrical outlets in our hallways are limited, which means some ideal locations simply aren't compatible. We're also being mindful of walking paths, fire escape routes, and overall physical safety as we experiment with placement.

Our hope is that this mobile signage system becomes a helpful tool for communication, hospitality, and connection. As we continue refining it, we invite you to share your thoughts and help us shape how these screens can best serve our parish community.

If you have ideas or feedback, please reach out; we'd love to hear from you.

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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SERVING?

Do you feel called to a leadership role in our Parish community? Our Lady of Lourdes has openings on its Pastoral Council and is searching for new members!

If so, please consider nominating yourself or someone from whom you obtain permission for consideration.

Please use this QR code to access the online nomination form. You may also submit the nomination form on the other side of this page. All nominations must be submitted online or to the Parish Office no later than **Sunday, September 6, 2026.**

Please contact **Jim Stamatakos** (Stam22@aol.com) or **Cory Anshus** (coryanshus2020@gmail.com) with any questions!



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PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

The Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council serves the parish in partnership with Deb Steppe on how best to carry out the mission of Jesus and the Church within the Lourdes community. The Council currently has 17 members. We would like our council to be as diverse as our community and we welcome youth and adults of any gender, race, or age.

Please consider nominating yourself or someone from whom you obtain permission for this position using this form and return it to the boxes at the entry of church by **September 6, 2026**. Nominees will be sent further information and will be requested to attend the September 17 Pastoral Council meeting between 6:00 pm-7:00 pm.

To be eligible to serve on the Pastoral Council, individual must be:

- **At least 18 years old (youth with parental permission are welcome to apply)**
- **A registered member of Our Lady of Lourdes**
- **An active participant in parish life – service in a Parish ministry or on a Parish committee is preferred**
- **Willing to meet for 1.5 hours on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except July and August)**

If you are nominating someone other than yourself, that person's consent must be on the nomination form.

Please select one of the following options

_____ I am interested in serving on the OLOL Pastoral Council. Please contact me for further discussion.

Name (please print): _____

E-mail address and phone number: _____

OR

_____ I (your name) _____ would like to
nominate _____ to serve on the
OLOL Pastoral Council.

Nominee's E-mail address and phone number: _____

I confirm that the nominee has consented to being nominated and will serve on the Council if selected.

Nominator's E-mail address & phone number: _____