



20th 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

Our Next Projects & Archbishop Grob

I continue to be amazed at the generosity of our parishioners in both regular donations as well as donations to our dedicated accounts and the Love One Another campaign. As you know, we have completed several projects with the Love One Another funds including the parking lot and the accompanying landscaping, windows, window shades, and a new sound board in church. The one remaining project is our front lobby. The windows make that area warm in summer and cold in winter. It's not only uncomfortable, but it is terribly inefficient in energy usage. In the next few weeks, we will be consulting with some architectural firms to give us ideas on window replacement and maybe even re-fashioning our front entrance. I will keep you updated with the ideas that are presented.

I also want to say thank you for keeping the doors in church shut and keeping the cool air in. That seems to be working very well. Please know that we are getting bids on installing an automatic opener for the east door to make access to the church easier for folks who use walkers, wheelchairs, etc.

Finally, a reminder that next weekend, Archbishop Grob will be our presider at the 10:30 am liturgy. I look forward to him experiencing the love, fellowship, and the outstanding prayer that is who we are as a parish family.

Know of my continued prayers.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

Calendar

Sunday, August 16

St. Vincent de Paul School Supply Collection

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

Monday, August 17

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10

Tuesday, August 18

10:30 am SVDP Mtg. Rm 3
4:00 pm Serving at All Saints
Meal Program Offsite
6:30 pm GIFT Core Team Mtg. Rm 9

Wednesday, August 19

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 Prayer in Movement Hall AB
6:00 pm Baptism Prep Rm 10
6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg. Rm 3

Thursday, August 20

3:00 pm Community Garden
Mtg. Rm 9
4:00 pm Serving at All Saints
Meal Program Offsite
6:30 pm Youth Advisory
Council Mtg. Rm 2

Friday, August 21—Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 22

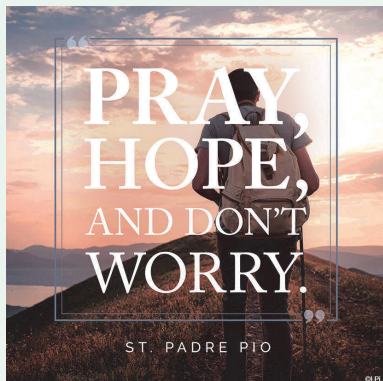
Community Weekend

10:00 am Baptism Rehearsal Rm 3
4:00 pm Mass (Burkert) Church

Sunday, August 23

Community Weekend

8:00 am Mass (Schramm) Church
10:30 am Mass (AB Grob) Church
(Baptisms)



Parish Support - August 2026

	ACTUAL as of 8/6/26	BUDGETED for August
Reg. Envelopes	\$22,750.59	\$63,167.00
Offertory	\$874.00	\$3,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$95,257.83	\$141,925.00
Bequests	\$0.00	
Op. Expenses	\$80,595.61	\$163,875.64

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/26	\$437,986.31
Donations	\$2,952.88
Expense	\$31,994.00
Balance (8/6/26)	\$408,945.19

Community Life

Our Condolences

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

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Bill Richard
From Betty Richard

In loving memory of Harry Fleddermann
From Thomas Maher

In loving memory of Kathryn Madole
From Friends of Kathy Madole

Virtue of the Week

Strength

Strength is the inner power to withstand whatever comes. It is our capacity to endure in the midst of tests. We grow in strength as we tackle life's challenges with courage and determination. We deepen in strength when we choose gentleness and practice patience. We stay strong when we recognize that suffering is a thread woven through the design of our lives, not to make us unhappy, but to transform us with grace.

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved."

Helen Keller

Does Helen's quote inspire strength?

What would your quote be to inspire strength?

Formation

Note from Tanya

It is time to share the third and final goal from the "Renewing the Vision" document that is guiding me in my work and decision-making, "To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person." Ministry and formation should promote the growth of healthy, competent, caring, and faith-filled young people. We, as Church, should be addressing young people's spiritual needs in the context of their whole life. Doing faith formation, service work, and social activities through our church provides an example for youth about how to incorporate their spiritual life into everything they do. Working side by side with adults in our community provides them with role models, in addition to their parents, who have learned how to integrate their faith and spirituality into their life.

As I mentioned two weeks ago, youth ministry is not just my work but the work of this entire parish. We are all role models in forming the next generation. May the Holy Spirit move within all of us as we continue this sacred work.

Confirmation 2027

A Parent/Youth Confirmation Orientation meeting will be held on Monday, August 31, at 7:00 pm in Room 9. During this gathering we will walk through the confirmation preparation process and discuss important details for the year including: key dates and events, confirmation retreat, choosing a sponsor, service requirements, confirmation interview with Tanya, GIFT registration (if you haven't done so already), and other opportunities to grow in faith throughout the journey.

This meeting is designed to help families understand what to expect and answer any questions as you begin preparing for this important sacrament. Please contact Tanya Gross if you are unable to attend so other arrangements can be made to review this information.

GIFT Registration

Have you registered for GIFT for the 2026-27 school year? All are welcome for GIFT no matter what stage of life you are at - 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.

Worship

As you may know, **Spirit & Grace**, our regular Sunday choir, takes most of the summer off. After a nice break and a chance to enjoy the summer weather and activities, we are gearing up to start again. Spirit & Grace is open to everyone high school age and older. Rehearsals are held on most (but not all) Thursday afternoons, from 3:30 pm-5:00 pm, and we sing at the 10:30 am Mass on scheduled Sundays. No experience is necessary, and we don't require an audition. Rather, we will get to know you and help you decide where your voice type fits best. Our first rehearsal will take place on **Thursday, August 27**. Along with the pieces we use throughout our weekend services, we will begin learning a new Mass setting, "Mass for Sister Thea Bowman," composed by Dr. Aaron Mathews, who is currently leading music at St. Charles in Hartland.

Our **Resurrection Choir** is open to everyone, rehearses approximately once a month and sings at all of our funerals. Unlike the other groups, attendance is decided by your personal schedule. While it would be wonderful to have you there for every funeral celebration, it's more realistic that you will participate whenever possible.

Seasonal Choirs return. This fall we will begin our 4th year of having seasonal choirs! If you recall, these choirs give you a chance to get involved on a short-term basis. Each ensemble requires only 1-4 rehearsals, along with singing at a service. Then you tuck that experience away until the next time. This year, we'll also be doing something special in Advent, so keep your eyes and ears open for more information about that.

Are you intrigued? Please contact Director of Music Ministries, Anne Van Deusen for more information or talk to the current members of the choirs. And at any time of the year, if you feel called to participate in our music ministry, the door is always open. We'd love to have you!

Spotlight

Unsung Disciples

Bob Sieber is a cantor at Our Lady of Lourdes. He started when he came to the parish four and a half years ago. He was drawn by the music at OLOL which he describes as consistently high caliber, uplifting, and fresh with new selections. The ministry allows flexibility which fits his schedule. He points out our wide selection of limited commitment specialty choirs: Spirit & Grace, Resurrection, and the many Seasonal Choirs.

Bob's journey through music ministry started in high school as a sax player in a band while also a talented piano player. He was led from his parish to another through a personal request for his talents in a musical. He moved on to head a choir of forty men, which grew into guiding men's retreats involving a lot of golf. He was also a cantor for 30 years.

The encouragement of parishioners keeps Bob singing at OLOL. "I know more people here than any other parish.... They give me high fives and tell me you remind me of Johnny Cash or Neil Diamond." Bob says the nature of people at OLOL sets it apart. "They care for you."

What guided Bob from the parish still a few blocks from his house? He counts the years by Lenten seasons and uses the Christmas season as a time of soul searching. Bob says a silent listening daily prayer life is the key to being led to areas you would never have gone to and knowing what you need to do. "The Holy Spirit is my favorite of the three." What would become possible if each of us bravely opened our life to the Spirit? Perhaps we could at least say the same as Bob, "I can't say where I'm headed, but I know where I need to be."

Christine Yatchak, Pastoral Council member

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

Thank You

Thank you from the Human Concerns Committee, for opening your hearts to the children served by the Ladies of Charity. You have again responded generously to the Socks and Underwear challenge! Your donations of 670 pairs of socks and 578 pairs of underwear were gratefully accepted by the Ladies. Each qualifying child receives 7 pair of socks and 7 pair of underwear, meaning you have helped over 80 children! Many thanks to you, especially from those families that benefit from your generosity!

Disciple on the Journey Podcast

Anita Kowalski's "Disciple on the Journey" Podcast premieres Saturday, August 15. Anita shares her journey of faith through Vatican II in this month's episode on the Our Lady of Lourdes podcast channel.

Here's a quick excerpt from Anita's episode:

"We used the Baltimore Catechism. That was our textbook. But then, all of a sudden, Vatican II came along, and I have to say I was ready for it ... 'cause I was really darn tired of having Father be responsible for everything. So Vatican II changed my life, and if I was to think of a person, 'cause I'm a reader, okay, Teilhard de Chardin, theologian, scientist, he changed my life. Because he said, 'Whatever you do is worthy. Whoever you are is worthy, and you are the Church.' And so from then on, I think I decided to be the Church."

Find out more about Anita's journey by listening to her podcast. You can find her interview at: tinyurl.com/OLOLDotJ



Communications

Watch Your Mail: Our New Parish Guidebook is Arriving Soon

In the coming days, if not already, parish households will receive a copy of our new Parish Guidebook & Directory in the mail. This annual resource is designed to help our community stay connected, informed, and supported throughout the year.

Inside the guidebook, you'll find:

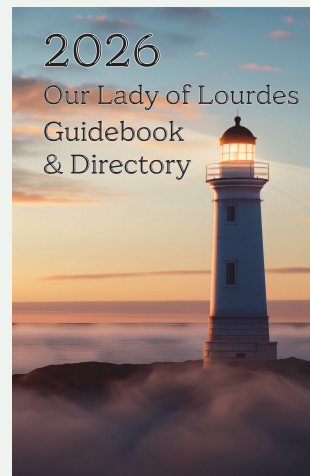
- Contact information for most parishioners who chose to be listed, making it easier to reach out, build relationships, and stay connected as a parish family.
- Key parish details, including Mass times, ministry descriptions, sacramental information, and helpful reminders about parish life.
- Advertising of local businesses and services who have generously supported the publication of this guidebook through their advertising.

We encourage you to take a moment to look through the guidebook when it arrives. Keep it somewhere handy.

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Thank you for being part of our vibrant parish community. May this guidebook be a helpful tool for staying connected and living our mission together.

If you joined our parish after July 1 you may have not been added before the book went to print. We have a few extra copies available at the Parish Office. Feel free to stop by and ask for one!



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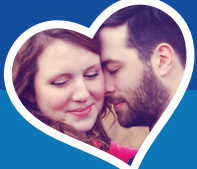
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