



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass and Communion Services

WEEKEND

Sat: 4:00 pm

Sun: 8:00 am | 10:30 am

WEEKDAY

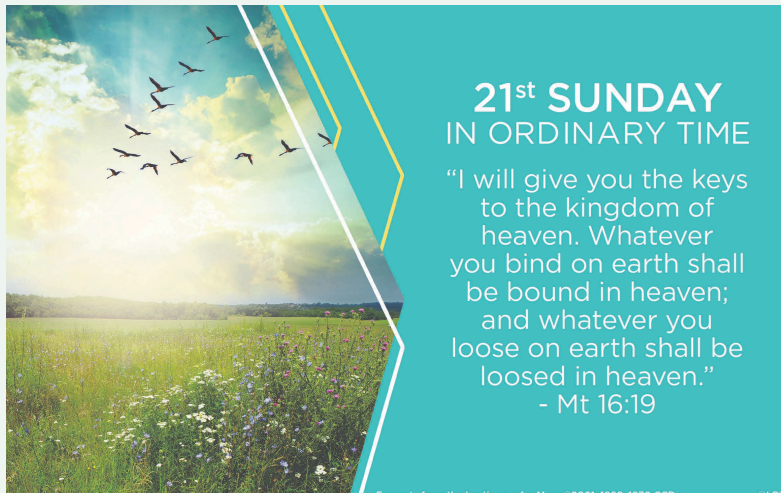
1st and 3rd Wed: 9:30 am Mass

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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"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."
- Mt 16:19

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Notes from Deb

Veggies and a Short Cut

First the veggies! Folks from our parish have been cooking and serving chicken dinners at St. Ben's every month for well over 50 years. That is wonderful! While we are not in need of financial donations at this time, we do ask for food donations. As I see those donations come in, it's clear that folks in the OLOL parish family have a sweet tooth. Every month the number of desserts is amazing! The number of hard-boiled eggs and fresh vegetables though, is somewhat lacking. We would welcome broccoli, cauliflower, radishes, carrots, etc., to supplement our meal. No need to cook them, just cut them up and place them in a resealable bag. Thank you!

On to the short cut. While some of our parishioners access our property from the driveway off 56th Street, that driveway is most often used by people who want to take a short cut between Forest Home and Howard Avenues. Often these drivers do so at a remarkably fast and unsafe speed.

The asphalt on this driveway is wearing away, and it would be rather expensive to resurface it. That leads us to the question, do we want to keep that driveway? Is it worth the money to resurface a driveway that most folks don't use or should we close it off?

I'd like to hear from you. If you have strong feelings one way or another about this driveway, please send me an email or give me a call.

Please know of my love and my prayers.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

Calendar

Sunday, August 23

Community Weekend

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

Monday, August 24

1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
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Tuesday, August 25

10:30 am	Karen Kitchin Funeral Visitation	Church
11:30 am	Karen Kitchin Funeral	Church
1:00 pm	Art Guild	Rm 4
3:00 pm	Food Pantry	Rm 7
6:15 pm	GIFT Catechist Dinner	Rm 10

Wednesday, August 26

9:30 am	Communion Service	Church
10:15 am	Wednesday Morning Faith Group Social	Hall C
6:30 pm	Proclaiming the Word Lector Development	Church

Thursday, August 27

3:30 pm	Spirit & Grace Reh.	Church
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Friday, August 28—Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 29

9:30 am	Peg Kasun Funeral Visitation	Church
11:00 am	Peg Kasun Funeral	Church
4:00 pm	Mass (Suriano)	Church

Sunday, August 30

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

Parish Support - August 2026

	ACTUAL as of 8/13/26	BUDGETED for August
Reg. Envelopes	\$31,364.49	\$63,167.00
Offertory	\$1,604.60	\$3,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$105,358.28	\$141,925.00
Bequests	\$0.00	
Op. Expenses	\$107,179.03	\$163,875.64

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/26	\$437,986.31
Donations	\$3,334.88
Expense	\$31,994.00
Balance (8/13/26)	\$409,327.19

Community Life

In Memoriam

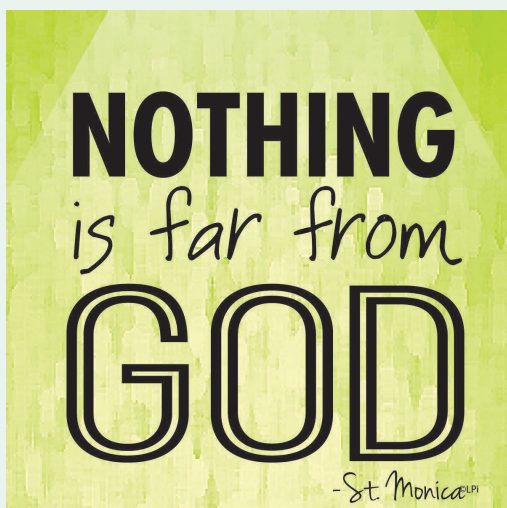
In loving memory of Bill Simon
From Matt and Lou Ann Collins
Ruth Cassidy

In loving memory of Paul Servais
From Betty Richard

In loving memory of Judy Bialk
From Friends of Sandy Bawolek

Catholic Social Teaching

In today's gospel we hear an example of the "messianic secret." Jesus asks his disciples who they think he is, and Simon Peter responds "you are the Christ, the son of the living God." Jesus honors Peter's understanding with the words "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." He then instructs the disciples to tell no one that he is the son of God. Why the secret? In a practical sense, Jesus is creating a boundary that will allow him to complete his mission. If people knew God's son was walking among them, the demand on his time would impede his movement and ministry. It's interesting to reflect on Jesus setting boundaries. His mission was enormously consequential to history, salvation, and justice, yet he kept it quiet until the proper time. The book of Ecclesiastes famously tells us that there is a season for everything. When tackling issues of justice, it is easy to become overwhelmed by vast global injustices. Yet even Jesus was strategic in his service. We each have missions of goodness. No single person can have all of the missions. Like Jesus, we should be strategic with our energy and time to bring forth the kin-dom of God.



Formation

GIFT Registration

If you haven't registered for GIFT, please do so! It will help us better plan for supplies, snacks and other items we purchase. 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.

Nursery Helpers Needed

We occasionally need babysitting help in the nursery for various events at OLOL. Parents involved in GIFT, Sacramental Preparation, Baptism Preparation and/or OCIA often need someone to watch their children while they participate in these respective activities. Nursery helpers are required to go through a background check and must complete the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Safe Environment training. If you are interested in helping in the nursery at OLOL, please contact Director of Child Ministries, Steve Szymanski.

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.

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.

Worship

Eucharist Etiquette

The faithful should receive the Body and Blood of Christ with reverence and dignity. Christ is fully present under each individual form and receiving under both provides an even fuller sign of the Eucharistic banquet. What is the proper etiquette for receiving both forms? What about only under one form and not receiving from the cup?

Steps for Reception

- Approach the minister and listen as they say, "The Body of Christ."
- Answer clearly: "Amen."
- On the Hand: Place your non-dominant hand flat on top of your dominant hand (creating a "throne"), receive the host flat on your palm, step completely to the side, and use your bottom hand to place the host reverently into your mouth before moving along. Never grab or snatch the host from the minister.
- Reverently place the consecrated host into your mouth immediately.
- Move to the minister holding the cup. Listen as the minister says, "The Blood of Christ."
- Answer clearly: "Amen," take the cup gently with your hands, take a small sip, and hand it back to the minister. Self-intinction (dipping the host into the chalice yourself) is not permitted.

So, what if you opt to not receive the Blood of Christ? A simple nod is all that is required when not receiving from the cup. Reaching out to reverence the cup can be risky as the minister may think you are reaching to consume, and they let go of the cup. A simple nod of the head shows the dignity and reverence required and eliminates the risk of spilling.

Displaying the appropriate reverence to the Body and Blood of Christ reflects a believer's deep faith, humility, and awe before God. It aligns our human actions with the sacredness of the worship encounter and maintains the beauty, safety, and solemnity of our shared liturgical experience.

Spotlight

The Choice of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

Tracy Earl Welliver
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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.

Gay & Straight in Christ (GASIC)

September 9 | 7:00 pm

Gay and Straight in Christ welcomes, supports, and affirms LGBTQ+ persons, their families and friends and those who wish to stand in solidarity with them in Christ. This ministry works to help the LGBTQ+ community find comfort in taking its rightful place within the Catholic community.

All meetings are hybrid, in person or virtual, from 7:00 pm-8:00 pm on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted. For more information go to ololmke.org/gasic/ or contact the Parish Office.

Men & Women's Retreat Opportunity

October 22-25

Bill and Jeanne Goulding invite you to attend a mixed retreat they are coordinating at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh. The retreat is for adult men and women. You could even attend with an adult child or grandchild!

The accommodations include private bedrooms with private baths. The retreat house is located on a sprawling former estate on Lake Winnebago. Join them for three days and nights of plentiful food and comfortable lodging, all in an amazing setting. If you have questions about this retreat, please contact Deacon Bill at CeltDeac58@gmail.com or visit the Jesuit Retreat House website at <https://www.jesuitretreathouse.org/>.

Outreach

Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, September 5 and 19 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:

August 25, September 8 and 22

Most needed items: canned carrots, baked beans, fruit, cookies, pasta, and tuna. Please remember to check expiration dates.

ololmke.org/food-pantry.

Welcome New Parishioners

July 2026

Marie Banach

Rudy and Marjorie Cudzinovic

Barbara and Dennis Gritzmacher

Kendra and Aaron Kugel

Cynthia and Jay Lilley

Lisa and Nate Swain-Chartier

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

Parker Joseph Julga

Communications

What's New on the Website

This time of year, a lot is new on the website. Just about every ministry we have is updating their calendars and posting them on the website. Be sure to check out any changes to the ministries you attend or are involved in.

Pro tip: Instead of starting with our home page each time you visit and clicking around to find the same page every time, **favorite** the page instead. Favoriting saves the exact location you want to visit on our website (Mass times, the bulletin, the parish calendar, GIFT, Oktoberfest, Social Justice, Discipleship Institute, etc.) so you can jump there in one tap. Look for the **star**, **bookmark**, or **open book** icon in your browser. Once you tap it, that page becomes a shortcut underneath your address bar or in the dropdown menu to the right of the address bar so you can return to the page anytime, without having to remember how to get there from the home page.

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