



24th 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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Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."
- Mt 18:21-22

Notes from Deb

Here we go!

The programming year here at the parish is well underway!

This weekend, GIFT, (Generations in Faith Together) begins. This year we are focusing on walking in the footsteps of Christ. If you missed the first session, you can still join us for the rest of the season. We will gather again for GIFT on September 27.

With the feast of St. Francis of Assisi approaching, we will have our annual pet blessing on Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 am. This takes place on the east side of our building or in the Hall if it's raining. Our pets are such a blessing to us; it is so appropriate to appreciate and bless them in this way. All pets are welcome!

Our Oktoberfest Artisan Fair is just around the corner. Our campus will be filled with artisans, polkas, great food, and delightful fellowship October 9-11. The sense of community and a true spirit of joy are present throughout the weekend. Please consider volunteering a bit of your time to help with this wonderful event. I look forward to seeing you there!

Our next blood drive, sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul folks is on October 20. We always speak of giving of ourselves. This is a literal way to do that!

These events are just a small sample of all that we have happening here. What a blessing it is to be a part of this vibrant, growing parish family.

Know of my prayers and my love,

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

Calendar

Sunday, September 13

8:00 am	Mass (Drenzek)	Church
9:00 am	GIFT	Hall
10:30 am	Mass (Abert)	Church

Monday, September 14

9:30 am	Active Nonviolence Mtg.	Rm 9
12:30 pm	Environment Change	Church
1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm	Building & Grounds	Rn 3

Tuesday, September 15

10:30 am	SVDP Mtg.	Rm 3
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Wednesday, September 16

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	Pastoral Council Mtg.	Rm 3

Thursday, September 17

3:30 pm	Spirit & Grace Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:30 pm	Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3

Friday, September 18—Parish Office Closed

11:00 am	Thomas Kaiser Funeral Visitation	Church
12:00 pm	Thomas Kaiser Funeral	Church

Saturday, September 19

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

Sunday, September 20

8:00 am	Mass (Lewis)	Church
9:00 am	Sacrament Prep	Hall
10:30 am	Mass (Heinze)	Church



Love One Another Update

Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Love One Another campaign on behalf of Our Lady of Lourdes. We just received our quarterly distribution (ending on June 30, 2026). The total collected was \$16,644.00 and we received our distribution of \$9,800.40.

If you are new to the parish or would like to contribute to this investment in our future endeavors, please call the Parish Office and we will provide you with the information you need.

Did your address or phone number change?

The Parish Office reminds you to share any changes to your home address, phone number, and/or email. We reach out to folks in many different formats. Keeping our email records accurate has been very challenging recently as people change their older and no longer supported email addresses or providers to newer versions (for example, switching from yahoo.com to gmail.com.) Please use the change form at ololmke.wufoo.com/forms/m12ke02b0457pm5/ or give us a call and keep us up to date!

Community Life

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Peg Kasun
From Bruce and Terri Zivney
Andrea and Wayne Graham
Susie and Mark Van Rixel
Jane Schneider
Susan Stachelski

Virtue of the Week

Appreciation

Appreciation is seeing the good in life. It is recognizing the gifts that come our way and showing gratitude for them. When we express gratitude to others, we mirror the virtues we see in them. Friendship thrives on appreciation. As we do the spiritual work life calls us to do, it is important to appreciate our own efforts and to acknowledge our progress. We don't dwell on the unpleasant things in life. Drinking deeply of the beauty and pleasures life offers, we don't waste a single day.

How do you best express gratitude?

How does acknowledging the down times help you elevate the things you appreciate?

(We appreciate seeing teens in the parish taking an active role in serving at liturgy.)

Formation

Sacrament Preparation for Reconciliation Begins September 20

Our first session for Sacrament Preparation for reconciliation and first Eucharist is Sunday, September 20, from 9:00 am-10:15 am in the Hall.

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 Ministry, Steve Szymanski.

Youth Service Opportunities

A booklet for service opportunities will be distributed at the first GIFT session to all youth in Grades 7-11. This booklet can also be found on our parish website at ololmke.org/youth-service-opportunities/. The first opportunity for service in our parish will be at Oktoberfest. Check out the sign-up sheets in the classroom hallway or check the parish website at ololmke.org/oktoberfest/ for volunteer opportunities.

Worship

What happens at a Polka Mass?

I'm often asked that question from people at church as well as outside the church. So I did some research, and here was one of my favorite answers:

"At its core, a Polka Mass is a regular Catholic liturgy with polka-style music added to the hymns and celebration. You'll hear accordions, brass, and traditional Polish or Slavic songs instead of a standard organ or choir. They're often scheduled for feast days, parish festivals, or cultural holidays and include food, dancing, and community gatherings afterward."

I love that so much of that is exactly how and why we celebrate this way on Oktoberfest weekend. We'll add polka-style music, accordion and brass to our Saturday 4:00 pm liturgy, and include food, dancing and a community gathering afterward. This joyful celebration will take place on Saturday, October 10.

Join the Polka Mass Choir and Band!

Singers and instrumentalists of all ages are invited to help lead the music at our Polka Mass. Participation is easy; you only need to attend one rehearsal and the Mass itself.

Important Dates:

- Monday, September 28, rehearsal in church
- 5:00 pm– instrumentalists
- 6:00 pm– add the choir
- Saturday, October 10, 4:00 pm Mass (meet at 3:15 pm)



Please Note: If you'd like to play an instrument, please contact me, Anne Van Deusen by September 23. If you'd like to sing, just come to rehearsal on September 28. We hope to see lots of you there!

Spotlight
Oktoberfest Artisan Fair 2026
October 9-11

Have you checked out Oktoberfest Artisan Fair on www.ololmke.org/oktoberfest? It is a great way to remember fun times from the past 16 years or learn about this wonderful weekend. Would you like to watch a video of a cake walk in progress? Do you know the story behind our coveted homemade apple strudel that creates waiting lines? Would you like to track the 50/50 jackpot as it grows in the weeks leading up to Oktoberfest? Would you like to know if your favorite artist is returning? Well, check the website!

The schedule and menu are listed on the website.

In addition to continuing our favorite traditions, the planning team has committed to keeping Oktoberfest "fresh" by trying new things. In a nutshell, here is what is new in 2026:

- New artists join your favorite returning artists. Follow us on Facebook to preview their art!
- Saturday Dinner is Bunzel's Beef Tips over noodles.
- Homemade dinner rolls and soup rolls. Yum!
- New art and activities for all ages and skill levels on Saturday afternoon from 12:30 pm–3:30 pm.
- New baskets donated by parishioners and organizations (Milwaukee Ballet tickets, Timberattlers Tickets, Culver's and more!)
- A raffle to show appreciation for volunteers! Share your time and enter for a chance to win a \$50 gift card!
- And, if you haven't joined us before, **you**!

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair Team

Discipleship

Finding Spiritual Balance in a Chaotic World 2.0

September 29 | 6:30 pm

Presenter: Ann Le Baron

As we transition into fall, have you noticed life becoming a bit more chaotic and harder to balance? You are invited to join us for an evening to hit pause, reflect, and discover practical, meaningful ways to improve your life balance while nourishing your mind, body, and spirit. While this "2.0" session builds on skills from our previous spring workshop, it is fully self-contained—everyone is welcome, whether you attended the first session or are joining for the first time.

Registration is strongly recommended and is available at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or by calling the Parish Office.

Sunday Scripture Reflection

Thursdays | 6:30 pm

St Matthias Parish (In-person or via Zoom)

Fr. Chuck Schramm, Brian Jens, and Peter Morello of St. Matthias, invite you to join their weekly discussion group on the Sunday Scriptures. Call Brian Jens at (414) 982-2406 for more information or visit <https://stmatthias-milw.org/ffo/>.

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 jesuitretreathouse.org/.

Outreach

World Day of Migrants and Refugees September 27, 2026

As part of our parish's efforts to identify and confront racism in our midst, we offer this reflection:

"I see what's possible when we recognize that we are one American family, all deserving of equal treatment." — Barack Obama

All Saints Hot Meal Program News

Thank you to the 29 OLOL disciples who served at the meal program this summer. We were at All Saints on 10 days and helped to prepare and serve on an average of 300- 400 meals each time. A special thank you to the teens who came with their parents or grandparents. Besides the meal, guests often went home with fresh produce and eggs donated by Hunger Task Force or local farmers. One farmer drives in from Beaver Dam on a regular basis. Continuing our support, the fall schedule is September 3, October 6, November 5, and December 1, from 4:00 pm to approximately 6:30 pm. We need four volunteers each day. New volunteers are always welcome and may sign up by calling Pat at (414) 321-3698. Carpooling is available. Thank you for considering this ministry.

Communications

Stay Informed: New Text Alerts for Weather Closings and Safety Notifications

As we approach the colder months, we want to make sure every parish household has the information they need when weather or safety concerns affect parish events. This year, we are introducing a **new text-alert option** for inclement weather closings and urgent safety notifications.

Text alerts are just one part of our broader communication plan for weather-related changes. You can explore all of these methods and sign up for the new text alerts by visiting ololmke.org/weather-cancellation-alerts. Signing up takes less than a minute and ensures you receive timely, reliable information directly on your mobile device.

We encourage you to enroll, especially since Wisconsin weather can be unpredictable, and this simple step helps us keep our community safe, informed, and connected.

Direct link to text alert sign-up:
<https://ololmke.wufoo.com/forms/inclement-weather-and-safety-alert-text-agreement/>

Disciples on the Journey Podcast

Parishioner Rebekah Dubrosky shares her journey of faith in this month's episode on the Our Lady of Lourdes podcast channel, "Disciple on the Journey" which premieres Tuesday, September 15.

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

"I'd been going to mass off and on at various churches, sneaking in, sitting in the back. Nobody would notice me, and I said that I liked that. I said that I preferred that, that pretty much nobody would interact with me except to say, 'Peace be with you,' when we do the sign of peace. And that would be it. Nobody would ask me who I was. They wouldn't say hello or goodbye. I liked the anonymity of it for a while, but then when I came to Lourdes, the experience was so different.

People said hello to me, and I was thrown by that because I was so used to for years that going to a Catholic Church meant I'd just be anonymous. Because it was COVID times, there were online things, and I was hesitant to go in person all the time because while they said that they were a gay-friendly congregation, which is what I'd been looking for, I'd been to places that said that but weren't, or were still on the path of becoming gay-friendly. They were trying but hadn't quite got there. And so the online things gave me the opportunity to be able to attend, and I decided that I was gonna attend and see, you know, really challenge 'are these people really who they say they are?' Because I did not want to find a faith community that I would have to leave like I left my parents. Because when I left my parents' church, I lost the entire community."

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



Disciples on the Journey

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DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

Healing from Hate: Battle for the Soul of a Nation tells the inspiring story of a remarkable group of former skinheads and neo-Nazis who turned their backs on hate-fueled racial violence and are now working on the front lines to help individuals disengage from violent extremism. *Healing from Hate* is at once a document of racism and a portrait of a group of people working together to heal communities torn apart by hate and division. *Healing from Hate* was directed by Peter Hutchison and produced by Big Tent Productions.

Join the team at Life After Hate for a film screening followed by a panel discussion

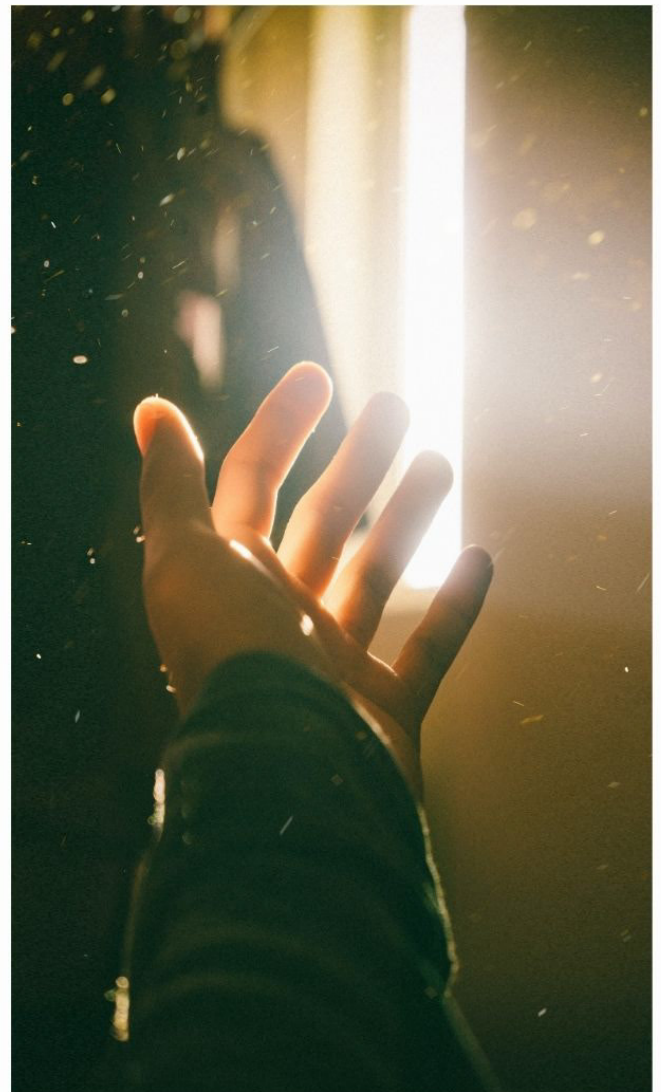
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Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes, 3722 S 58th St, Milwaukee, WI

ABOUT US

As a leader in the violence intervention community, we help people break free from lives of violent hate and extremism through evidence-based interventions.



World Day of
Migrants and
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"Even just one of these children"



Immigration 101: Legal Pathways to Enter the United States



GUEST SPEAKER

Attorney Joseph Rivas

Retired Immigration Attorney, recently
elected to the Board of Directors of UMOS &
currently serves on the Bylaws, Personnel,
and the Nominating Committees



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Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are always welcome. A light dinner will be served.
For more information, call the parish office, (262) 782-6760.



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Visits to Homes, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Prisons

The St. Vincent de Paul Society visits people in all kinds of distress to offer a helping hand and a listening ear. Volunteers go to the homes of anyone who requests help. The home visit is the basic, most fundamental activity of a Vincentian ministry. Rather than have people come to us, we go to the homes of those in need. During this visit we learn the nature of the problem as well as more about their other needs. Whatever the person shares with us remains confidential between the Vincentian conference and the person. A home visit is always done by a minimum of two Vincentians, never alone. We listen to the person or family, getting their perspective on the problem and its resolution. The information gathered at the initial visit is brought back to the SVDP meeting and discussed. It is a joint decision within our conference as to what assistance we are able to provide. One of our most important gifts to leave behind is a feeling that someone cares and that there is hope. We celebrate the works of our parish SVDP conference and encourage everyone to consider becoming part of this arm of the Church's ministry. We meet every other Tuesday in Room 3 at 10:30 am. Check the bulletin for the next meeting date. Hope to see you there!



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- Provide rent and energy assistance,
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- Coordinate the food pantry, open every other Tuesday
- Collect school supplies annually
- Sponsor the blood drive twice a year
- Coordinate and sponsor the annual Giving Tree
- Serve at the south side meal site once a month
- Sponsor twinning efforts with the Philippines
- We served at Mt. Carmel/Kindred over 40 years until closing

These outreach services are only possible through your monetary support. Please consider SVDP when making your donations.

Spiritual growth is a very important aspect of our ministry. We continue to work as Vincentians seeing Christ in those we serve and in each other.