



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass and Communion Services

WEEKEND

Sat: 4:00 pm

Sun: 8:00 am | 10:30 am

WEEKDAY

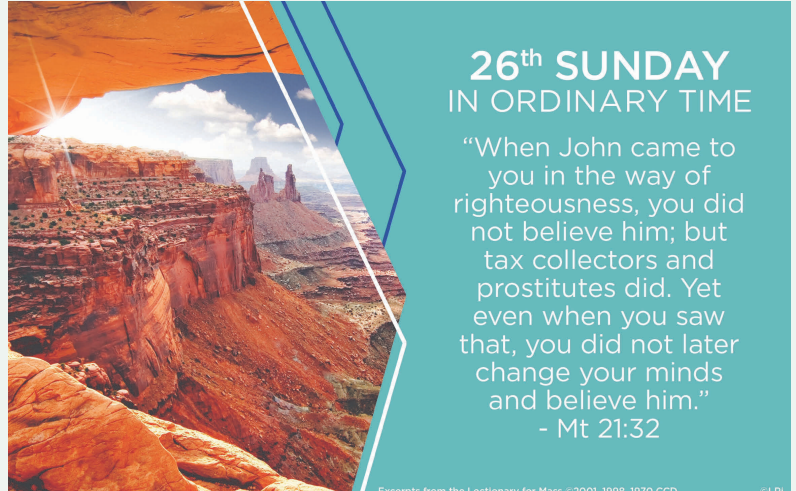
1st and 3rd Wed: 9:30 am Mass

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

Retirement

I am sad to announce that Cindi Roark, our stewardship associate will be retiring in February.

Cindi is nothing short of fantastic. From paying our bills to navigating WeShare, IRA minimum distributions, our parish database, (and so much more) Cindi has been stellar. I am so very grateful to her for her steadiness and fidelity of all things financial.

We are now looking for a Stewardship Associate to fill Cindi's role. If you or someone you know are looking for a part-time position in a fantastic parish, please let us know. A full description of the position can be found at

ololmke.org/employment/

Please join me in prayers of gratitude for Cindi and pray that our next stewardship associate will be led by God's Spirit to our parish family.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

Calendar

Sunday, September 27

8:00 am	Mass (Suriano)	Church
9:00 am	GIFT	Hall
10:30 am	Mass (Lewis)	Church

Monday, September 28

1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
5:00 pm	Polka Mass Reh. Instruments	Church
6:00 pm	Polka Mass Reh. Choir & Instruments	Church

Tuesday, September 29

10:30 am	SVDP Mtg.	Rm 3
6:30 pm	Finding Spiritual Balance 2.0	Rm 10

Wednesday, September 30

9:30 am	Communion Service	Church
10:15 am	Wednesday Morning Faith Group Social	Hall C
6:00 pm	Finance Council Mtg.	Rm 9
6:00 pm	Worship Team Mtg.	Rm 3

Thursday, October 1

6:30 pm	Social Justice Cmte.	Rm 3
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Friday, October 2—Parish Office Closed

Saturday, October 3

Blood Drive Sign-up

10:00 am	Pet Blessing	Outside
11:00 am	Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
4:00 pm	Mass (Heinze)	Church

Sunday, October 4

Blood Drive Sign-up

8:00 am	Mass (Jurkus)	Church
9:00 am	Sacrament Prep	Hall A
10:30 am	Mass (Burkert)	Church



Parish Support - September 2026

	ACTUAL as of 9/10/26	BUDGETED for September
Reg. Envelopes	\$17,679.50	\$65,500.00
Offertory	\$800.40	\$3,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: September 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$159,264.41	\$220,350.00
Bequests	\$500.00	
Op. Expenses	\$146,960.64	\$251,873.48

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/26	\$437,986.31
Donations	\$5,739.79
Expense	\$41,889.00
Balance (9/10/26)	\$401,837.07

Community Life

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!

Catholic Social Teaching

Today's second reading from Philippians advises us to "...humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." The part of social justice that comes easily to most of us is righteous indignation. When we see injustice, it is easy to be angry and to point out the harm we see another causing. What is not easy is to engage with humility, recognizing that none of us is right about everything all of the time, and that our approach may not be the most effective or helpful.

In today's gospel, Jesus points out that prostitutes and tax collectors enter the kingdom of God before the chief priests. Why would known sinners reach God before respected religious authorities? Perhaps because their position allows them the humility to embrace faith fully, cognizant of their human limitations. May we all have the ability to reflect on the gap between our intention and our impact, especially in regards to our actions for the most vulnerable.

Formation

Confirmation Candidates

If you haven't scheduled your interview with Director of Formation Ministries, Tanya Gross, please do so ASAP. This should be completed by the end of September.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at OLOL

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is offered for children in kindergarten through eighth grade at most 10:30 am Sunday liturgies. Led by CLOW ministers, children hear the weekend readings, sing the Psalm and receive an age-appropriate reflection on the readings. We encourage all children in these grades to attend to learn about their faith.

Youth Action Council

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 8, at 6:30 pm. We will be doing service together as a group helping the Oktoberfest team put the finishing touches on the building in preparation for a fun-filled weekend.

Youth Representative to Pastoral Council

Bailey Haussy is our new youth representative to the Pastoral Council. Bailey is one of our A/V ministers during liturgy, has volunteered with his family at Oktoberfest, attends GIFT, and will be a part of the Youth Action Council. He is a sophomore at Pius XI High School and is active in soccer.

Worship

So Much Singing, So Much Joy!!

It's time to polish your Oom-pah-pah and get ready to party!! What better way than to lead the music at our **Polka Mass**? Singers and instrumentalists of all ages are invited to join the fun. Participation is easy. Attend one rehearsal and then add your voice to the celebration on October 10. What a great addition to our Oktoberfest Artisan weekend!!

Rehearsal: Monday, September 28 – in church

5:00 pm – instrumentalists only

6:00 pm – add the choir

Polka Mass: Saturday, October 10, 4:00 pm (meet in church at 3:15 pm)



Mark your calendar and plan to attend the following seasonal activities:

- 1. Christmas Tree Lighting** – Join your fellow OLOL friends as they lead a few holiday songs at the Jackson Park Community Association tree lighting – **Friday, December 4, 6:45 pm**. Bring your family and friends. Open to all ages. No experience required. The more, the merrier. Watch for more info in the upcoming months.
- 2. The Thrill of Hope: An Advent Musical Celebration.** You are invited to attend this 1-hour concert of beautiful seasonal music and poetry, presented by members of our OLOL music ministry. **Sunday, December 6, 4:00 pm**. It's a perfect opportunity to relax and remind yourself of the hope and love of the season. There might even be some holiday treats!



Spotlight

Open Wide Our Hearts: A Special Recognition

Continuing the Catholic Church's tradition of promoting human rights, Pope Leo has declared September 27 as 2026 World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's theme is "Even just one of these children," focusing on pastoral care and protection for minors on the move. The theme draws from Matthew 18:5: "Whoever welcomes one child in my name welcomes me."

Pope Benedict XV established The World Day of Migrants and Refugees in 1914 to express concern and raise awareness about vulnerable Italians on the move. It was extended globally in 1952, expanded in 2004 to include refugees, and has been celebrated annually since 2005.

How does the knowledge of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees affect us as members of OLOL? It should draw our attention to the extreme measures that have been imposed on migrants and refugees in our community. When parents are seized by authorities, children are traumatized. When eligible families receive notice that their food stamps and Medicaid benefits are suddenly being cut off, children are affected. (Food stamps, July 1, 2026; Medicaid, October 1, 2026). Until now, these funds have been provided to help families in their transition to a new land. (Undocumented persons do not receive these benefits.)

How should we respond to this situation? Some suggestions:

- Volunteer and/or donate to Catholic Charities Refugee & Immigration Services, www.ccmke.org
- Pray for immigrant and refugee families.
- Pray that those working to find a solution to racism may be successful in their pursuit of justice for all.

Patricia McKay, Social Justice Committee

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.

Men's Spirituality Group

October 15 | 6:30pm

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 normally meets the second Thursday of each month, but due to Oktoberfest, the date has been changed for the month of October only. The group will meet in Room 10.

Introduction to the Gospel of Mark

October 26 | 6:30 pm | Presenter: Jim Gill

Get ready for Mark! Most of the Sunday readings, beginning when the new church year starts on the first Sunday of Advent, will come from the Gospel of Mark. This presentation will familiarize you with Mark's writings as a whole. This will allow you to have a deeper understanding of the passages you will hear.

Registration is strongly recommended for **Finding Spiritual Balance in a Chaotic World 2.0** and **Introduction to the Gospel of Mark**. A registration form and additional details for all programs are available at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or by calling the Parish Office.

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:

"How is it you can love the Creator but hate what He created?" – Professor Carlos Wallace, author

SVDP Blood Drive

Our Lady of Lourdes
Tuesday, October 20
1:30 pm-6:00 pm

Registration to donate blood begins today after all Masses. Please consider donating. The whole process usually takes about an hour. The blood draw itself? Just 10 minutes. Most donors will relax for 15 minutes afterward with a snack and leave feeling good about helping others. Register after any Mass this weekend or go to: ololmke.org/blood-drives/.

A coupon from Culver's will also be given to every donor. "Give a Pint, Get a Pint."

Follow up on this weekend's GIFT presentation and mark the Season of Creation

A local chapter of [Wild Ones](#) has partnered with [Friends of Wehr Nature Center](#) to sponsor a special watch party of Bill McKibben's keynote address at the Annual Summit of [FAITH IN PLACE](#). The watch party takes place at the Wehr Nature Center on Tuesday, September 29. It is free, and so is parking! You can [register here](#).

Bill McKibben is an internationally known author, educator, and environmentalist, who helped found [350.org](#), the first global grassroots climate campaign.

Doors open at 5:00 pm, the program begins at 5:45 pm and Bill McKibben will speak from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm.

Social Justice: An Invitation

The Social Justice Committee seeks to educate and awaken people to the issues of justice that confront society today. We meet monthly on the second Thursday, but we will meet a week earlier in October due to Oktoberfest. Our next meeting is October 1, at 6:30 pm, in Room 3. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.

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.

In the past, we used a different provider for text messaging, but that service has been discontinued. We are starting fresh with a new system, which means **everyone who wishes to receive text alerts must sign up**, even if you received messages from us in previous years. Your old subscription will not carry over.

Text alerts are just one part of our broader communication plan for weather-related changes. Beginning in October, we highlight all the ways you can stay informed—from our website and app to local news stations and social media. 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/>



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Oktoberfest Artisan Fair 2026

Friday, October 9: 4:00 pm–8:30 pm

Friday Night Fish Fry	4:00 pm–7:00 pm
Ed Hause —Polka Time!	4:30 pm–7:30 pm
Beer Garden beverages served	4:00 pm–8:00 pm
Black Forest Café	4:00 pm–7:30 pm
Hansel & Gretels Popcorn/Pretzels	5:30 pm–8:30 pm
Basket Raffle	4:00 pm–8:00 pm
50/50 Raffle	4:00 pm–8:00 pm
Youth friendly creative activity	6:00 pm–7:30 pm
Outdoor Campfire and S'mores (weather permitting)	7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Saturday, October 10: 11:00 am–9:30 pm

Artisans in rooms & hallway	11:00 am–8:00 pm
Beer Garden beverages served	11:00 am–9:00 pm
Food: Brats, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs and Vegetarian Soup	
Saturday Dinner (Bunzel's Beef Tips/Noodles)	serving begins at 4:30 pm
Black Forest Café (closed 3:45 pm–5:15 pm)	11:30 am–8:00 pm
Hansel & Gretel's Popcorn/Pretzels	11:00 am–9:00 pm
Basket Raffle	11:00 am–9:00 pm
50/50 Raffle	11:00 am–9:00 pm
Youth Game Room	11:00 am–8:00 pm

Saturday Activities

Sheepshead open to all. Gather to play at 11:00 am (Hall)

Art and Family Activities 12:30 pm–3:30 pm
Tables for arts and craft activities for all ages including the popular
Art Guild sponsored table.

Saturday Polka Mass 4:00 pm in the church
Squeezettes 6:30 pm–9:30 pm
POWER Polka, Pop, Rock, and so much more!

Sunday, October 11: 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Artisans in rooms & hallway	9:00 am–1:00 pm
Beer Garden beverages served	9:00 am–1:00 pm
Food: Brats, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs and Vegetarian Soup	
Black Forest Café (homemade apple strudel, fancy tortes and cookies)	9:00 am–12:30 pm
Hansel & Gretel's Popcorn/ Pretzels Youth Game Room	9:00 am–1:00 pm

50/50 Raffle

- Tickets must be returned by 12:45 pm
- Winning ticket pulled at 1:00 pm

Basket Raffle

- Purchase tickets by 12:00 pm
- Bags close to new ticket entries at 12:15 pm
- Drawing starts at 12:30 pm
- Winners may pick up baskets from 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

Cake Walk	
Friday	5:30 pm 6:30 pm
Saturday	3:30 pm *6:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:30 pm *if possible due to dinner seating
Sunday	11:45 AM

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Volunteers, remember to
enter the volunteer raffle in
the Hospitality room.

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair 2026

Weekend Menu

Friday Night Fish Fry (serving 4:00 PM-7:00 PM)

Baked or fried cod with parsley potatoes or fries, coleslaw, rye bread.....	\$15
Hot dog or 1 piece of fish with fries for children.....	\$6

Saturday Night Dinner (serving 4:30 PM-6:45 PM)

Ticket sales start at 3:00 PM

Bunzel's Beef Tip dinner includes beef tips, noodles, red cabbage and roll.....	\$15
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Beer Garden à la Carte Food

(serving Saturday 11:00 AM-8:00 PM/Sunday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM)

Brats (optional sauerkraut).....	\$6
Pulled Pork Sandwich (optional coleslaw).....	\$6
Hot Dogs.....	\$5
Vegetable Soup & fresh-baked roll.....	\$6
German Potato Salad.....	\$2
Chips.....	\$1

Beer Garden Beverages (open throughout event)

Specialty beers (the good stuff).....	\$7
Local beers.....	\$5
Wine.....	\$5
Sprecher sodas.....	\$4
Canned soda.....	\$3
Water.....	\$2
Koozies.....	\$2
Coffee.....	\$2
Milk.....	\$1

Black Forest Café (open throughout event)

Tortes.....	\$6
Apple Strudel (Osep family recipe).....	\$4
Cookie (gluten-free available).....	\$3
Coffee.....	\$2
Milk.....	\$1

Hansel and Gretel's Popcorn and Pretzels (open throughout event)

Popcorn.....	\$1
Pretzels.....	\$3

To-go containers available upon request
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