# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

**November 1, 2026**

## Solemnity of All Saints

### 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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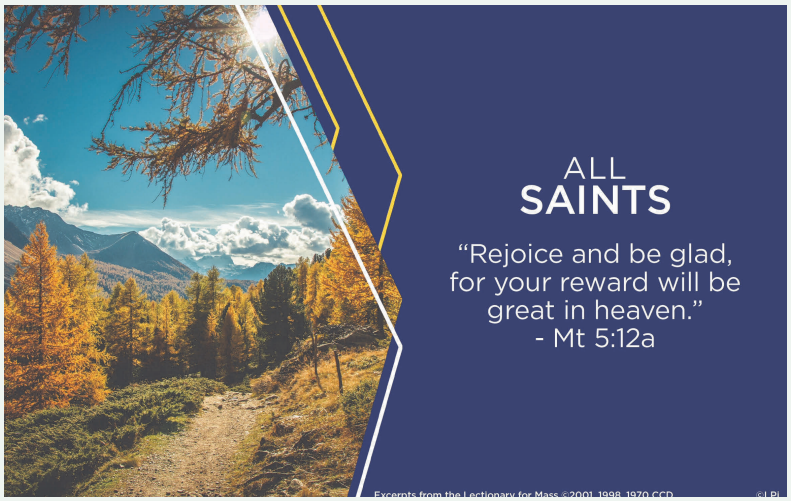
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### Notes from Deb
### Faith-Filled Citizenship

"For citizens in a representative democracy such as ours, participation in public life, including voting, is both a right and a responsibility."
Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, President, USCCB

Election day is nearly here. We have all been bombarded by political advertising that has often been filled with untruths, misleading statements, and even racism. The political tribalism is on full display, and it is not easy to watch.

While we may be weary from all of this (I certainly am!), it is our responsibility to take part in our democracy; to vote as members of the Body of Christ. It is imperative on us, as we work to build God's kin-dom to be informed of the issues candidates put forth and to let our conscience guide us in making our choices for candidates and referendums that are on the ballot this year.

To find your polling place, you can go to myvote.wi.gov or call toll-free (866) VOTE-WIS. If you are not registered to vote, you are able to register at your polling place on election date with proof of residence.

As we approach election day, let's hold in prayer all the candidates – whether they have earned our vote our not. May they all be guided by God's wisdom and the care for the good of all citizens.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

## Calendar

**Sunday, November 1**
*Community Weekend*
*House of Peace Food Collection*
*Día de los Muertos Ofrenda*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8:00 am | Mass (Burkert) | Church |
| 9:00 am | GIFT | Hall |
| 10:30 am | Mass (Burkert) | Church |




**Monday, November 2**

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|---|---|---|
| 1:00 pm | Sheepshead Group | Rm 10 |
| 6:00 pm | Thrill of Hope Reh. | Rm 9 |
| 6:30 pm | Peaceful Elections Prayer Service | Church |




**Tuesday, November 3**

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|---|---|---|
| 10:30 am | SVDP Mtg. | Rm 3 |
| 3:00 pm | Food Pantry | Rm 7 |

**Wednesday, November 4**

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|---|---|---|
| 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 | Worship Team Mtg. | Rm 3 |
| 6:30 pm | Women's Spirituality | Rm 6 |

**Thursday, November 5**

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|---|---|---|
| 12:00 pm | Women's Grief Support Group | Hall C |
| 3:30 pm | Spirit & Grace Choir Rehearsal | Church |
| 4:00 pm | Serving at All Saints Meal Program | Off Site |

**Friday, November 6–Parish Office Closed**

**Saturday, November 7**
*House of Peace Food Collection*
*Día de los Muertos Ofrenda*

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

**Sunday, November 8**
*House of Peace Food Collection*
*Día de los Muertos Ofrenda*

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|---|---|---|
| 8:00 am | Mass (Drenzek) | Church |
| 9:00 am | Sacrament Prep | Hall |
| 10:30 am | Mass (Burkert) | Church |

## Parish Support - October 2026

| | ACTUAL as of 10/15/26 | BUDGETED for October |
|---|---|---|
| **Reg. Envelopes** | **$28,065.08** | **$68,500.00** |
| **Offertory** | **$2,232.66** | **$3,750.00** |

**Budget Updates Fiscal Year: October 2026**

| | ACTUAL | BUDGETED |
|---|---|---|
| **Op. Income** | **$276,309.78** | **$326,900.00** |
| **Bequests** | **$500.00** | |
| **Op. Expenses** | **$274,797.35** | **$345,872.98** |

**Improvement Fund Updates**

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| **Beg. Balance 7/1/26** | **$437,986.31** |
| **Donations** | **$7,952.64** |
| **Expense** | **$56,915.30** |
| **Balance (10/15/26)** | **$389,023.65** |

## Community Life

### Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Dione Prestwor, Sharon Thimmesch, Jim Alario, Phil Pares, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of Angeline and Joseph Moczynski
From Brian J. Neal

In loving memory of Gail A. Cook
From Brian J. Neal

In loving memory of Ben Litwin
From Jo Ann and Patrick Aiman
Mary Ruffolo

## Virtue of the Week

### Foresight

Foresight is being able to see forward, understand and communicate how things might turn out before they occur. It is looking forward with discernment and wisdom and bringing together information woven with experience to effectively navigate through the present moment. Foresight is balancing the thought of what could be in the future, and what has been in the past, so we can make wise choices for what is needed in the present. Foresight creates a path of confidence for us to step forward upon.

As we all vote this November, we must do so with foresight. Using the wisdom from our experiences, how can we plan for the future?

Who do you know with foresight that you might turn to for help in making wise choices?

Can you communicate your vision to others?

## Formation

### House of Peace Holiday Food Boxes

Tags listing the food items needed for the food boxes are now available on the bulletin board in the meeting room hallway. We invite you to take a tag and return the donated item(s) on the shelves in the meeting room hallway by November 11. Thank you for making the holidays a little brighter for families in our greater Milwaukee community.

We will be sorting the food and packing the boxes at our next GIFT session on Saturday, November 14, from 1:00 pm–3:30 pm.

### OCIA Information Meeting

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic or receiving the sacrament of confirmation and first Eucharist? An informational meeting will be held on Monday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 9. Come to learn about the process and ask questions!

### Calling All Youth in Grades 7-12

Our next Youth Action Council (YAC) Meeting is Thursday, November 12, from 6:30 pm–7:30 pm, in the Ministry Office (Room 2). Join us for some prayer, some fun, and some planning for future events. Your input is needed!

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## Worship

### The Communion of Saints and the Kin-dom



We belong to a tapestry that stretches beyond time and space. As we enter this season of remembrance, we are invited to reflect on the profound mystery of the Communion of Saints—the sacred, unbreakable bond that unites the living, the dead, and the generations to come.

When we speak of the saints, we are not just remembering historical figures depicted in stained glass. We are celebrating the whole cloud of witnesses: our ancestors, our beloved dead, and the quiet heroes who walked beside us. Remembering the dead is not an act of looking backward with despair, but an act of love that bridges Heaven and Earth. We carry their stories, their wisdom, and their love forward, knowing that they remain deeply connected to us in spirit, cheering us on from the margins of eternity.

This vast network of belonging reminds us that we are active citizens of the Kin-dom of God. By choosing the word "Kin-dom" over "Kingdom," we emphasize relationship. It reminds us that God's dream for humanity is not a hierarchy, but a radical family table where everyone has a seat. To be a part of the Kin-dom means recognizing our sacred kinship with all people and all creation.

We do not walk this journey of faith alone. We are sustained by the prayers of those who went before us, and we are called to build a more just, loving world for those who will follow. This week, take a moment to light a candle, speak the names of your ancestors, and ponder this question:

**How can I live out the values of the Kin-dom today?**

## Spotlight

### A Neglected History Lesson
### Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 pm
### Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall




In recognition of **Native American Heritage Month** (November), the Social Justice Committee has invited Richard Gonzalez, an expert on Native American history, to enlighten us on how the Iroquois Nation influenced the writing of the U.S. Constitution. Mr. Gonzalez is a member of the Iroquois/Oneida Nation and is recognized for his cultural expertise and educational work on Native American Heritage. In 2022, the Osher Lifelong Institute at UW-Milwaukee credited him with leading engaging discussions on "**The Iroquois Influence on American Democracy**." In 2025, Mr. Gonzalez led a **public smudging ceremony** in Grafton, Wisconsin, to honor and purify a revered Native American "**spirit rock**" before it was removed to Lime Kiln Park.

Join us and bring your family to learn about the Iroquois influence on U.S. history, a topic that your history teacher probably never touched upon. You will learn answers to questions like what was the relationship between **Ben Franklin and the Iroquois** and why there are 13 arrows on the dollar bill. **An enlightening evening awaits us!** Light refreshments will be provided.

## Discipleship

### Women's Spirituality Group
**November 4 | 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 monthly on the first Wednesday of each month in Room 6.

More detail is available at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or by calling the Parish Office.

### Men's Spirituality Group
**November 12 | 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 meets on the second Thursday of each month in Room 10.

More detail is available at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or by calling the Parish Office.

### Little Blue Books for Advent

The popular Advent daily prayer guide will be back! Watch for them to be available beginning the weekend of November 14 and 15.

### The Infancy Narratives: Scriptural Accounts of the Birth of Jesus
**December 7 | 6:30 pm**
**Presenter: Jim Gill**

Angels, shepherds, stars, and kings are all part of the stories of Jesus' birth found in the Gospels, and each carry rich meanings that would have been apparent to their original audiences, but maybe not to us. In this presentation we'll explore these stories from the Gospels of Luke and Matthew leading to a deeper experience of hearing them again this year.

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

## Outreach

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates:
**October 20, November 3 and 17**

Most needed items: Campbell soups (both creamed and regular), ramen soup mix, salad dressing, Saltines, pasta sauce, frosting, pudding, and Jello. Please remember to check expiration dates. ololmke.org/food-pantry

### Request for Baked Goods

On Tuesday, November 10, from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm in the Hall, the Social Justice Committee will welcome Richard Gonzalez to mark Native American Heritage Month. The entire OLOL community is encouraged to attend. We are seeking baked goods for this event. If you like to bake and are willing to donate some baked goods, please call Steve Szymanski. Baked items would need to be delivered Monday, November 9, by 4:00 pm, or Tuesday, November 10, by 6:15 pm. Please provide a list of ingredients as well.

### Your Voice Matters

The Active Nonviolence Group at OLOL will offer an election eve prayer service on Monday, November 2, at 6:30 pm. We sense that whatever we are looking for, it is here. In a space that provides some quiet in a world of noise, some reassuring community, the presence of our resurrected Savior, surrounded by the Word of God, and the comforting light and sounds of the Holy Spirit. Please join us.




## Communications

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

We are now in the days that snow can fall anytime, so we want to make sure every parish household has the information they need when weather or safety concerns affect parish events. A couple months ago, we are introduced 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.

**If you signed-up in our first wave of promotion, no need to sign-up again. Every submitted form has been entered into our list.**

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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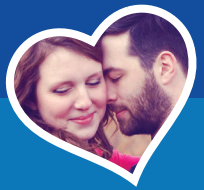
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