Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

November 29, 2026

1st Sunday of Advent

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

Advent is here!

This weekend Advent begins and the parish has many offerings to make this very busy season a little more sacred. Along with the online retreat and the Little Blue Books we have:

- "The Thrill of Hope: An Advent Musical Celebration" – December 6, 4:00 pm
- "Shepherds, Kings, and a Star" – a look at the infancy narratives of Jesus – December 7, 6:30 pm
- The Immaculate Conception Holy Day – December 8, 12:00 pm
- Two Communal Reconciliation Services – December 9, 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- Wednesday Faith Group Christmas Celebration – December 16, 10:15 am

And our Christmas liturgies:

- December 24, 4:00 pm – including our young parishioners enlivening the Gospel
- December 24, 9:00 pm
- December 25, 9:00 am – note we have only one Mass on Christmas morning.

For more information and to register for "Shepherds, Kings, and a Star" as well as the Wednesday Faith Group Christmas, please call the Parish Office.

Have a blessed Advent!

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

Calendar

Sunday, November 29
Christmas Giving Tree
Haiti Craft Sale

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

Monday, November 30

1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:00 pm	The Thrill of Hope Rehearsal	Church

Tuesday, December 1

10:30 am	Human Concerns	Rm 3
3:00 pm	Food Pantry	Rm 7
4:00 pm	Serving at All Saints Meal Program	Offsite

Wednesday, December 2

9:30 am	Mass	Church
10:15 am	Morning Faith Group	Hall C
12:30 pm	Euchre Group	Rm 10
6:00 pm	Worship Team Mtg.	Rm 3
6:30 pm	Women's Spirituality	Rm 6

Thursday, December 3

10:00 am	SVDP Presidents Mtg.	Hall A
3:30 pm	Spirit & Grace Reh.	Church

Friday, December 4–Office Closed

Saturday, December 5
Giving Tree
Mosaic Canvas Distribution

10:00 am	Sacrament Prep	Church
11:00 am	Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
4:00 pm	Mass (Burkert)	Church

Sunday, December 6
Giving Tree
Mosaic Canvas Distribution

8:00 am	Mass (Abert)	Church
9:00 am	GIFT	Hall
10:30 am	Mass (Burkert)	Church
4:00 pm	The Thrill of Hope: An Advent Musical Celebration	Church



Stewardship Update

Parish Support - November 2026

	ACTUAL as of 11/12/26	BUDGETED for October
Reg. Envelopes	**$26,347.28**	**$72,750.00**
Offertory	**$2,071.00**	**$3,750.00**

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: November 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	**$348,736.89**	**$414,487.50**
Bequests	**$500.00**	
Op. Expenses	**$369,375.18**	**$428,357.73**

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/26	**$437,986.31**
Donations	**$10,497.52**
Expense	**$57,701.59**
Balance (11/12/26)	**$390,782.24**

Giving Thanks

The Parish Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for their thoughtful and positive feedback regarding our financial presentation which included the **Annual Stewardship Update** on the weekend of November 7 and 8. Your Stewardship Pledge Form and additional information should reach your home mailbox by Thanksgiving weekend. These forms are what we use to forecast and create of our annual budget. If you did not receive yours, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes!

Community Life

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Bill Richard
From Betty Richard

Virtue of the Week

Dignity

Dignity is a sense of worthiness and respect. It comes from remembering who we truly are and our purpose for being. When we are mindful of our own dignity, we hold ourselves with self-esteem, respect, and simple confidence. We move and speak in a graceful manner. We recognize the inherent worth of each person, whether or not they see it for themselves. We treat everyone with respect and honor all beings deserve. We refuse to violate anyone's rights.

Have you learned to value all people? How did you accomplish that?

What work do you still need to do to see each individual as a Child of God?

Formation

St Francis, The Little Poor Man from Assisi, Model for Many—Next GIFT on December 6

Why are so many people intrigued by St. Francis' example? St Francis is being followed by so many today. What values did he live by that drew people to him in his life and still stir in our hearts today to help us to create the "kin-dom" of God here on Earth? How does Francis view all of creation? Join us at GIFT on Sunday, December 6, at 9:00 am in the Hall as Sr. Diana De Bruin presents on St. Francis of Assisi.
If you are not signed up for GIFT, but wish to attend this session, please call the Parish Office.

Gospel Dramatization on Christmas Eve

In a Christmas Eve tradition at OLOL, children in GIFT grades 3 & 4 will dramatize the Gospel as it is read at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve liturgy. This is especially helpful for younger children to understand why we celebrate Christmas. Please plan on joining us.

Save the Date!

We know summer may feel a long way off, but for those who like to plan ahead, please mark your calendars for these exciting faith formation opportunities:

- **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** for children in **K4 through 5th grade**
  (Teen volunteers are needed as peer leaders!) **July 12-16**
- **Service With A Purpose (SWAP)** service camp for youth in **6th through 12th grade, June 21-25**

More details and registration information will be coming after the holidays!

Worship

Awakening to the Kin-dom

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus offers an urgent, loving command: "Be watchful, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come." He paints a picture of a person traveling abroad, leaving their servants in charge, each with a specific task, and ordering the doorkeeper to stay awake. While this passage is traditionally read during Advent as a warning about the end times, it carries a powerful, active charge for us today as we work together to build the "Kin-dom" of God.

The term "Kin-dom"—rather than the traditional, imperial "Kingdom"—reminds us that God's vision for humanity is rooted in radical relationship, equality, and familial love. It is a reality where we recognize every person as our sibling, breaking down walls of hostility to build a world of collective care.

But how do we build this Kin-dom while waiting? Jesus tells us that every servant has been given a role to play. Staying awake does not mean passive watchfulness; it means active engagement. We stay awake by refusing to become numb to the injustices around us. We stay awake when we show up for the vulnerable, feed the hungry, and speak truth to power.

Jesus warns that the master might return suddenly and find us asleep. Spiritual sleep is complacency, cynicism, or the belief that we cannot make a difference. When we fall asleep, the Kin-dom suffers.

We do not know when God's vision will be fully realized, but our assignment is clear. We are the doorkeepers of hope. Today, let us open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, claim our unique tasks, and actively cultivate the Kin-dom here and now. Keep alert, love deeply, and stay awake!

The Thrill of Hope: An Advent Musical Celebration

December 6 | 4:00 pm

In just one week, our OLOL choir members and cantors, accompanied by a 7-piece instrumental ensemble and several readers, will fill our space with seasonal music and poetry. This one-hour concert is perfect for all ages and is a great way to get away from the hustle and bustle of the secular world and take some time as a family to remember the reason for the season, so bring your family and friends. It is also a great way to support some of our youth who will be participating in the event! While a free-will donation basket will be available, there is no cost to attend the concert. We hope to see you all there!

Spotlight

Art Guild Update regarding the Mosaic Fundraiser

We will soon be starting the Art Guild project of creating our annual Canvas Mosaic that goes hand in hand with the Hallway Art Gallery. This is an annual fund raiser for the Art Guild. We are doing it a little different this year and hope it gets wide parish participation.

We distribute a 6-inch canvas at no cost to participants, and they commit to doing a creative art piece. This year, we will give out canvases on December 5 and 6 in the Lobby before and after Masses. Then we will take a break for the rest of the month, and hand out the rest on January 2 and 3 as well as January 9 and 10. This way, it will give an opportunity for some to get an early start on their project. Others can pick it up after the holidays, light up the fireplace, sit down, relax and let the creative juices flow.

You can do anything with the canvas, paint, do a verse, use greeting cards, use fabrics, etc., the choices are endless. If you have any questions or want help or even some materials to do the project, the Art Guild is willing to help. You may contact me at Jrjavorek@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the project or the Art Guild.

Everyone is required to return the completed canvas by February 6 and 7 so we can arrange them onto a board that makes up the Mosaic. The canvases will be raffled off during the Art Gallery. It is a commitment to complete and a chance to share your artistic gifts with others. I am looking forward to all the beautiful pieces that get entered. The talent in this parish is phenomenal, and the halls are just radiant with so much color and imagination. Obviously, it is one of my favorite events!

Mary Beth Javorek

Discipleship

Advent 2026 Virtual Retreat

The Advent online retreat is available once again. Led by our Parish Director, Deb Steppe, we will be gifted with something to reflect upon each day of the Advent season. This is a quick and simple Advent prayer opportunity. The introduction was made available November 23 and the retreat begins November 29 with the First Sunday of Advent. This is available on our parish website at ololmke.org/advent-prayer/.

Advent Calendars

Advent Calendars are available on the tables inside the church space doors. Please take one home and hang it in a prominent place. Perform a different act of kindness each day of Advent until you complete the whole calendar. Each activity will help you build the Kin-dom that we will hear more about this Advent season.

Women's Spirituality Group

December 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.

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

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 will 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



Giving Tree

Reminder, all Giving Tree gifts are due back next weekend!

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates:

December 1, 15, and 29

Most needed items: Chef Boy R Dee, canned soup (both creamed and regular), canned fruit, cookies, and saltines. Please remember to check expiration dates. ololmke.org/food-pantry

Three Cheers!

Social Justice Committee members want to thank the generous OLOL parishioners who answered our request for baked goods for the Native American Heritage event on November 10. What a wonderful variety of treats awaited our guests!

If you enjoy baking and have some extra time, we are always in need of cookies or bars to take to the All Saints Church meal program during the first week of the month. We alternate between Tuesday and Thursday. We know that some folks are committed to monthly baking for St. Ben's, so we don't want to burden anyone; however, if this is an additional ministry that you are interested in, (or if you are a new OLOL member and want to get involved), please call Pat at (414) 321-3698 for further information.

Wednesday Faith Group Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 16

Following 9:30 am Mass

Celebrate the joy of Christmas with the Wednesday Faith Group at our annual Christmas Party. This year's event will feature a catered lasagna meal, cake from National Bakery, and plenty of holiday cheer. Live Christmas carolers will entertain and encourage singing along. All for just $10! Contact the Parish Office to save a spot.

Youth Service Opportunities

Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 16 | 5:45 pm–7:15 pm
(includes a 15-minute practice before we start singing)



Help us continue the tradition of singing Christmas carols at Clement Manor. You don't have to be a great singer, just bring your enthusiasm and holiday spirit! Festive dress encouraged! Wear those fun Christmas sweaters and hats! Youth and their families are invited. Contact Tanya Gross if you are interested in attending.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

A reminder that families with youth age 12 or older can serve at All Saints Meal Program. Our parish serves there on a monthly basis. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pat McKay at pmck7@live.com.

Communications

Holiday shopping should be fun, not stressful. A few simple safety steps can help protect your money, your information, and your family from scammers this Christmas season.

- Shop only on websites you know and trust.
- If a price seems way too low, be careful.
- Use a credit card when you can. It is easier to get your money back if something goes wrong.
- Do not click links in unexpected texts or emails about packages or deliveries.
- Ignore emails, texts, or phone calls asking for gift cards, money transfers, or cryptocurrency.
- Use your fingerprint, face scan, passkey, or two-step sign-in when available.
- Go directly to a store's website instead of clicking links in messages.
- Ask someone you trust if you are unsure about an offer or website.
- Keep receipts and order numbers until your items arrive.
- Slow down and think before you buy. Scammers want you to rush.

Remember: If something feels wrong, stop and check before you click.

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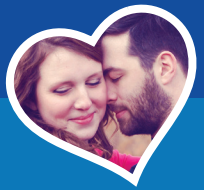
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