Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

November 8, 2026

32nd 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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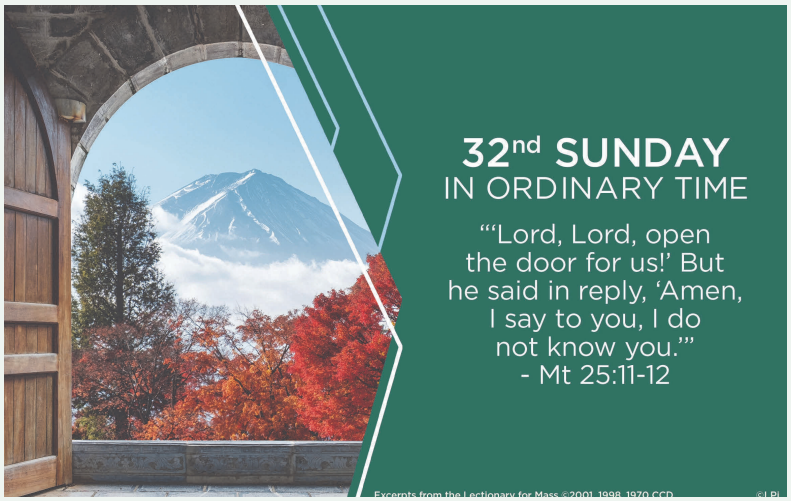
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Notes from Deb

A New (and easy) Ministry Opportunity

A new ministry opportunity has arisen, and we are looking for a little bit of help once each month, beginning in January. This endeavor will help to get food to folks who need some assistance.

Here's what we are looking at: a local bread company donates their end-of-the-day loaves of bread to various food pantries instead of disposing of them. Some parishioners have come forward and are willing to pick up the loaves of bread from that bakery. We need a few volunteers to put the bread into individual bags on one Thursday each month. I am guessing that if we had more than a couple of folks helping, this would probably take less than an hour. Other folks could also help with distributing the loaves to the designated pantries. If you are interested in this new ministry opportunity, please contact Julie in the Parish Office.

From our food pantry to our St. Ben's ministry, we as a parish take our responsibility to feed the hungry very seriously. I applaud this new effort to live out our Gospel call to care for others.

Thank you in advance for your participation and thank you for all you do to build God's kin-dom as a member of this parish family. Know of my continued prayers.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

Calendar

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

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

Monday, November 9

1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:00 pm	OCIA Info Mtg.	Rm 9
6:00 pm	Finance Council Mtg.	Virtual
6:30 pm	Building & Grounds	Rm 3

Tuesday, November 10

10:30 am	SVDP Mtg.	Rm 3
1:00 pm	Art Guild Open Studio	Rm 4
6:30 pm	Native American Heritage Month Speaker	Hall

Wednesday, November 11

7:00 am	St. Ben's Preparation	Kitchen
9:30 am	Communion Service	Church
10:15 am	Wednesday Morning Faith Group Social	Hall C
7:00 pm	GASIC	Rm 9

Thursday, November 12

3:00 pm	Community Garden Year End Mtg.	Rm 9
6:30 pm	Men's Spirituality	Rm 10
6:30 pm	Social Justice Cmte.	Rm 3
6:30 pm	Youth Action Council Mtg.	Rm 2

Friday, November 13–Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 14

9:30 am	Sharon Thimmesch Funeral Visitation	Church
11:00 am	Sharon Thimmesch Funeral	Church
1:00 pm	GIFT Service Project	Hall
1:00 pm	The Thrill of Hope Rehearsal	Rm 9
4:00 pm	Mass (Jurkus)	Church

Sunday, November 15

8:00 am	Mass (Cooper)	Church
10:30 am	Mass (Suriano)	Church

Parish Support - October 2026

	ACTUAL as of 10/22/26	BUDGETED for October
Reg. Envelopes	**$44,222.22**	**$68,500.00**
Offertory	**$3,164.16**	**$3,750.00**

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: October 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	**$292,414.86**	**$326,900.00**
Bequests	**$500.00**	
Op. Expenses	**$349,934.80**	**$345,872.98**

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/26	**$437,986.31**
Donations	**$8,859.64**
Expense	**$56,915.30**
Balance (10/22/26)	**$389,930.65**

Community Life

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Edith Notchie
From Jim and Paula Magolan

In loving memory of Jim Alario
From Bruce and Terri Zivney

Día de los Muertos Ofrenda

The ofrenda will continue to be on display through November 15. At that time, if you participated, you are asked to remove your personal items from the tables following all weekend Masses.

Virtue of the Week

Honor

Honor is deep respect for what we know is right and true. It is living up to the virtues of our character. We honor our abilities by using them for a meaningful purpose. Honor is appreciation in action. We honor others when we treat the with the dignity they deserve. Others can trust us to keep our word of honor. If we do something to bring dishonor, we restore our honor by taking responsibility and making amends. We do our duty, whatever sacrifice it requires. We always try to act with integrity.

How do you ensure your follow through on your commitments?

Who taught you to be honorable?

What is the most important way you show others dignity to others?

Formation

House of Peace Holiday Food Boxes

Please return the donated item(s) listed on the tags you took by November 11. Our goal is to fill 300 boxes this year! 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. If you are not a regular GIFT attendee but would like to help, please contact the office so we know you are coming and can plan appropriately.

Confirmation Candidates

Thank you for your attendance at the first candidate and sponsor event on October 25! Your dedication to these sessions does not go unnoticed!

The next candidate and sponsor event is Sunday, November 15, from 9:00 am–11:00 am at St. Greg's Church, 3160 South 63rd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53219. We will meet for Mass and then a session with Deb Steppe, our parish director. Donuts and beverages provided.

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 pm 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!

Worship

Music helps build community; come join the community!

As you may know, we have a variety of choirs that lead our prayer time at Lourdes. The entire schedule for this year is available here: OLOL Music Ministry Schedule 2026-2027. Take a look and see if there's something you might want to try out. Bring your family and friends with you.

Are you interested in activities outside our music ministry groups? We've got that, too:

1. **Christmas Tree Lighting—**For several years, members of our OLOL family have led the singing of a few holiday songs at the Jackson Park Community Association holiday tree lighting. And we're doing it again on **Friday, December 4, at 6:45 pm**. This is perfect for all ages, and no experience is required. Simply meet at the triangle where Forest Home Ave, Oklahoma Ave and S. 43rd street intersect.
2. **The Thrill of Hope: An Advent Musical Celebration—**This one-hour concert of beautiful seasonal music and poetry will be presented by members of our OLOL music ministry on **Sunday, December 6, at 4:00 pm**. This is perfect for all ages, and there might even be some holiday treats!
3. **All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914—**Produced by Vanguard Milwaukee, "All Is Calm" tells the incredible true story of the WWI Christmas truce, in which English and German soldiers laid down their arms, met in no man's land, and celebrated the holidays together. Included in the cast is our very own cantor Tomás Dominguez (did you know he's a trained opera singer?) who shares both his voice and his trumpet-playing with the audience. You can find more information and order tickets here: All Is Calm
4. **Greg Hartmann, Classical Pianist—**Mark your calendar now for **Friday, February 19, at 6:30 pm**, and plan to enjoy an evening of solo piano music. Greg Hartmann is an incredibly gifted pianist and composer, and you won't want to miss what he has to offer. You can get a sneak peek at his website Greg Hartmann, Piano.

Spotlight

Remember All Who Passed Away

November 2 was All Soul's Day in the liturgical calendar, but the entire month of November is dedicated to all those who have passed away. It is natural that we pray for and remember those who were close to us: family and friends. But we should also remember those who we have never met, those who have died in war, plague, or hunger. Remember those who died alone with no one to remember them. It might be someone just down the street whom we never really got to know. Most Sundays an announcement is made about someone in our parish who has passed away, sometimes it is someone who has been watching and praying with us from home or hospice because they can't get here on Sunday.

It is hardest to pray for those who have harmed us. The drunk driver who killed someone we loved. The one who shot another loved one in the middle of a street or on a battlefield. Maybe it is just someone we never liked, who cost us our job, stole our money, or harmed us in some other way.

There are those who call for public executions who want to take revenge, all of which the Church has condemned. Let God decide their fate.

John Donne, English poet, stated the following in his famous 1624 "No Man is an Island" sermon:

"Any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind.
And therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
It tolls for thee."

We must always remember that all are members of this one body in Christ.

Say this prayer for all those who passed away, even our enemies: "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them."

Terry Falk, Social Justice Committee

Discipleship

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.

Thanksgiving Prayer Service

November 23 | 6:30 pm

As the holiday approaches, we will pause as a faith community to give thanks for our many blessings, share in scripture, and lift up our hearts in prayer. Please mark your calendar and join us as we gather in gratitude. A pie social will follow in the Parish Hall.

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

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.

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.

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. Our next meeting is November 12, at 6:30 pm, in Room 3. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.

Youth Service Opportunity!

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.



Disciples on the Journey Podcast

Deacon Bill Goulding's "Disciple on the Journey" Podcast premieres Sunday, November 15.

Bill shares his journey of faith in this month's episode on the Our Lady of Lourdes podcast channel. Here's a quick excerpt from Bill's episode:
"There's a Sikh woman, I think it's S-I-K-H, Sikh, the faith tradition, and her name is Valerie Kaur, K-A-U-R. She has a wonderful concept that I think about a lot during dark times. She talks about when you're in the dark and you don't know what's next or where to go, that you don't have to look at that darkness as the darkness of the tomb, meaning the end.

It could be the darkness of the womb. In other words, that darkness might be just the beginning of something new. You don't know what's gonna come after your birth, so to speak. It may take some struggle to get there, but it can be a brand-new beginning, and you just have faith that it's something that is going to be good for you in the end."

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



Active Nonviolence Corner

The development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a highly debated issue. What are the implications of this technology for our world? The Active Nonviolence Corner in November shares perspectives on Pope Leo's first encyclical: *Magnifica Humanitas* (*Magnificent Humanity*). There are opportunities to dive deeper into the topic and, as always, ways to move our feet. Visit the Active Nonviolence Corner
ololmke.org/active-nonviolence-corner/

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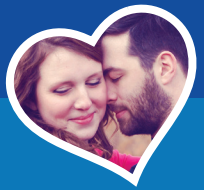
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