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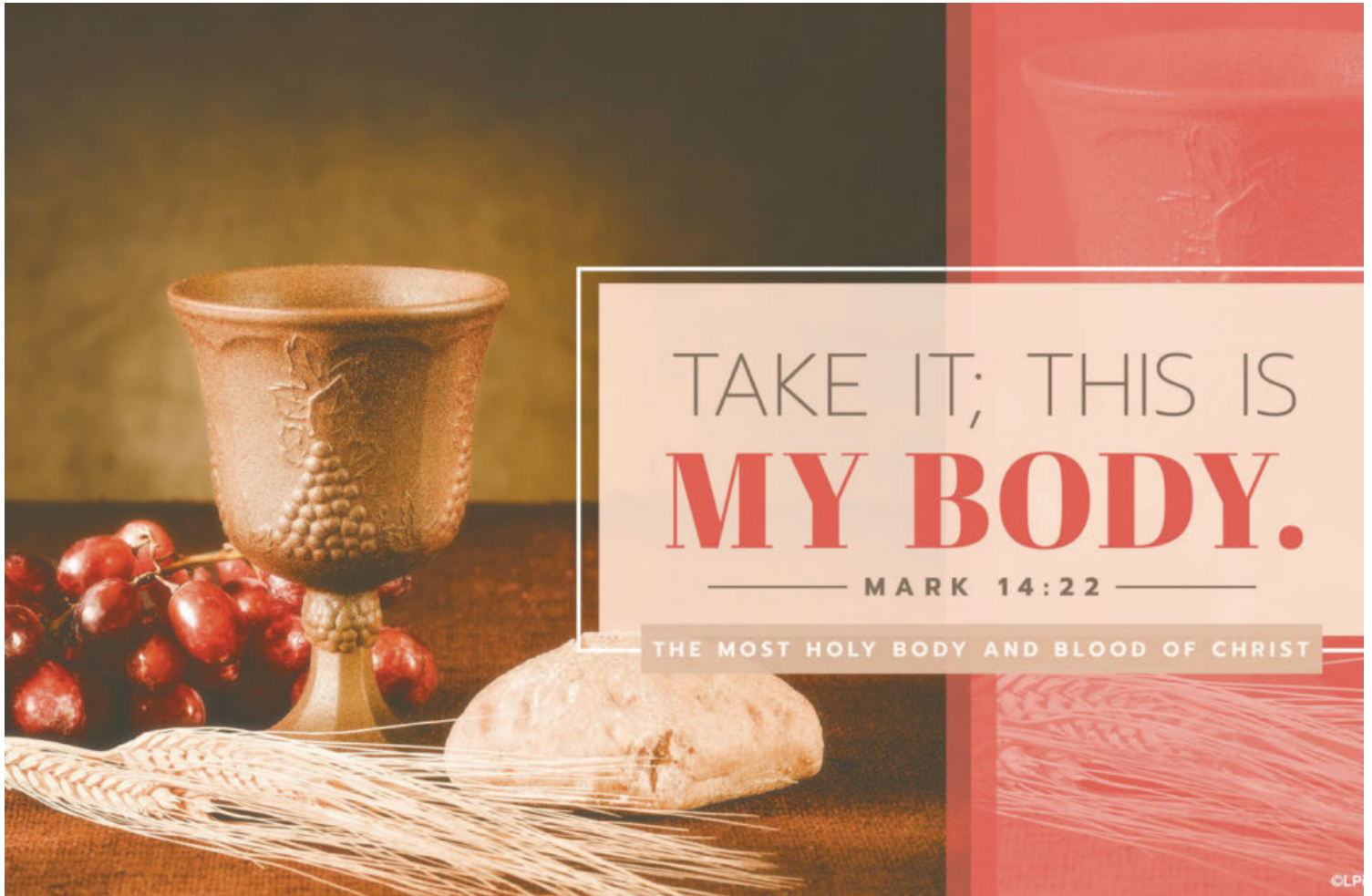
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Summer Contributions...Please don't forget...

All of the ministries that are the heart and soul of "community" here at Our Lady of Lourdes parish are alive because of your generous and consistent support. As we begin our summer vacations, please continue to share your generosity with OLOL as we're preparing for another successful year. We wish you a safe, enjoyable summer but don't forget to sign up for electronic donations using the QR code to the right to help us plan for the future. In gratitude, we take up the challenge of our Risen Savior with little, with much, and with **all**.



NOTES FROM DEB

Some Thoughts on the Eucharist

Today is the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi to some of us), a holy day to celebrate the Eucharist we receive and the Eucharist we are. We are the Body of Christ. While we can spend hours and hours, years and years learning about the Eucharist, I feel being a people of the Eucharist isn't about understanding it or knowing everything about it. We don't have to have all the answers. The Eucharist is not an exercise for our brains, it is to be encountered with our hearts.

When we receive the bread and wine at Communion time and we say "amen," we are saying that yes, we believe in all that Jesus did. We are saying that we want the presence of Christ in every cell of our being. We are consuming and being consumed by all that Jesus is.

And of course, being a Eucharistic people is more than what happens in church. Being the Body of Christ means being Christ for our world—being the kindness, the gentleness, and the loving presence to those around us. It means caring for those who are poor, who are alone, who are struggling in life. To quote St. Augustine, "we become what we receive."

Here at OLOL, we continue to expand the ways in which we are Eucharist for the world. Thank you. Know that I continue to hold each of you in prayer.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Awe

Awe is deep respect and reverence for the Source of Life. It is humility and wonder before the power of God. Each of us has a unique potential for reflecting the divine virtues in our souls. We awaken them by choosing to live them. When we practice awe, we are alert to the signs and wonders placed in our path. We open ourselves to grace.

In each of the readings, we hear about covenants. Jesus is the new covenant. Imagine the disciples at the last supper. While they didn't always understand, they were amazed.

When was the last time you were in awe of something or someone? How do you open yourself to God's grace?

SUN 2

MON 3

TUE 4

Hall of Honor
8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy Church

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
11:45 am Autism Intervention Rm 4
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7
6:00 pm Crime Safety Mtg. Hall A

COMMUNITY LIFE

Wedding Banns

Ill McKenzie Gellis &
John Zagaczyk Jr.

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Rita Dulak and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Marion Holtz
From
James and Paula Magolan

In loving memory of
Bernie Stanly
From
Carol Konvalinka &
Greg Engberg
Mary Paula Dix
Frances Glowienka
John & Marie Loehrke
Dan & Eddie Mydy



FORMATION

GIFT 2024-2025

Registration is open! We encourage you to complete your registration electronically at ololmke.org/gift/; however, hard copies are available outside of Steve and Maggie's office (Room 2). Register today and add our schedule to your calendar!

All sessions are 9:05 am–10:20 am, unless otherwise noted.

Session One: September 15
Session Two: October 6
Session Three: October 27
Session Four: November 17
Session Five: December 8
Session Six: January 12
Session Seven: February 2
Session Eight: February 16
Session Nine: March 16
Session Ten: April 6
Session Eleven: Saturday, April 26, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm
Session Twelve: Sunday, May 4, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm

MORE COMMUNITY LIFE

Fr. Mike Strachota Retirement

Fr. Mike Strachota, who served at OLOL from 1986-1992, is retiring. The parishes of St. Joan of Arc and St. Catherine of Alexandria, where he currently serves, are inviting parishioners of all the congregations that Fr. Mike worked with over the years. Fellowship celebrations will be held over the weekend of June 15 and 16. (After the 5:00 pm Mass on June 15 and the 10:00 am Mass on June 16. There will also be a 2:00 pm–4:00 pm open house on June 16.) For details or to respond, please call St. Joan of Arc at (262) 646-8078 or St. Catherine of Alexandria at (920) 474-7000 by June 6.

Xaverian Missionaries Annual Mission Festival

The Xaverian Mission Festival is coming! The Xaverian Fathers, some of our wonderful "help-out" priests, are hosting their annual fundraiser festival the weekend of June 22 and 23, at 51st Street just north of Rawson, in Franklin. There will be a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, and a spit-roasted chicken dinner after Mass on Sunday. Mass will be outdoors at 10:30 am on the mission grounds. The St. Alphonsus Bell Choir provides all of the music for Mass. Dean Richard, as well as Eddie Butts, will play on Saturday. Vern Tretow, as well as The Whiskey Belles, will play on Sunday. One of the most popular attractions is the rummage sale which will return. festival dates. Please call Linda at the mission office (414) 421-0831 for information. facebook.com/xmfestival/

WED 5

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
9:30 am Liturgy Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C

THU 6

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6

FRI 7

Office Closed

11:00 am Bernadette Drow
Funeral Visitation Church
12:00 pm Bernadette Drow
Funeral Church

WORSHIP

Today we celebrate The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This is another great reminder that because we believe in the Eucharist, we are called to bring Christ to and be Christ for the world. But what if we think we have nothing to offer? Let this poem by Marianne Williamson remind each of us that we were made in God's image, and we are more powerful than we can imagine.

Our Deepest Fear by Marianne Williamson

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness
That most frightens us.
We ask ourselves
Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?
Actually, who are you not to be?
You are a child of God.
Your playing small
Does not serve the world.
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking
So that other people won't feel insecure around you.
We are all meant to shine,
As children do.
We were born to make manifest
The glory of God that is within us.
It's not just in some of us;
It's in everyone.
And as we let our own light shine,
We unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.
As we're liberated from our own fear,
Our presence automatically liberates others.

Scripture Readings for June 8/9

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 3:9-15 | Psalm 130 | 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 | Mark 3:20-35

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished, and starving.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: June 4 and 18

Most needed items: canned mixed vegetables, peas, condensed soups, pasta, and cookies. Thanks for your ongoing support to the pantry. It is because of you that we can provide food to the needy. God bless.

Please watch expiration dates.
ololmke.org/food-pantry.

JUNE 20

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We pray that all
refugees
may find safe and
loving communities
and the opportunity to
thrive.

And we pray that we
may have the courage
to stand and act in
defense of human
dignity for all.



SAT 8

SUN 9

Hall of Honor
5:00 pm Liturgy

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For those forced to flee violence, we pray they find safety.

For those seeking economic opportunity, we pray they find secure livelihoods.



The Power of Listening

The award winning actor Alan Alda once said, “Listening is being able to be changed by the other person.” Vulnerability is essential to that transformation. The listener must be open, focused, and perhaps most important, silent.

Listening is becoming a lost art. As technology advances, we are constantly bombarded with more and more messages. Sometimes I stop listening just for peace of mind. And as our world becomes increasingly divided, it is easier and more comfortable to pay attention only to those messages that match my own frame of reference for the world—a practice that begets more division.

I was blessed to participate in a recent visioning session with OLOL’s Pastoral Council where we engaged in the synodal process : pray, listen, discern, react, and share. Each person in our group of four had two minutes to express his or her own thoughts on the question presented. The other three could not react or respond, but simply had to listen. After each of us had our two minutes to speak, we each had one minute to react to what we heard, while the others listened.

What emerged, within our group and between all the small groups, was far more common ground than outlier ideas. This common ground becomes a starting point from which we can grow and move forward together.

It gives one pause. Perhaps the simple act of listening holds the key to reducing the noise around us and healing divisions. Who are you listening to?

Cory Anshus, Pastoral Council

DISCIPLESHIP

All Are Welcome at The Table

The followers of Jesus have always been a diverse group. Disciples know that the table is the Lord’s. We make room for whomever will come at Christ’s gracious invitation. Diverse though we may be, we call ourselves by one name: Disciples. All are welcome!

Our challenge as disciples is to make **all** feel welcome and safe at the table of our Lord. Respect for the diversity of all God’s children must be honored. We must use our best table etiquette and enter into a dialogue of love to maintain the diversity around the table.

If we approach each other in love, then we no longer see male or female, young or old, black or white, gay or straight, rich or poor. At the table we all become one—Christ’s body for the world.

We are many. We are diverse. We are disciples. We are one.



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“When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.”

Continuing our relationship with All Saints parish (25th & Capitol Dr.), Our Lady of Lourdes has committed to serving at its summer meal program the following three weeks: June 25 and 27, July 16 and 18, August 6 and 8. Meals are served from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm, and volunteers work from 4:00 pm-6:30 pm. Families are welcome with children from ages 10 and up.

Here is the process to sign up for this ministry:

1. Go to the All Saints website at <https://allsaintsmke.org/>.
2. Scroll down about half way toward the bottom of the front page. Find “Food Pantry and Hot Meal Programs.” Click on the calendar and it will take you to the SignUpGenius page.
3. Move the calendar to June, July, or August. Select one of the above dates and click **Sign Up**.
4. In the blue and white box, click **Sign Up**; it will change to **Selected**.
5. Click **Save & Continue**.
6. Enter your information. You will receive an email confirmation.

As last summer’s volunteers discovered, serving is easy to do and a rewarding experience. If you have questions, call the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316.



HO-CHUNK TRIP

TO WISCONSIN DELLS

Thursday, July 25

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

\$35.00/person

includes the Lamers bus ride &
\$35.00 on your Players Card

Contact: JoAnn Godkin
414-828-7172 or joanngodkin@gmail.com

Registration deadline: June 28

Hosted by: OLOL's Wednesday Faith Group