

JUL 7, 2024

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Our Lady of Lourdes

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coming to know  
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by being Christ  
to the world.

## NOTES FROM DEB

### It's been a year!

I am writing this article on June 20. It was one year ago today that I began my term as parish director. It has been quite a year!

I've made my share of rookie mistakes, but parishioners and staff alike have been loving, helpful, and most forgiving. I am beyond grateful for all that support.

Many folks have asked me how long the archdiocese will allow me to serve in this position. As I said in this month's stewardship letter, I remain in place. It is my hope to be here until I retire. There are many uncertainties within the archdiocese including who will be appointed as our new archbishop and what kind of a shepherd he will be. Those uncertainties will become clear at some point; for now, I am choosing to focus on who we are as a parish and the opportunities we have before us to build God's kin-dom. And those opportunities are plentiful!

As we journey through this next year, it is my hope that we continue serving in the ways we do now in everything from the St. Vincent de Paul work to the Art Guild, from prayer shawl creation to sacristan duties. And let's support one another. Let's find new ways to build each other up as brothers and sisters.

Thank you all for a wonderful year. I am excited about our future.

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

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**SAT** 5:00 PM

**SUN** 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

**WED** 9:30 AM

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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 enjoy 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**.



COMMUNITY LIFE	OUTREACH	CALENDAR
<p><b>In Memoriam</b> In loving memory of Roger Radonski From Karen &amp; Family</p> <p><b>Oktoberfest Meeting</b> Wednesday, July 10 7:00 pm Room 3 Topic: Finalize Schedule and Activities All are welcome to help us finalize the Oktoberfest schedule!</p>	<p><b>St. Ben's Meal Program</b> We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, July 10. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday. <a href="http://ololmke.org/st-bens/">ololmke.org/st-bens/</a></p> <p><b>Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: July 16 and 30</b> Most needed items: canned meats, boxed potatoes, Hamburger Helper, and jelly. 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. <a href="http://ololmke.org/food-pantry">ololmke.org/food-pantry</a>.</p>	<p><b>Sunday, July 7</b> 8:00 am Liturgy Church 10:30 am Liturgy Church</p> <p><b>Monday, July 8</b> 8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 3 8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5 12:45 pm Autism Intervention Rm 6 6:30 pm Building &amp; Grounds Rm 3</p> <p><b>Tuesday, July 9</b> 8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 3 8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5</p> <p><b>Wednesday, July 10</b> 7:00 am St. Ben's Meal Prep Kitchen 8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 3 8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5 9:30 am Communion Service Church 10:15 am Morning Faith Group Hall BC 12:45 pm Autism Intervention Rm 6 7:00 pm GASIC Virtual 7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg. Rm 3</p> <p><b>Thursday, July 11</b> 8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 3 8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5 12:45 pm Autism Intervention Rm 6</p> <p><b>Friday, July 12—Office Closed</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, July 13</b> <i>Children's Sock and Underwear Collection</i> 5:00 pm Liturgy Church</p> <p><b>Sunday, July 14</b> <i>Children's Sock and Underwear Collection</i> 8:00 am Liturgy Church 10:30 am Liturgy Church</p>
<b>VIRTUE OF THE WEEK</b>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acceptance</b></p> <p>Acceptance is embracing life on its own terms. We are open to what is, rather than wishing for something different. We face the truth in all circumstances with honesty and courage. Acceptance helps us to bend without breaking in the winds of tests, to gather the lessons and step forward with new wisdom and awareness. Accepting ourselves allows us to give what we have to the world.</p> <p>Did Jesus come to know who he truly was as he served others? Did the disciples feel they knew themselves because they walked and worked with Jesus? How has your knowing Jesus helped you to accept yourself and others?</p>		

## SPOTLIGHT

### Have you seen...?

Have you looked around the congregation and wondered about a missing person? She always sat in front of you and shared the greeting of peace. He chatted with you after Mass.

The Pastoral Council conducted an online survey and phone calls directed toward people who are periodically unable to attend liturgy. Ideas to enhance online liturgies are being explored and trialed by our staff.

There are people in this parish who are unable to attend liturgy due to age or illness and yet remain a vital part of our community. They receive our bulletin. They may join us in prayer virtually. They may have someone bring them communion. They continue their volunteer involvement from home such as through the prayer ministry or making prayer shawls. They ask us to remember them in prayer.

While we reach many, we do not reach all. Please help our community by connecting with people you miss at OLOL; there is power in a phone call. Please contact our parish office with the names of people unable to attend liturgy.

And always, keep them in prayer.

Barb Webber, Pastoral Council member

## FORMATION

### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has decided to rename RCIA to OCIA. The change, reflecting greater connection to the original Latin, is rooted in the idea that the Catholic journey is continual and a lifelong commitment. This update includes revised rites, terminology, and categorization of candidates. As this transition continues, we will provide more information as we receive it.

If you are an adult interested in receiving your sacraments through OCIA, please contact Director of Formation Ministries, Maggie Russell.



## DISCIPLESHIP

### Being a Welcoming Church

Our God is a welcoming God! God welcomes anyone and everyone into God's family. Jesus always welcomed anyone into His presence, but He wasn't welcomed while visiting His own hometown as we hear in this weekend's Gospel.

With Jesus as our example, we should never be shy about welcoming others. Whether it's welcoming friends into our home, visitors into our church, or just saying hello to a stranger on the street, as Christians we should display the welcoming attitude of God.

It is not always easy to welcome the poor, the sick or anyone we might consider "different." Our kindness and openness to all is not only a reflection on Christianity as a whole, but it reflects on how we think of Jesus.

Go and make someone feel welcome today!

## WORSHIP

### Some questions for reflection from today's readings:

- Often the prophets among us, the truth-speakers, are seen as irrational, out of touch, and are shunned and marginalized. Is there someone whom you recently dismissed in such a way, and can you identify deep within their message a kernel of God's truth revealed?
- What Christian paradox do you have the most difficult time with? Death is new life? Weakness is strength? The last shall be first? Something else? What makes it difficult?
- Who in your faith community is the wisdom figure, respected because of their keen insights, experience, and age? Who is a marginalized person with a voice that needs to be heard, and why is their voice cast aside?

### Scripture Readings for July 13/14

#### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15 | Psalm 85 | Ephesians 1:3-14 | Mark 6:7-13

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# **Children's Socks & Underwear Drive**

## **July 13–July 21**

The Milwaukee Ladies of Charity is a group of 120 female volunteers who work collectively to clothe underprivileged students ages 4K–High School.

The Human Concerns Committee asks that we once again help support them in their mission by providing new socks and underwear for these school children.

### **Girls and Boys Socks**

Crew length for warmth

White and colors, please avoid black as the Ladies of Charity receive donations of black socks from Bombas

### **Girls and Boys Underwear**

Boys: Boxer briefs sizes 4–Adult

Girls: Sizes 4–Adult

(Adult sizes benefit high school age children)

### **New items only please**

A school principal or social worker refers families in need by providing them with a voucher. The Clothing Center provides each child with 7 pairs of underwear & socks along with other essential items which translates to free clothing for more than 1,100 children in Milwaukee each year.

Please drop off your donations in the bins at the West and East Entrances.

Thank you in advance for the generosity you show these children!

For more info visit their website <https://www.locmilwaukee.org>