

JUL 14, 2024

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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to the world.

NOTES FROM DEB

Trustees

Unique to Catholic parishes in Wisconsin is the position of trustee. Under civil statute, each parish is a corporation with the archbishop as president, the pastor/parish director as vice president and two trustees as secretary and treasurer. Trustees at Our Lady of Lourdes serve on the Finance Council and the Pastoral Council.

We are blessed with wonderfully gifted trustees—Rebecca Porter and Nancy Short. Good corporate governance requires that a trustee cannot also be a member of the staff of the parish. Nancy Short is now a member of our staff, so with one year left in her term, I am allowed to appoint her replacement. Cathy Markwiese has graciously accepted the position of trustee secretary. Cathy is a member of the choir, often serves at the A/V desk, and has been a part of the Oktoberfest committee. Cathy is a wise soul and I look forward to working with her in the next year.

In addition to this, Rebecca Porter has come to the end of her two-year term, and with no other candidates for her position, Rebecca too has graciously accepted another term.

Our parish is rich with talented, wise, and grace-filled disciples. Rebecca, Nancy, and Cathy are three of the many. I am blessed with their guidance and counsel.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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SAT 5:00 PM

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WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - June 2024

	ACTUAL <i>as of 6/30/2024</i>	BUDGETED <i>for June</i>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$61,837.72	\$62,000.00
Offertory	\$3,425.42	\$2,400.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: June 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$930,992.56	\$888,200.00
Op. Expenses	\$905,164.03	\$888,143.30

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23 ..	\$128,528.08
Donations.....	\$41,208.81
Expenses.....	\$70.00
Balance (6/30/2024)	\$169,666.89

THANK YOU!

Our Lady of Lourdes is greatly blessed with your continued generous support of all our ministries!

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 14

<i>Children's Sock and Underwear Collection</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy (Cooper)	Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Drenzek)	Church

Monday, July 15

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
12:45 pm Autism Intervention	Rm 6
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10

Tuesday, July 16

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
3:00 pm Food Pantry	Rm 7

Wednesday, July 17

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
9:30 am Liturgy	Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall C
12:45 pm Autism Intervention	Rm 6

Thursday, July 18

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
12:45 pm Autism Intervention	Rm 6

Friday, July 19—Office Closed

Saturday, July 20

<i>Children's Sock and Underwear Collection</i>	
11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
5:00 pm Liturgy (Burkert)	Church

Sunday, July 21

<i>Children's Sock and Underwear Collection</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy (Jurkus)	Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

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

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Rita Dulak
From

Susan Bellehumeur
Thomas Schneider
Lisa Kuenzi
James & Susan Sajdak
Mark & Kathryn Heimerl
Andrea & Wayne Graham
Grace Czarnecki
Robert & Margaret Agnew
Bruce Olson
Mary Stryck
Julie & John Htezel

OUTREACH

All Saints Church Meal Program Update

Jesus has said, "Feed my lambs." Volunteer disciples are still needed for July 16 and 18 and August 6 and 8. Please visit the social justice website at ololmke.org/social-justice for further details and registration on the All Saints calendar. This is an opportunity for us to carry out one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Carpooling is available by calling (414) 321-3698.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: July 16 and 30

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.

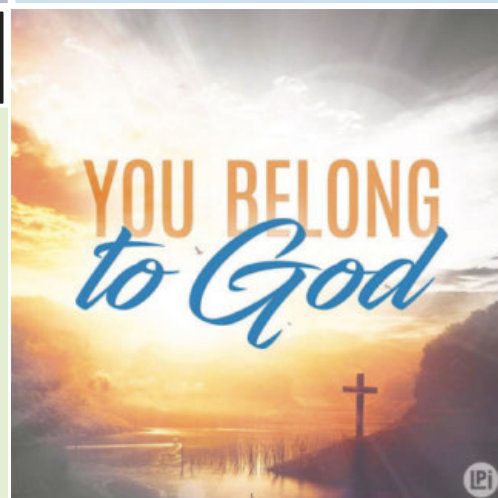
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ololmke.org/food-pantry.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Confidence

Confidence is having faith in ourselves and in life. We feel capable and competent. We find that we have the strength to cope with whatever happens. We feel free of worry. When we are confident in others, we believe in them and rely on them. We build self-confidence as we learn from our mistakes and improve for the better. We cast off self-limiting beliefs and doubts. Confidence brings the strength to try new things, to gain mastery through practice. When opportunity comes, we step up.

Can you think of a time when you needed the confidence that the apostles needed to have when Jesus sent them out?



SPOTLIGHT

Where is your brother?

“Where is your brother?” are words often spoken by Pope Francis as he urges us to see people everywhere as our brothers and sisters who desperately need help from their global family.

Our brothers and sisters are:

- Ukrainian orphans
- grieving Russian wives and mothers
- hungry Palestinian children
- fearful siblings of Israeli Hamas-held hostages
- migrants fleeing wars, famine, oppression in their home countries
- boys and girls kidnapped for sex trafficking
- victims of systemic racism
- those trapped by the cycle of poverty
- farmers devastated by draught
- our neighbor down the street

Jesus said, “Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

Mary Botsford
Social Justice Committee

FORMATION

Help Capuchin Community Services during the Republican National Convention (St. Ben's Meal Program)

The Social Justice Committee is encouraging OLOL members to join them in financially supporting Capuchin Community Services effort at the St. Ben's Meal Program site to provide a cooling center and overnight housing during the Republican National Convention (RNC) in Milwaukee. The St. Ben's site borders the RNC security zone, and there is concern that the people St. Ben's serves may be negatively impacted by the increased security. You can help this important ministry by visiting the Capuchin Community Services website. capuchincommunityservices.org/en/donate/

DISCIPLESHIP

Forming Your Conscience

Monday, July 22

6:30 pm–8:30 pm

OLOL Parish Hall

Facilitated by: Fr. Chuck Schramm

Join us as we reflect and dialogue to gain clarity of our Christian understanding of conscience in the context of the precepts of Catholic social teaching and spirituality. All are welcome! Please enter the parking lot **only** at the 56th Street entrance

Check out the Discipleship Institute Resources Page

www.ololmke.org/discipleship-institute-resources/

Here you can catch up on previously offered discipleship events. You will find the audio from the “Who is Mary” event that was held back in April, as well as former Building Bridges events, guided reflections and a scripture series on Amos and Hosea—and so much more!

WORSHIP

Our Call to be Prophets

This week's readings continue to focus our attention on the role of the prophet. A prophet is simply one who speaks for God, who proclaims that truth, especially when that truth is being ignored or violated in society.

What does it mean for us to be prophets? As was the case with the prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures, it often means speaking out about injustices in society.

Are we willing to speak up at work or at public meetings to oppose racism, Islamophobia, mistreatment of the poor? Do we write or email our elected representatives to urge laws that protect the needy and the environment? Do we speak up in family gatherings when unchristian attitudes are expressed?

We were anointed as prophets at our baptism. Do we have the courage to fulfill the mission entrusted to us?

Excerpted from Lawrence Mick,
Celebrations Magazine

Scripture Readings for July 20/21 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6 | Psalm 23 | Ephesians 2:13-18 |
Mark 6:30-34

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