

JUL 28, 2024

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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NOTES FROM DEB

Politics

Whew... When the subject of politics comes up these days, I find myself in need of taking a deep breath.

This is the summer of political conventions, streams of political ads, and most frighteningly, political violence. And as much as we might want to divorce ourselves from the political issues swirling around us, as faithful Catholic Christians, that is not an option. In its statement *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops state, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (No. 13).

We have a moral obligation to evaluate the many significant issues of this election cycle and to see how they conform to our consciences and the teachings of the Church. Issues like immigration, healthcare, care for the poor, the sacredness of all life, and the structure of our democratic republic are all on the table this year. These serious issues demand our prayerful attention.

We are morally obligated to participate in civic life, but we are not obligated to let ourselves be overwhelmed by politics. We are not obligated to consume political news hour upon hour or "doom scroll" through social media. Nor are we obligated to engage in every political discussion that comes our way.

Let's all practice some good self-care these days, and let's be respectful of one another – even those with whom we disagree.

"The way of love—not the way of violence—is the way we bind up our nation's wounds" -Bishop Michael B. Curry

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - July 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
	as of 7/19/2024 for July	
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$37,825.38	\$43,611.11
Offertory	\$1,525.00	\$1,666.66

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$39,250.38	\$47,929.85
Op. Expenses	\$39,086.75	\$75,879.06

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24..	\$169,666.89
Donations.....	\$1,931.88
Expenses.....	\$00.00
Balance (7/19/2024)	\$171,598.77

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 28

8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Lewis)	Church

Monday, July 29

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 30

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
3:00 pm Food Pantry	Rm 7
6:00 pm Music Ministry Party	Hall C

Wednesday, July 31

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 C
12:45 pm Autism Intervention	Rm 6
6:30 pm Summer Lunch Bag	
Retreat Wrap-up	Virtual
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3

Thursday, August 1

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
12:45 pm Autism Intervention	Rm 6
7:00 pm Confirmation Mtg.	Virtual

Friday, August 2—Office Closed

Saturday, August 3

<i>School Supply Collection</i>	
11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
5:00 pm Liturgy (Burkert)	Church

Sunday, August 4

<i>School Supply Collection</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Rita Dulak

From
James & Susan Sajdak

In loving memory of
Rose Goldschein

From
Leon & Carole Burzynski

In loving memory of
Rita Klein

From
Mary Crisp

Oktoberfest Meeting

Wednesday, July 31

7:00 pm

Room 3

Topic: Facility layout and event flow

All are welcome as we seek ways to efficiently help our guest move through Oktoberfest in fun and interesting ways.

OUTREACH

Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, August 3 and August 17 in Room 3 starting at 11:00 am. No need to register. This group provides a safe setting for sharing and support with others going through loss.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: July 30, August 13 and 27

Most needed items: ready to serve soup, pasta sauce, 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.
ololmke.org/food-pantry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

We are all familiar with the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Over the years, it may seem that we have heard this story more than others, and indeed, we probably have. The feeding of the multitude is the only miracle that is present in all four gospels. This alone speaks to the importance of this event. There are dozens of takes on this story. Is the miracle that the crowd was inspired by Jesus to share what they had generously, resulting in enough for all? Or is the miracle an essential testament of Jesus' divinity? Either way, feeding the multitude reminds us that God is concerned with our basic needs. Likewise, we should be concerned with one another's needs, big and small. We are called to both accept radical hospitality and to extend radical hospitality.

SPOTLIGHT

Pick Your Interests!

Ever since the request from our Finance Council update to opt to receive the stewardship mailing via email only, the requests have been pouring in. Thank you! Did you know, you can choose other ministries you want information from emailed to you?

Choose which ministry offerings and events you would like to get regular updates from by going to our website home page: ololmke.org.

You can choose from:

- Discipleship Institute
- GIFT
- Oktoberfest
- Social Justice
- Stewardship bi-monthly contribution slips and letter
- Wednesday Table Reflections

You can also opt to stop receiving emails from any of these groups. If you wish to unsubscribe from individual groups, but not all groups, please use the "unsubscribe" option of the form. If you click "unsubscribe" in any email we send you, that is a request to stop all emails from all group emails. By law, we cannot change that request if made. Please use the request form at ololmke.org/resubscribe-to-emails/ to opt back in.

FORMATION

GIFT Sign-Up is Open

Registration for our intergenerational religious formation program GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) is open on the website ololmke.org/gift/. Our theme for the year is "Prayer, Hope & Justice." GIFT is open to our entire OLOL family. Our first session will be Sunday, September 15, when Mike Kolz, a theology and scripture teacher at Catholic Memorial High School, will present. Please join us for GIFT this fall.

Hope and Prayer lead us to Justice with Mike Kolz at GIFT

Hope is the power to want something that is positive and lifegiving. Prayer is the power to keep hope alive. Justice is the outcome of hope prayed for. In other words: hope is the initiator, prayer is the sustainer, and justice is the will of God for God's hope filled prayerful people. One who is filled with hope and prays is destined to find justice. We will examine the concepts of Hope and Prayer as a means to live a Just life.

DISCIPLESHIP

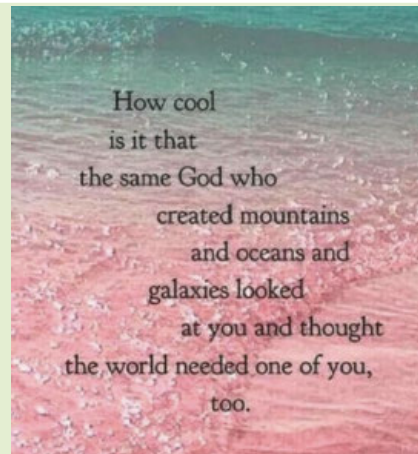
The Chosen

Thursdays, August 15–October 3
6:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall

Join us as we view Season Four of The Chosen. The series centers on Jesus and the diverse people who met, followed and interacted with Him. One episode will be viewed each Thursday – eight episodes total. Group discussion will follow each episode. All ages are welcome. This is a free event and no registration required.

If you cannot join in person or have already viewed the series and are interested in discussing what you have already watched, we are offering Zoom Discussion Only sessions. Beginning Wednesday evening, August 21, at 6:30 pm and each consecutive Wednesday evening, we will discuss one episode each session. Registration is required for the Zoom Only sessions. Register on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or through the Parish Office.

WORSHIP



You have so much to offer, and we'd love to help you decide how to get involved. Talk to anyone on staff to see where you can use your talents to help our OLOL community and the world around us.

Scripture Readings for August 3/4

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Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 | Psalm 78 |
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 | John 6:24-35

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Weekends of August 3/4 and 10/11

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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SERVING?

Our Lady of Lourdes has openings on its Pastoral Council and is searching for new members!

Do you feel called to a leadership role in our Parish community? If so, please consider nominating yourself or someone from whom you obtain permission for consideration.



Please use this QR code to access the online nomination form. You may also submit the nomination form on the other side of this page. **All nominations must be submitted online or to the Parish Office no later than Sunday, September 1.**



Please contact **Judeen Schulte** (judeen.schulte@alverno.edu) or **Denise Haussy** (denise.haussy@yahoo.com) with any questions!



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PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

The Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council serves the parish in partnership with Deb Steppe on how best to carry out the mission of Jesus and the Church within the Lourdes community. The Council has 14 members. We would like our council to be as diverse as our community and welcome youth and adults of any gender, race, or age.

Please consider nominating yourself or someone from whom you obtain permission for this position using this form and return it to the boxes at the entry of church by **September 1, 2024**.

To be eligible to serve on the Pastoral Council, individuals must be:

- **At least 18 years old**
- **A registered member of Our Lady of Lourdes**
- **An active participant in parish life – service in a Parish ministry or on a Parish committee is preferred**
- **Willing to meet for 1.5 hours on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except July and August)**

If you are nominating someone other than yourself, that person's signature must be on the nomination form.

Please select one of the following options

_____ I am interested in serving on the OLOL Pastoral Council. Please contact me for further discussion.

Name (please print): _____

E-mail address and phone number: _____

OR

_____ I (your name) _____ would like to
nominate _____ to serve on the
OLOL Pastoral Council.

Nominee's E-mail address and phone number: _____

I confirm that the nominee has consented to being nominated and will serve on the Council if selected.

Nominator's E-mail address & phone number: _____