

**AUG 4, 2024**

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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the kingdom of God  
by being Christ  
to the world.

## NOTES FROM DEB

### Save the Dates!

Even though we are in the middle of summer (and I just spent the last few days at the beach!), here at the parish we are getting ready for a new programming year. There will be many activities and programs, here is just some of what's happening in the month of September:

**Parish Kickoff Event—September 7, 1:30 pm—4:00 pm.** A “Bring All of You” event of food, fun, and fellowship. We will gather in the Hall and highlight three of our ministries—Art Guild, Music Ministry, and the Community Garden. Included in the afternoon will be games, an art project to be displayed in church, pulled pork from Rupena’s and a few surprises. We will then move into the church for our first 4:00 pm liturgy.

**Fare Thee Well—September 21, 12:00 pm—3:00 pm.** This open house is a time to make plans for our final wishes. We will have OLOL staff members present to help you pre-plan your funeral. Representatives from funeral homes will be present as well as an attorney to answer your questions about estate planning. While planning for our deaths isn’t the easiest thing to talk about now, having the plans in place for loved ones is immensely helpful at the time of a death.

We will also have a new faith theology conversation every Tuesday evening, our first GIFT session, Season 4 of *The Chosen*, a St. Vincent de Paul blood drive and so much more!

We are an active, vibrant parish, I invite you to join in some of the wonderful happenings here. I look forward to seeing you!

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

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### EUCCHARIST:

**SAT** 5:00 PM

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

**WED** 9:30 AM

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# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

## Parish Support - July 2024

|                     | ACTUAL<br><i>as of 7/19/2024</i> | BUDGETED<br><i>for July</i> |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Reg. Envelopes..... | \$45,247.31                      | \$43,611.11                 |
| Offertory .....     | \$2,332.00                       | \$1,666.66                  |

## Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 2024

|                    | ACTUAL      | BUDGETED    |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Op. Income .....   | \$47,780.31 | \$47,929.85 |
| Op. Expenses ..... | \$42,258.63 | \$75,879.06 |

## Improvement Fund Updates

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Beg. Balance 7/1/24..      | \$169,666.89        |
| Donations.....             | \$2,244.88          |
| Expenses.....              | \$00.00             |
| <b>Balance (7/26/2024)</b> | <b>\$171,911.77</b> |

THANK YOU!

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

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, August 4

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

## Monday, August 5

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 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, August 6

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| 8:15 am Autism Intervention | Rm 3 |
| 8:15 am Autism Intervention | Rm 5 |
| 10:30 am SVDP Mtg.          | Rm 9 |

## Wednesday, August 7

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| 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   |
| 7:00 pm Liturgy Team Mtg.    | Rm 9   |

## Thursday, August 8

|   |      |
|---|------|
| 8:15 am Autism Intervention             | Rm 3 |
| 8:15 am Autism Intervention             | Rm 5 |
| 9:00 am Stewardship Mailing Preparation | Rm 4 |
| 12:45 pm Autism Intervention            | Rm 6 |

## Friday, August 9—Office Closed

## Saturday, August 10

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| <i>School Supply Collection</i> |        |
| 5:00 pm Liturgy (Burkert)       | Church |

## Sunday, August 11

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

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
Fr Bill Kohler  
From  
Bruce and Therese Zivney

In loving memory of  
Diane O'Donnell  
From  
Kathryn Spies  
Mark & Anne Reikober

In loving memory of  
Ann Iwanski  
From  
George and Claudia Porter

In loving memory of  
Rita Dulak  
From  
The Gucciardi Family  
Craig & Mary Mueller

# OUTREACH

## All Saints Church Meal Program Update

Jesus has said, "Feed my lambs." Volunteer disciples are still needed for August 6 and 8. Please visit the social justice website at [ololmke.org/social-justice](http://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: 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](http://ololmke.org/food-pantry)

# VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

## Certitude

Certitude is an attitude of faith, confidence, and certainty. It is taking bold steps forward after discerning what we believe to be true, and trusting that all will be well. We don't allow the fads and ways of the world to control us. We hear a higher calling. Certitude begins by deeply exploring a belief or decision through prayer and contemplation. Each step we take is sure and unwavering. Even if we stumble or fail, we don't allow doubt to distract us from what we know.

In the Gospel, the crowd asks Jesus, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?" Are we still asking that question? How do you work to deeply believe?

HUNGER  
AND THIRST  
FOR GOD  
*Alone*

## SPOTLIGHT

### From the Pastoral Council

The summer season immerses us with its glory: warm breezes, sunshine, abundance of vegetation, and night skies filled with mystery. The animals and earth know creation is the work of God (Job 12: 7-10).

While creation knows its creator, in today's reading the crowd around Jesus asks Him for a sign so they can believe. "What can you do?" (Jn 6: 24-35) Jesus tells them, I am the Bread of Life come down from heaven. He invites us to come to Him.

Creation, now in full bloom, concretely fills and surrounds our every sense with the wonder of God. The beauty and awe we experience may lead us along the unseen path of faith as we accept the invitation to come to Him.

Christine M. Yatchak  
Pastoral Council



## FORMATION

### 2024 Partisan Primary—Vote!

The OLOL social justice committee urges all disciples to **vote in the Wisconsin Partisan Primary on Tuesday, August 13.** On the Congressional Level, ballots will list candidates for U.S. Senate and Representatives in Congress. On the Legislative and State Level, ballots will list candidates for the Assembly, and District Attorney. County races will include county clerk, treasurer, and registrar of deeds.

In addition, on the back of the ballot, there will be two important referendums regarding **the elimination of checks and balances in distributing federal funds.** To obtain explanations regarding these proposals, search "referendums on Wisconsin ballot."

For your individual ballot information, check the website [www.vote411.org/wisconsin](http://www.vote411.org/wisconsin).

Winners on August 13 will advance to the General Election on November 5.



## DISCIPLESHIP

### Faith & Theology—A Conversation

Tuesdays: September 10, 24, October 1, 22, November 5, and 19

6:30 pm

Room 10

Facilitated by: Karen Streich

We all know the Nicene Creed and have recited it many times, but do we truly understand it and the impact it has on our lives as disciples of Christ? This gathering is designed to address just that!

These meetings will be relaxed and conversational. There will be nothing to read ahead of time and the only math involved will be discussing the Trinity and the Seven Sacraments! We will break open the Nicene Creed, from the first word "I" to the closing "Amen!". In between we will discuss everything from God, creation, evolution, Jesus, salvation, afterlife and so much more. Join us for one, two or all six sessions. The Holy Spirit and the group will lead the discussion.

Register on the Discipleship Institute web page at [ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/](http://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/) or through the Parish Office.

## WORSHIP

### Save the Dates: Kick-Off Choir Wants You!

You're starting to hear announcements about our parish-wide Kick-Off event on Saturday, September 7, from 1:30 pm-4:00 pm. Along with that will be our first seasonal choir, kicking us off at our new 4:00 pm Mass time. All of you are invited and encouraged to participate. Save these rehearsal dates—Wednesdays, August 28 and September 4, from 6:00 pm-7:15 pm—and watch future bulletins for more details.

### A/V Ministry Wants You Too!

Often at this time of year, A/V Ministry is in need of new ministers as we lose young parishioners to college. We can use ministers at all three Masses. You do not need to be a techie to do this ministry. The ability to press buttons and follow song lyrics is all you need to know. Anyone high school age and older is welcome. This ministry is fantastic for service hours. Contact Marc Puechner for details.

### Scripture Readings for August 10/11 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8 | Psalm 34 | Ephesians 4:30—5:2 | John 6:41-51



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