

**AUG 11, 2024**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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coming to know  
the kingdom of God  
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to the world.

## NOTES FROM DEB

### Honest Prayer

There are countless ways to pray: contemplative prayer, centering prayer, prayer with scripture, etc. And there are countless written prayers to be said: Hail Mary, Our Father, Glory Be, The Memorare, etc. The most important way to pray, I think, is exemplified by the prophet Elijah in our First Reading for today—honest prayer.

Elijah has had it. He is despondent, he feels like a failure, and he wants to die. He tells God, "This is enough, O Lord. Take my life..." (1Kings19:4). In the depths of his despair, Elijah shares with God the darkness of his heart.

While Elijah's despondency is nothing we would want to emulate, his honest prayer and his intimacy with God truly is. When we are going through tough times, darkness can seep into our hearts as well. Sharing with God those honest, angry, intense feelings is prayer—beautiful prayer. It might not feel holy to share our anger, or hurt, or despair with God, but it is sacred.

Being people of prayer is the basis for our lives as disciples. Sometimes that prayer comes in lovely, harmonious ways like when we gather at Mass, and sometimes it is filled with tears and anger. It's all prayer—and it draws us closer to our God and to one another.

In preparation for the jubilee year of 2025, Pope Francis has designated 2024 the year of prayer. Not only does our parish library have many books on prayer, our theme for GIFT this year is "Prayer, Hope, and Justice." So, let's all keep praying, and please know that I hold you all in my prayers.

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 <i>as of 7/31/2024</i>	BUDGETED <i>for July</i>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$47,773.57	\$43,611.11
Offertory .....	\$3,152.31	\$1,666.66

## Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income .....	\$53,271.88	\$47,929.85
Op. Expenses .....	\$69,003.26	\$75,879.06

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24..	\$169,666.89
Donations.....	\$2,299.88
Expenses.....	\$00.00
<b>Balance (7/31/2024)</b>	<b>\$171,966.77</b>

THANK YOU!

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

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, August 11

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

## Monday, August 12

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
11:30 am Resurrection Choir	Rm 9
12:45 pm Autism Intervention	Rm 6
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm Building & Grounds	Rm 3

## Tuesday, August 13

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

## Wednesday, August 14

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 C
12:45 pm Autism Intervention	Rm 6
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3

## Thursday, August 15

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
12:00 pm Assumption Mass	Church
12:45 pm Autism Intervention	Rm 6
6:30 pm The Chosen	Hall C

## Friday, August 16—Office Closed

## Saturday, August 17

10:00 am Geraldine Folker Funeral Visitation	Church
11:00 am Geraldine Folker Funeral	Church
11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
5:00 pm Liturgy (Marco)	Church

## Sunday, August 18

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

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Geraldine Folker, Kathleen Werling, Marion Wojtkowski, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
Douglas Hardy  
& James Arnsdorff

From  
Theresa Arnsdorff

## Oktoberfest Meeting

Wednesday, August 14  
7:00 pm  
Room 3

Topic: Food and paper order

We are committing to the final menu and order amounts for the Oktoberfest weekend.

# OUTREACH

## St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, August 14. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday.  
[ololmke.org/st-bens/](http://ololmke.org/st-bens/)

## Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: August 13 and 27

Most needed items: spaghetti sauce, cookies, and canned meats. 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

## Determination

Determination is the power of intent that drives our dreams. It is the strength of will to act with resolve. We focus our energy on a purpose and persevere until we meet our goal. Determination is the commitment to follow through until we accomplish our purpose. If one path doesn't work, we try another way. We don't allow ourselves to get distracted or to go off track. We complete the tasks we choose to do. With determination we will succeed.

The Second Reading today asks us to be imitators of God. It spells out clearly how to do that. In a time of great division and frustration, how does determination keep you on the right path? Keep trying!!

## SPOTLIGHT

### 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).

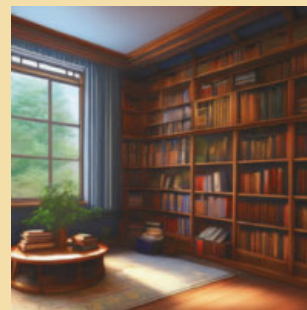
Winners on August 13 will advance to the General Election on November 5.



## FORMATION

### Parish Library

Remember to stop by the parish library on the wall outside Deb's office and borrow any books that you wish. Books are changed weekly and cover a wide variety of topics related to our faith. We have books for children too. No need to check books out; just bring them back when you are finished.



### Have You Signed Up For GIFT Yet?

Registration for our formation program GIFT, Generations In Faith Together, has been open for a few weeks now. You can register on our website at [ololmke.org/gift](http://ololmke.org/gift). The first GIFT session will be Sunday, September 15.

## 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/](http://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/) or through the Parish Office.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

### Director of Administrative Services

OLOL is looking for a director of administrative services to start as soon as possible. This person, together with Parish Director, Deb Steppe, form the core management team that ensures that the pastoral and administrative needs of the parish are sustained. The director of administrative services serves in a key parish management position as a staff resource fulfilling parish administrative needs in finance, buildings and grounds, personnel, stewardship, and communications. He/she directs these efforts with technical and legal expertise within the framework of shared ministry in Christian and Catholic values. The position is considered full-time (35 hrs/wk) salaried, exempt position with pro-rated benefits. For more information, go to the OLOL Employment webpage at [ololmke.org/employment/](http://ololmke.org/employment/).

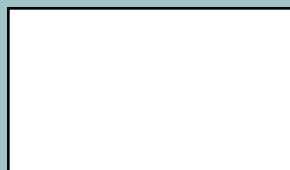
### Scripture Readings for August 17/18 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 9:1-6 | Psalm 34 | Ephesians 5:15-20 |  
John 6:51-58



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# Outreach to Haiti Supported by Our Lady of Lourdes

## Information for the Mission Appeal

- The Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) was introduced in 1954 to the parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Its purpose was to provide “a systematic method of furnishing each parish in the archdiocese with one missionary once a year.”
- For years OLOL has been able to foster our twinning relationship with Outreach to Haiti (OTH) as our MCP mission.
- We have been in a twinning relationship in Haiti for over twenty-five years. We have had many parishioners visit Haiti to learn directly about the work of Outreach to Haiti, meet the Haitian people, and experience the Haitian culture. Recently, due to an unstable political situation we have not been able to travel to Haiti. We continue to hope and pray that this situation will change soon and we will be able to continue our parish trips to Haiti.
- We do continue to support the ongoing work of Outreach to Haiti (OTH), which continues to operate in these troubled times.
- One of the ways OTH impacts the people of Haiti is through their medical clinic. The clinic serves the people of the Kris wa (Christ King) Neighborhood in Port au prince. They have full and part-time physicians, community health agents (that work directly with families in the neighborhood), social workers, and support staff for the clinic and its programs. They offer basic medical services to the people of the neighborhood including immunizations. They have a complete prenatal program that includes nutritional education. They run a successful program for extremely malnourished children. They are currently moving toward setting up a dental clinic. They have hired a part-time dentist for now and have obtained funding to construct a building to house the dental clinic. There is also funding coming to expand medical services.
- Education is seen by all as one of the best ways to make a long-term impact in Haiti. OTH has an education program that currently serves around 200 students. Students that are accepted into the program are guaranteed that they can at least stay until they complete High school as long as they keep their grades up. Students are supported with tutoring, access to the OTH computer lab, as well as some nutritional services. Some students have the opportunity to go on to college and beyond. There have been several students that have gone on to obtain medical degrees, become accountants, agronomists, nurses, and complete business degrees. OLOL has directly supported the education program through its many years of twinning with OTH.
- FAK (Advancing Women Now) is a project that supports and educates women in forming and operating their own businesses. One participant was able to expand her peanut butter business by purchasing a grinder which enabled her to increase her production. The most remarkable thought she had was that she believed the program was a miracle sent from above because with this expansion she could purchase a wheelchair for her physically challenged daughter!
- OTH also helps to set up and support twinning relationships between parishes in the US with parishes/organizations in Haiti.
- The day-to-day operation of OTH continues in spite of extremely difficult situations in Haiti. There is a constant threat of violence, kidnappings, and disruption of services that we take for granted in our country. In spite of all this, our OTH employees make it to work and are grateful to be working and helping their fellow Haitians. Your commitment to OTH and its work is a validation to those workers, letting them know that they are not forgotten. Let’s continue to keep the people of Haiti in our prayers. Mesi anpil! (Thank you very much!) Ralph spoke with Jean Marie Brutus, a long-time employee of OTH, this week and mentioned we were talking about Haiti at the masses this weekend. He said that he specifically wants the parish to know how grateful he is for the support the parish has provided over the years. He wants each parishioner to know that he is praying for you and would ask that you pray for Haiti. He really wants visitors to come back to Haiti because it helps him to feel that Haitians are not alone and forgotten.
- If you would like to donate you can do that on-line or write a check to OLOL (note Haiti donation in the memo line) and return it in the collection basket or mail it to the office.
- Bondye bon (God is good)!



## Sacred Movement

*...is moving prayer with God as the reason for the conversation.  
It is a form of prayer that incorporates all of you, mind, body and spirit.*

**YOU ARE INVITED!**

Our Lady of Lourdes parish has a rich history of incorporating the arts to enrich our prayer experiences. Along with a variety of music ministries and choirs, we also have Sacred Movement Ministry.

Men and women, children, and teens are invited to participate in the Our Lady of Lourdes Sacred Movement Ministry. You do not need formal dance training to pray reverently, proclaim the Gospel, and encourage others to celebrate God's goodness. Opportunities to participate are based on your availability, level of experience, and physical ability to move comfortably. This could mean processing while carrying a candle, waving a small flag, or sharing simple gestures. Training and guidance will be provided and anyone with more dance training may get the opportunity to minister through more intricate choreographed pieces.

**We have two new opportunities coming up for anyone curious or who would like to experience Prayer in Movement for themselves. These two opportunities are open to anyone, so please invite a friend to participate even if that person is not part of the Our Lady of Lourdes community.**

***Prayer in Movement – Kids, Thursday, 8/22/2024, 10:30 am–11:30 am***

***Prayer in Movement – Adults, Tuesday, 8/20/2024, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm***

**Please send me an email, to let me know if you or your child are considering joining us for one of these special Prayer in Movement sessions. It will help in my planning to know approximately how many people may be attending. I look forward to sharing this experience with you.**

***If you are interested in participating in the Sacred Movement Ministry or have questions, please reach out to me.***

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