## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



... a pilgrim church coming to know the kingdom of God by being Christ to the world.

### **NOTES FROM DEB**

### **Our Sustenance**

In our Gospel for today we continue the bread of life discourse in John's Gospel.

As a Catholic Christian who has spent lots of time in prayer and study (and a lot of tuition money to Loyola University), I must admit that it seems like my knowledge of the Eucharist is paltry. My belief in the Eucharist, however, has never been stronger. I don't have the knowledge of how the bread and the wine become so real, so fully the body and blood of Christ in the context of the Mass, but I feel my faith in the Eucharist and the faith of those with whom I worship in a palpable way at Mass.

The Eucharist allows us to receive and be a part of the work of Jesus—the compilation of all he taught and how he lived. We consume and are consumed by all that Jesus is. We take in the love of Jesus and receive that into every cell of our being. The Eucharist we receive at Mass sustains us as we share that love of Jesus with the world.

I am touched by the many ways the folks here at OLOL do this—from bringing in dozens and dozens of hard-cooked eggs for the folks at St. Ben's, to financial donations to the parish, to the welcome shown every visitor that comes through our door.

Thank you! Let's keep it up and let's keep finding new ways to be Christ for the world.

Your shepherd, Deb Steppe

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### **EUCHARIST:**

**SAT** 5:00 PM **SUN** 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM **WED** 9:30 AM

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### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

## Parish Support - August 2024 ACTUAL BUDGETED

as of 8/9/2024 for August

Reg. Envelopes......\$33,404.82......\$43,611.11 Offertory .......\$783.32......\$1,666.66

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2024

ACTUAL BUDGETED

Op. Income .......\$90,754.59.......\$99,509.70
Op. Expenses .......\$84,187.54......\$147,338.80

#### **Improvement Fund Updates**

Beg. Balance 7/1/24..\$169,666.89 Donations......\$3,075.88 Expenses......\$00.00

Balance (8/9/2024) \$172,742.77

#### THANK YOU!

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

### **CALENDAR**

### Sunday, August 18

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

#### Monday, August 19

8:1 <i>5</i> 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 20

8:15	am	Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15	am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
10:30	am	SVDP Mtg.	Rm 4
6:00	рm	Finance Council Mtg.	Rm 9
6:00	pm	Prayer in Movement	Hall A

### Wednesday, August 21

	8:15	am	Autism Intervention	Rm 3
	8:15	am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
	9:30	am	Liturgy	Church
1	0:15	am	Morning Faith Group	Hall C
1	2:45	рm	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
	6:00	рm	Baptism Prep	Virtual
	6:30	рm	The Chosen	Virtual

### Thursday, August 22

8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
10:30 am	Prayer in Movement	Hall A
11:00 am	Women's Grief	
	Support Group	Hall C
12:45 pm	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
6:30 am	The Chosen	Hall C

#### Friday, August 23-Office Closed

#### Saturday, August 24

9:30 am	Baptism Rehearsal	Church
5:00 pm	Liturgy (Drenzek)	Church

### Sunday, August 25

8:00 am	Liturgy (Abert)	Church
10:30 am	Liturgy (Lewis)	Church
	(Baptism)	

### **COMMUNITY LIFE**

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of Ann Iwanski

From

Tony Iwanski Mary Crisp Gloria and Leroy Jastromski Nancy Plennes Mary Jane Jastromski Byron and Barbara Nichols

In loving memory of Virginia Weller

From

Her loving children and grandchildren

In loving memory of Marion Holtz From Karen Holtz

### **OUTREACH**

## From the Human Concerns Committee:

## Thank you!!!! You outdid yourselves!

Last year's Ladies of Charity Sock and Underwear Drive brought in 634 pair of underwear and 432 pair of socks. You topped that this year with 898 pair of underwear and 753 pair of socks!

What a phenomenal parish you are!

On behalf of all the children who benefit from your goodness—**Thank** you!!!



### VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

#### Wisdom

Wisdom is the guardian of our choices. It helps us to discern the right path at the right moment. It gives us clarity of thought and deeper understanding. We use our best judgment, resisting the pull of impulse or desire. Wisdom gives us the maturity and patience to make sustainable decisions. We consider carefully, and then act confidently. Wisdom grounds us in grace.

The emphasis on Wisdom in the first two readings invites focusing on the word "true." Jesus uses the word "true" in the Gospel to describe his flesh and blood. How do we clearly understand this? What does "true" mean to you? An example?

### **SPOTLIGHT**

### Reconciliation and First Eucharist at OLOL

### Open Wide Our Hearts: Being a Prophet = Taking Action

Is your child starting first grade this fall? Be ready for the sacraments of reconciliation and first Eucharist by enrolling in GIFT now.

**FORMATION** 

This article was initially going to emphasize being informed, active voters as part of our responsibility as Christians. But truly by now this should be an ingrained practice. The focus instead is on Fr. Peter's sermon on July 14 regarding our roles as prophets, conferred upon us at baptism. One of that day's birthday celebrants expressed her wish that parishioners volunteer in some way at a local school, agency, or to help a family. To me, being a prophet means spreading a message and living a life that exemplifies love for and acceptance of all people, regardless of their differences, knowing God made them in His image and likeness. It is to actively, publicly denounce hatred, divisiveness, racism, violence, greed, and power that use Jesus' name and Christianity in very un-Christ-like ways. Whatsoever you do to the least of these...

To be eligible for sacrament preparation the Archdiocese of Milwaukee requires that children be in religious formation one year prior to the year of sacrament reception. If your child was in five-year-old kindergarten last school year, they need to participate in our formation program GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) during their first-grade year, so that they can celebrate the sacraments in second grade. GIFT begins Sunday, September 15. Be sure to enroll in GIFT now. ololmke.org/gift

Mary Yank
OLOL Social Justice Committee

Contact Steve Szymanski, Director of Child Ministry, if you have any questions.

### 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 <a href="mailto:ololmke.org/gift">ololmke.org/gift</a>. The first GIFT session will be Sunday, September 15.

### **DISCIPLESHIP**

### **WORSHIP**

### Faith & Theology—A Conversation

Tuesdays: September 10, 24, October 1, 22, November 5, and 19 6:30 pm

We all know the Nicene Creed and have recited it

has on our lives as disciples of Christ? This gathering is

many times, but do we truly understand it and the impact it

Room 10

Facilitated by: Karen Streich

designed to address just that!

### Calling All Generations: Kick-Off Choir Wants You!

As we kick off our new year, wouldn't it be great to have all generations leading the singing at Mass? Kids, bring your folks. Parents, bring your kids. Friends, bring your friends.

The time commitment for this opportunity is very small: Two rehearsals: Wednesdays, August 28, and

September 4, 6:00 pm-7:15 pm

One Mass: Saturday, September 7, 4:00 pm

(meet at 3:30 pm)

You can let us know ahead of time that you'll be coming, or just show up at rehearsal. We'd love to see you there!

Anne Van Deusen and Julie Fraleigh

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.

Scripture Readings for August 24/25 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b | Psalm 34 | Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32 | John 6:60-69

Register on the Discipleship Institute web page at <u>ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/</u> or through the Parish Office.

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