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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."
- Mk 7:14-15

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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 4:00 PM BEGINS 9/7/24

SUN 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - August 2024

	ACTUAL <i>as of 8/23/2024</i>	BUDGETED <i>for August</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$62,709.88	\$43,611.11
Offertory	\$2,286.10	\$1,666.11

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$126,278.93	\$99,509.70
Operating Expenses	\$114,275.15	\$147,338.80

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24..	\$169,666.89
Donations	\$4,327.88
Expenses.....	\$00.00
Balance (8/23/2024)	\$173,994.77

THANK YOU!

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

2024 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (4/1/2024)

Donations:..... **\$18,305.00**
Goal is \$61,175 29.92%

Donors: 187
of donors: 1,010 8.61%
Participation rate..... 15.6%

DECIDE TO LEAD

www.CatholicAppeal.org

NOTES FROM DEB

Exciting times ahead!

This is such a fun time in the parish. Plans for the next year are well underway and there is much excitement for all that is upcoming.

Next week, on September 7, is our parish kickoff picnic. We will gather in the Parish Hall from 1:30 pm–4:00 pm for food, fun, and fellowship. Three of our ministries will be featured: music, art guild, and the garden committee. We will also be creating a piece of art using our handprints that will later be displayed in the church. As our picnic ends, we will move into church for our first 4:00 pm Saturday liturgy.

On Sunday, September 15, not only do we have our first GIFT session of the year, but we will welcome a new “help-out” priest, Fr. Joe Aufdermauer at the 8:00 am and 10:30 am liturgies. Fr. Joe is the former pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in New Berlin and has graciously agreed to give us a try. Fr. Joe is a great preacher. I have no doubt that he will be warmly welcomed by all of us here as he joins our wonderful cadre of priests: Fathers Bill Burkert, Rick Abert S.J., Dave Cooper, Peter Drenzek, Alan Jurkus, Dennis Lewis, Mike Marco S.J., Chuck Schramm, and Tom Suriano. We are so very blessed to have these wonderful priests leading us in prayer.

This is a dynamic, loving, and growing parish. Thank you for being a part of it!

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Cleanliness

Cleanliness is treating our bodies with respect and care by keeping ourselves clean, fresh, healthy, eating good foods, and breathing fresh air. We rid ourselves of habits that do not serve our dignity. We think and speak in ways that honor others and ourselves. We do our part to care for the earth. Cleanliness around us makes our souls peaceful. Cleanliness within us brings more peace to the world.

The Pharisees were always busy about the ways things look on the "outside." Jesus was more concerned with building what was on the inside. We need to be more aware of all that is going on.

Think and share with others what you are putting "out" into the world.

SUN 1

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

MON 2

Office Closed



TUE 3

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
10:30 am SVDP Mtg. Rm 4
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group Rm 3

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Wedding Banns

I Jena Zastrow & Mason Mueller

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Charlene James-Duguid, Elaine Beekman, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Steve Ratkowski

From
Clem Ratkowski

In loving memory of
Marion Wojtkowski

From
Mary Larson

In loving memory of
Geraldine Folker

From
Family and friends
Mr. and Mrs. Pfister

GIFT Starts in two weeks. Have you signed up?

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. As a welcome, new households that register for GIFT get a copy of *The Catholic Faith & Family Bible* for their household, and each household member gets a GIFT tumbler so that everyone can enjoy the GIFT coffee and juice bar. Register today for a wonderful year of formation plus your bible and tumblers!



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be back on September 8!

At most Sunday 10:30 am liturgies, we have Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The children hear that week's readings, sing the Psalm, and our CLOW ministers offer an age-appropriate reflection on the readings. We encourage all children in these grades to attend CLOW to learn about our faith beginning on Sunday, September 8, at the 10:30 am liturgy.

If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected — the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

USCCB



WED 4

THU 5

FRI 6

8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:30 am	Communion Service	Church
10:15 am	Faith Group Social	Hall C
6:00 pm	Kick-off Choir Reh.	Church
6:15 pm	Catechist Gathering	Rm 10
6:30 pm	The Chosen	Virtual
7:00 pm	Liturgy Team Mtg.	Rm 3

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8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
6:30 pm	The Chosen	Hall C

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WORSHIP



A kick-off party is the first step to a successful year or project.

It seems that no matter what our age is, our lives somehow match the rhythm and flow of the traditional school year. Start things off fresh in September, relax over the holidays, maybe take a mid-year break, and prepare for the slower pace of summer around May/June. The activities throughout our church year seem to follow that pattern, too.

So, to start the year off, we are having a Kick-off Community Gathering this coming Saturday, September 7, from 1:30pm–4:00 pm. Come right at 1:30 pm to share a yummy meal, followed by a variety of activities, including some singing with our Music Ministry department. You bring our music to life during Mass, so now we'd like to have you join us on a little twist to a song we know well, "Canticle of the Turning" which is our gathering song for the weekend. We'll practice the lyrics, add some harmonies and percussion instruments, and maybe even clap a bit or get our bodies moving. After that, you can take part in the other activities and games throughout the afternoon, including an opportunity to add your own handprint to a banner that will be hung in church. And when we finish sharing that time together, we can all walk across the hall and continue celebrating and praying at our first 4:00 pm Saturday Mass. What a wonderful time it will be!

We hope to see you all there!

Scripture Readings for September 7/8

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7a | Psalm 146 | James 2:1-5 | Mark 7:31-37

OUTREACH

St. Vincent de Paul News Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 17
2:00 pm–6:00 pm

Sign-up for our next blood drive begins on August 31 after all Masses. Online sign-up is also available on our blood drive webpage ololmke.org/blood-drives. Every person who donates will be entered for a chance to win two Green Bay Packers tickets along with a VIP experience. A coupon for a pint of custard from Culver's will also be handed out to every donor. "Give a pint; Get a pint!"

Thank you in advance for your life-saving donation.



Thank You!

With a fresh new start to the school year, comes brand new school supplies for all our friends at Prince of Peace in Milwaukee. Thanks to your generous donations 125 boxes of crayons, 167 file folders, 278 spiral notebooks, and 214 pens and pencils, just to name a few, were delivered to their school. An estimate of over \$2,000! WOW! They were thrilled and so appreciative of our generous donations. Thank you to all who made this happen.

SAT 7

SUN 8

11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together Rm 3
1:30 pm Community Kick-off Event Hall
4:00 pm Liturgy (Burkert) Church

8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert) Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Jurkus) Church
11:30 am Environment Change Church

SPOTLIGHT

Keep your eye on the flag!

We recently watched *The Long Game*. In 1956, J.B. Peña became the Del Rio, Texas High School Superintendent. On his way to apply to the Del Rio Country Club (DRCC), Peña meets five young Mexican Americans who caddie there. Learning they are students at his high school, he starts a golf club and becomes their coach. He enlists his former commanding officer Frank Mitchell to also serve as the team's coach.

Two things stood out for me about this movie.

The first was how prejudice comes in so many forms. Talking about their time together in WWII, Mitchell said he had to send his troop of Mexican Americans into a "suicide mission." Mitchell received a promotion and medals; Peña received nothing and most of his fellow soldiers were killed. When Peña applied to the DRCC, he was denied membership then recommended to a club where "you may feel more comfortable with your own kind." Competing in tournaments, the students experienced discrimination – not being served at diners, being called "Wetback," and peers cheating because "they won't believe a brown boy."

The second was Peña's advice to the students, "Keep your eye on the flag." (The flag indicates the position of the pin/hole at which one is aiming.) Although difficult, the students ultimately kept their eye on their team's goal and won the state championship—only to be insulted again. But the story doesn't end there.

How do we overcome our own prejudices? What "flag" is our eyes on? How might we live in ways that show we are Jesus' disciples?

Judeen Schulte, Pastoral Council

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DISCIPLESHIP

A WORK BLESSING

Abba, You are good and every good gift comes from you.

We are reminded this weekend that work is a blessing that comes from you.

Work is not a punishment, but a gift. A gift we are to share.

Through your Incarnation you have made work sacred.

May our attitude towards work always be one of gratitude and praise.

May the work of our hands, and the gifts we share,
serve to give you greater glory.

We ask all this in Jesus' name.

Amen!



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