

Our Lady of Lourdes is a pilgrim church coming to know the Kingdom of God by being Christ to the world

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Catholic Church

Hello friends!

Earlier this summer, Steve and I spent time brainstorming theme ideas for the upcoming formation year. We were inspired by Pope Francis's preparations and plans for the 2025 Jubilee year. In 2024, he called all disciples to dedicate themselves to a "great symphony of prayer" in preparation for the Jubilee of 2025 which will center around the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." We immediately started reflecting on the relationship between prayer and hope and the impact they have on our lives, but we felt we were missing something. We thought about the state of the world, the upcoming elections, and the changes we hope and pray for. We realized that we knew exactly what we wanted to walk hand-in-hand with hope and prayer. I'm happy to announce that this year's GIFT theme will be "Prayer, Hope & Justice." We believe the importance of prayer, the power of hope, and the pursuit of justice are key components of discipleship and are essential for the Church's mission in the world today.

I truly feel that these are deeply essential, yet I must admit I feel like a bit of a fraud. Of those three areas, prayer is one I have left at the wayside. My life is busier than I have ever known it to be. Amidst the responsibilities, demands, and joys of a life that is both busy and rich, I've found myself struggling to make time for prayer. This is something I'm committed to working on, my heart yearns for it. However, I know from experience that I need to start small if I want to make lasting change. So, I'm going to start with a one-week challenge, just seven days of prayer.

If you would like, you can join me on this journey. I've explored various prayer challenges and I've put together an outline to guide my next seven days. You can follow it with me or adapt it to fit your needs. You can find it at [tinyurl.com/7daysofprayer](https://tinyurl.com/7daysofprayer). Beyond this challenge, I would love for you to join me at GIFT as well. GIFT will continue to take place from 9:05 am-10:20 am with two exceptions which are explained on this year's schedule. You can find more information about GIFT in this mailing. Online registration is available at [ololmke.org/gift/](https://ololmke.org/gift/) or you can pick up a paper registration from the Parish Office. Please see the back of this letter for the GIFT schedule.

It would be a joy to journey together both in this challenge and at GIFT, supporting each other in strengthening our prayer lives, nurturing our hope, and actively pursuing justice. By doing so, we will continue to grow in community and discipleship. I cannot imagine a more OLOL way to kick off a new formation year.

Brightest blessings,  
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# Prayer, Hope & Justice: Gift 2023-2024

## What is GIFT?

- GIFT (Generations in Faith Together) takes an innovative approach to faith formation for all.
- It is an intergenerational learning experience as singles, seniors, couples, and families/households of all varieties and forms gather to grow in faith together.

## Our gatherings include:

- An **opening experience** that is an introduction to the theme of the session.
- **Learning sessions** on the topic that are age appropriate.
- Two annual **Donut Sundays** to foster fellowship amongst our OLOL Family.

## Why GIFT?

- To offer Catholic Christians a method of faith formation that speaks to both their lives and the world we live in.
- To strengthen those who still feel that faith is a priority, but struggle in commitment.
- To make sense of all that is part and parcel of Catholicism.
- To live our faith and grow in it in the day to day of family life, jobs, school, etc...
- To impart our faith to the young people in our community which accompanies them on a life-long faith journey, as research shows that those who grow up discussing faith with adults are more likely to remain engaged in their faith.

## When is GIFT?

- We gather 12 times per year, between September and April/May, between the \*:00 & 10:30 liturgies (from 9:05-10:20) unless otherwise noted.
- For households with school-aged children, our expectation is that you will attend each session throughout the year.
- If your child is preparing for Sacraments, you will also take part in a separate preparation program.
- Households without school aged children have the option of signing up for individual sessions.

## GIFT 2024-2025 Calendar

September 15	December 8	March 16
October 6	January 12	April 6
October 27	February 2	(Sat) April 26*
November 17	February 16	May 4*

*\* This session takes place from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm*

## How much does GIFT cost?

**Season Pass** (Good for all 12 sessions plus snacks and supplies!)

- \$ 120 Household...1-2 Adults
- \$ 200 Household with 1 child (K4-Gr. 11)
- \$ 280 Household with 2 children
- \$ 360 Household with 3 children
- \$ 440 Household with 4 or more children
- \*\*\* NO FEE for seniors in high school \*\*\*
- \$ 100 Senior Household (65 years and older)
- Payments can be made in full, quarterly, or monthly through WeShare.
- **Tuition scholarships are also available.**

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## Annual Operating Year End Summary

### Fiscal Year: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

INCOME	<u>Prior Year</u> <u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Fiscal Year End</u> <u>2023-2024</u>	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>2024-2025</u>
<b>Contributions</b>	\$ 820,984.96	\$ 814,436.93	\$ 825,000.00
<b>Liturgy &amp; Music</b>	\$ 2,270.05	\$ 2,712.00	\$ 2,400.00
<b>Christian Formation</b>			
GIFT	\$ 9,901.00	\$ 13,069.94	\$ 11,500.00
C.F. Adult Ministry	\$ 7,463.01	\$ 7,876.00	\$ 8,000.00
C.F. Youth/Young Adult Ministry	\$ 225.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 0.00
C.F. Child Ministry	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Social Ministries</b>			
Human Concerns, Social Justice, Health & Wellness, Welcoming	\$ 52.00	\$ 211.76	\$ 225.00
<b>Administration &amp; Communication</b>	\$ 22,540.34	\$ 23,767.59	\$ 25,600.00
<b>Misc. Income &amp; Funds Totals</b>	\$ 11,043.05	\$ 30,728.66	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Building &amp; Grounds, Maintenance</b>	\$ 600.00	\$ 95.70	\$ 0.00
	<u>\$ 875,079.41</u>	<u>\$ 893,072.58</u>	<u>\$ 874,225.00</u>
Oktoberfest (net)	\$ 15,332.38	\$ 16,581.12	\$ 16,600.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>\$ 890,411.79</u>	<u>\$ 909,653.70</u>	<u>\$ 890,825.00</u>
EXPENSES	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>2024-2025</u>
<b>Liturgy &amp; Music</b>	\$ 155,477.66	\$ 137,585.46	\$ 150,414.46
<b>Christian Formation</b>			
GIFT	\$ 6,035.29	\$ 7,227.52	\$ 9,400.00
Formation Staff	\$ 121,367.63	\$ 131,167.33	\$ 131,454.23
C.F. Adult Ministry	\$ 9,520.69	\$ 8,026.16	\$ 9,850.00
C.F. Youth/Young Adult Ministry	\$ 1,246.23	\$ 1,071.44	\$ 1,650.00
C.F. Child Ministry	\$ 424.15	\$ (3.84)	\$ 950.00
<b>Social Ministries</b>			
Human Concerns, Social Justice, Health & Wellness, Welcoming	\$ 12,530.39	\$ 12,988.88	\$ 14,245.00
<b>Administration &amp; Communication</b>	\$ 346,385.86	\$ 351,498.57	\$ 344,372.23
<b>Building &amp; Grds, Maintenance</b>	\$ 223,154.24	\$ 256,456.28	\$ 228,322.12
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 876,142.14</u>	<u>\$ 906,017.80</u>	<u>\$ 890,658.04</u>
<b>NET</b>	<u>\$ 14,269.65</u>	<u>\$ 3,635.90</u>	<u>\$ 166.96</u>

*FAITHFUL—with little, with much, with ALL*  
*We give praise and thanks for the community of Our Lady of Lourdes*  
*who help bring Christ to the world through their generosity.*

<b>Assets - Cash on Hand</b>	<b>Balance 7/1/2023</b>	<b>Balance 6/30/2024</b>
Cash		
Operations Checking	152,343.71	191,830.37
USPS Postage Due Acct	10.36	5.64
Love One Another Campaign	105,950.81	112,016.78
Investments		
Savings Account	464,959.36	468,688.02

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Balance 7/1/2023</b>	<b>Balance 6/30/2024</b>
Deferred Revenue		
Oktoberfest Income for next year	0.00	1,840.00
GIFT Registration Fees for next year	0.00	200.00

<b>Restricted Fund Activity</b>	<b>Balance 7/1/2023</b>	<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>Annual Expenses</b>	<b>Balance 6/30/2024</b>
Liturgy Fund	560.23	795.00	795.00	560.23
Music Ministry Fund	3,827.58	1,430.00	865.40	4,392.18
GIFT Tuition Assistance Fund	5,821.45	110.00	580.00	5,351.45
Retreat Fee Assistance Fund	3,124.00	0.00	0.00	3,124.00
Social Justice	0.00	5,803.84	1,419.20	4,384.64
Youth Mission Fund	9,573.30	872.57	0.00	10,445.87
SVDP	993.49	4,217.55	4,217.13	993.07
Outreach to Haiti—Twinning	30,401.04	13,065.66	32,988.59	10,478.11
LOL Food Pantry Fund	23,945.52	7,866.12	16,421.06	15,390.58
St. Ben's Meal Program	17,547.87	10,398.04	13,548.54	14,397.37
Technology Fund	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00
Building Improvement Fund	128,528.08	41,208.81	70.00	169,666.89

<b>Parish Designated Fund Activity</b>				
Faith Group	218.80	10,764.50	9,989.35	993.95
Memorial Fund	20,179.62	14,172.60	1,835.88	32,516.34
Reserve Funds	240,024.56	13,500.00	0.00	253,524.56

### Notable Project Expenses

<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Purchase/Set up of 3 laptops (3 year rotation)	2,106.00	Communication: Technology Exp Acct
Update obsolete docking stations and Rm 9 wifi access point	1,183.00	Communication: Technology Exp Acct
Staff 4% year end bonuses	18,741.00	Salaries Acct
Outsourcing Snow Removal	22,000.00	Maintenance
Boiler and A/C start up repairs	15,580.00	Maintenance
New front end unit (computer) for security system	4,387.00	Maintenance
Paschal Candle for 2 years, All Soul's Day candles and altar rug	1,836.00	Memorial Fund
Finish sound board installation; install window shades; dep on parking lot; lobby tiling and water fountain, bookshelf, Haiti donation	97,322.00	Love One Another Campaign Funds

### Statistical Data (6/30/24)

<u>Population</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2024 Age of Population</u>		<u>Sacramental Life</u>	
<b>Registered Households</b>	1,049	1242	<b>Age 0-5</b>	60	<b>Baptisms</b>	11
<b>Single, No Children</b>	537	630	<b>Age 6-17</b>	232	<b>Communions</b>	8
<b>Married, No Children</b>	339	361	<b>Age 18-44</b>	690	<b>Confirmations</b>	6
<b>Single with Children</b>	52	61	<b>Age 45-64</b>	502	<b>Weddings</b>	3
<b>Married with children</b>	121	190	<b>Age 65/Older</b>	746	<b>Funerals</b>	29
<b>Contributing Households</b>	(49%) 514	(65%) 802	<b>Unknown</b>	423		

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