



DISCIPLESHIP INSTITUTE FALL 2024

The Discipleship Institute of Our Lady of Lourdes is committed to “forming disciples” in the way of Jesus. We provide opportunities/events that challenge us to live out the Gospel mission. We, as a team, work to collaborate with all parish ministries and other parishes, to provide these opportunities and events.

Welcome to our fall events for 2024! We continue to focus on becoming a diverse community of disciples that truly accepts all. Together we live out the mission, the message and the vision of Jesus!

GIFT 2024

Prayer, Hope & Justice

All GIFT sessions are 9:05 am–10:20 am unless otherwise noted.

- Session 1: September 15–Hope and Prayer Lead to Justice–Mike Kolz
- Session 2: October 6–TBD (Theme: Conscience Formation with Fr. Chuck Schramm)
- Session 3: October 27–Fall Synodal Discussion
- Session 4: November 17–House of Peace Fall Service Session
- Session 5: December 8–Hope Does Not Disappoint–Steve Szymanski

Register on the GIFT (Generations in Faith Together) web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-gift/ or through the Parish Office

DEEPER REFLECTION

Women's Spirituality Group

The Women's Spirituality group will meet monthly on the second Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise noted) from 6:30 pm–8:00 pm in Room 7. Upcoming meeting dates are noted below:

- September 11
- October 16*
- November 13
- December 11

The group will gather to reflect on the Sunday readings and bible study with other women from the parish. Contact the Parish Office to join or for more information.

*Meeting third Wednesday due to Oktoberfest

Sunday Scripture Reflection

Thursdays

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

St. Matthias Parish

In person or via Zoom

Fr. Chuck Schramm, Brian Jens and Peter Morello of St. Matthias, continue to invite us to join their weekly discussion group on the Sunday Scriptures. Call Brian Jens at (414) 982-2406 for more information or visit <https://stmatthias-milw.org/ffo/>.

Faith & Theology—A Conversation

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

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

OLOL—Room 10

Facilitated by: Karen Streich*

We all know the 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 discussions on 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.

Registration is required and can be done on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or through the Parish Office.

*Karen Streich taught Theology at Pius XI for 23 years. She has been a member of OLOL since 1994. She is currently on the Social Justice Team and takes care of our Parish Library.

The Image of God in the Psalms

Tuesday, November 12

7:00 pm–8:00pm

OLOL—Room 10

Facilitated by: Dr. Harry Fleddermann

The Psalms contain profound insights into God and our relationship with God. This session will focus on God as Creator and Mother and use this image as a way to explore a deeper awareness of God in our daily lives.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE

Peace Prayer Service

Monday, October 28

6:30pm–7:30pm

OLOL

With the important presidential election approaching, please join us in the church worship space for a prayer service focusing on a peaceful election and a unifying outcome. Please watch the bulletin for further reminders and updates.

Election Day Activity

The church space will be open for individual personal prayer and meditation on Tuesday, November 5.

Please watch the bulletin for further reminders and updates.

We encourage you to visit the revised Social Justice web page at ololmke.org/social-justice/. There are links to Catholic Social Justice teaching videos and much, much more!

Gay and Straight in Christ (GASIC)

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:00 pm–8:00 pm beginning in September through June via Zoom. Upcoming meeting dates are:

- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11
- January 8

Please contact the Parish Office for more information or to receive the Zoom link.

This ministry works to help the LGBTQIA+ community find their rightful place within the Catholic Christian community. The group is open to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer persons, their families, friends, and those who wish to stand in solidarity with them in Christ. Visit our site on the parish webpage at ololmke.org/gasic/ for more information.

PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY

Livestream/Recorded Weekend Liturgy

Wednesday Table Reflections

All our Saturday 4:00 pm Masses are live streamed and recorded for later viewing during the weekend. Each Wednesday we also offer a recorded table reflection on the day's scriptures. Visit the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish website at ololmke.org/word-services-and-reflections/.

Art Guild

The focus of the Art Guild is to assist members in their spiritual journey using different art mediums. The Art Guild invites the Our Lady of Lourdes community to participate in the Art Gallery display and the Community Mosaic in the spring. These events are displayed in the parish hallway.

The Art Guild sponsors an Open Studio on the second Tuesday of each month. This gathering is open to anyone to work on their individual projects as well as an opportunity to visit with other members. This year in particular the Guild has planned some activities to liven up this gathering. The monthly business meeting is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from August to May. This meeting is followed by a class featuring a different art medium. We will have classes in batik, alcohol inks and eggs, card making, self-portraits and paints. At least one field trip to a local museum is planned. For more information, watch the bulletin or contact the Parish Office.

ADVENT 2024

Advent 2024 Virtual Retreat

Begins Sunday, December 1

Online—Parish Website

Facilitated by: Deb Steppe—Parish Director

The Little Blue Book for Advent

Watch the bulletin in late October and early November on how to get your copy of **The Little Blue Book for Advent**. This book will be your Advent companion and you can take it with you wherever you go. The left-hand page is like a buffet table with a variety of thoughts about the Advent and Christmas season. The right-hand page is where we will reflect on the scriptures Commit to a daily prayer time this Advent season and allow this Little Book to be your guide. God's living Word can change your day...and your life!

THE CHOSEN—SEASON FOUR

Join us as we view Season Four of the blockbuster series about the life and ministry of Jesus.

One episode will be viewed each Thursday beginning **August 15 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall**. There are 8 episodes in total. **The final viewing will be on October 3**. This is a free event. No cost. No reservations required. All ages welcome!

There will be opportunity for discussion after every “live” episode.

Not able to join us in person, but you still want to take part in this event?? Maybe you already viewed Season 4??

We are offering a **Zoom Discussion Only** session each week. This will be held the Wednesday evening **after** the live community viewing. The first session will be held Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 pm and will discuss Episode 1 of Season 4. This will continue each consecutive Wednesday evening until the season is completed. **You must register for the Zoom Discussion Only sessions**. Register on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or through the Parish Office.

You can obtain "The Chosen" free on the following streaming platforms:

- *The Chosen App*—available free on any Smart TV and mobile device
- Amazon Prime Video
- Peacock
- Peacock Premium
- CW Network (starts September 1st)
- YouTube
- The Roku Channel
- Netflix (Seasons 1-3)

*** St. Matthias Adult Faith Formation will also offer viewings of *The Chosen—Season 4* beginning Tuesday, September 10th. The viewing begins at 6:30pm with hospitality offered beforehand at 6pm. Visit the St. Matthias website at <https://stmatthias-milw.org/ffo/> or contact Brian Jens at 414-982-2406.

Please note that most of our previous Discipleship Institute programs / events have been recorded and are therefore accessible to the homebound or for those who missed the original program / event. For more information, feel free to contact one of the Discipleship Institute Team members or please visit our webpage at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute-resources/.

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