

SEP 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church

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

## NOTES FROM DEB

### Praying for One Another

From the moment my family became part of the Our Lady of Lourdes parish family 25 years ago, we have come to know the care and concern OLOL parishioners have for one another. This is a loving parish!

A very dear way to care for each other is to hold one another in prayer. Have you noticed the prayer box near our front door? If you are in need of prayer, you are invited to place your intention (we have pencils and paper right there) into the box. We then have a prayer team who receives these prayer requests and spends some time praying for each of them.

I am one of the people who receives the list of intentions each month. It is a tender responsibility to carry these concerns in prayer. Would you like to join in this prayer ministry? We are looking for folks to join the prayer team. You can receive these intentions via email, or you can pick them up on the counter at the office.

Thank you for considering joining in this ministry—and thank you for the love you share each and every day.

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

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### EUCCHARIST:

**SAT** 4:00 PM

**SUN** 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

**WED** 9:30 AM

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# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

## Parish Support - September 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
	<b>as of 9/13/2024 for Sept</b>	
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$22,878.40	\$65,416.67
Offertory .....	\$1,563.68	\$3,333.33

## Budget Updates Fiscal Year: September 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income .....	\$160,573.70	\$175,561.78
Op. Expenses .....	\$168,605.56	\$220,898.54

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24..	\$169,666.89
Donations.....	\$5,455.88
Expenses.....	\$00.00
<b>Balance (9/13/2024)</b>	<b>\$175,122.77</b>

THANK YOU!

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

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, September 22

8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
9:00 am Sacrament Prep	Hall
10:30 am Liturgy (Marco)	Church

## Monday, September 23

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:30 am Lazarus Ministry Planning Mtg.	Rm 10
11:30 am Resurrection Choir	Rm 9
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm Discipleship Planning	Virtual

## Tuesday, September 24

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
1:00 pm Art Guild Mtg.	Rm 4
3:00 pm Food Pantry	Rm 7
6:30 pm Faith & Theology	Rm 10

## Wednesday, September 25

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:30 am Communion Service	Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall C
6:00 pm Mission Concert Reh.	Rm 10
6:30 pm The Chosen	Virtual
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3

## Thursday, September 26

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:00 am SVDP Resource Fair	Hall AB
12:00 pm Women's Grief Support Group	Hall C
6:30 pm The Chosen	Hall C

## Friday, September 27—Office Closed

## Saturday, September 28

Welcome Weekend	
4:00 pm Liturgy (Burkert)	Church

## Sunday, September 29

Welcome Weekend	
8:00 am Liturgy (Abert)	Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Cooper)	Church

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Wedding Banns

Il Jan Schiebenedes & Larry Miller

## Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Louis Franecki, Constance Praessel, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
Bill Richard

From

Betty Richard, wife

## Oktoberfest Meeting

Wednesday, September 25

7:00 pm

Room 3

Topic: Pulling it all together.

Important meeting for leaders.

The party is a week away and we are synchronizing the details.

# OUTREACH

## Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, October 5 and 19 in Room 3 starting at 11:00 am. No need to register. This group provides a safe setting for sharing and support with others going through loss.

## Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: September 24, October 22

Most needed items: canned vegetables (all varieties), creamed soups, condiments (please no yellow mustard), creamy peanut butter, and mac and cheese. 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)

# CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Sometimes the behavior of the disciples in the Gospels is cringe-worthy. In today's Gospel reading from Mark, Jesus hears his disciples arguing about who is the greatest. He explains that to be the greatest, one must put themselves last and behave as a servant, accepting the least among them.

We cringe when we recognize an undesirable behavior, yet often we are guilty of similar behavior. It is human nature to raise oneself up; to try to achieve an edge above others. Yet, our dignity doesn't come from our achievements. Our human dignity is inherent. Our value is the same if we have wealth and accolades as it is if we are poor and devalued. Jesus challenges us to discard the notion that status increases our worth.

## SPOTLIGHT

# Oktoberfest Artisan Fair 2024

You are OLOL's best advertising. Please help spread the word to bring a crowd to our campus event. Here are some ideas:

- Proudly display a yard sign.
- Display posters at your work, school, or favorite meeting place.
- Carry handbills in your purse or car and distribute them!
- Like and share Oktoberfest Artisan Fair Facebook posts.
- Follow Oktoberfest Artisan Fair on Instagram and like and share our posts.
- Invite friends and family by phone, personal conversations and email.

Talk up Oktoberfest Artisan Fair to neighbors, friends, and family. Invite them to join you for coffee and a torte after holiday shopping. Invite some to join you for a music performance and an adult beverage. Bring a group of friends and dance to the Squeezettes on Saturday night. Bring your grandchildren and their friends to do an art project or make a gift.

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair Team

## FORMATION

### Fr. Chuck Schramm on "Conscience Formation & the Election" at GIFT October 6

Our basic mandate as Christians (and the mandate for all people of good will) is to love—to do good and to avoid evil. We all have been socialized in value systems that form a foundation for how we make choices in our lives. We have an in-built sacred space called conscience where we meet God—a space where we prayerfully discern what is right or wrong, especially in major areas of our lives. During this session, Fr. Chuck Schramm will help us identify aspects of conscience and show how it is formed. We will discuss this in light of the major election that will require us to vote in November. Join us at GIFT on Sunday, October 6, at 9:00 am in the Hall. Please call the Parish Office if you are not registered for GIFT and would like to join us for this session.

### Youth Service Hours & Family Opportunities

Do you feel a call to service? Oktoberfest needs you! Are you trying to knock out your service requirement? Oktoberfest needs you! Is your family looking to connect more deeply with our community? Oktoberfest needs you! Sign up today in the meeting room hallway!

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Forming Your Conscience

Mondays: October 14 and 28

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

St. Matthias Parish–Steiger Hall

Facilitated by: Fr. Chuck Schramm & Brian Jens

Join us as we reflect and dialogue to gain clarity of our Christian understanding of conscience. We will use the precepts of Catholic social teaching and spirituality and apply them to voting in November. All are welcome!

Register at [stmatthias-milw.org/ffo/](http://stmatthias-milw.org/ffo/) or contact Brian Jens at (414) 982-2406.

Also, check out the Discipleship Institute Resources Page at [ololmke.org/discipleship-institute-resources/](http://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute-resources/). Here you can catch up on previously offered discipleship events. You will find the audio from the "Who is Mary" event that was held back in April, as well as former Building Bridges events, guided reflections, a scripture series on Amos and Hosea, and so much more!

## WORSHIP

### Come join the party!

Thank you to all of you who participated in our Kick-off Choir a couple weeks ago. Next up is our **Polka Mass Choir & Band.**



As always, this is open to **everyone**, no matter your age or experience.

#### Minimal Time Commitment:

Monday, October 7, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm  
(rehearsal in church)

Saturday, October 12, 4:00 pm Mass  
(meet at 3:30 pm)

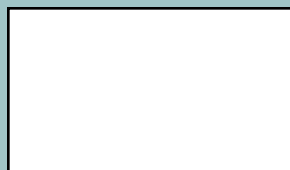
If you'd like to play an instrument, please contact Anne Van Deusen or Julie Fraleigh by October 4. If you'd like to sing, just come to rehearsal on October 7!

### Scripture Readings for September 28/29 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29 | Psalm 19 | James 5:1-6 |  
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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# SVDP MKE QUICK FACTS

A SUMMARY OF OUR WORK IN 2023



**\$1.8 MILLION**

**GOODS & SERVICES**

We gave \$1.8 million worth of goods and services to Milwaukee's neighbors in need (i.e. the homeless, the working poor, the elderly, and families with young children).

**10,363 HOME VISITS**

**PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE CARE**

Our Vincentian volunteers made 10,363 visits to homes or other locations - providing basic household necessities to individuals and families in need.



**62,482 WARM MEALS**

**FEEDING MILWAUKEE FAMILIES FOR 40 YEARS**



Our two meal site locations on Milwaukee's northside and southside provided 62,482 warm, nutritious meals to individuals and families in need;

**8,000** were served to young children.

**665 VOLUNTEERS**

**WE LOVE SVDP MKE VOLUNTEERS!**

What stands out is the person-to-person contact our Society members make to help others in a time of need. Volunteers are at the heart of our mission to serve the Milwaukee community.



**55,727 VOLUNTEER HOURS**

**OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN!**



Through home visits and our Meal Program, at parish food pantries and our Thrift Stores, volunteers graciously give of their time and talents and live out the Society's mission..

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