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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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SAT 4:00 PM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - September 2024

	ACTUAL <i>as of 9/27/2024</i>	BUDGETED <i>for Sept</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$44,196.65	\$65,416.67
Offertory	\$3,085.68	\$3,333.33

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: September 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$187,066.83	\$175,561.78
Operating Expenses.....	\$197,454.39	\$220,898.54

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24..	\$169,666.89
Donations	\$6,475.88
Expenses.....	\$81,214.00
Balance (9/27/2024)	\$94,928.77

THANK YOU!

*Our Lady of Lourdes is greatly
blessed with your continued
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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

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NOTES FROM DEB

Well, my friends, you probably don't need me to tell you that the presidential election is less than one month away. We've seen the ads on tv, online, on the radio, and in each other's front yards.

I also don't need to tell you that some people take their political choices very seriously and are entrenched in their political affiliations. As I've said before, our political divisiveness is more intense than any time I can remember.

I was thinking about those political realities this week while sitting in church and looking at our handprint banner on the back wall of the sanctuary. Some of those handprints were made by dyed-in-the-wool Democrats, some were made by tried-and-true Republicans. Some of those handprints belonged to folks who have been active in politics for decades and some by folks who will be voting for the first time. Every handprint is a member of our parish family. Every handprint belongs to someone who is beloved by God. Everyone we encounter—from candidates, to surrogates, to the difficult neighbors with multiple signs in their front yards—is beloved by God. In this time of political divisiveness, anger, and frustration, that's tough to keep in mind.

So in these last few weeks before the election, let's show one another a little more kindness. Let's take a break and turn off the television when the ads are beginning to make our blood boil. Let's hold in prayer all the candidates for office. And let's vote! You can find out where your polling place is by going to www.myvote.wi.gov.

Know of my prayers for you all.
Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Creativity

Creativity is the power of imagination. We are open to inspiration, which ignites our originality. With creativity, we are resourceful and intuitive. We know how to play. We take time for dreaming. Creativity connects us to beauty of sound, design, color, movement, ideas and words, and allows us to bring something new into the world. Creativity brings our gifts to fruition.

In the First Reading, we hear of the creation of animals and birds, man and woman. Imagine all this added to the beautiful garden. All living in peace and harmony!

Can you plan to do one thing that brings harmony into the world? Share that one thing with someone else. Be creative!

SUN 6

MON 7

TUE 8

8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert) Church
9:00 am GIFT Hall
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert) Church

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10
6:00 pm Polka Mass Reh. Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Wedding Banns

I Kelsey Jackson & Collin Ciombor

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Ronald Wojnowski and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Janice Gaffney
From
Grace Czarnecki

Baptism at Lourdes

Baptism is our common heritage in our faith. Through this sacrament, we die and rise to new life with Christ. Baptism unites us and challenges us to put on Christ and to live the mandate of the Gospel. This is no mere drop of water upon an infant's head—it is immersion into life with Christ, a life of love and discipleship!

We offer baptism five weekends each year at Our Lady of Lourdes during liturgy. There are a few steps in the process:

- Contact the Parish Office. They will help you start this journey.
- New parents are asked to show a desire to model this life of faith for their child by registering as members of this community, worshipping here regularly, and engaging themselves in the life of this community.
- Arrange an interview with our Child Minister, Steve Szymanski.
- If the parents are ready to undertake this important responsibility, they join us for an evening of preparation for the sacrament.
- A baptism rehearsal is held just a day or two prior to the baptism.

Upcoming baptism weekends at OLOL are:

November 10, January 26, April 27, and June 22

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair 2024

October 11-12-13

We are celebrating our 15th year of Oktoberfest Artisan Fair as a “fun-raiser” at Our Lady of Lourdes. Our goal has always been to have fun at Oktoberfest, harvest our talents, honor art and artists, cover our costs, and be grateful for any profit.

We have a wonderful parish family, a noisy exuberant family! We get to know each other by working side by side in the kitchen or selling popcorn. We stop in the Hall to chat or catch up over a cup of coffee in the Black Forest Café. We play together at the cake walks or Saturday activities. We make a joyful noise at the Polka liturgy. We meet new friends, cherish old friends, and remember those no longer with us. Guests are always welcome! Perhaps this is our annual family reunion.

Please consider spending time with our OLOL family or taking a meal home for someone who cannot join us.
Oktoberfest Artisan Fair Team

Youth Service Hours & Family Opportunities

Oktoberfest has numerous opportunities for you and your family to do a little work and have a lot of fun. Youth, working at Oktoberfest counts towards your service hours requirement. Sign-up at: <https://forms.gle/vnZja2NTn95PtxXs6>

WED 9

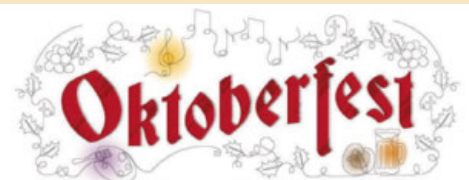
7:00 am	St. Ben's Meal Prep	Kitchen
9:30 am	Communion Service	Church
10:15 am	Faith Group Social	Hall C
6:30 pm	The Chosen	Virtual
7:00 pm	GASIC	Virtual

THU 10

6:30 pm OCIA Info Session Virtual

FRI 11

Office Closed



4:00 pm-8:30 pm

WORSHIP

Come join the Polka Mass Choir & Band!

All singers and instrumentalists are invited to join us as we lead music at our annual Polka Mass, part of the fun activities at Oktoberfest.



Here are some reasons to join:

- You only need to attend one rehearsal and the day of the Mass.
- You don't need any prior experience, and you don't need to sign-up ahead of time.
- You get to sing, clap, and have a great time.
- It's such a fun and energetic celebration!

Here are some reasons not to join: You know what? We can't think of any!

Here are the important dates. We hope to see you all there!

- Monday, October 7, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm—rehearsal in church
- Saturday, October 12, 4:00 pm Mass (meet at 3:30 pm)

Advent Kindness Calendar

Take a look inside the entrance doors to our worship space as well as outside the Parish Office. There you will see these boxes, along with slips of paper, just waiting for you to give us suggestions for our OLOL Advent Kindness Calendar. As a reminder, we'd love your ideas for simple gestures that each of us can do, including kindness at home, school, work, or neighborhood. Do you have a suggestion? Please fill out a slip and put it in one of the boxes or email your ideas to Anne Van Deusen at the parish. The deadline for ideas is October 20, so that the calendar committee can narrow down the suggestions and prepare the calendars for Advent. Wouldn't it be great to have an overflow of ideas?



Scripture Readings for October 12/13

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Wisdom 7:7-11 | Psalm 90 | Hebrews 4:12-13 | Mark 10:17-30

OUTREACH

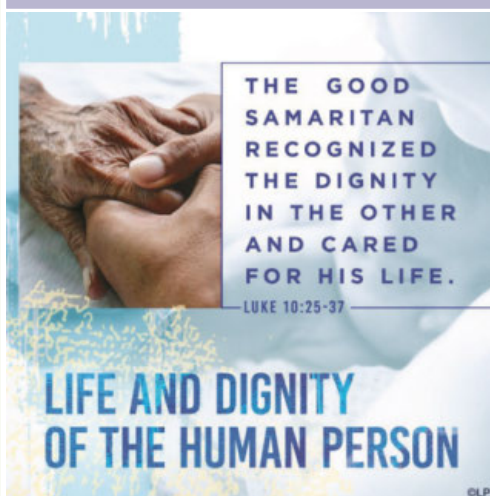
St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, October 9. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday. ololmke.org/st-bens/

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: October 22, November 5 and 19

Most needed items: cereal, vegetables (all varieties), boxed potatoes, pasta, spaghetti. 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

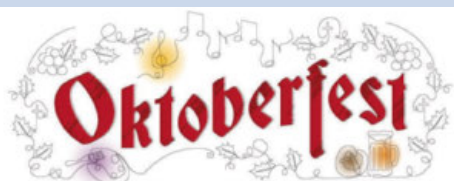


SAT 12

4:00 pm Polka Mass (Burkert) Church

SUN 13

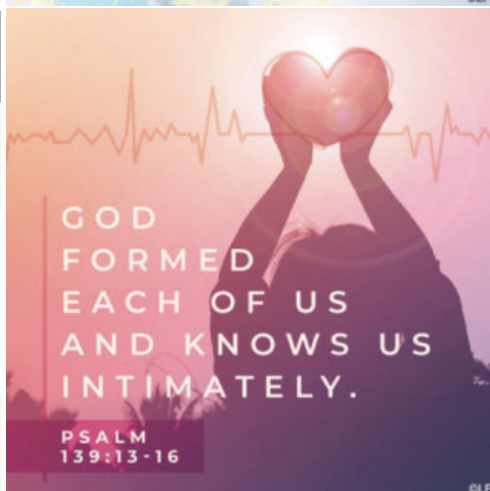
8:00 am Liturgy (Schramm) Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Jurkus) Church



11:00 am-8:00 pm



9:00 am-1:00 pm



COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Among many other important awareness topics this month, October is also Cybersecurity Awareness month. In regards to you and OLOL, please know that emails from us end with ololmke.org in the address line. Anything else is fake. Also, the only time we will ever ask for money is through is through organized campaigns such as our annual stewardship pledge request. No staff member will ever ask anyone for personal financial help. Any request you receive is a scam. Mostly, cybercriminals will try to pose as Deb or Fr. Bill. Treat any email or text from them with suspicion or caution. Call the Parish Office to confirm anything out of the ordinary you would ever receive.

"I'm praying for you."

On a recent family Zoom, two of my brothers-in-law, both essentially homebound, saw each other for the first time in a long while. Even though miles apart, they physically reached toward each other. One said, "I'm sorry I haven't been able to come see you, but I've been praying for you." The other replied, "I'm sorry, too. I'm not getting out much. I've been praying for you too."

I was so touched that these were their first words to each other after months of not connecting. While they were unable to be in each other's presence—one because of increasing dementia, the other because of a debilitating infection—each kept the other in their consciousness by praying for the other.

Galatians 6:2 reminds us to "carry each other's burdens" and 1 Thessalonians 5:17 urges us to "Pray at all times." These men were putting their faith into action, with the strong belief that sharing their concern about each other with God would strengthen the other in their continuing struggles. Since that day, their witness has stayed with me.

In addition to our family and friends, there are so many and so much to pray for in today's world: people who are seriously harmed by war and injustice; lack of unity among families and friends; healing for our Earth; recovery from a serious illness or surgery; continued sobriety; or a family with a beloved person dying. Whether we join the Prayer Ministry as our Parish Director, Deb invited us in the September 22, 2024, bulletin or not, may we each help to carry each other's burdens as we pray without ceasing.

Sister Judeen Schulte, Pastoral Council

DISCIPLESHIP

A Call to Prayer

Monday, November 4

6:30 pm

Facilitated by: OLOL Social Justice Committee

This election year is extra challenging. Society pushes you to pick one candidate and hate the other. Jesus taught us to, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." With these thoughts in mind, we ask that you join us in the church space for a community prayer service focusing on a peaceful election process and a unifying outcome. We will pray that voters choose wisely and that leaders govern wisely. This service will be an opportunity for quiet contemplation. Escape the din and discord and join us for the evening.

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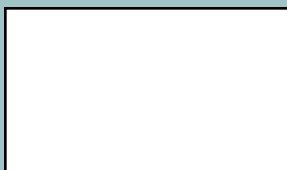
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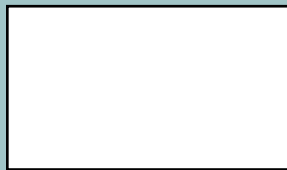
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Día de los Muertos

Day of the Dead Altar

A Parish-wide Art & Prayer Invitation
presented by the OLOL Art Guild
October 19–November 10, 2024

We will be creating a “**Remembrance Table**” in the Lobby area—a “shrine” to remember our loved ones who have died. You are invited to bring the following items to honor your dearly departed family member or friend:

- A photo of the person you wish to remember—framed or free-standing.
- Any small item that is symbolic of the person.
- Any artificial fruits and vegetables that represent their favorite foods (*no real food, please!*).
- Votive candle holders (not to be lit) but as a symbol to light the way for the anticipated reunion with our dear ones. Traditionally, tall Mexican themed votives are used. You can bring battery operated votives and light them as you attend Mass or other functions at OLOL. Please turn them off when you leave if you want them to last.
- Skeleton and skull décor (*no sugar skulls, please!*).

Please label your items with your name and phone number. These items should not be valuable or highly sentimental objects since the parish cannot be responsible for lost items.

You may bring your items and place them on the memorial tables in the lobby on the weekend of October 19/20 when you come to Mass. Art Guild members will adjust items on the altar as needed. The ofrenda will be on display from that time through November 10. At that time, you are asked to remove your personal items from the tables following all weekend Masses.



Día de los Muertos Celebration

Some Common Misconceptions

by May Herz



El Dia de los Muertos is not the Mexican version of Halloween. Mexicans have celebrated the Day of the Dead since 1800 B.C.



It is not scary or morbid. There are not pictures or images of dead people, ghosts, witches, or the devil.



The Day of the Dead is not a cult. This ritual has nothing to do with cults. It is a Catholic Christian ritual intermixed with folk culture. Going to Mass is an essential aspect of this celebration.



It doesn't honor death but rather our dead relatives. We welcome the opportunity to reflect upon our lives, our heritage, our ancestors, and the meaning and purpose of our own existence.



Altars or *ofrendas* are not for worshiping but for offering our love and remembering our departed family members.



It is not a sad ritual. It's a day of happiness because we will be remembering our loved ones. Although when in the graveyard, people assume an introspective attitude.



The Day of the Dead is about love not fear.



It is not a "strange" ritual. It is very similar to going to a grave and leaving flowers or stuffed animals or lighting a candle to remember the deceased.



It is not a careless or fearless confrontation of death. It is a moment to reflect upon one's life and the cycle of life and death.