

OCT 20, 2024

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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NOTES FROM DEB

St. Francis de Sales is quoted as saying, "Every one of us needs half an hour of prayer a day, except when we are busy—then we need an hour." Someone shared that quote with me when our sons were little, and we were taking care of both our elderly moms. I believe my response to my well-intentioned friend was to roll my eyes.

These are busy days here at the parish. We have much on the horizon including the prayer service on the eve of the election, the Lazarus service of remembrance, first reconciliation, and so much more. Everything we do here is important in our lives as disciples, but if we are not prayerful in our daily lives and in our preparation, all these things are just work.

It's not easy to find time to pray when our days are filled with so much. Let me suggest three prayers: help, thanks, wow. The author, Anne Lamott, says that every prayer you can possibly imagine boils down to those three simple prayers.

So, let's ask for help when things get hectic. Let's be thankful when we find a way to work things out, and let's say "wow" when the beauty of creation touches our hearts.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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SAT 4:00 PM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - October 2024

	ACTUAL as of 10/11/2024	BUDGETED for Oct
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$21,304.71	\$65,416.67
Offertory	\$773.50	\$3,333.33

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: October 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$241,824.35	\$281,763.86
Op. Expenses	\$241,824.35	\$313,681.60

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24..	\$169,666.89
Donations.....	\$7,400.88
Expenses.....	\$81,214.00
Balance (10/11/2024)	\$95,853.71

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 20

Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda

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

Monday, October 21

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10

Tuesday, October 22

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
6:00 pm Finance Council Mtg.	Rm 9
6:30 pm Faith Theology: A Conversation	Rm 10

Wednesday, October 23

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

Thursday, October 24

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
12:00 pm Women's Grief Support Group	Hall BC
3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Choir	Church

Friday, October 25—Office Closed

10:00 am Marilyn Doome Funeral Visitation	Church
11:30 am Marilyn Doome Funeral	Church
6:15 pm Intergenerational Youth Ministry Event	Hall

Saturday, October 26

Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda
GIFT Food Basket Collection

10:00 am Louis Messler Funeral Visitation	Church
11:00 am Louis Messler Funeral	Church
4:00 pm Liturgy (Burkert)	Church

Sunday, October 27

Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda
GIFT Food Basket Collection

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

Wedding Banns

Ill Kelsey Jackson & Collin Ciombor

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Marjorie (Marge) Marten, Fred Soto, Marilyn Doome, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

OUTREACH

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



VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Responsibility

Responsibility is the willingness to be accountable for our choices. Others can depend on us to do what we say we will do and to give our best effort. We take on what is ours to do with commitment and reliability. It is important to discern what responsibility belongs to us and what belongs to others. When we make mistakes, we have the courage to change for the better. We make amends instead of excuses.

Sometimes the disciples make us laugh. It seems in the Gospel, James and John have no real clue what they are asking for. Jesus stresses servant leadership and encourages them to set about that instead of arguing over who has a right to sit close to Jesus. What have you made a choice to be responsible for? How do you choose to follow through on that choice?

SPOTLIGHT

Volunteer Librarian Keeps Collection Organized and Shelves Stocked

Are you aware that OLOL has an impressive library of publications designed to help you grow in your faith? Director of Child Ministries/Social Justice, Steve Szymanski oversees the library and the bulk of the collection is housed in his office. Volunteer librarian Karen Streich has organized the collection and curates the displayed titles weekly. Previously, the books sat on a cart in the corridor. When Karen suggested we needed a more inviting way to display the books, Parish Director, Deb Steppe authorized the shelves and cozy reading nook. All books are borrowed on the honor system. Subjects include prayer, scripture, social justice, spirituality, and more. Check it out next time you are looking for a good read!

Cory Anshus, Pastoral Council

FORMATION

Intergenerational Youth Ministry

Join us for a frightfully fun evening on Friday, October 25, from 6:15 pm–8:15 pm in the Hall. Test your knowledge of all things fall and Halloween in our spooky trivia contest or watch a ghostly animated adventure with a meddling gang of friends! This intergenerational event is open to all! We are asking for a \$5 donation per household to help cover costs. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/triviaolol>

Conversations in the Spirit at GIFT October 27

Join us at GIFT on Sunday, October 27, to pray, listen, discern, react, and share as we delve into the issues raised at the Synod on Synodality this month. This GIFT session, facilitated by Steve Szymanski, is open to all. Please call the Parish Office if you are not registered for GIFT and would like to join us for this session.

DISCIPLESHIP

The Image of God in the Psalms

Tuesday, November 12

7:00 pm–8:00 pm

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.

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

WORSHIP

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.

Scripture Readings for October 26/27

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Jeremiah 31:7-9 | Psalm 126 | Hebrews 5:1-6 | Mark 10:46-52

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Thank you everyone for celebrating our 15th anniversary together!

It was wonderful to see so many attend this year. Families, our elders, our homebound, our neighbors came and contributed to the joyful noise! We sold a record number of meals on Friday and Saturday nights. We attribute this to

your dedication to inviting people through yard signs, post cards, posters, emails and word of mouth!

Thank you to all who volunteered!

- Those who wore hats and hairnets to serve delicious food and desserts.
- Those who figured out the cash registers and those who counted money.
- Those who tempted us with the smell of popcorn and pretzels.
- Those who quenched our thirst in the beer garden.
- Those who donated cakes for the cake walk and Grace, our cake walk conductor.
- Those who greeted our guests with a smile.
- Those who cared for our artists.
- Those who cared for our volunteers.
- Those who donated baskets, made the baskets beautiful, sold tickets, and assisted the winners.
- Those who sold a record number of 50/50 raffle tickets for weeks. The winning jackpot was \$2891!
- Ed Osep who made the coveted apple strudel and our wonderful strudel bakers Barb and Russ Kampa and Robert Kaminski.
- Those who set up the event by moving chairs, hanging signs and flags, fluffing trees and more!
- And those who packed it all away in 3.5 hours.
- Those who facilitated the many activities such as Thing-a-ma-bobs, Campfire and S'mores, Birthday boxes, cards, Art Guild creations, mosaic frames, balloon volleyball and more!
- Those who donated toilet paper rolls, recycling supplies and birthday cake supplies.
- Those who sponsored beer for the beer garden.
- Those who washed dishes and wrapped silverware, mopped tables and emptied trash.
- Thank you to our wonderful musicians and dancers.

Thank you to our gracious and supportive staff: Maryrose, Patricia, Marc, Cindi, Julie, Ken, Paul, Steve, Maggie, Anne, Julie, Chris, and Nancy. Thank you, Fr. Bill. And a special thank you to Deb Steppe!

All of this would not have been possible without commitment from the Oktoberfest Artisan Fair Team leaders. They work the entire year. Permit us to introduce them to you in no particular order.

Andrea Graham (50/50), David Roark (Beverages), Stephanie London (Volunteers), Sandy Pike (Saturday and Sunday Food), Mary Jackson (Friday Fish Fry), Maureen Petrovich (Paper and Food order), Terri Zivney (Black Forest Café), Nevenka Bralic, Betsy Ducanto, and Barb Lukaszewski (Basket Raffle Team), Brian Bangart (Hansel & Gretel), Kris Strnad (Art Guild), Eres Schmidt and Mary Osep (Activities), Augie Fernandez (Facility), Joe Schmidt (Process), Tanya Gross (Artisan and Event Coordinator), and Barb Webber (Coffee-maker and Event Coordinator).

Fr. Bill taught us the word **Gemütlichkeit** to describe the feeling many experienced. We had a wonderful "fun-raiser!" Thank you all for being a part of Oktoberfest Artisan Fair 2024.

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It is almost time to fill up the Holiday Food Boxes for Capuchin Community Services!

Our Lady of Lourdes has been part of this wonderful ministry for a number of years. This year, we are again going to pack the food boxes as a community during our November 17 GIFT session (child care will be provided for children under kindergarten age). Our goal is to fill 200 boxes, as the need to great in our community.

- **As we approach the holiday season, let us remember the importance of *Prayer, Hope, and Justice* in our lives.** One powerful way to embody these values is through service to our community and through that service we will grow in our discipleship. This will be a wonderful way to show our children, and everyone in our formation program, faith in action.
- **This is a community effort.** We would like everyone from the community to have ownership of this project. Having many people donate items and many people pack the boxes, we are building community at Lourdes and supporting our Milwaukee community.

How will this work?

- **Donating items:** There will be tags on a bulletin board with items that are needed for the boxes. We combined them in such a way that we believe each set of groceries costs about the same for each tag. Select however many tags you would like and purchase those items. **NO GLASS jars**, please, and check the use by dates.
- **Dropping items off:** Please bring your items to OLOL by November 13 and leave them on the cart in the hallway.
- **Packing the boxes:** We appreciate that many people love packing the boxes. If you would like to join us at GIFT to pack the boxes, you are more than welcome to come and be part of this process! Please call the office to let us know if you will be attending.

Thank you so much for your donations! You are helping to contribute to the formation of our young people and GIFT attendees, you are helping to share a Thanksgiving meal with members of the Milwaukee community, and you are modeling discipleship.



If you have questions, please call the
Parish Office at (414) 545-4316.



Each year Capuchin Community Services provides food boxes to families at Thanksgiving. These boxes are given out at the House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal.

About one third of those who eat at St. Ben's have access to a kitchen, but don't always have food. Many of those served by the House of Peace are the working poor who rely on their Emergency Food Pantry.

For more information about Capuchin Community Services, please visit their website at: <https://www.capuchincommunityservices.org/>.

Our Lady of Lourdes is always generous in filling up boxes, and we are looking forward to helping Capuchin Community Services again this year.

To see how you can help fill boxes this year, please see the other side of this flyer.

Thank you for your generosity and support.