

OCT 27, 2024

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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NOTES FROM DEB

Greetings all,

It is with great excitement and joy that I announce that Deacon Bill Goulding will be joining our parish staff. Bill and his wife Jeanne have been worshipping with us for many months now. He and I have spoken about the possibility of him being a part of Our Lady of Lourdes, and last week, the archdiocese made that official.

In the coming months, Bill will get to know us better and we will get the opportunity to get to know him and Jeanne (they have already volunteered at Oktoberfest!). We will discern what areas of the parish will be a good fit for his many gifts and talents.

From the moment I met them, I found Bill and Jeanne to be good, faithful disciples who are a joy to be around. Please join me in prayers of gratitude for our new deacon.

And speaking of gratitude, I want to express again my heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in Oktoberfest. What a weekend! I once again was amazed at how every detail was worked out and how smoothly everything ran. Thank you to everyone on the planning committee, everyone who volunteered their time, and everyone who participated and brought guests. I received so many compliments from parishioners and visitors alike about our warm hospitality. Well done!

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - October 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
as of 10/18/2024 for Oct		
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$37,200.35	\$65,416.67
Offertory	\$2012.37	\$3,333.33

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: October 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$270,909.70	\$281,763.86
Op. Expenses	\$256,443.59	\$313,681.60

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24..	\$169,666.89
Donations.....	\$8,015.88
Expenses.....	\$81,214.00
Balance (10/18/2024)	\$95,853.71

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 27

<i>Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda</i>		
<i>GIFT Food Basket Collection</i>		
8:00 am	Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
9:00 am	GIFT	Hall
10:30 am	Liturgy (Drenzek)	Church

Monday, October 28

8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:00 am	Joan Copson Funeral Visitation	Church
11:00 am	Joan Copson Funeral	Church
1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm	Discipleship Institute Planning Mtg.	Virtual

Tuesday, October 29

8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
10:30 am	SVDP Mtg.	Rm 3
1:00 pm	Priest Deanery Mtg.	Rm 10
6:30 pm	Faith Sharing Group	Rm 3

Wednesday, October 30

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
7:00 pm	Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3

Thursday, October 31

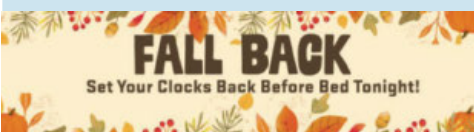
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:00 am	Stewardship Pledge Mailing Preparation	Rm 4

Friday, November 1—Office Closed

12:00 pm	All Saints Liturgy	Church
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Saturday, November 2

<i>Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda</i>		
<i>GIFT Food Basket Collection</i>		
9:00 am	Elaine Acker Funeral Visitation	Church
10:00 am	Elaine Acker Funeral	Church
11:00 am	Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
4:00 pm	Liturgy (Abert)	Church



Sunday, November 3

<i>Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda</i>		
<i>GIFT Food Basket Collection</i>		
8:00 am	Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
10:30 am	Liturgy (Burkert)	Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

Welcome New Parishioners September 2024

Joseph & Lisamarie Collins
Catherine Wittig-Eisch & David Eisch
James Gill
Mary & Timothy Haas
James & Katie Lepak
Pamela & Jessica Villanueva
James & Judith Walczak

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Elaine Acker, Joan Copson, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

Oktoberfest Meeting

Wednesday, October 30
7:00 pm
Room 3
Topic: Debrief and celebrate.

All are welcome as we discuss Oktoberfest 2024. We will celebrate the wonderful weekend with an eye on the opportunities learned.

OUTREACH

Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, November 2 and 16 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.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

In today's gospel, Jesus is walking with his disciples and a crowd when a blind man, Bartimaeus, calls out to Jesus. The reaction of the crowd is interesting. They rebuke the suffering man for calling out to Jesus. This crowd is following Jesus and his disciples for a reason. They must see some value in his teachings of compassion, yet when confronted with a person in need, they chastise a suffering man seeking Jesus's compassion. For some reason it is in our nature to view caring for the most vulnerable as less dignified work—and we don't like seeing our leaders doing undignified work. Jesus doesn't get caught up in status, however. He asks the blind man, "what do you want me to do for you?" Those nine words, if spoken often and with sincerity, could change the world! It is a question both for God and from God—what do you want me to do for you?

SPOTLIGHT

Unsung Disciples

Our Lady of Lourdes has given financial and volunteer support to the St. Ben's Meal Program since early 2000. Much planning and effort is needed to make the OLOL monthly program participation a success.

Preparations begin in early morning in the OLOL kitchen with the baking of the chicken (delivered by Tower Chicken) and the making of the gravy by Mel Hynek, Fr. Bill and others. Bread is buttered and set aside on trays. Joan Hynek takes an inventory on the number of cooked eggs, raw vegetables, and dessert donations. All is readied for the 3:00 pm delivery to St. Ben's.

Approximately 12-15 dedicated disciples serve each month. According to Joan, serving "gives one a different perspective on life." More volunteers are welcome! Call the Parish Office for carpooling information.

Pat McKay
Pastoral Council member

FORMATION

House of Peace Food Boxes

It's the time of year where the GIFT community packs holiday food boxes for Capuchin Community Services. With your help, last year we assembled about 175 boxes! We are hoping that you continue your generosity this year. On October 26, there will be tags on a bulletin board with items that are needed for the boxes. We invite you to consider donating the contents of one of these tags!

Please bring your items to OLOL by November 13 and leave them on the shelves in the hallway. GIFT participants will sort your donations and pack the meals into boxes at the November 17 GIFT session. Thank you in advance for helping us with this service project!

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.

WORSHIP

There are lots of extra opportunities to gather as a community in the upcoming months. Please take a look and make plans to come pray with your OLOL family. Sharing this time together enriches all of us.

November 1, 12:00 pm—All Saints Day

November 4, 6:30 pm—Peace prayer service

November 18, 7:00 pm—Lazarus Service of Remembrance

November 28, 9:00 am—Thanksgiving

December 9, 12:00 pm—Immaculate Conception

December 11, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm—Advent Reconciliation

New Holiday Schedule This Year:

December 24, 4:00 pm & 9:00 pm—Christmas Eve

December 25, 9:00 am—Christmas Day

December 31, 4:00 pm—Solemnity of Mary Mass, followed by a potluck dinner

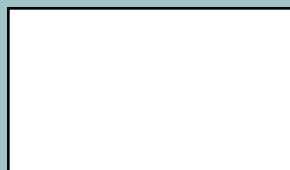
Scripture Readings for November 2/3

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Deuteronomy 6:2-6 | Psalm 18 | Hebrews 7:23-28 | Mark 12:28b-34

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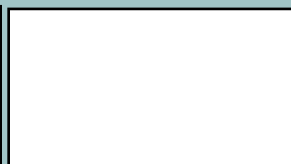
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