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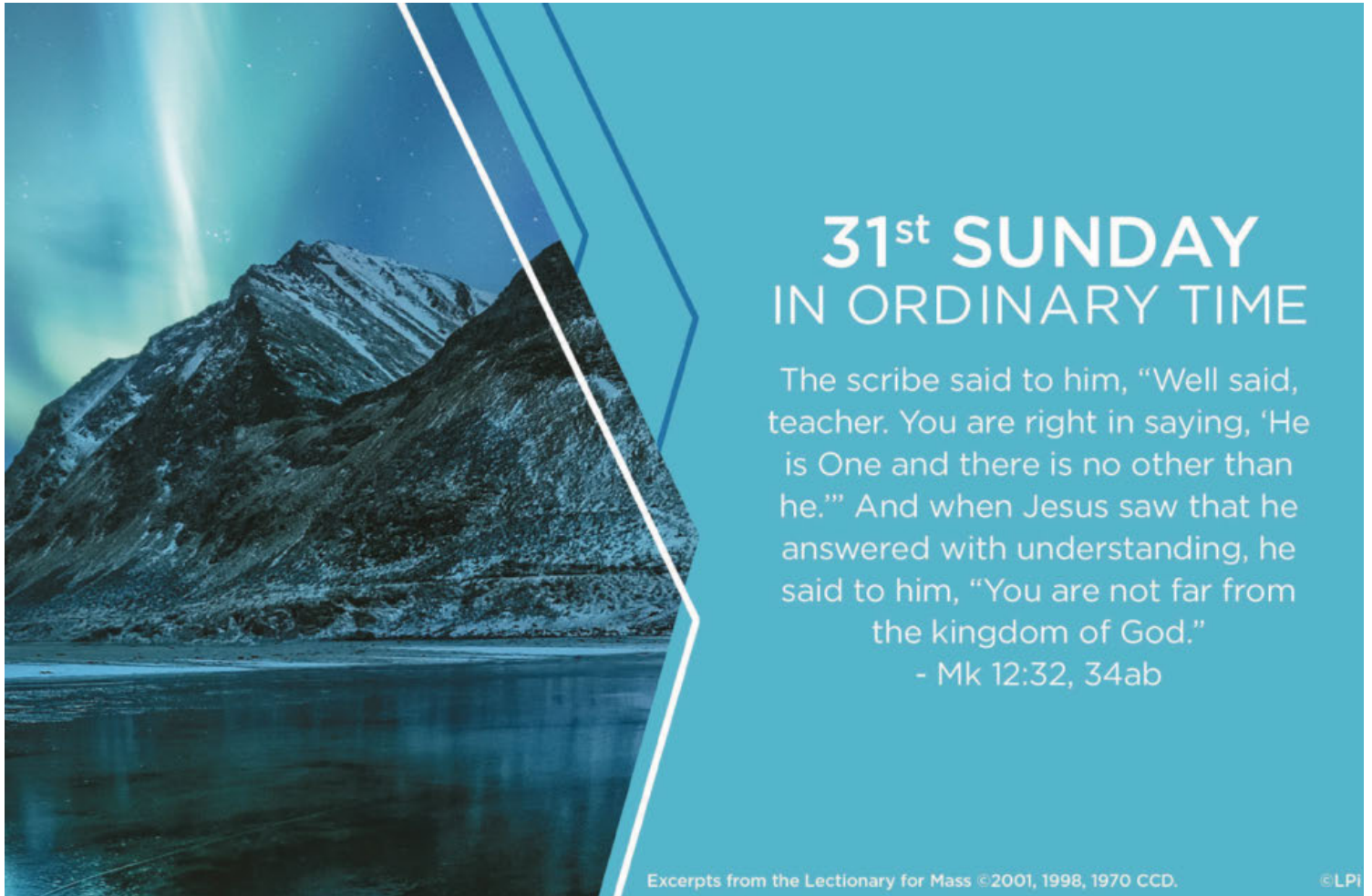
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

- Mk 12:32, 34ab

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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 - October 2024

	ACTUAL <i>as of 10/25/2024</i>	BUDGETED <i>for Oct</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$44,316.87	\$65,416.67
Offertory	\$2,811.17	\$3,333.33

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: October 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$279,195.02	\$281,763.86
Operating Expenses.....	\$266,222.08	\$313,618.60

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24..	\$169,666.89
Donations	\$8,240.88
Expenses.....	\$81,214.00
Balance (10/25/2024)	\$96,693.77

THANK YOU!

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

2024 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (9/23/2024)

Donations:..... **\$27,735.00**
Goal is \$61,175 45.34%

Donors: **135**
of donors: 1,010 13.37%
Participation goal..... 15.6%

DECIDE TO LEAD

www.CatholicAppeal.org

NOTES FROM DEB

As Catholic Christians we take the month of November to remember our loved ones who have passed before us.

Here at Our Lady of Lourdes we hold that responsibility with great reverence. You will notice the names of those in our parish family who have died in the last year on posters on the north wall of the church. In place of the petitions this weekend, we are showing a presentation with all the photos of those loved ones, and our Book of Life will be enthroned near the sanctuary throughout the month.

Our Lazarus Service of Remembrance will take place on Monday, November 18, at 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity for those who have lost someone in the last year to remember again, their dear ones. It is also an opportunity for all of us to support those folks. All are invited to attend the evening.

Grief is tough. In our heads we know that the person we lost is in God's loving arms, but our hearts are broken. They are no longer in our arms! Adding to the complexity of grief is how our journeys of grief and the passage of time do not always coincide. I know for myself that even though my dad has been gone nearly 40 years, there are days that my grief is as raw as it was back then.

May we all remember with grateful hearts, the love those folks brought to our lives and how in their love for us, they showed us the face of God.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Gentleness

Gentleness is an attitude of tenderness and love toward people and the world around us. Gentleness flows from a desire not to harm anyone or anything. It takes strength to call on the self-control that gentleness requires, particularly when we feel hurt or angry. Being gentle with ourselves helps us to be more forgiving and kind to others as well. Taking time for gentle activities nurtures our souls.

The Gospel reminds us to love our neighbors as ourselves. How do you work to love yourself? Who is your neighbor? How do you seek to understand yourself and your neighbor? Which is easier?

SUN 3

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

MON 4

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10
6:30 pm Peace Prayer Service Church

TUE 5

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7
6:30 pm Faith & Theology:
A Conversation Rm 10



COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Joan Copson
From
Leon & Carole Burzynski

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children (OCIA)

Join us for the next OCIA check-in meeting on Thursday, November 14, from 6:30 pm–7:30 pm. Although the official OCIA process begins in Lent, these monthly meetings offer an opportunity to meet others and learn more. If you or your child are interested in receiving the sacraments, this meeting is for you! Contact Maggie Russell, Director of Formation Ministries, at the Parish Office for Zoom details.

House of Peace Food Boxes

Feed a family by grabbing a tag (or tags) from the bulletin board for the House of Peace Food Boxes. Please bring items back to Our Lady of Lourdes no later than Wednesday, November 13.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meet your 2024-2025 Pastoral Council Members!

Do you know who your 15 OLOL Pastoral Council members are? Perhaps you occasionally see one wearing a Pastoral Council nametag! Here they are by name: Cory Anshus, Mary Alston, Jackie Dombrowski, Denise Haussy, Pat McKay, Terry Malloy, Cathy Markwiese, Emerson Porter, Rebecca Porter, Sr. Judeen Schulte, Lorie Skeff, Jim Stamatakos, Donna Van Wynsberghe (chair), Barb Webber, and Christine Yatchak.

These are the parishioners who meet the third Wednesday of most months to advise Deb, our Parish Director, and to represent you, the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, in most matters of need or concern. If you would like to know what we do each month, our meeting minutes (and group photo) are posted in the hallway next to the staff photo. More importantly, we always welcome your input, concern, stories, questions and ideas. Now that you know who we are, feel free to keep in touch with us and we will always work on your behalf, with Deb, to continue to make OLOL the vibrant, welcoming parish it is.



WED 6

THU 7

FRI 8

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
9:30 am Liturgy Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
6:30 pm Baptism Prep Rm 10
7:00 pm Liturgy Team Mtg. Rm 3

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Choir Rehearsal Church

Office Closed
6:00 pm Baptism Rehearsal Church

WORSHIP

**Lazarus Service of Remembrance
Monday, November 18 at 7:00 pm**



“...Jesus wept!”

In this shortest of all scripture verses, Jesus shows us how we as individuals, families and faith communities need to be with one another at times of loss.

This verse comes from the biblical story of Jesus coming into Bethany to see his dear friends Martha and Mary, after hearing the news of their brother’s and his friend Lazarus’ death.

We deeply identify with Jesus and he with us. He simply, yet effectively, shows us how to be with one another at these crucial moments. By crying with them, no lofty words or explanations are needed. In his tears he shows them empathy, understanding and the vulnerability of his humanity. He holds his friends closely and allows them to hold him. They are telling each other that they are truly not alone in this time of heartbreaking sorrow.

And so, we invite you all to come to this special Lazarus Service of Remembrance. Whether you are someone who has lost a dear one this past year or not, please come to support each other with our presence, our prayers and our love.

Remember, we are not alone as we hold each other in our collective sorrow. Jesus truly is our hope and refuge. In this hope and refuge, serenity and life balance can once again be found.

Michael Woyach

Scripture Readings for November 9/10

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17:10-16 | Psalm 146 | Hebrews 9:24-28 | Mark 12:38-44

Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus.

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

OUTREACH

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: 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

Giving Tree

It is time to get ready for the Christmas Giving Tree! Watch for a flyer coming out in two weeks with all the details you will need to know for this popular annual giving opportunity.

SAT 9

Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda
GIFT Food Basket Collection
Welcome Weekend
4:00 pm Liturgy (Abert)

Church

SUN 10

Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda
GIFT Food Basket Collection
Welcome Weekend
8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert)
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert)
(Baptisms)

Church
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**YOU SHALL
LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.**

COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Holiday Season Cybersecurity Tips

1. Keep all devices up to date with basic security measures.
2. Donate only to charities you know.
3. Keep an eye on your bank accounts.
4. Watch out for delivery notifications with links for packages you are not expecting (UPS, FedEx, USPS, Amazon).
5. Pay close attention to the websites you visit and shop on. It's safest to only use those you trust.
6. Be wary of ads, giveaways, and contests that seem too good to be true.



Serving Christ

St. Ben's Food Program, an inspiring service OLOL has been involved with for a number of years, has been featured before in Spotlight. I'm sharing my personal experience in volunteering for this service. I'm joined with an amazing group of volunteers, foremost Mel and Joanie Hynek, serving and overseeing the program over 20 yrs, getting up early morning to prepare the meal we will be serving. I am privileged and honored to serve and greet the stream of guests coming for their meal to sustain them for that day. Many guests have become familiar faces to me, like family coming to our table. I have the privilege to serve Christ in everyone that comes through the food line. I oversee the "sweet task" of displaying the many desserts for the guests to choose from. I owe enormous thanks to the OLOL members who so generously and consistently donate a variety of scrumptious desserts which is a joy to young and old alike as they marvel at the many selections to choose from. I assure all those who contribute, each sweet morsel is enjoyed and appreciated by the guests we serve. What is noticeable to me is the verbal expressions of appreciation and gratitude of the guests as they move through the food line. It is a privilege, serving Christ in each member I meet. As a volunteer, I am blessed and inspired by the graciousness and appreciation of each guest that comes to dine at St. Ben's.

Jacqueline Dombrowski

Parish Council Member

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.



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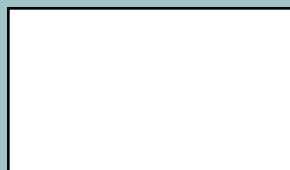
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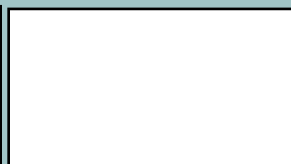
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