

NOV 10, 2024

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Our Lady of Lourdes

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by being Christ  
to the world.

## NOTES FROM DEB

### A Beloved Group of Parishioners

In 1976, Fr. Bill Standfield asked Marge Berendt if she would like to serve coffee and donuts after the 9:30 am Wednesday morning liturgy—and now, 48 years later, the group still gathers after Wednesday morning prayer.

They have enjoyed trips to Ho Chunk, to Appleton for a Passion Play, and even a trip this summer to see the sights of downtown Milwaukee. This group of parish family members even gathered during Covid under a tree outside, six feet apart, in their lawn chairs. Upcoming activities include a pizza and bingo party this Wednesday, November 13, and a catered Christmas party on December 18. Please RSVP as soon as possible for these events.

One of the beautiful things about Our Lady of Lourdes is how we care for one another. The people of the Wednesday Faith and Social Group are wonderful examples of love, care, and concern for each other. If your schedule allows, please consider joining them.

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 - November 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
	<b>as of 10/31/2024 for Oct</b>	
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$56,761.99	\$65,416.67
Offertory .....	\$3,903.18	\$3,333.33

## Budget Updates Fiscal Year: October 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income .....	\$293,706.01	\$281,763.86
Op. Expenses .....	\$293,866.19	\$313,681.60

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24..	\$169,666.89
Donations.....	\$8,537.76
Expenses.....	\$81,214.00
<b>Balance (10/31/2024)</b>	<b>\$95,853.71</b>

THANK YOU!

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

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, November 10

*Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda*  
*GIFT Food Basket Collection*  
*Welcome Weekend*

8:00 am	Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
10:30 am	Liturgy (Burkert)	Church

## Monday, November 11

8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
11:30 am	Resurrection Choir	Rm 9
1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm	Building & Grounds	Rm 3

## Tuesday, November 12

8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
10:30 am	SVDP Mtg.	Rm 3
1:00 pm	Art Guild	
	Open Studio	Rm 4
6:30 pm	Faith Sharing Group	Rm 3
7:00 pm	The Image of God in the Psalms	Rm 10

## Wednesday, November 13

7:00 am	St. Ben's Meal Prep	Kitchen
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
6:30 pm	Women's Spirituality	Rm 7
7:00 pm	GASIC	Virtual

## Thursday, November 14

8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
12:00 pm	Women's Grief Support Group	Hall C
3:30 pm	Spirit & Grace Choir	Church
6:30 pm	Social Justice Cmte.	Rm 3
6:30 pm	OCIA Info Session	Virtual

## Friday, November 15—Office Closed

## Saturday, November 16

11:00 am	Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
4:00 pm	Liturgy (Burkert)	Church

## Sunday, November 17

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

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
 Judi Bartholomew  
 Bea Bisik  
 Joan Copson  
 Celine Stanly  
 Rita Klein  
 Sr. Jeanne Jarius  
 Bev Puechner  
 Judy Biak  
 Dorothy Calicchio  
 Reggle Schmid  
 Jim Dix

From  
 Donna Doffing

In loving memory of  
 Marilyn Doome  
 From  
 George and Laura Doome

In loving memory of  
 Joan Schneider, a dear friend  
 From  
 Chris & Lee Stelter

# OUTREACH

## St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, November 13. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday.  
[ololmke.org/st-bens/](http://ololmke.org/st-bens/)

## Social Justice: An Invitation

The Social Justice Committee seeks to educate and awaken people to the issues of justice that confront society today. We meet monthly on the second Thursday. Our next meeting is November 14, at 6:30 pm, in Room 3. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.

# VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

## Reverence

Reference is living with an awareness that we are always in the presence of the Creator and that all life is precious. When we practice reverence, we open ourselves to experience faith, love and deep respect for the mysteries and wonders of life. We seek to discern the deeper meaning of our lives. The beauty of nature restores our souls. We treasure our ability to share our best with others.

Jesus sees into the hearts of people. He knows the poor widow gave all she had. Can you reach into yourself to look on others with openness and deep respect? Prayer is helpful and important to do this. Having a partner makes this easier.

## SPOTLIGHT

### Teaching our children about diversity

Today, many public and private schools teach little about racism and discrimination. Parents might be shocked that their children never heard about Jim Crow laws, school segregation, civil rights marches, or contemporary issues in the classroom. Our duty, to raise our children in Christian values, also includes understanding diversity and social justice.

Jemar Tisby's book, *How To Fight Racism*, young reader's edition, is for ages 8 years old and up. He draws upon both Catholic and universal Christian values: "Love your neighbor as yourself." A limited number of copies are available in the OLOL library.

Parents can study these issues with their children using this book and other resources, discuss, and then pray.

Terry Falk, Social Justice Committee

## FORMATION

### House of Peace Food Boxes

Next week the GIFT community will pack the holiday meals for Capuchin Community Services. With your help, we hope to assemble 200 boxes this year. We are hoping that you continue your generosity to help us meet this goal. There are tags on the bulletin board in the south hallway 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 Wednesday, November 13, and leave them on the rolling shelves in the hallway. GIFT participants will sort your donations and pack the meals into boxes at the November 17 GIFT session. Thank you for helping us with this service project!

### Women's Spirituality Group Meeting

Wednesday, November 13

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Discussion and reflection lead by fellow parishioners, of next weekend's scripture readings. All women welcome (18-100+)!

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Christmas with The Chosen: Holy Night

Thursday, December 5

6:30 pm

OLOL Hall C

Facilitated by: Jim Wielgosz

Some things just go together. Cookies and milk. Fall and football. How about *The Shepherd* and *The Messengers*? You know—the two *The Chosen* Christmas specials? Of course they go together. But here's the thing: they've actually never been together. Until now.

Call it regifting if you like, but we've taken these episodes from Christmas' past and woven them together into your Christmas present. Freshly recut and remastered, the two are now one seamless story about the birth of Jesus—Christmas with *The Chosen: Holy Night*.

All are welcome! No registration required!

## WORSHIP

### Quietly

I missed you quietly today. So quietly that no one noticed. I missed you as I climbed out of bed and as I brushed my teeth; when I waited at the lights on the drive into work and as I heard the rain outside my window.

I missed you as I ordered lunch and as I kicked off my shoes when I got home; as I switched off the lights and climbed into bed for the night. I missed you without tears or noise or fanfare.

But oh how I felt it. I felt it in the morning, at lunchtime, in the evening and at night. I felt it as I woke, as I waited, as I worked. I felt it at home, on the road, in the light, in the dark, in the rain. I felt it in every one of those moments, each one sitting heavier and heavier as the weight of me missing you kept growing and growing.

Yes, I missed you so quietly today. But I felt it so loudly.

Becky Hemsley, 2024

### Lazarus Service of Remembrance

Monday, Nov 18, 7:00 pm.

Your presence and your prayer will support those grieving a loss.

### Scripture Readings for November 16/17

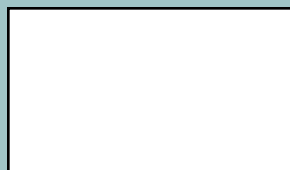
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Daniel 12:1-3 | Psalm 16 | Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 | Mark 13:24-32



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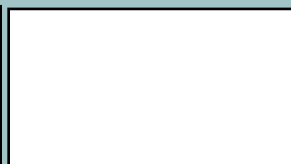
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# *Lazarus Service of Remembrance*

**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*