

NOV 17, 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Catholic Church

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by being Christ
to the world.

NOTES FROM DEB

Stewardship of the Parish

This weekend we are asking everyone to return their stewardship pledge cards. Thank you to those who have done so—and for those who haven't yet, please turn them in at your earliest convenience. You may also complete the pledge online at ololmke.org/stewardship/. The pledge information is vital to our budgeting process for next year. Knowing the amount of income we will receive helps us to determine what programming and activities we can provide. Please note that the pledge does not include donations to the food pantry or the building improvement fund.

As a staff, we take seriously the responsibility to be good stewards of the parish's finances. We are a frugal staff, and I see every day the care with which everyone takes in dealing with the funds we have available.

I am so very grateful for your continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes. We are an active, vibrant, growing parish. Your donations of time, ideas, talent, and finances not only keep the lights on and the building heated, your donations help us to build God's kin-dom here in Milwaukee and around the world. I know that, especially at this time of year, there are many charities that are asking for your donations. I am grateful that you have made Our Lady of Lourdes the priority that you do.

Know of my continued prayers, love, and support.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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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
	<i>as of 11/7/2024 for Nov</i>	
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$23,221.07	\$87,222.47
Offertory	\$758.00	\$4,999.95

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: November 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$343,808.24	\$379,288.36
Op. Expenses	\$297,219.30	\$388,521.34

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24..	\$169,666.89
Donations.....	\$9,446.76
Expenses.....	\$83,367.50
Balance (11/7/2024)	\$95,737.15

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 17

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

Monday, November 18

8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
7:00 pm	Lazarus Memorial Service	Church

Tuesday, November 19

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

Wednesday, November 20

8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:00 am	BAAM Mtg.	Hall AB
9:30 am	Liturgy	Church
10:15 am	Morning Faith Group	Hall C
6:00 pm	Pastoral Council Mtg.	Rm 3

Thursday, November 21

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

Friday, November 22—Office Closed

Saturday, November 23

<i>Giving Tree</i>		
4:00 pm	Liturgy (Burkert)	Church

Sunday, November 24

<i>Giving Tree</i>		
8:00 am	Liturgy (Drenzek)	Church
9:00 am	Sacrament Prep	Hall
10:30 am	Liturgy (Schramm)	Church
11:30 am	Environment Change	Church

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

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

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Mary Kaniewski
From
John Kaniewski

In loving memory of
Joan & George Copson
From
Thomas Maher

OUTREACH

Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, December 7 and 21 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.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: November 19, December 3 and 17

Most needed items: soups (both condensed and not, canned fruit, canned meats), bar soap. 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

Steadfastness

Steadfastness is being steady, persevering, and dependable. We remain true to our purpose through whatever happens. Steadfastness grows whenever we rise to a challenge. It bolsters our will to keep going when life tests our resolve. We choose a direction, then keep a steady pace. We are like a strong ship in a storm. We hold on and ride the waves.

Jesus says, "But my words will not pass away." Spend some time thinking what your role in making sure that statement comes true might be.

SPOTLIGHT

The Essentials Behind the Parish Banner

Do you remember the handprint banner at the Parish Picnic back in September? What you might not have remembered was who made the entire thing happen. Many parishioners helped out in the creation of the banner in a variety of ways, painting another's hands, helping to wash off the paint, or simply putting their handprint on the banner. The idea originally came from the group who began to plan the picnic. Two people in particular were essential in the creation and success of the banner. Retired staff members Chris Deily and Jenni Sladky not only facilitated the creation of the banner, but hand-painted the entire border around the handprints. Without their help, the new handprint banner would never have become a reality. In the center of the banner, there is also a blue handprint that symbolizes all of the people who are unable to join us or visit with us online.

Emerson Porter
Pastoral Council

FORMATION

Confirmation Sponsor Breakfast

On Sunday, November 24, the confirmation candidates and their sponsors will gather at St. Gregory the Great from 9:00 am–11:00 am alongside their peers from St. Greg's and St. Matthias. Their Saturday morning will be filled with prayer, donuts, and wisdom from Deb Steppe as she leads these disciples in a conversation on the sacrament. Please keep them in prayer as they take this next step in discerning the sacrament!



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

Thanksgiving

Our Thanksgiving liturgy takes place on Thursday, November 28, at 9:00 am. We will continue our tradition of a bread exchange at this liturgy. All are invited to bring a loaf of their favorite bread—anything from a homemade banana bread to a favorite sourdough from the bakery. The bread we bring will be part of the offertory procession and then at the end of the liturgy, participants will receive a loaf of bread to take home and enjoy. Please include your name and phone number or email so that the folks who receive your loaf of bread can thank you and pray for you.

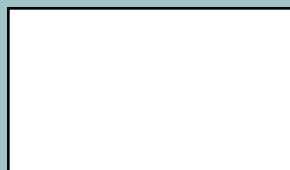


Scripture Readings for November 23/24 Feast of Christ the King

Daniel 7:13-14 | Psalm 93 | Revelation 1:5-8 |
John 13:33b-37

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CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Please stop in the meeting room hallway, beginning November 23, to select a Giving Tree gift tag and purchase a Christmas gift for a child from a local parish. Requested items to buy are on the tags. Please leave your first name and a phone number for us on the bottom tag and leave that tag on the board. Please, only take the small colored tag.

You do not need to buy everything on the list. The suggested spending amount is \$25.

Please return the wrapped gift with tag attached to the cart in the meeting room hallway no later than December 8.

For some of the hundreds of children we serve, this will be the only gift they receive this Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry, year after year. Your kindness is truly appreciated by those we serve.