

JAN 26, 2025

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Catholic Church

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to the world.

NOTES FROM DEB

Taking some time for retreat.

Retreats have long been a part of our Christian tradition. It is a great blessing to be able to get away, to rest, and to enjoy spending some special time with God. The Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, the Siena Center in Racine, and other places in the area offer week-long, weekend, and single day retreats.

While getting away for an extended amount of time is a wonderful blessing, sometimes, with our busy lives, that is just not practical. I'm excited to announce that Tanya Gross, Rebecca Szymanski and I will be offering a Women's retreat here at the parish on Saturday, March 22. The retreat will begin at 9:00 am and will end with our 4:00 pm liturgy that day. The theme of the retreat is "Exploring our Unique Life with God."

Registration forms can be found outside my office. We can accommodate 35 women, so please register as soon as possible. The cost is \$25 which includes a catered lunch.

Whether you can get away for a day, a few days, or for just a few hours. Taking some time to rest, to step away from our busy routines, and to savor God's presence is not just a good thing, but a healthy thing, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Please know that I hold you all in prayer every day.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

2025 Stewardship Pledge Commitments

As of this writing (January 21, 2025), OLOL has been abundantly blessed by the generosity of 317 of our parishioners who have returned their pledge commitment forms for 2025. Every gift is valued—and needed. Through our commitment, we are living as God intended: as disciples of Christ, building the kingdom of God. If you have not yet prayerfully discerned your pledge, we ask that you spend time in prayer, and return your pledge commitment as soon as possible to the Parish Office.

We are beginning the budget process for the 2025-2026 year, and we base our expenses on the amount pledged from you. We depend on your generosity to help us continue to provide vital liturgies, pastoral care, innovative education programs, caring outreach ministries, the up-keep of our buildings and a livelihood for our staff. In gratitude, we take up the challenge to be **faithful with little, with much, and with all.**

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 26

Welcome Weekend

8:00 am Liturgy (Cooper) Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Lewis) Church

Monday, January 27

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group

Tuesday, January 28

1:00 pm Art Guild Mtg. Rm 4
3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7
6:00 pm Finance Council Mtg. Rm 9

Wednesday, January 29

9:30 am Communion Service Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group Hall C
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg. Rm 3

Thursday, January 30

3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Choir Church

Friday, January 31—Office Closed

Saturday, February 1

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

Sunday, February 2

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

Welcome New Parishioners

December 2024

Raul Gonzalez & Jessica Becker
Rudy & Barbara Kluz
Susan Kostusak
Lawrence and Jan Miller
Bill & Mary Scheuer
John & JoDanne Stoiber
John M Tomczyk
John Jr. & Mckenzie Zaganczyk

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Bill Richard

From

Betty Richard and family

Oktoberfest Meeting

Wednesday, January 29

7:00 pm

Room 3

Topic: Music and Activities

All are welcome to plan the music and family fun activities for Oktoberfest!

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families by providing food and financial help for utility and rent bills. Thank you!

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: January 28, February 11 and 25

Most needed items: cake mixes, canned beets and carrots, and cookies. 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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

What does it mean to "proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord?" In today's gospel, Jesus reads these words from Isaiah before a congregation in his hometown. This liturgical year is a jubilee year in the church - a year of renewal, forgiveness and prayer. This January is the beginning of a new calendar year, one fraught with struggle already in a warming and violent world. However, with all beginnings, there is hope.

As Christians, we cannot become complacent. We are reminded by the second reading that we all have a role as a member of the body of Christ. At times when injustice is accelerated, we may feel powerless. We might disengage, and allow ourselves to be swept away by the many distractions of this world. Let us proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord by using our gifts for a more just world. When we strive together as one body, we lift and encourage one another. What is your gift? Use it with urgency.

SPOTLIGHT

Helping You Help Others

The unfortunate side of trying to build awareness of safety on the Internet is seeing how some people take advantage of good and giving hearts of others. Bogus charities tend to pop-up during the holidays and whenever there is a natural disaster an people need help. The wildfires in southern California are no different.

If you receive any kind of email, text message, or phone call from a "charity," **ignore it**. Only deal with known, reputable organizations directly from their website or mailing address.

One easy way to do so is to go to the bottom of the OLOL website Home page. Find the heading that says "Beyond Our Walls" and there you will find a box that links to the Catholic Charities Disaster Relief page. Not only can you donate to specific relief efforts, you can also start a regular occurring donation. This is a link we leave available at all times as there is always a need for relief.

You can also use the link below to get started:
catholiccharitiesusa.org/what-we-do/disaster-relief/

FORMATION

Easter Morning Mass Sacred Movement Opportunity for Children and Youth

We are need of dancers, both boys and girls, for Easter Morning Masses. We want to include children and youth whenever possible, so please consider sharing the gift of yourselves with our worship community for one of these vibrant liturgies. Previous dance training is a benefit, but not a requirement. Training and guidance will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Rosalita Villa at divinemovement@sbcglobal.net.

DISCIPLESHIP

Season for Nonviolence 2025 Be The Change

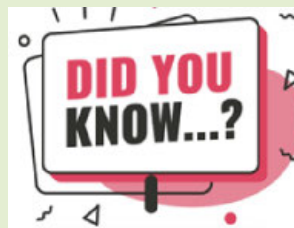
The Season for Nonviolence is the time from January 30, the anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's assassination, to April 4, the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. During these 64 days we are invited to work towards creating a culture of nonviolence in our lives and our communities.

The goal of the Season for Nonviolence is to inspire individuals to make daily nonviolent choices and to take action centered around the five pillars of nonviolence: respect, understanding, acceptance, appreciation, and compassion. These are all virtues that Jesus practiced, and that we, as His disciples, are called to practice in our lives.

To participate in the Season of Nonviolence sign up on the Discipleship Institute page on the OLOL website at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/.



WORSHIP



... that we get together as a community every Wednesday morning?

... that we celebrate either Mass or a Communion Service at 9:30 am?

... that we gather for social time and snacks with our friends after the service?

... that once in a while, even when we don't have a service, we still spend social time with each other?

... that the only thing missing from "we" is "you"?

All of you are always invited and encouraged to join us. It's a great opportunity for us to get to know you and for you to get to know more people in our faith community. Bring your spouse, a friend, a neighbor—or come on your own—and share in our Wednesday time.

Scripture Readings February 1/2

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4 | Psalm 24 | Hebrews 2:14-18 | Luke 2:22-40

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HOMELESS SHELTER COLLECTION

February 1-9

We are collecting items for Repairers of the Breach, a daytime shelter for the homeless, on 14th and Vliet.

Bring any of the listed items with you to church between February 1-9. Leave them in the large container in the meeting room hallway.

Please donate only the items listed.

Questions?
Contact: Debra Raduka
(414) 530-5430
draduka13@gmail.com

Immediate Needs

Men's boxers—all sizes

Laundry soap

Deodorant

XL gloves

Coffee

Thank you for your support!



Financial donations can be made by writing a check payable to

“Repairers of the Breach”

and mailed to:

**PO Box 5648
Milwaukee, WI 53205**

or online at
www.repairers.org/donate