

FEB 9, 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church

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coming to know
the kingdom of God
by being Christ
to the world.

NOTES FROM DEB

I have three items to share with you today. First, a career opportunity. Since I have taken on the role of Parish Director, our liturgy work has been done by a team of wonderful folks: Julie Fraleigh, Chris Deily, and Nancy Short. With Julie stepping away from ministry, we are looking for an individual to be our Director of Worship Ministries. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining our parish staff, please contact me. A job description and application can be found on our website at ololmke.org/employment/.

Secondly, Archbishop Jeffrey Grob in his effort to get to know the archdiocese will celebrate a Mass at St. Matthias Parish, 9306 Beloit Road, Milwaukee on Monday, February 24, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend and meet our new archbishop.

And finally, one of the many blessings Our Lady of Lourdes has experienced in the last year is an influx of many new members and many folks who while keeping their parish membership at other places are worshipping with us on a regular basis. We want to welcome these members of our parish family and get to know you. So, if you have recently joined the parish or are a regular visitor, please send me a photo of you (or your family). I would like to display them, so we all get to know your names. And of course, if you would rather be more anonymous, you don't have to send a picture. Please email photos to stepped@ololmke.org. And if you catch me after Mass with my phone, I'd be happy to take the photo for you.

Peace and many blessings to all,
Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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SUN 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - January 2025

	ACTUAL as of 1/26/25	BUDGETED for January
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$35,988.79	\$87,222.47
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Budget Updates Fiscal Year: January 26, 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$644,372.27\$572,473.02
Op. Expenses	\$517,954.47\$539,284.98

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24..	\$169,666.89
Donations.....	\$244,439.90
Expenses.....	\$86,062.23
Balance (1/26/25)	\$328,044.56

THANK YOU!

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 9

Hallway Art Show Intake	
Collection for the Homeless	
Souper Bowl Weekend	
Welcome Weekend	
8:00 am Liturgy (Drenzek)	Church
9:00 am Sacrament Prep	Hall
10:30 am Liturgy (Cooper)	Church

Monday, February 10

11:30 am Resurrection Choir	Rm 9
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm Building & Grounds	Rm 10

Tuesday, February 11

1:00 pm Art Guild	
Open Studio	Rm 4
3:00 pm Food Pantry	Rm 7

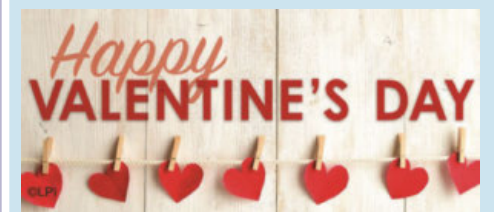
Wednesday, February 12

7:00 am St. Ben's Meal Prep	Kitchen
9:30 am Communion Service	Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall C
6:30 pm Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3
6:30 pm Women's Spirituality	Rm 7
7:00 pm GASIC	Virtual

Thursday, February 13

9:00 am Stewardship Mailing	
Prep	Rm 4
6:30 pm Social Justice Cmte.	Rm 3
6:30 pm OCIA Info Session	Virtual

Friday, February 14—Office Closed



Saturday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 16

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Arthur Zinky
From

John, Jim, Joe, David
& Dan Zinky

Oktoberfest Meeting

Wednesday, February 12

7:00 pm

Room 3

Topic: Food and Menu

All are welcome as we choose the menu for the party!

Women's Spirituality Group Meeting

Wednesday, February 12

6:30 pm—8:00 pm

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

OUTREACH

St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, February 12. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday. 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 February 13, 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

Initiative

Initiative is originality and creativity in action. We boldly express new ideas, discover a new method, or find a different way to solve a problem. We lead our lives responsibly. We spring to a challenge with enthusiasm. We call on discernment to forge a new way. We use our creativity to bring something new into the world.

Imagine after working all night and catching nothing, Jesus tells Peter, James and John to get back in the boat and try again. They have a great catch and Jesus gives them their mission. You will catch men (and women). When was the last time you did something difficult because it was the right thing to do? Talk with someone about that. Did you feel Jesus's presence?

SPOTLIGHT

Where Is Your Brother

In *Tears of Salt*, author Dr. Pietro Bartolo describes his 25 years as head of the only medical clinic on the island of Lampedusa, Italy. This book vividly puts a human face on the issue of immigration and stresses that migration is a widespread global concern. Through stories, he describes people's fears of certain death for themselves or their families from famine, war, or tyranny if they do not risk crossing the Mediterranean Sea. Most people crossing our US borders are also trying to flee a dangerous homeland.

"Where is your brother?" are words often spoken by Pope Francis as he urges people everywhere to see migrants as brothers and sisters who are in desperate need of our help.

Mary Botsford
Social Justice Committee

FORMATION

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children (OCIA)

Join us on Thursday, February 13, from 6:30 pm–7:30 pm for the last OCIA check-in before formation begins. If you or your child are interested in receiving sacraments, this is your final opportunity to join! Contact Maggie Russell for Zoom details.

Prison Ministry & Doing Time Together at GIFT

Deacon Tom Hunt leads Doing Time Together, an interfaith support group dedicated to working through the issues faced by families whose loved ones are currently incarcerated or returning back to the community. He will share his experiences working in prison ministry and family support. Tom Hunt serves as deacon at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Please join us at 9:00 am in the Hall on Sunday, February 16. Remember that it is also our Donut Sunday! If you are so inclined, then join us at 8:45 am, as we find nourishment through fellowship and sweet treats before our GIFT session that day. [RSVP here for donuts](#) or call the Parish Office. Please include number of people from your household that will be attending in your RSVP. **Please call the Parish Office if you are not registered for GIFT and would like to join us for this session.**

DISCIPLESHIP

All-Saints Gospel Choir Black History Celebration—An Evening of Gospel Music

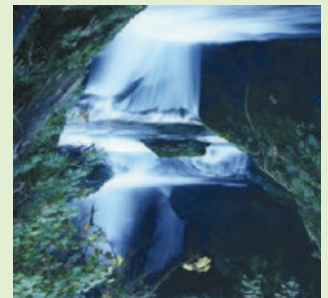
Friday, February 28
6:30 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

As Christians, we need to treat everyone with the same respect as we would want. This is how Jesus would treat those with whom he came in contact. We must do the same. To those who may be subject to disrespect, pray and ask God to open your eyes to those who are openly disrespected. Do what you can to right this wrong and help disrespected people receive the justice they deserve.

WORSHIP

Our Lady of Lourdes

On February 11, 1858, at the grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes, France, Bernadette Soubirous saw a lady dressed in blue and white, who called for repentance and for the construction of a chapel. In one of these visions, the lady directed Bernadette to dig into the earth, uncovering a spring of water. Later, she announced her identity in the local dialect: "I am the Immaculate Conception." By July the visions stopped, but the church built at the grotto became a place of pilgrimage, and Bernadette declared a saint. Today it continues to be a place of pilgrimage for those seeking healing.



Scripture Readings for February 15/16 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8 | Psalm 1 | 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26

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