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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Annual Financial Update and Stewardship

The Parish Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for their thoughtful and positive feedback regarding our financial presentation which included the Annual Stewardship Update on the weekend of March 1 and 2.

We would like to remind everyone—it is **never too late to turn in a Stewardship Form!** We accept them year-round as new parishioners join our parish. These forms are what we use to create our annual budget. The pledge forms can be found in the racks outside of the Parish Office.

Thank you for continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes!

NOTES FROM DEB

I'd like to share with you today some thoughts about our Gospel—thoughts I have also shared in today's entry in the online Lenten retreat (<https://www.ololmke.org/lent-prayer/>).

We hear today of the Transfiguration of Jesus. I have always thought of this passage as a description of something that happened to Jesus. But what if this passage is about what happened to Peter, James, and John?

What if, when they were away from the crowds and the stress of their days, when the beauty and the peace of the mountainside soothed them, what if those disciples were the ones to undergo the change? What if on that day on the mountaintop, their vision was transfigured, and they were able to see Jesus as he truly was—dazzling and human and divine.

And if that happened to them, it could happen to us.

What would our vision be like if we truly saw God's presence in the people around us—if we saw everyone as a child of God? Their clothing may not turn a dazzling white but maybe we would see their smiles, the light of their eyes, and their inner beauty.

On this second Sunday of Lent, let's pray to have our vision transfigured so that we may see everyone as a sister or brother—a child of God.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Listening

Listening is the act of paying attention to and trying to understand what someone is saying. We take notice and act on what we hear. We stay awake and make an effort to hear something. It includes listening to the sounds of nature, music, and, especially, other human beings. We always work to understand what we are hearing.

The message of today's Gospel is very clear. "This is my chosen Son, listen to him." That must have been an amazing experience for Peter, John, and James especially what they had just witnessed with Jesus.

What ways do you intentionally listen for God's plan for you?

SUN 16

MON 17

TUE 18

8:00 am Liturgy (Drenzek) Church
9:00 am GIFT Hall
10:30 am Liturgy (Marco) Church
10:30 am OCIA Mtg. Rm 6

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10

10:30 am SVDP Mtg. Rm 3
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group Rm 3

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Kimberly Galaska, Geraldine Otterson, Marlene Bialek, Dominic Puechner, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Nancy Maher
From
Tom Maher

In loving memory of
Mary Paula Dix
From
Grace Czarnecki

In loving memory of
Douglas Hardy, James
Arnsdorff, Victor Witkowski,
and Stella Witkowski
From
Theresa Arnsdorff

In loving memory of
Elaine McKean
From
Jonathan, Julie, Tyler, and
Cameron Burbey

In loving memory of
Marion Holtz
From
Karen Holtz

The Gilded Carcanet: An Intergenerational Escape Room Adventure!

Friday, March 28
6:15 pm–8:15 pm
Parish Hall

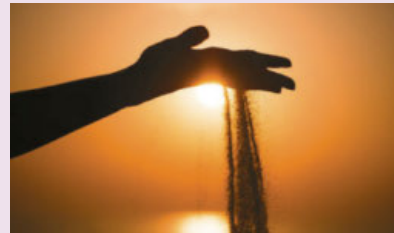
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Embark on a thrilling treasure hunt with Professor Wilson! Solve clues, savor themed treats, and enjoy a fully interactive mystery.

Good Friday Guided Meditation Service

Join us on Friday, April 18, at 12:00 pm for a unique Good Friday experience. Reflect on the Stations of the Cross through the medium of sand, offering a tactile and meditative journey with Christ. All are welcome for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal.



Children's Easter Service

Our annual Children's Easter Service for children ages 3-6 will take place during the 10:30 am liturgy on Easter Sunday, April 20. Volunteers, aged 14 and older, are needed. Justine Schwanz will lead the event again this year. Call or e-mail Steve Szymanski if you are interested in helping out.



WED 19

THU 20

FRI 21

9:30 am Liturgy Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group Hall BC
6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg. Rm 3

3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Choir Rehearsal Church
6:30 pm Lenten Hope: An Evening Prayer Service Church

Office Closed
7:00 pm Blessed Acclaim Praise and Worship Concert Church

WORSHIP

Have you seen this brochure on tables and countertops at church? Please take one or more. Hang it on your refrigerator, keep it in your car, share it with a friend – and make time to get involved this Lent. There are opportunities for self-reflection, praying for those preparing for the Easter sacraments, and community events to enhance your journey. Here are a few to note:



Lenten Hope: An Evening Prayer Service

This weekly service continues from 6:30 pm–7:00 pm on Thursdays, March 20, March 27, and April 3. Church is open for a half hour before and after the service for private prayer. These are individual services, so come to as many as you'd like. Our time together is music-centered, contemplative, and uplifting, and includes a brief reflection on scripture, centering on a theme of "Hope."

Music Meets Faith: A Praise and Worship Concert

This Friday, March 21, at 7:00 pm, we welcome Blessed Acclaim, a local Praise and Worship band who will share their love of music and invite us to sing along. This music group includes two of our own parishioners, Meg Doering and Jim Van Deusen. Attendance is free, and a free-will donation will be available. Bring your friends and family.

Easter Vigil Choir

So, you might be asking yourself, "I've heard of this Easter Vigil Choir, but how do I get involved?" Well, we're glad you asked! It's very simple, really. Just show up in church a little ahead of 6:00 pm on Monday, March 31, and we'll get you acclimated. It really is that easy. Here are the important dates for this year's Easter Vigil Choir:

Rehearsals—Please attend all three if possible. If you need to miss one, it cannot be the last one.

March 31 and April 7, 6:00 pm–7:15 pm

April 14, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Vigil Mass—April 19, 7:00 pm (meet at 6:00 pm)

Lent 3 Questions for Reflection:

How am I bearing fruit for others and for God's kin-dom?

Where am I in need of pruning?

Scripture Readings for March 22/23

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 | Psalm 103 | 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 | Luke 13:1-9

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more importantly to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they call the church. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

A Very Special Evening

On February 28, our parish was blessed with an inspiring Black History presentation by the All Saints Parish Gospel Choir led by Sheila Bost, choir director. The audience clapped, swayed, and sang along as the narrated historical information was interwoven with outstanding musical accompaniment. Sheila's moving comments centering on unity and brotherhood closed the evening's performance.

The reception afterwards gave choir members and attendees an opportunity to visit and, in some cases, to renew friendships from last year. In addition, folks were pleasantly surprised and much impressed by the presence of our new archbishop, Jeffrey Grob and his mother. He shook many hands!

The Social Justice Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the choir visit through their attendance and generous donations toward the All Saints outreach program. Twelve boxes and four large bags of hygiene items were collected along with a sizeable monetary sum. When informed of the donations, Fr. Mike Wolfe, pastor, expressed his sincere appreciation for the outstanding support.

SAT 22

9:00 am Women's Retreat Hall
4:00 pm Liturgy (Suriano) Church

SUN 23

8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert) Church
10:00 am OCIA Mtg. Rm 6
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert) Church

SPOTLIGHT

Rend your heart and be open to God.



Unsung Disciples: Prayer Shawl Ministry

In the grotto area, under the gaze of Our Lady of Lourdes, there are prayer shawls. Shawls to comfort those facing a medical procedure, birth, or illness. They can be given to those who are in bereavement or homebound, or who feel lonely or stressed. OLOL has a long-standing prayer shawl ministry. Shawls appear at the office, knitted and crocheted by caring hands in prayer. One minister said “I enjoy it because I can picture the person who will use it as I make it. It’s a little bit of comfort we can give.” All are welcome to make a prayer shawl. All are welcome to take a shawl to comfort someone. Videos and details about the prayer shawl ministry are on the OLOL website ololmke.org/prayer-shawl-ministry/. Yarn and directions are in the grotto area if you need supplies. Begin the shawl with a prayer and release your hands to be God’s comfort to someone.

Barb Webber
OLOL Pastoral Council

DISCIPLESHIP

Covenant Love

Tuesday, April 1
7:00 pm
Room 10

Facilitated by: Dr. Harry Fleddermann

The Bible reflects constantly on our relationship with God, and the most profound of these reflections center on God’s love for us. This session will explore a central term “covenant love” that the Bible returns to repeatedly to describe God’s love for us and the response God seeks from us. Reflecting on “covenant love” will allow us to probe what we can call the deep structure of love.

Online Rosary—The Sorrowful Mysteries

Tuesday, April 8
Zoom
7:00 pm

Join with other members of our faith community to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary from the comfort of your own home. Connect with Jesus in his sufferings as never experienced before. Join us for this unique Lenten experience.

Registration is required for either event and can be done on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or through the Parish Office.

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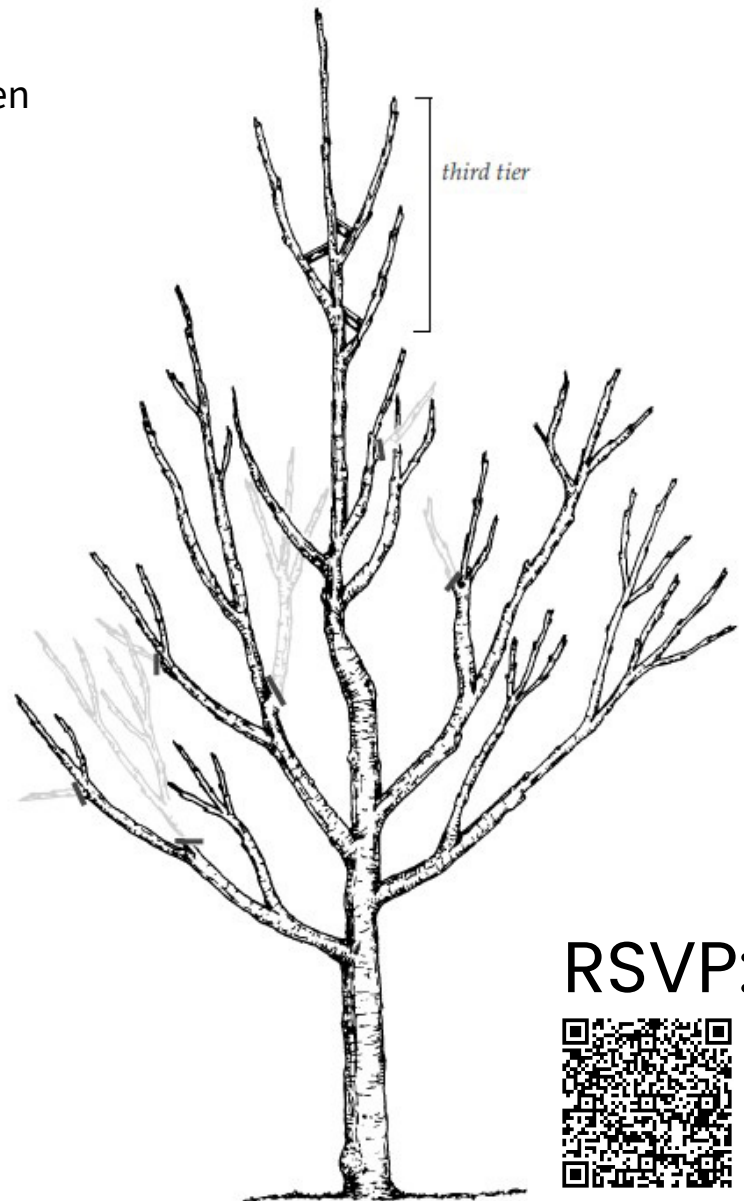
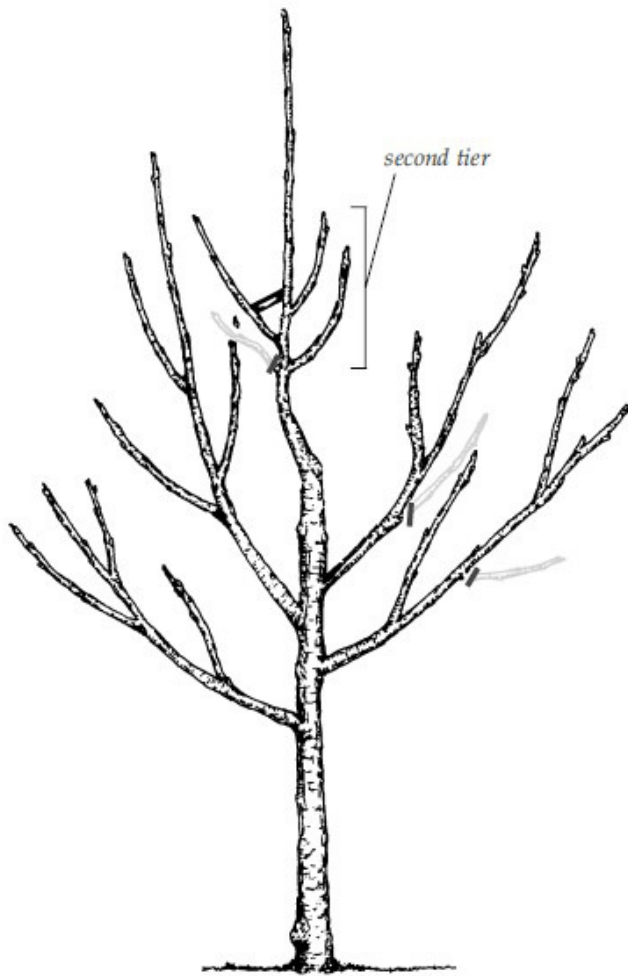
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2:30-6:00pm March 21, 2025
Our Common Home Community Garden
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