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OUR MISSION

We are a Catholic Community whom God has called together through Baptism. As part of Christ's Living Church, we welcome all to:

Worship with us through our Liturgical Celebrations; Learn with us the teachings of Jesus as we expand our discipleship; Serve with us God's people inside and outside Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in a spirit of stewardship; and Gather with us to celebrate Christ's two great commandments of love.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday-Friday 6:30am
Thursday 2:00pm
(when school is in session)

Weekend Mass

Saturday - Vigil 4:30pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:30
Spanish Mass 11:30am

Confessions

Thursday - 12:00pm
Saturday - 11:00am



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Weekly Readings

Sunday, August 15

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12,
16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-
27/Lk 1:39-56

Monday, August 16

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps
106:34-35, 36-37, 39-
40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 17

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9,
11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 18

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3,
4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-
16

Thursday, August 19

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps
40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
[8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 20

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16,
22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7,
8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt
22:34-40

Saturday, August 21

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-
17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
[4]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday, August 22

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17,
18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17,
18-19, 20-21, 22-23
[9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or
5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



Back to School

Well, we've reached that point that comes every summer: that point when we have to begin

gearing down our every day trips to the pool and our summer habits of staying up late and binge-watching our favorite programs on television. The carefree days of summer turn slowly (or sometimes very quickly!) back into the more measured and responsible days of fall, as family vacations come to an end and the school year starts up again.

I've been asking kids for the past few weeks when I see them at Mass: "So, are you ready?!" I'm always entertained by their responses. Some are excited to see their friends and teachers again; others are not quite ready yet to exchange their freedoms for the discipline of the classroom. Many are right about in the middle, excited to get back to routine, but maybe mourning a little bit that the summer has already come to a close. For what it's worth, I find myself in that camp.

Aristotle often argued that virtue was the middle path, the mean between two vices on either side. For example, courage is a sort of mean (used in the sense of "average") between fearlessness (i.e. foolhardiness) and rash confidence. Temperance is a mean between depriving oneself completely of a good and self-indulgence.

In that sense, I think it's appropriate if we find ourselves on that middle path between eager to get back to school (or to get the kids or grandkids outta the house!) and wishing that these long days of summer

never ended. Wherever we find ourselves, rest assured, our God is there—and He will be there, too, when our routine comes crashing back!

In other news, we had our first meeting with the youth group. I'd call it a rousing success! We had about 50 young folks there, from 6th grade all the way up to upperclassmen. There was a refreshing energy as we gathered to play games, discuss how we'd shape the evenings going forward, and spent time in each other's company. I look very forward to growing our numbers as well. I know there are a probably lot of high schoolers and junior high kids who (with their parents) are still "holding out," waiting to see if this gets off the ground. My encouragement is to come and try it out—you certainly won't like it if you never give it a chance! [I'm reminded here of my grandma, who used to make me try every food she had in her kitchen, despite my arguments to the contrary. Who knew I'd be a life-long convert to cauliflower?!]

Please join me in my continued prayers for our parishes and our school. There are good things in store—I can hear the Holy Spirit whispering. May God watch over us and keep us safe!

Almighty God,
we praise You for the gifts that You give us:
minds for learning and searching for Truth,
souls for loving You and our neighbor,
and bodies to serve You wherever You call.
Watch over us and protect us always,
and give us every grace that we need to be
saints
for Your glory and for the salvation of souls.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you would like to join the parish or if you are not Catholic and would like to learn about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office or visit our website.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

6:30am | Beth Marie Frey

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

6:30am | James Cavanaugh

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

6:30am | Thomas & Frances J Cantwell

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

2:00pm | Mary Maxine Westendorf

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

6:30am | Bob Wolford

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

4:30pm | Cathy Comerford

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

7:30am | Mary Maxine Westendorf

9:30am | John & Patty Wagner

11:30am | Members of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Thomas Parishes



FIRST READING

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Rev 12:1)

PSALM

The queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)

SECOND READING

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:20)

Gospel

“From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.” (Lk 1:48-49)

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

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Jack Frankovich	
Janet Schollmeier	
Sharon Nolte	
Earl Rudolph	

*Call the Parish Office to submit a name to the prayer list.
Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless called to be kept on.*

STEWARDSHIP

August 8, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 15,205
Loose Cash	\$ 390
Children Donations	\$ 20
Total Collected	\$ 15,615
Year-to-date Goal	\$ 133,000
Year-to-date Collected	\$ 115,344
Difference	\$ - 17,656

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A repeated teaching of many Benedictine monks throughout the history of the church has been “keep death daily before your eyes.” It is a call to remember the brevity of our life on earth and the eternity of our life in heaven. This theme

has come up in several recent Catholic books, and was even partly the subject of our own bishop’s most recent pastoral letter, *Ars vivendi et moriendi in Dei gratia* - “The Art of Living and Dying in God’s Grace.” The church teaches and has taught that the way a person lives on earth affects their eternal relationship with God. Therefore, it is important to live in God’s grace in a habitual way through life. Remembering the fact that we will die can be a helpful way to spur us on to live lives of greater virtue and holiness. Saints like St. Benedict, and like our Blessed Mother, whom we celebrate today, surely found great consolation in the truth that God has planned more for humanity than this short life on earth.

We celebrate the Assumption today of Mary, the Mother of God. At the end of her earthly life, both her soul and her body were brought up into heaven by Jesus. Through a very special grace of God, the sinlessness of her life was shown outwardly in the preservation of her body from all corruption. This is a great miracle! Though our own bodies may not be assumed into heaven, or even be found to be incorrupt a hundred years later, we can strive to imitate the example of Mary’s way of life and be with God in heaven.

As we celebrate the end of Mary’s life on earth and her entrance into the eternal joy of heaven, we can call to mind our own death. Death is inevitable, but for a Christian, it is not the end; we have hope that we will enter into an eternity of life with the Holy Trinity in heaven. And this journey is not one to be made alone, so let us call upon the intercession of our Mother, “Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen!”

-Daniel McGrath



Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic? This fall, Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting classes for those who are interested in becoming Catholic and who are already baptized Christians themselves. Normally, we believe that to become Catholic you have to do the full RCIA process, which is certainly valuable and informative, but it is a fairly long process, normally taking several months. **If one has been raised and baptized as a practicing Christian, they can become Catholic in a much shorter time frame.** Instead of several months, we are offering seven weekly classes for those interested in becoming Catholic. The dates of the classes are *September 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, October 7th, and October 14th*. They will be held in the Enrichment Center at Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursdays, 6:45-8:00pm. As in RCIA, those entering the Catholic Church will need a practicing Catholic to be their Confirmation sponsor. Attending the classes at Our Lady of Lourdes does not mean you have to belong to the parish; instead, you can still be confirmed and belong to another parish of your choice. The date of confirmation would be decided between you and your respective pastor.

If you or someone else you know is Catholic and baptized, but has never been confirmed, this would also be an opportunity to receive the necessary instruction to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

If you know someone who has been interested in becoming Catholic, but has not been able to complete the longer RCIA schedule, then please let them know about this great opportunity! If there are any questions, please email Fr. Trummer.
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Our first day of Our Lady of Lourdes School is on
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Our Thursday weekday Masses will be changing from 6:30am to
2:00pm to celebrate the Mass with our school students.

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please wear your mask as the children will be wearing their masks
during this celebration as well.



Farewell Open House Honoring Bill & Jane Kaelin

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been a part of the OLOL family for over 47 years and have educated
and raised 5 children through OLOL School. Bill and Jane have given
so much of their time and talents to our school and parish, including the
Annual Lenten Fish Fry, Adoration, and countless other programs. Always
open and welcoming, they have made an incredible impact in our faith
community and fostered so many friendships. They will be so missed!

Date: **Sunday, August 22nd**

Time: Drop by anytime immediately after 9:30am Mass - 1pm

Place: Enrichment Center

Bring: Well Wishes and hugs!

* Light refreshments will be provided.

SUNDAY MARRIAGE QUOTE:

Procrastination. The Christian Family Movement suggests: If not
now, when? If not me, who? If not here, where? Are you putting
something off until the kids are older, the house paid for, your teeth
flossed? Relationships don't always wait for someday, one day.

PARISH CONTACT UPDATE

If you would like to receive
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PRE-PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

Preplanning your funeral assures
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Snow at jami@ololchurch.com for
more information.

Preplanning really can make
a difficult situation easier for
surviving family members by
having your choices in place
and eliminating time-pressed or
uncertain decisions.

ROSARY

Please join us before Mass to
pray the Rosary

Saturdays | 4:00pm

Sunday | 7:00am & 9:00am



August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.



Lord, please grant eternal rest to the soul of MAXINE UHLMAYER, cousin to Sr. JoAn Schullian.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Flowing from the teaching of the Catholic Church

Last week in this column we talked about the four types of racism that exist: Internalized, Institutional, Interpersonal and Structural. Just reading definitions of these types of racism doesn't really help us understand their impact or how they are applied in real life. I recently was fortunate to come across a book that demonstrates how these definitions can exist in the real world. The book is "The Blood of Emmett Till" by Timothy B. Tyson, and published by Simon and Schuster in 2017. It's available free on the Rolling Prairie Digital Consortium or where ever books are sold. Even though the incident happened 66 years ago the feelings, attitudes and beliefs about Blacks by many Whites in Mississippi then, still exist today in many places across this country. What's most interesting in the book is not how Emmett meets his demise but the author goes deep into the why. The disturbing thing about the book is that many of the racist attitudes held by the White citizens of Mississippi existed in many places across the country and still exist today. The fear that somehow people of color had no right to exist in a country built by White Anglo Saxon Christians or worse actually infuse their beliefs and attitudes and way of life. "White Supremacy" is still an unfortunate part of our country. All four of the types of racism are revealed clearly in this book and worth reading.

Submitted by Walt Wessel member of OLOL/St. Thomas Social Justice Committee.

Called by Christ to continue his work on Earth, our mission is to speak for those in need, to advocate for justice, and to call one another to action.

THE WILD GOOSE

DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

For the next couple of months we will be covering a video series on the Holy Spirit called "The Wild Goose." Fr. Michael Trummer will principally be leading the sessions, but will also be assisted some by his brother Fr. Chris Trummer and our new seminarian Daniel McGrath.

Sessions are **Monday from 5:30-6:45pm**, and will continue throughout the summer.



Saturday, August 21st 4:30pm

Lector - Mary Ann Fawcett
 Eucharistic Minister - Mary Ann Fawcett, Dennis & Sue Reinhart
 Greeter - Mike Jordan, Gloria Walcher
 Usher - Barb Cassell, Sherry Richards, Roger Wall

Sunday, August 22nd 7:30am

Lector - Pat McBride
 Eucharistic Minister - Ivy Handley, Jan Loftus
 Greeter - Bill & Jane Kaelin
 Usher - Bill Busbey, Steve Halicki, Jack McCoy

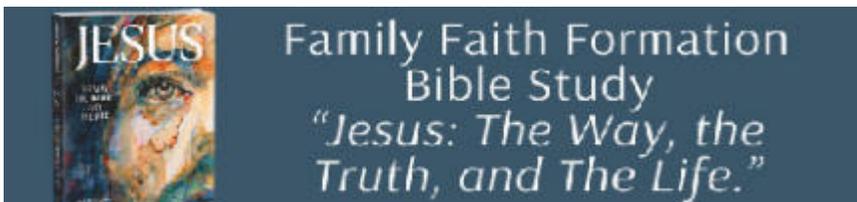
Sunday, August 22nd 9:30am

Lector - Kevin Chierek
 Eucharistic Minister - Kevin Chierek, Frank Ferracane, Jason Stahr
 Greeter - Janie & Lewie Sill
 Usher - Jim Keyes, Dennis Heinz, Ray P Rooney, Tom Michel

Volunteers: We are requesting your availability for our next schedule, consisting from September 4th-November 28th. Please check your email or call for submitting your preferences before our next schedule is made and sent out.

Please frequently check the app for any openings or to fill substitution's needs.

If you are unable to serve this upcoming weekend, please utilize the substitute button within Ministry Scheduler Pro or call the parish office at 217-877-4404.



The Family Faith Formation Group will be hosting a Bible Study in July for "Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and The Life."

We will be hosting two sessions that you can attend throughout the summer.

Sessions are **Tuesday 9:30-11:00am & Thursday 6:00-7:30pm**.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - WWMD?



WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will. Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY | AUGUST 16

St. Stephen of Hungary

The Wild Goose - 5:30pm

TUESDAY | AUGUST 17

Bible Study - 9:30am

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 18

Women's Group - 1:00pm

THURSDAY | AUGUST 19

St. John Eudes, Priest

Adoration - 9:00am

Confessions - 5:00pm

Bible Study - 6:00pm

FRIDAY | AUGUST 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and
Doctor of the Church

No scheduled events

SATURDAY | AUGUST 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Confessions - 11:00am

SUNDAY | AUGUST 22

No scheduled events



We will start taking Mass intentions for 2022 on **Monday, August 23rd.**

You may come into the office, email or call to request your Mass intentions for specific dates starting on Monday.

Mass intentions are \$10.

These dates are first-come, first-serve. Popular dates like Easter and Christmas will likely fill up first. Please be patient as we work to accommodate everyone's requests.



SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Night at the Movies
Thursday, September 23rd
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MASS & CONFESSION UPDATED SCHEDULE

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	OUR LADY OF LOURDES	ST. THOMAS
MON	6:30AM MASS	5:15PM MASS
TUES	6:30AM MASS	4:15PM CONFESSION 5:15PM MASS
WED	6:30AM MASS	5:15PM MASS
THURS	12:00PM CONFESSION 2:00PM MASS (SCHOOL)	5:15PM MASS
FRI	6:30AM MASS	
SAT	11:00AM CONFESSION 4:30PM MASS	
SUN	7:30AM MASS 9:30AM MASS 11:30AM MASS (SPANISH)	9:15AM CONFESSION 10:00AM MASS



BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO TRUST IN THE
LORD; THE LORD WILL
BE THEIR TRUST.
JEREMIAH 17:7

Inspiration of the Week

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures.

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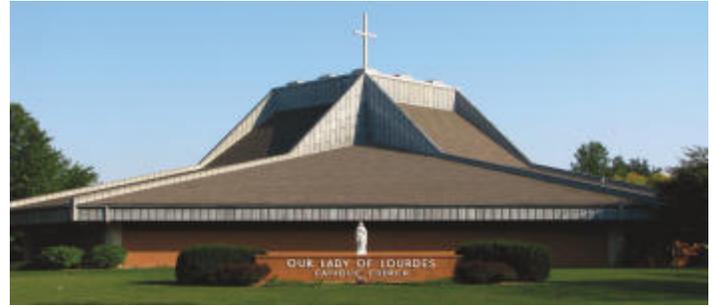
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