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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Jesus said to his disciples:
“I have come to set the earth
on fire, and how I wish it were
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- Lk 12:49

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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 5:00 PM

SUN 8:00 AM/10:30 AM/6:00 PM

MON 8:00 AM

WED 9:30 AM

THU 8:00 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - August 2019

	ACTUAL <i>as of 8/9/19</i>	BUDGETED <i>for August</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$16,393.90	\$54,000.00
Offertory	\$893.66	\$4,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2019

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$75,899.98	\$124,415.00
Operating Expenses.....	\$86,530.04	\$135,643.55

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/19	\$30,804.36
Donations	\$ 5,061.00
Expenses	\$.00
Balance (8/9/2019)	\$35,865.36

THANK YOU!

Our Lady of Lourdes is grateful for your continued support of all our ministries. We are blessed by your generosity!

2019 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (7/1/19)

Donations:..... **\$24,822.00**
Goal is \$42,420.00 58.51%

Donors:.....**152**
Goal is 1,131 13.44%

DECIDE TO LEAD

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OLOL STEWARDSHIP

Important Notice Changes to the Contribution Slips

Dear parishioners,

Since we've reduced the number of stewardship mailings being sent to households to every other month, we've had some confusion and concerns. We have tried to listen to you and made some adjustments in our mailing that was mailed last week.

You received contribution slips for **each** month (September and October) pre-printed with your information. The statements were printed on August 1, 2019, in preparation for the mailing, so both slips will only show contributions received as of August 1, 2019.

Thank you for helping us and for your patience as we work through this new process.

Blessings,
Maryrose Wolf

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

ENDURANCE

Endurance is our ability to withstand adversity and hardship. We practice perseverance and patience when obstacles arise, and we are open to the lessons they bring. We don't give up or feel hopeless about ourselves. We hold on. Endurance hones our character and seasons our souls. When trouble comes, endurance gives us the strength to stay our course.

What have you learned from hardship? How have you accepted the challenges that love requires?

SUN 18

MON 19

TUE 20

8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:30 am Liturgy	Church
6:00 pm Liturgy	Church

8:00 am Communion Service	Rm 9
1:00 pm SW Deanery Mtg.	Rm 10

1:00 pm Pictorial Directory	Rm 5
3:00 pm Food Pantry	Rm 7
6:00 pm Catechist Training	Rm 10
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612	Hall A

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Oktoberfest Planning Meeting

Wednesday, August 21

7:00 pm

Room 9

Topic: Publicity Push and Mailing

Preparing the invitations to other parishes and communities. Plan a party – it's fun!

LOL Travel Club

Would you like to join our parish travel club for a 13-day Viking river cruise on the Volga from Moscow to St. Petersburg from May 15 – 27, 2021? Yes, it is almost 2 years from now, but this has several advantages:

1) Free air is included for a limited time.

2) There is a \$625 per person early reservation discount.

If you might be interested in joining us, please contact our travel agent by phone or e-mail for more information, itinerary, and pricing:

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We would love to travel with you!
Father Bill

Registration for GIFT is OPEN

Are you curious about your faith? Are you looking for a deeper connection with God and the parish community? Generations in Faith Together (GIFT) is our formation program for everyone! Registration for this intergenerational program is now open online at ololmke.org/gift, and forms are available at the Parish Office.

Teen Action Group (TAG)

Any youth entering 6th grade through 12th grade is invited to be part of the Teen Action Group. Join us at monthly meetings to build community, and see how you can be a leader at our parish. Talk to Taylor Baar if you have any questions.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist Begins Sunday, September 22

9:00 am–10:15 am

Have you and your child signed up?

To be eligible for sacrament preparation, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee requires that your child be in formation one year prior to the year of sacrament reception. So, if your child is in 2nd grade this fall, he/she must have participated in GIFT last year. If not, enroll this year for GIFT, and then next year, your child will be eligible to prepare for reconciliation and first Eucharist in 3rd grade.

We prepare the children for these sacraments together in addition to enrollment in GIFT, which begins September 8, 2019. Contact Director of Child Ministries, Steve Szymanski, or Ministries Associate, Jenni Sladky, for more information.



WED 21

THU 22

FRI 23

9:30 am Liturgy Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
1:00 pm Pictorial Directory Rm 5
6:00 pm Baptism Prep Rm 10
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg. Rm 9

8:00 am Communion Service Rm 9
1:00 pm Pictorial Directory Rm 5

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WORSHIP

Playing with Fire

“Today we hear Jesus cry out that he came to set the Earth on fire and cause division. This is hardly the sweet, gentle Jesus portrayed in children’s Bible books.

“As a way to know this Jesus better, St. Ignatius of Loyola would invite us to recreate all the details of the scene in our imagination...and think of how we might react had we been there?”

“In teaching others about discernment of spirits, St. Ignatius teaches that when a good spirit touches a soul inclined to evil, the result is discord. The evil person becomes greatly disturbed by the influences of goodness just as good people are disturbed by evil. When prophets speak for God to a sinful people, conflict ensues. That means that if our churches only offer us comfort and peace, we ought to ask if they are centers of Christianity or just spas with uncomfortable chairs.

“The Swiss theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar warned Christians about the danger of getting involved with God. He said that God offers us the impossible. Although we might be quite content to seek a simple, peaceful life, God always wants more...God draws us beyond our limits into the divine adventure, which is always fatal. Jesus puts it right out there—following him will lead us into the life-death-resurrection mystery of baptism in his name.

“Our best comfort, the genuine consolation this week’s readings offer us, comes from the ‘cloud of witnesses’ mentioned in the Letter to the Hebrews. Although Jesus and Jeremiah may have felt alone in their mission, our belief in the communion of saints offers us the universe’s largest extended family for encouragement. These sainted witnesses are like a cheering crowd of elders who know what we are facing because they have been through it themselves. They want nothing more than to see us succeed and join them in cheering others on.

“Life is going to present us with conflicts. Today’s Scriptures call us to discern how grace and God’s Spirit are at play in the conflicts that come our way. Some are nothing more than a clash of preferences and call for charity and generosity. In others, the values of the reign of God are at play. That is when Christians must be prepared to play with fire.”

(Sr. Mary M. McGlone, National Catholic Reporter, August 22, 2019)

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In today’s Gospel, Jesus said to his disciples: “I have come to set the Earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished!”

Your gift to the Society to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the Earth on fire with the of God’s love.

Thank You

Thanks to all who supported the recent St Vincent de Paul sponsored blood drive especially the 26 donors, which included 5 first time donors. Because each whole blood donation can be separated into three components for individual patient needs, the generous blood donors of OLOL can prolong the lives of and/or save approximately 75 local hospital patients from the 25 units of blood collected.

The next blood drive is scheduled for February 2020. We hope to see you then.

Memory Café

Second Monday of each month
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Meyer’s Restaurant
4260 S. 76 St., Greenfield

This is a gathering time for people with mild cognitive impairment, early-stage Alzheimer’s, or dementia to go with their care partners to socialize and have fun with others.

Call to sign-up if you are coming for the first time: (800) 272-3900.

Open Door Nurse Visits

Come for blood pressure checks, health teaching, help with advanced directives, and other health concerns.

Call for an appointment with Wanda Nye, R.N., your parish nurse. In partnership with Aurora Health Care.

SAT 24

SUN 25

Community Weekend

9:00 am Pictorial Directory Rm 5
9:00 am Baptism Rehearsal Church
5:00 pm Liturgy Church

Community Weekend

8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Baptisms) Church
6:00 pm Liturgy Church

SPOTLIGHT

Notes from Nancie...Vows and Violence

Forty years ago today, Tom and I married each other. As we walked down the aisle together, we sang our recessional song, "Be Not Afraid." I had no idea how that song would play out in life.

Our marriage is a safe place, a sanctuary, a relationship of growth and goodness and love. It is a blessing I thank God for every day. I am keenly aware of this graced life as I witness the hatred, fear, and violence that occurs in our country with greater frequency at a speed that is difficult to comprehend.

How can the gift of love and right relationship Tom and I live impact this tidal wave of violence and hatred? Part of our wedding vows spoke of the hope that "our love would be a sign of God's love in our world." I am challenged to continue to reflect on this vision and give it legs, but legs it must have.

We also witnessed these vows surrounded by a community of family and friends who we rely on to help us live those vows. Some of those people are no longer in our lives, but the import of their witness reminds me that it "takes a village." And so it does. How will we let go of this fear, hatred, and violence that escalates daily? As a village, as a community dedicated to the vision of Christ, to love our enemy, to do justice, live with kindness and walk humbly with God comes to mind.

I will not pretend to know how that vision specifically plays out. What I do know is that I need you— all of you—to journey with me in seeking to love and live as Jesus did. That life includes speaking truth to injustice, fear, hatred, and violence.

We may not all agree on politics, but I hope we can stand together against what is clearly behavior and sentiments that are not of God.

Let us work and let us pray.

Blessings,
Nancie

DISCIPLESHIP

The Discipleship Institute Presents

Soul & Soil: The Harvest Sharing

Saturday, September 7

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

In the Garden

Facilitated by: Community Garden Team and the Discipleship Institute

Bring your friends or come to make new ones. Come to share and celebrate the harvest together. Come to experience the joys of fall. Join us as we celebrate the end of the season and share ideas for our return in the spring.

Catholicism 101

Wednesday, September 18

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Room 10

Facilitated by: Youth Minister, Taylor Baar

The Catholic Church can seem shrouded in mystery. Why do we do the things we do? What is really at the heart of our faith? Join us as we explore our faith through a fun trivia game and gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism.

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