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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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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 8/15/19</i> | BUDGETED <i>for August</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Reg. Envelopes | \$29,376.40 | \$54,000.00 |
| Offertory | \$1,848.66 | \$4,000.00 |

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2019

| | ACTUAL | BUDGETED |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Operating Income | \$90,886.82 | \$124,415.00 |
| Operating Expenses..... | \$116,585.00 | \$135,643.55 |

Improvement Fund Updates

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beg. Balance 7/1/19 | \$30,804.36 |
| Donations | \$ 5,845.00 |
| Expenses | \$.00 |
| Balance (8/15/2019) | \$36,649.36 |

THANK YOU!

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

To our visitors:

Thank you for praying with us! If you would like to make an online donation to OLOL, please use the QR code or url address to access our online giving provider, WeShare. Thank you for your support, and know that you are always welcome here.



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OKTOBERFEST BASKET RAFFLE

The board will be set September 7 in the hallway with displays of unbeaten ideas for baskets. The basket item lists will be there for the taking as well as the wish list of needed supplies. (These can be bought at the Dollar Store.) When you chose the basket you **intend** to do from the list, please fill out the form under the list with needed information. If it your **intention** to create your own basket, please also fill out requested information on sheet.

Basket themes cover an **intentionally** vast range of ideas and interests to heighten basket choices. Themes? Sports, events, gardens, providing services, teaching a skill, entertainment, crafts, quilting, gardening, kitchen, hobby, movies (at home or night out), relaxation, holidays, a cold winter's night, a hot summer's day. There is a possible theme or interest for everyone.

The baskets can be done by one person, a family, or a group (of **10**). **Often** this is an opportunity to reach out and get to know other people by asking about cooperating on a basket. Building community is a part of our Oktoberfest mission. It is not by any "small feat" that we have reached this accomplishment. In this **year 10**, you will see comments around the campus to symbolize our theme and our message.

If you do not **tend** to assemble a basket but are willing to donate items, we will assemble the basket.

Look for the Oktoberfest notes with themes and an item list up in the church hallway starting September 7. We are looking forward to the unbeaten benefits of wonderful members who will share their generosity as we work together to make "**celebrating 10 years!**"

Kris Strnad
Oktoberfest Basket Attendant

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

SELF-DISCIPLINE

Self-discipline is having the self control to do only what we truly choose to do rather than being blown about in the winds of our desire. Self-discipline gives us the will to persevere. We are vigilant and honest with ourselves, which frees us to live by our highest values. We are able to weed out bad habits and cultivate good ones.

As a new school year begins, can we challenge each member of our household to set goals, resist distractions, and cultivate character? Talk with each other as to how you can best support one another in doing so.

SUN 25

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

MON 26

8:00 am Communion Service Rm 9

TUE 27

1:00 pm ART Guild Mtg. Rm 4
6:00 pm Finance Council Rm 9
6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. Rm 3
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall AB

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Welcome to Our New Parishioners June 2019

Jeffrey Metz

July 2019

Sharon Bretzel
Jean Rich

A Parting

After a number of years of stellar service, our Stewardship Associate, Suzanne Machajewski, will be leaving us. She has discerned that it is time for a little life change. Suzanne will be staying with us until September 26 for coverage and training a replacement.

Suzanne, please know we are extremely grateful for all you have done for us and for the great integrity you offer in your ministry. You will be missed!

OLOL Employment Opportunity

If you are interested in applying for the stewardship associate position here at OLOL, please apply on our website at www.ololmke.org/employment/

Wednesday Morning Faith Group

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Don't let senior moments keep you away. Join us for 9:30 am Mass or Communion Service on Wednesdays followed by a lunch and social in the Hall.

The Wednesday Morning Over 50 Faith Group is missing you.

For more information, call JoAnn Godkin at (414) 828-7172.

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.

Baptism at Lourdes

Baptism is our common heritage in our faith. Through this sacrament, we die and rise to new life with Christ. Baptism unites us and challenges us to put on Christ and to live the mandate of the Gospel. This is no mere drop of water upon an infant's head: it is immersion into life with Christ—a life of love and discipleship!

We offer baptism during liturgy five or six weekends each year at Our Lady of Lourdes. There are a few steps in the process:

1. Contact Jenni Sladky in the Parish Office. She will help parents start this journey.
2. New parents are asked to show a desire to model this life of faith for their child by registering as members of this community, worshipping here regularly, and engaging themselves in the life of this community.
3. An interview is arranged with Child Minister, Steve Szymanski.
4. If the parents are ready to undertake this important responsibility, they join us for an evening of preparation for the sacrament.
5. A rehearsal is held just a day or two prior to the baptism.

Upcoming Baptism Weekends at OLOL:

November 2/3, 2019
February 1/2, 2020
April 18/19, 2020
June 27/28, 2020
August 29/30, 2020

WED 28

THU 29

FRI 30

9:30 am Communion Service Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C

8:00 am Communion Service Rm 9
6:30 pm Discipleship Institute
Team Mtg. Rm 4

WORSHIP

The Ministry of Lectors & Servers

If you are a part of these ministries or would like to become involved, please fill out one of the forms provided for you in the Ministry Preparation Room located just off the side entrance into church, or inquire at the Parish Office. You may use the following links to sign up online.

Servers: ololmke.org/altar-servers/

Lectors: ololmke.org/lectors/

Forms for this next schedule are due Sunday, September 21.

The Ministry of Sacristans

Sacristans are the ministers who help set up and prepare for mass, such as turning on lights, setting out bread and wine, lighting candles, etc. Generally, a sacristan arrives an hour before liturgy begins and would remain one half-hour after to put things away. This is a great ministry for someone who's organized and likes a routine.

Training involves working alongside an experienced sacristan until you are ready to solo. Schedules are based upon your availability. Sacristans are especially needed for our 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm liturgies.

For more information regarding these ministries, please contact Chris Deily or Deb Steppe.

Audio/Visual Ministry

The Audio/Video Ministry is looking for new ministers. We have had a number of people leave for college, which leaves us with about one person per Mass right now. Although these are very giving and dedicated people, we need more people, as, understandably, our current ministers are not always available every week.

This ministry is extremely easy to do, and we work around your availability and when you go to Mass. You don't have to be a computer expert to do this. If you can press buttons, you can do this ministry. If you find value in helping people engage in Mass visually, then please consider stepping forward.

Contact Marc Puechner if you are interested in trying out the Audio/Visual Ministry.

Baptisms

10:30 am Mass

We welcome the following children into our faith community through the waters of baptism:

Claire Evelyn Strauss
Dominic Gino Valente
Meilani Gia Valente

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others.

In the month of August 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!

Keep it Going

Many thanks to all who donated blood at the recent blood drive. We collected 25 units of blood at that drive, which could potentially help up to 75 local hospital patients. The blood center, however, is always in need of donors to have an adequate supply of blood available for local patients. Many of us may know someone who has benefitted from a blood donation possibly due to an injury or illness. Any one of us might need a transfusion at any time. There is a continuing need for blood donations especially right now due to a critical shortage in the blood supply.

If you are able, please consider making a blood donation. In our area, the Versiti Blood Center site at 7210 W. Edgerton Ave in Greenfield is open daily. Call (877) 232-4376 or go online at donor.bcw.edu/donor/schedules/center/8 to make an appointment. Thank you for considering this vital ministry

SAT 31

9:30 am Confirmation
Service Day Rm 6
5:00 pm Liturgy Church

SUN 1

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

SPOTLIGHT

Notes from Nancie: The Gospel is Our Playbook

I am keenly aware that we are in the throes of Packer fever, as the season is at its onset. For Nancie and Tom, that means hours of explanation from Tom to Nancie and equal amounts of new and often asked questions on my part. I continue to be amazed that true fans hold in their heads some type of playbook for this game. Yet, as I consider the notion, we all hold some type of playbook for or in our lives.

As Catholic Christians, we claim to adhere to the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is our playbook. If we choose to listen well, to read deeply and to allow our hearts and minds to be challenged, we will soon discover the many discomforting aspects of this playbook. One of my favorites is, "Love your enemies." This is an extremely difficult challenge for me!

A good playbook is executed by a team with a [hopefully] good coach. Folks, we are that team, and there are many prophetic voices that are nudging, pushing, consoling, and coaching us to execute those vital plays.

I cannot imagine that every Packer loves what is asked of him. Nor do we. Take that loving one's neighbor idea again. To do so, we first need to ask, "who is my neighbor?" Then, we must strive to see in the response that we are all neighbors, all God's beautiful creation, and, as such, are called into right relationship with each other.

This work plays out in the world, in our nation, in our cities, and even in our parish.

I am very aware that sometimes our prophetic voices cause discomfort, even anger and frustration for you, our parishioners. Might I suggest that those tense moments be turned into opportunities for dialogue? For a deep examination of our own living? For a challenge to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ?

I am also aware that for many, church is a place of consolation and a place to check out from the problems of the world; sometimes, that is the role we as Church play. If we examine the Good News of Jesus Christ, what we find more often than not is that he caused discomfort by calling out injustice. He challenged authority. He lived prophetically. As his disciples, can we do any less?

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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