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“Do not recline at table in the
place of honor. A more
distinguished guest than you
may have been invited.”
- Lk 14:8bc

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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 8/22/19</i>	BUDGETED <i>for August</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$39,201.90	\$54,000.00
Offertory	\$2,946.40	\$4,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2019

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$101,555.72	\$124,415.00
Operating Expenses.....	\$125,835.03	\$135,643.55

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/19	\$30,804.36
Donations	\$ 8,620.00
Expenses	\$.00
Balance (8/22/2019)	\$39,424.36

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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NOTES FROM NANCIE

Laboring

This is the weekend, generally speaking, that children and teens dread and parents love—Labor Day! Labor Day has come to represent the end of summer, the beginning of the school year, the return to an endless round of games and extra curriculars for some and barbecues for others, but, at its core, Labor Day means more than this. An article I recently read stated:

“Today Labor Day is no longer about trade unionists marching down the street with banners and their tools of trade. Instead, it is a confused holiday with no associated rituals. The original holiday was meant to handle a problem of long working hours and no time off. Although the battle over these issues would seem to have been won long ago, this issue is starting to come back with a vengeance, not for manufacturing workers but for highly skilled white-collar workers, many of whom are constantly connected to work.”

<http://theconversation.com/have-we-forgotten-the-true-meaning-of-labor-day-64526>

Catholic Social Teaching informs us, “The Catholic bishops of the United States have long held that the most effective way to build a just economy is to make decent work at decent wages available for all those capable of working. When the economy fails to generate sufficient jobs, there is a moral obligation to protect the life and dignity of unemployed and underemployed workers and their families.”

While we are barbecuing this weekend, let us keep in mind the bigger picture, needs, and concerns of all who labor.

Blessings,
Nancie

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

HUMILITY

Humility is being modest, humble, and unpretentious. We consider others' views and needs as important as our own. We willingly serve others and accept help when we need it. When we cause hurt, we have the humility to admit it and make amends. We accept the lessons life brings knowing that mistakes are often our best teachers. Humility reminds us to be thankful for our successes rather than boastful.

All the Scriptures today speak of humility. What do you value about the character quality of humility? In whom do you see this virtue? Can you tell him/her?

SUN 1

MON 2

TUE 3

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

Office Closed

3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group Rm 3



COMMUNITY LIFE

Wedding Banns

I Erica Zacher & Peter Barnhardt

Oktoberfest Planning Meeting

Wednesday, September 3

7:00 pm

Room 3

Topic: Final Food & Beverage

We are committing to the menu and placing the order. Plan a party – it's fun!

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.bcv.edu/donor/schedules/center/8 to make an appointment. Thank you for considering this vital ministry

FORMATION

GIFT: The Spirituality of Discipleship

If you have not already registered for GIFT, now is the time! Registration is open online at ololmke.org/gift, and forms are available at the Parish Office.

Deb Steppe will be the first presenter. She will join us to talk about spirituality and discipleship and how we live them out in our daily lives. If you are not registered for GIFT but want to attend this session, please RSVP to the Parish Office.

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. Registration for GIFT is open online at ololmke.org/gift, and forms are available at the Parish Office. Contact Director of Child Ministries, Steve Szymanski, or Ministries Associate, Jenni Sladky, for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Stewardship Associate

Part-time (10–12 hrs/week) / hourly / non-exempt

Primary Function

In support of the Pastor/Parish Director and the Director of Administrative Services, the Stewardship Associate assists with various functions needed for the administration of the parish as related to Stewardship. Responsibilities include bookkeeping, maintaining parish census and revenue records, assisting with the preparation of parish payables, and maintaining payables records.

Apply at www.ololmke.org/employment/

WED 4

THU 5

FRI 6

9:30 am Liturgy Church
 10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
 6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall A
 7:00 pm Liturgy Cmte. Mtg. Rm 9
 7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg. Rm 3

8:00 am Communion Service Rm 9
 9:00 am Environment Change Church
 9:15 am Women's Spirituality Rm 3
 6:30 pm Adult Choir Reh. Church

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 remains 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.

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

With love for your neighbors who are "poor, crippled, lame, or blind," look around your house to see which items you no longer use and give them to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Sharing Weekend

Next weekend, September 7 and 8, is Sharing Weekend for our food pantry. As many people need food all month long, we take donations any day that the building is open. Our current list of items most needed includes cereal, canned vegetables and fruits, bottled juice, canned meat products, and personal hygiene items. Please watch the expiration dates. Learn more at ololmke.org/food-pantry.

Children's Sock & Underwear Collection

Some people are fantastic; our parishioners are Lourdestastic!

We asked for your help in clothing the poor, and you responded with open hearts. An astounding 906 pairs of socks, 874 underwear items, and 39 assorted undergarments were donated for the Ladies of Charity Clothing Store.

The Ladies asked we pass along their gratitude for these wonderful gifts. Your care, compassion, and generosity are what makes Lourdes such a special place. Thank you!

Grief Group Potluck

Tuesday, September 17
11:30 am–1:00 pm
Room 10

We invite anyone who has lost a loved one to come. Come and bring some food to share. A time to share, laugh, and enjoy some good food. Please call Wanda Nye with any questions.

SAT 7

SUN 8

Oktoberfest Sign-up
9:00 am Harvest Sharing Garden
5:00 pm Liturgy Church

Oktoberfest Sign-up
8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy Church
11:30 am GIFT Hall
6:00 pm Liturgy Church

COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

What's New on the Website?

September is now upon us, which means our programs are starting up again and, in turn, lots of updates to the website.

The first change you will see right away are boxes highlighting upcoming events on the Home page rather than the simple links we used to use. These boxes are direct links to the pages they are highlighting. They provide a quick snapshot of what the link will take you to—much like Facebook does with links inside posts. Besides providing a snippet of info, we are also hoping these boxes will more effectively grab the attention of non-parishioners looking for information about events such as Oktoberfest and parish missions.

Watch for more news next week!

On Being the Light

We have all been blessed multiple times, and paying those blessings forward is part of our commitment to our church and to others. We have all experienced the highs and lows of living. In times of crises, we call out to God. In times of good fortune, we thank God for blessing us. I believe that is true for both believers and non-believers.

We are called to be good Christians: to walk in God's light, to be caring and empathetic, to love others as we love ourselves; too often, we behave as if others who are not in our circle of friends don't exist.

I encourage all of us to make the effort to share a smile, a hug, words of encouragement, a handshake to those around you—both strangers and friends. This world needs more light...and who better to be the Light than us?

Phil Pares, Pastoral Council Member

DISCIPLESHIP

STAFF EMAIL

The Discipleship Institute Presents

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? This will be a basic introduction for seekers looking to learn more about the Church. Join us as we explore our faith through a fun trivia game and gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism.

Mini-Retreat

Saturday, September 28

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart School of Theology

Facilitated by: James Wielgosz & the Discipleship Institute Team

Need a few hours to regroup, renew, re-energize? Plan to join us for this one-day mini-retreat at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Franklin. The pace of everyday life can be pretty hectic—take this time to understand what is **really** important in your life. More details will be forthcoming. Plan to join us; your spiritual life will thank you!

Register for all programs by contacting the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316 or online at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/.

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