

AUG 16, 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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to the world.



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her
in reply, "O woman,
great is your faith! Let
it be done for you as
you wish." And the
woman's daughter was
healed from that hour.
- Mt 15:28

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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 5:00 PM

SUN 9:30 AM

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	ACTUAL <i>as of 7/31/20</i>	BUDGETED <i>for July</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$47,683.30	\$50,000.00
Offertory	\$629.00	\$4,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 2020		
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$48,838.30	\$56,666.67
Operating Expenses.....	\$62,128.13	\$72,929.13

Improvement Fund Updates	
Beg. Balance 7/1/20	\$69,882.96
Donations	\$ 2,612.50
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Balance (7/31/2020)	\$72,495.46

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OLOL STEWARDSHIP

What a year 2020 has been for us! Who knew the changes and challenges we would journey through in 2020? And we continue on this journey without an end in sight! God in His infinite wisdom inspired the authors of the Bible to mention "Be Not Afraid" 365 times. One for each day. And in 2020, it seems we need all 365 reminders!!

During our lives, we all want to make a positive impact in the world, in our community, and in our families. Our Lady of Lourdes wants to make an impact in your life, so we connect with you through various means! We continue to hear from many of you that it is wonderful to participate in the Wednesday Morning Table Reflections as well as the weekend Mass together online. We are so appreciative to know that you are connecting with our spiritual family even when we can't all be together. We are delighted to see those who feel it is safe for them to join us on the weekends. Whether you are with us in spirit or in person, we keep **all** in prayer!

You will be receiving your August Stewardship mailing soon, and we ask you to please look at the financial annual summary from last fiscal year which ended June 30, 2020. You will see that your financial support has been and is **AWESOME** in helping us continue our ministries as we proclaim the Good News to all people. Please continue to drop your contribution in the basket at the end of Mass, send it in the mail, or use our secure online option at ololmke.weshareonline.org. No matter which method you choose to support our parish, every gift is appreciated. We are very grateful to the generous parishioners who continue to support all our ministries during this uncertain journey.

Thank you for your gift, **thank you** for your prayers and **thank you** for being a part of our community.

"May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!" Psalm 67

SUN 16	MON 17	TUE 18
9:30 am Liturgy Church RESERVATION REQUIRED Sunday Mass Video on ololmke.org Mass also available on: 5:30 am WITI Fox 6 7:00 am WVTM My24 9:00 am WVTM My24 9:00 am Radio 920 AM 11:00 am Live WITI Fox 6 On Demand heartofthenation.org	Building Closed Food Pantry Drop-off 12:00 pm–3:00 pm	Building Closed 3:00 pm Food Pantry drive thru pick up in the south parking lot until 4:30 pm Food Pantry Drop-off 12:00 pm–3:00 pm

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Wedding Banns

Il Anna Mathieu & Taylor Tomczak

Welcome to New Parishioners July 2020

Susan Coenen
Robert & Julie Petri
Dolores Scrobel
Marianne Soldavini
& Gary Giombi

RCIA/RCIC

Congratulations to our RCIA and RCIC catechumens and candidates who on Saturday, August 15, were finally able to celebrate the sacraments for which they prepared over many months.

Hailey—Baptism and Eucharist
Samantha—Baptism and Eucharist
Michael—Confirmation
Jessica—Confirmation
Abdellatif—Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation

Let us keep the newest members of Our Lady of Lourdes in our prayers and may their journeys along the Way of Christ Jesus be enfolded in the love and support of our community.

*...and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
(Luke: 3:22)*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

RESILIENCE

Resilience is the strength of spirit to recover from adversity. When we experience disappointment, loss, or tragedy, we find the hope and courage to carry on. Humor lightens the load when it seems too heavy. We overcome obstacles by tapping into a deep well of faith and endurance. We don't cover in the face of challenge. We engage fully in the dance of life.

The Canaanite woman in the Gospel does not take a "no" answer from Jesus. We can only imagine the many times she has had to be resilient in her life. And so she persists.

How do you see your resilience? Think of all the things you do on a daily basis! What stretches your resilience to the greatest degree?

LOL GROUNDS

The Big Garden

Plans are underway to significantly reduce the size of the big gardens by the south doors. On Monday, August 17, from 3:00 pm–6:00 pm, and Sunday, August 23, from 11:00 am–2:00 pm, parishioners are welcome to come and remove plants. The area where plants may be removed will be marked off. A volunteer gardener will be present to answer any questions.

If you have any questions about this project before then, please call Joan at (414) 931-9421, Tom at (262) 664-3378 or Ann at (414) 321-1129.



WED 19

THU 20

FRI 21

Wednesday Table Reflections Video
on ololmke.org

Building Closed

**Food Pantry Drop-off
12:00 pm–3:00 pm**

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WORSHIP

Update on In-Person Liturgy

- In-person liturgies began on July 4.
- The 5:00 pm liturgy averages around 50 people, the 9:30 am liturgy averages about 70 people.
- While the maintenance staff takes care of sanitizing restrooms, door handles, etc., volunteers have done a fantastic job sanitizing the chairs in the worship space.
- Sacristans, lectors, and ushers are doing a great job adjusting to new procedures.
- Several folks have responded to the requests for ushers. Thank you—and please continue! With the continued assistance of husbands of staff members, we have been able to fill all the usher spots. We welcome anyone who would like to assist in this ministry.
- We celebrated the sacrament of confirmation on August 2 and look forward to the RCIA Mass on August 15 and first Eucharist on August 30.

If you would like to attend Mass, please register on our website home page or call the office each week. Each deadline is Thursday at 12:00 pm. We will only contact you if we are beyond our limits for attendance. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact Deb Steppe.

And Speaking of First Eucharist...

After long delay, our young folks finally get to receive their first Eucharist! This will take place on Sunday, August 30, at the 9:30 am liturgy. With the extra families at the liturgy, there is a good chance we will be at our capacity of 125 people and will not be able to accommodate everyone who requests that liturgy.

If you normally attend the 9:30 am liturgy, we are encouraging you to register for the 5:00 pm liturgy that weekend, watch our recorded liturgy on our website, catch some of the Masses on television, or listen to the Mass from the Cathedral on the radio (9:00 am on station AM920). Thank you for understanding.

Baptism

5:00 pm Mass

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

Leland James Logic

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: August 18, September 1

Drive-thru pickup for the Food Pantry is in the south parking lot and is open from 3:00 pm–4:30 pm on the above dates. Two prepacked bags will be given to each car.

Food Pantry

Please drop off bagged food at the handicap entrance, Monday–Friday, 12:00 pm–3:00 pm.

Our current list of items (updated 7/31/20) most needed includes Vegetables (all varieties-15 oz. size), soups both condensed and ready to serve, canned tuna (5 oz. size), boxed pasta (16 oz. size), boxed potatoes, i.e. Betty Crocker, Knorr pasta sides, Chef Boy R Dee . (Please watch the expiration dates. Non-perishable items only, please. Learn more at ololmke.org/food-pantry.

SAT 22

5:00 pm Liturgy Church
RESERVATION REQUIRED

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7:00 am WVTM My24

9:00 am WVTM My24

9:00 am Radio 920 AM

11:00 am Live WITI Fox 6

On Demand heartofthenation.org

SPOTLIGHT

Notes from Nancie: Checking in

During this stay safer at home time, the Pastoral Staff has worked primarily from home. Due to your generosity, we are connected by laptops and can still meet and chat as well as do a great deal of work from our homes. I do so miss, however, popping into an office to see how my co-workers are doing. I miss shared lunch hour where not only do we spend time laughing, but we also hatch new ideas and share stories that help us to be church. To remedy this situation a tiny bit, I ask us all to “check in” at our staff meetings. So, I thought I would “check in” with you today.

How are you managing as this pandemic continues? Are you able to make safe connections with a friend or two, or with family members? Are you getting out for a walk on a regular basis? Are you able to be employed safely? Are your children getting antsy? Are you experiencing some depression and grieving lost opportunities?

These are some of the issues that are plaguing us all. We desperately want normal but cannot even say what that is anymore.

Might I encourage you? Please know you are in my prayers every single day. Please know that we will continue to offer online prayer for you so that we can be together in spirit, if not in person. Please continue to reach out to each other. Our strength as the OLOL church community is each other in and as Christ. Drop a note. Make a call. Wave to a passerby. Check in on a neighbor. And let's all continue to pray for each other, our country and world, and for an end to this pandemic.

With blessings,
Nancie Chmielewski



DISCIPLESHIP

Embrace Diversity

Racism has a long history. People have a tendency to prioritize their own cultural group. They struggle with how to engage people that are perceived to be “different.” Even Jesus wrestled with this issue.

In the Gospel passage this weekend, Jesus seems to take a dehumanizing stance with the Canaanite woman, but over the course of their interaction Jesus’ stance shifts. In the end Jesus has a deep respect for the woman and even admiration of her great faith. Jesus teaches the disciples that it is important for us to engage in relationship with people who are “different” from ourselves in order to move from dehumanization to mutual respect. Jesus’ vision was meant for everyone, no matter their skin color, language, or way of life. Everyone has the same access to the grace of God.

As a community of disciples, we too must wrestle with the issues of race and prejudice. This September we will have the chance to come together (virtually) to acknowledge the prejudices and racism within us and ask for healing in order to become the whole body of Christ. Stay tuned for more details!



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