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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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STEWARDSHIP MAILING UPDATE



Stewardship Mailing Delayed

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the August stewardship mailing has been delayed. For those on our email list, you should have received the mailing via email this past Thursday. If you are not on our email list, you can access the mailing documents on our website at ololmke.org/stewardship/.

For those without internet access, the mailing should be out very soon, if not already in the mail by the time you read this. We apologize for the delay. These are strange times with challenging obstacles never experienced before. Please continue to drop your contribution in the basket at the end of Mass, send it in the mail, or use our online option at ololmke.weshareonline.org. Every gift is appreciated during this uncertain journey.

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ASKING FOR GRACE AND UNDERSTANDING

In a recent interview, LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers said that even as a 15 year NBA veteran he doesn't know how to prepare for the playoffs in the NBA Bubble during a pandemic. In other words, no matter how experienced or accomplished we are, sometimes you have to learn as you go. These last 6 months have thrown us curveball after curveball. Some we have hit and some we have swung and missed. (Can you tell I'm happy to have sports back!)

Currently, parish staff members are starting to squeeze in some well deserved breaks to recharge bodies and brains, plus Labor Day is rapidly approaching. This means we are taping Masses and scheduling communications such as the bulletin, Facebook posts, and app notifications weeks ahead of time. In turn, some current happenings may not be announced on a recorded Mass or printed in the bulletin. There are many new things that are part of our jobs that weren't there 6 months ago and never had to think about before going on vacation. There are going to be hiccups and oversights as we learn. Please allow us grace and understanding as we continue to serve you the best we can through the fog of this pandemic.

Soon, we will be starting up programming again for GIFT and the Discipleship Institute, not to mention a very different version of Oktoberfest. All of these events will have a learning curve in the way they are presented. Again, we ask for grace and understanding.

Thank you for being the awesome community that you are and for your grace and understanding.

Marc Puechner, Director of Communications and Technology Integration

SOCIAL JUSTICE

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING
LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

Immediately prior to today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, the Pharisees were demanding a sign from Jesus. He refuses and leaves abruptly. He got impatient; he got angry; he got tired – just like all the rest of us. But we believe there was something special about him.

What about the rest of us? If the people of Jesus' day could not see who he really was, do we really see who each other is? When we encounter new people, what are we thinking, or judging? What color is their skin? How are they dressed? Do they speak English—with an accent? What questions do we ask in trying to get to know them? What do you do? Where did you go to school? (Which box in my mind should I put you in?) What might you miss in another person?

SUN 23

9:30 am Liturgy Church
RESERVATION REQUIRED

Sunday Mass Video on ololmke.org

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MON 24

Building Closed

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

TUE 25

Building Closed

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

Wedding Banns

III Anna Mathieu & Taylor Tomczak

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Mary Fedor, David Konrad, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Big Garden

Plans are underway to significantly reduce the size of the big gardens by the south doors. On 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.

FORMATION

GIFT 2020-21 Gathered as Community

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples,

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter said in reply,

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16:13-16

Peter’s powerful recognition of and admission that Jesus is the Christ in today’s Gospel reminds us of our aim as followers of the Way; to learn Christ Jesus’s message and put it into practice in our lives and our world. This is the goal of our intergenerational formation program GIFT (Generations In Faith Together); to help one another to learn Jesus’s Way and to transform our lives and our world. Join us on our continuing journey to know the Son of the living God by signing up for GIFT on the [parish website](#) or by returning the registration form that was sent to all parish households a few weeks ago. Please call Steve Szymanski, Director of Child Ministries or Jenni Sladky, Ministries Associate with any questions.

OLOL GROUNDS

Thank You Joan and Ann!

We extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to Joan Hansen and Ann Diliberti for their years of dedication to the south gardens. Viewing such natural beauty as we entered church put us in a peaceful frame of mind, better preparing us to worship. And afterwards, we readily shared fellowship with other parishioners as together we commented and admired their stunning handiwork.

We know that the gardens did not become beautiful on their own. So, we thank you, Joan and Ann, for your countless hours of labor and dedication to making Our Lady of Lourdes an attractive and welcoming place to worship. Please know your efforts are both recognized and appreciated.

The Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

WED 26

Wednesday Table Reflections Video
on ololmke.org

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

THU 27

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

FRI 28

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WORSHIP

Face the Wall

“Today’s Gospel begins with a statement about geography, about a particular location called Caesarea Philippi. This city contained one of the most prominent landmarks in all of Israel. It was built on a massive wall of rock over 100 feet high and 500 feet wide. There a marble temple had been erected to honor Caesar, who considered himself a god. Jesus wanted the backdrop of massive rock, a marble temple and all the honors given to the emperors and their gods, when he asked the question: “Who do you say I am?”

“That same question, of course, is not addressed only to his first followers. It echoes down through the centuries until it lands on each of our ears today. ‘Who do you say I am?’ In fact, that same question really is no longer about Jesus. It’s about us. Who am I? What do I believe? What do I stand for? Because, let’s face it, you and I are like those earliest disciples. We have all kinds of answers to the question of who Jesus is. We each can find a way to clothe Jesus in our own self, to project on to him our own wishes, our own interests. To put it another way, we can easily find ways of reshaping him to best suit our purposes.

“Simon, who stood there with his back to this massive wall of rock, who will deny him three times, who doesn’t understand so many things — this same Simon is given a new name: Peter, the Rock. And that’s what can happen for each of us. Jesus can make new openings in our lives. He can rename us. Jesus can create within each of us a passion for justice that will shake up our certainties, our privileges and our self-interests. If we allow it, Jesus can construct within each of us a tenderness that puts our pettiness to shame, and an experience of freedom that will release us from all our enslavements. But only if we allow it.”

Excerpted from “Face the Wall” by Ted Walgamot, *Celebrations Magazine*.

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

Like Peter in today’s Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus’ presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Blood Drive Thank You

Thank you for donating blood and saving local patients’ lives! Because of you, approximately 60 patients can be saved!

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: September 1, 15, and 29

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 29

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SPOTLIGHT

Notes From Nancie: The Big Question

Have you ever uttered the words to someone annoying you, “Who do you think you are?” Well today, Jesus initiates the question by asking, “Who do people say I am?” Don’t we all wonder this same thing? How are we perceived? Is it the same image as I’d like to think I’m presenting, or who I believe myself to be? In this time of numerous FaceTime and Zoom conversations, I see myself and Tom and wonder, who are those old people? When did we change?

We need each other to hold up an honest mirror so that we can see who we are. We need a reality check from time to time, right? As followers of Christ, the hope would be that we look more Christ like every day.

One of my patron saints, St. Teresa of Avila, is known for this beautiful prayer that I think encourages and sums up the big question of, Who am I?

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
—St. Teresa of Ávila*

With blessings,
Nancie Chmielewski

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Institute Events

They Will Inherit the Earth

Wednesday: September 23 and October 7

6:30 pm

On Zoom

Facilitators: Steve Szymanski and Taylor Baar

Join us for a virtual discussion of John Dear’s book “They Will Inherit the Earth”. This is a great book for those who are interested in the stewardship of the environment and social justice. The book is available for purchase online. Use Amazon Smile to purchase the book new or used and the parish benefits as well! All discussions will be held virtually via Zoom. You will need to download the Zoom app. Email addresses are required for registration.

Amos and Hosea: Social Justice Prophets

Tuesdays: September 29–October 27

7:00 pm–8:00 pm

Format yet to be determined

Facilitator: Dr. Harry Fleddermann

This course will explore the message of the two earliest prophets whose words were written down. We can trace contemporary Catholic teaching on social justice directly back to Amos. From Hosea we gain valuable insight into the concept of covenant.

Register online at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/.

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