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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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“For where two or three are
gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.”

- Mt 18:20

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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 5:00 PM

SUN 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Parish Support - August 2020

	ACTUAL <i>as of 8/28/20</i>	BUDGETED <i>for Aug.</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$45,978.68	\$50,000.00
Offertory	\$533.75	\$4,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2020

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$207,342.40	\$114,033.34
Operating Expenses.....	\$116,672.24	\$138,596.85

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/20	\$69,882.96
Donations	\$ 6,268.00
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Balance (8/28/2020)	\$76,150.96

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NOTES FROM NANCIE

Opening Up a Bit

Can you believe it is September? This is normally the time that the parish is hopping with activity!

Normally is the key word here. We do continue to be in pandemic mode. Within that, we are looking at ways to gather safely, beginning after Labor Day. We have been given permission to open up to gatherings of small groups for meetings, etc., with the preference that we do as much virtually as possible.

That said, there are some things we cannot do well without being in person. To accomplish this. We have set up these guidelines:

- Any gathering must abide by proper social distancing and wear masks. If food is to be a part of your meeting or gathering, kindly “brown bag” it as we cannot distribute food at this point.
- **We will only use Rooms 10, 3, and 4** for meetings. Each of those rooms has a particular number of people we can safely accommodate. When you request a room, you will be guided to the space that is best suited to your needs and numbers.
- Groups will be asked to spritz down the tables/chairs before they leave—similar to church—and sign a sheet with the names of those at the meeting, and those spritzing.
- Meetings need to end and people leave by 8:30 pm. This gives our maintenance people ample opportunity to clean and disinfect hallways, door hands, and bathrooms.
- Kindly contact Maryrose Wolf through the “Facility Use Request Form” on the [Forms and Files page of our website](#) to request time and space.

Throughout these past months, I feel that too often I've needed to write about rules and regulations for us to follow. Please understand that this is done with the greatest of care and love for each of you.

With blessings and thanks,
Nancie Chmielewski

SUN 6

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
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MON 7

Building Closed

No Food Pantry Drop-off



TUE 8

Building Closed

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

6:30 pm SVDP Mtg. Rm 3

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Richard Schulist

From

Doreen & Mark Treuden
Gail Polzin
Ruth Jensen
Deerfield Community School
District

First Eucharist Congratulations

A name was added to our first Communicants after last week's bulletin was printed. We welcomed Djike Simo Kamdem to the table on Sunday, August 30.

GIFT

Registration for GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) 2020-2021 is now open. You can sign up for GIFT on the parish website at ololmke.org/gift/ or by returning the registration form that was sent to all parish households a few weeks ago. Call Steve Szymanski, Maggie Russell or Jenni Sladky with any questions.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

OKTOBERFEST ARTISAN FAIR

COMMITMENT

Commitment is caring deeply about a person, a goal, or a belief. Once we discern a direction, we go for it wholeheartedly. We set goals and achieve them. We make promises and we keep them. We go the extra mile. Keeping our commitments strengthens our inner integrity. It deepens our capacity to carry responsibility with grace.

Our readings are full of examples of how to love one another. The procedure for reconciliation seems straightforward, but every step requires courage and unity.

Can that be your commitment this week? Can you let go of all judging, pettiness, selfishness, and any of those things that keep you from loving with this kind of dedication? Who needs you to recommit to them?

Oktoberfest is Going Virtual!

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair was so much fun these past 10 years, thanks to OLOL, artists, musicians, and guests. We did not invite COVID-19 to the 11th party, but it showed up anyway!

The planning committee waited as long as possible before having to cancel the event on campus. We had the best interest of everyone's health first and foremost.

In reviewing Oktoberfest goals, we recognized the deep desire to gather as a community in some way. We felt for the local artists who had their income severely constrained during this pandemic. We felt the need for joy which is at the heart of Oktoberfest.

We pivoted quickly and decided to go virtual. Artists will be present in a virtual store on Saturday, October 10, from 12:00 pm–4:00 pm. You can shop and chat with artists through your computer.

Curbside food pick-up will be available on Sunday, October 11, starting at 10:30 am, including our homemade soup and strudel!

Details are available on the website at ololmke.org/oktoberfest/ as they are finalized! If you have an idea to add to our virtual fun-raiser, please contact us! (Barb Webber (414) 377-9177 or bwebber@wi.rr.com)

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair Team

WED 9

THU 10

FRI 11

Building Closed

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

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10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall BC

**Wednesday Table Reflections Video
on ololmke.org**



WORSHIP

COVID-19 and Coming to Mass

As you may have heard, Archbishop ListECKI is ending the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass as of Monday, September 14. This does not mean that everyone must risk their health and the health of those for whom they care by coming to church. In his letter, the Archbishop said the following:

“If a person is ill, especially during this pandemic, they should remain at home. Likewise, if a person is at risk because of age, underlying medical conditions, or a compromised immune system, one would be excused from the obligation. If a person is caring for a sick person, even if they are not sick, they would be excused from the obligation out of charity.”

“Love One Another” 8/25/20

He goes on to say that each person must follow their own conscience in this matter.

We wholeheartedly agree with the archbishop that those who have higher risks because of age, underlying medical conditions, compromised immune systems, or are caregivers for those folks should stay home and stay safe. We will continue to record liturgies for viewing at home for the foreseeable future.

If you are considering returning to Sunday liturgy, here are the safety steps we are taking:

- The worship space, sacristy and restrooms are sanitized after every liturgy.
- Everyone is required to wear a mask throughout their time in the building.
- We are keeping socially distant at all times.
- The lectors, parish director, and presider may wear only a face shield while at the ambo or the altar. This goes beyond what is called for by the State of Wisconsin. While face shields are not as effective as masks, the wearers of those are at least 20 feet away from other people at the times they are wearing them.
- The Communion hosts for the congregation are covered throughout the Eucharistic prayer with a silver cover.
- We do not receive from the cup at Communion.
- We are keeping the length of the liturgies as short as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Deb Steppe.

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we help them to know that indeed “God is in the midst of them.”

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: September 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 12

5:00 pm Liturgy Church
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**HARDEN
NOT YOUR
HEARTS.**

PSALM 95

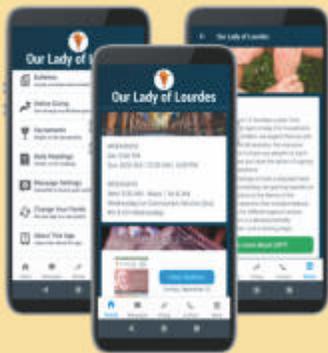


COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Download the Parish App:

- Search for “WeConnect Parish App” in the Apple App Store or Google Play.
- Download the app, and select “Our Lady of Lourdes Milwaukee” as your parish.
- Full details on how to use the app can be found at ololmke.org/allabouttheapp/. Please use this link to learn how to personalize the push notifications the parish sends out.



Community

One of the COVID-19 lessons I'm learning is that I need community. I'm an introvert, so this hasn't always been obvious to me. As I look back, I can see how communities and my search for community have shaped my life. My high school community played a role in my selection of a college. My experience of community at one of my first jobs was unexpected and affirming. My move to Milwaukee was led by the pull of a religious community. And, experiencing the Lourdes community at a liturgy many years ago brought me back the next week, and has kept me coming for many years.

Even with all those experiences, when the coronavirus started keeping us all at home last spring, I was somewhat surprised by how much I missed seeing everyone at Lourdes. I know some people well, but many of you are familiar faces, perhaps with a first name for those of you who sit near us.

So, why am I missing the connection so much? Maybe it's because I just retired from my work career and no longer am seeing that community regularly? I think it's deeper than that. When I googled “Why do we need community,” I found “being a part of a community can make us feel as though we are a part of something greater than ourselves.”

You, my community, help me remember and know that I am part of something greater. I need you, all of you, to know that I am a part of the Body of Christ. Thank you for being my community.

Anita Eikens
Parish Council Member

DISCIPLESHIP

STAFF EMAIL

Community Reflection—Recognizing Racism and Prejudice

“Racism is an evil which endures in our society and in our Church. Despite apparent advances and even significant changes in the last few decades, the reality of racism remains. In large part, it is only external appearances which have changed. Communities throughout the United States continue to struggle with conversations and challenges that have racial components. Recent events in communities across the country provide ample evidence that there is still much work to do. As Christians, we are called to constantly examine our own hearts and consciences for how we might contribute to or break down racial divisions, intolerance, and discrimination.” [1]

This month our community will have the opportunity to come together virtually to begin a reflection on racism and prejudice. As people of faith, we call upon the Divine Physician, Christ the Lord, to heal the wounds of racism within each of us, our community and throughout our land.

[1] USCCB Executive Committee statement in support of the establishment of a new Ad Hoc Committee on Racism in September of 2017.

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