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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“So will my heavenly Father do  
to you, unless each of you  
forgives your brother from your  
heart.” - Mt 18:35

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### EUCCHARIST:

**SAT** 5:00 PM

**SUN** 9:30 AM

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people during social  
distancing. Reservation  
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# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



## Parish Support - August 2020

	ACTUAL <i>as of 8/31/20</i>	BUDGETED <i>for Aug.</i>
Reg. Envelopes .....	\$46,288.68	\$50,000.00
Offertory .....	\$533.75	\$4,000.00

## Budget Updates Fiscal Year: August 2020

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income .....	\$207,652.40	\$114,033.34
Operating Expenses.....	\$116,683.65	\$138,596.85

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/20	\$69,882.96
Donations	\$ 6,268.00
Expenses	\$ 0.00
<b>Balance (8/31/2020)</b>	<b>\$76,150.96</b>

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## NOTES FROM NANCIE

### What are Your Ideals?

An interesting phenomenon in these interesting days is that of how the world of professional sports has chosen to navigate the pandemic. While I am not an overt sports junkie, many I know and love are, so I am exposed to the various strategies going on right now.

Pro basketball teams have chosen to make a statement about these times by announcing various virtues and ideals on the backs of their jerseys. Instead of seeing someone's name, we now are invited into a bit of their reflection on life and on what matters.

To help us continue to look at the issues of our day in terms of racial justice and prolife concerns, we have adapted this idea and placed some of these virtues on our outdoor sign. What we are choosing to post are very Christian and Catholic ideals—life, love, justice, equality, freedom, peace, respect, responsibility—to name a few.

I hope you will find this message something to think about, pray about, and talk about.

With continued hope,  
Nancie Chmielewski

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### RIGHTEOUSNESS

Righteousness is living by a code of moral rectitude. It is practicing impeccable integrity in light of what we know is right. We don't allow the fads of the day to sway us from doing the right thing. Nor do we stand in judgment of others. We discern the lesson in the teachable moment and gently call ourselves back to the virtues. We resist being driven by our egos. We choose to be led by our souls.

The last line of the Gospel asks us to forgive from the heart. Righteousness is different from self-righteousness. It is about learning from our experiences and storing that knowledge in our hearts. Can you recall an experience that helped you learn the right thing to do? How was it easier to do the right thing after you learned this life lesson?

**SUN 13**

9:30 am Liturgy Church  
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Mass also available on:

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On Demand [heartofthenation.org](https://heartofthenation.org)

**MON 14**

**Building Closed**

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

**TUE 15**

**Building Closed**

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

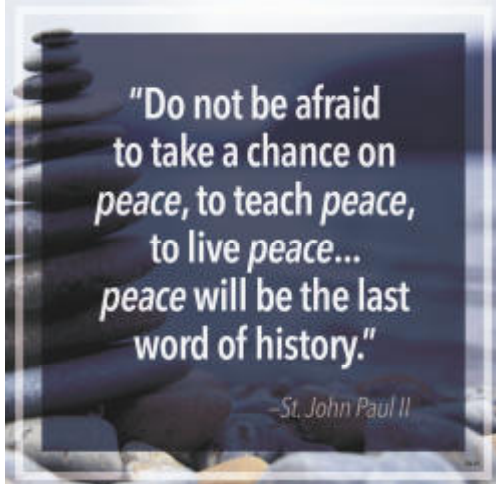
3:00 pm Food Pantry drive thru pick up in the south parking lot until 4:30 pm



## FORMATION

### GIFT Gathered as Community

How have you experienced community as you have journeyed through the last six months? Join us for the return of our parish formation program Generations In Faith Together aka GIFT on Sunday, September 20, at 11:45 am, as Br. Paul Michalenko of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity presents on the topic of How Have You Experienced Community? Br. Paul will have a short video presentation and facilitate an on-line Zoom discussion with both the full group and smaller breakout groups. You can sign up for GIFT on the parish website at [ololmke.org/gift/](http://ololmke.org/gift/) or call Steve Szymanski, Maggie Russell or Jenni Sladky with any questions.



## OUTREACH TO HAITI

### Backpacks for Haiti

For over 15 years, groups from Our Lady of Lourdes have taken backpacks to Outreach to Haiti (our twinning partner) in Port au Prince, Haiti for children in the Education Program. Our parishioners have always responded so well to our request for backpacks to take on our yearly visit to our twin.

The last two summers we were unable to take a group to Haiti. In 2019 we didn't travel due to political unrest in Haiti and this summer we were unable to visit with a group again due to COVID-19 (both here and there). Instead of taking backpacks down, we sent money to Outreach to Haiti's Connecticut Office to have them purchase and ship backpacks for us.

We have been told so many times over the years how much it means to the Haitian students we sponsor to have a new backpack to start the school year with. They are just so thankful to Our Lady of Lourdes and our parishioners' generosity.

Since we aren't asking for backpacks this year, we would accept donations to our Haiti Fund if you would like to contribute to our effort of support this summer.

Meci ampil (Thank you very much)!



## WED 16

## THU 17

## FRI 18

**Building Open**  
**9:00 am–3:00 pm**  
 Use Handicapped Door

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

10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall BC

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## WORSHIP

### Coming Back to Mass in the Time of COVID-19: A Personal Perspective

I don't know about many of you, but life in the time of COVID-19 has been a little crazy for me. Trying to make decisions about what is safe and what isn't safe can be tough. When our church opened back up for Mass the first weekend in July, I was conflicted. I didn't want to take risks I would be sorry for later. Watching the recorded Mass when I had time was convenient, but I really wanted to try to go back to Mass. I was feeling incredibly isolated and needed some sense of "normalcy" in my life for my mental health. I watched the "coming back" video and was impressed and felt comfortable with the measures they were going to take for our safety, so I decided that I would try it for one weekend and see how it goes. If I didn't feel safe, I was walking out in the middle of Mass, if necessary. My health was most important.

Well, I didn't walk out, and I have been back every weekend since. I am comfortable that we check-in for contact tracing, use hand sanitizer, wear masks, practice social distancing, sanitize the church after Mass, and keep each other safe. Our staff has taken great care to make sure it is a safe environment for us to worship as community.

Church isn't exactly the same as it was BC (before COVID), but it feels good to be back in church! It is good to see some of the familiar faces I have grown to love as my church family.

I am incredibly grateful to the staff for their research and diligence in keeping us safe! I encourage you if you are thinking about it to try it one weekend the same way I did. If you are not comfortable, feel free to leave right away. Your comfort is most important in returning back to for Mass. Until I see you again, please know that I am praying for our entire OLOL community—for your safety and your health during these crazy times!

Take care!  
Tanya Gross

## OUTREACH

### From St. Vincent de Paul

The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We want to help!

### 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 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](http://ololmke.org/food-pantry).

# SAT 19

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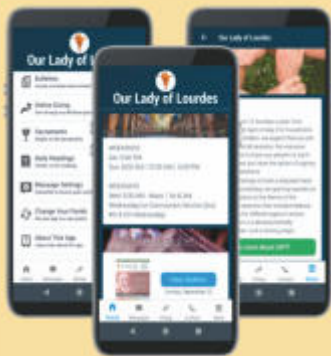


## COMMUNICATIONS

## 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/](http://ololmke.org/allabouttheapp/). Please use this link to learn how to personalize the push notifications the parish sends out.



### A virtual art fair? How does that work?

Oktoberfest Artisan Fair will be present on Milwaukee's own BoothCentral live on Saturday, October 10, from 12:00 pm–4:00 pm. The link will be posted on the OLOL Oktoberfest webpage. Each artist will have a booth visible when you log into the site. You can either enter the booth to view their items for sale or you can click on a link and actually chat with the artist live. Perhaps you want to commission art, or a different color or size, just ask! Check-in with our friends from past Oktoberfests and meet new artists.

- Shop virtually for presents from the comfort of your home.
- Form a party with your “bubble” family and shop together.
- Invite your friends from across the country to join you at the same time and be in the same chat room with an artist.

If you are an artist, or know an artist, who would like to participate, the directions are on [ololmke.org/Oktoberfest](http://ololmke.org/Oktoberfest) and applications are being considered until September 27, 2020. This is a juried art event.

We are able to continue our commitment to valuing God among us in the form of talent and our respect for social justice in the support of small business owners. Therefore we are providing this service to the artists for the nominal fee charged by Booth Central.

Please join us in trying something new!  
Oktoberfest Artisan Fair Team

## 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.

Registration can be done online at [ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/](http://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/)

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