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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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“Which of the two did his father’s will?” They answered, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.” - Mt 21:31

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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 5:00 PM

SUN 9:30 AM

Capacity limited to 125 people during social distancing. Reservation required to attend Mass.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Parish Support - September 2020

	ACTUAL <i>as of 9/18/20</i>	BUDGETED <i>for Sept.</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$52,198.50	\$55,000.00
Offertory	\$354.75	\$4,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: September 2020

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$264,188.65	\$180,320.01
Operating Expenses.....	\$144,663.27	\$201,467.07

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/20	\$69,882.96
Donations	\$ 8,165.50
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Balance (9/18/2020)	\$78,048.46

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NOTES FROM NANCIE

Forming a Conscience

Two items are looming over us and both require us each to revisit the idea of forming one's conscience. Those items are returning to Mass and our upcoming presidential election. Much ink has been spent of both of these issues, especially the latter, so I offer this reflection in the hopes of each of us coming to some inner peace with these decisions. The following is from the USCCB:

“The bishops do not tell Catholics how to vote; the responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience, aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection. When morally flawed laws already exist, prudential judgment is needed to determine how to do what is possible to restore justice—even if partially or gradually—without ever abandoning a moral commitment to full protection for all human life from conception to natural death (see St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 73). Prudential judgment is also needed to determine the best way to promote the common good in areas such as housing, health care, and immigration. When church leaders make judgments about how to apply Catholic teaching to specific policies, this may not carry the same binding authority as universal moral principles but cannot be dismissed as one political opinion among others. These moral applications should inform the consciences and guide the actions of Catholics. As Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support. Yet a candidate's position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support.”

I realize that in sharing this last paragraph, I am not offering a clear cut answer. That is the role of each of us spending time with prudence (prayer, discussion with those who understand a particular issue or concern, consultation of scripture, tradition and teaching of the Church, more prayer and information gathering from reliable sources). This process can be difficult and intense work, but I think we can all agree that some integrity is necessary as we cast our votes.

I offer a similar urging to you as you reflect on the right time to return to Mass. We do not expect or ask anyone to return if they do not feel safe, if they are ill, if they are caring for someone who is ill, if they are high risk, or especially, if they've been exposed to COVID-19 in the past few weeks. The bottom line: we all need to think and pray before we act.

SUN 27

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
5:30 pm WITI Fox 6

On Demand heartofthenation.org

MON 28

Building Closed

Food Pantry Drop-off
12:00 pm–3:00 pm

TUE 29

Building Closed

Food Pantry Drop-off
12:00 pm–3:00 pm

6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall A
7:00 pm Amos & Hosea Virtual

COMMUNITY LIFE

Wedding Banns

Il Stephanie Peychal &
David Gagliano

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Daniel Mrnik, Joan Ewert, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

Parish Nursing

OLOL is a host site this semester for Alverno students in nursing. They will be contacting some of our parishioners with medical concerns, similar to how our parish nurse would reach out. We hope you will be willing to work with them.

Faith and Vote Your Conscience

A virtual talk led by: Fr. Chuck Schramm & Brian Jens
Wednesday, October 7
Monday, October 12
Monday, October 19
6:30 pm–8:00 pm

To register your spot please RSVP to Brian Jens, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation at St. Matthias Catholic Parish, (414) 982-2406 or email at bjens@stmatthias-milw.org.

FORMATION

What is the Body of Christ?

The pandemic has forced us to reevaluate many aspects of our lives. What is the Eucharist to you? Join us for our virtual GIFT session on Sunday, October 4, as Nancie Chmielewski helps us to examine what the Eucharist is, and what it is not, with the aim of encouraging us to be the Eucharistic people that we are called to be. Call the Parish Office if you are not signed up for GIFT, but wish to virtually attend this session.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

COMMON GOOD

Paul said to his community in Philippi: Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

How true those words ring today! With the pandemic, the increase in awareness of police violence, racial issues, economic difficulties, wild fires and hurricanes, school and work safety issues, it is easy to concentrate on one's own problems. Let us remember that we humans are part of one great whole, and, in God's eyes, each of us is precious. That means your neighbor and, yes, your enemy, is also precious in God's eyes. The common good is good for all of us. Do your part.

WED 30

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

Food Pantry Drop-off
12:00 pm–3:00 pm

9:00 am BAAM Leadership Rm 3
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall BC
7:00 pm GIFT Core Team Virtual

THU 1

Building Closed

Food Pantry Drop-off
12:00 pm–3:00 pm

FRI 2

Building Closed

Food Pantry Drop-off
12:00 pm–3:00 pm

WORSHIP

Next Week: Three Live Liturgies!

Beginning on the weekend of October 3-4, we will be adding a second Mass on Sunday mornings. The new schedule for weekend liturgies is:

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
Sunday 10:30 am

We will continue to record liturgies for folks to view at home. We realize that it is not wise for everyone to return to in-person liturgy. Those who are older, have compromising health conditions, or who are taking care of folks in those situations are encouraged to stay home. This is not only what we believe as a parish, but it is what Archbishop ListECKI has maintained since parishes began opening this summer. Your health and safety is paramount to any other issues.

Next week – we need help!

So far, we have been able to keep everyone safe who attends weekend liturgy. A major component of the safety measures employed is having everyone in the worship space sit six feet apart. For that we need ushers. Now that we are adding a liturgy, the need is greater. We invite you to consider ministering to our community in this way. It takes only a little extra time, and we will train you in everything you need to know. It's a lovely way to serve our parish family. Please contact Deb Steppe if you are interested in helping us out. Thank you!

A/V Ministry—During this time of limited capacity in church, the A/V Ministry is in need of people to run the PowerPoint slides for music lyrics during Mass. This ministry provides its own social distancing behind the A/V desk. All Masses can use some help, but 5:00 pm and 8:00 am Masses are in particular need of ministers. A knowledge of how to press buttons on a remote and laptop is needed. All other training is provided. Please contact Marc Puechner if you are interested in helping out.

Next week – Blessing of Animals!

In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment, we will have our annual blessing of our pets. This will take place on Saturday, October 3 at 10:00 am. We will gather outside near the labyrinth. All are welcome.

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospel today is a great example of saying, "actions speak louder than words."

As you put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's poor box, know that you are putting your faith into action.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: September 29 and October 27

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 **really, really needed** includes vegetables (all varieties), bottled juice, soups both condensed and ready to serve, Chef Boy R Dee, facial tissue, and paper towel. (Updated as of 9/17/20.) **Please watch the expiration dates.** Non-perishable items only, please. Learn more at ololmke.org/food-pantry.

SAT 3

9:00 am 7th Gr. Retreat Virtual
10:00 am Animal Blessing Outside
5:00 pm Liturgy Church
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SUN 4

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COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Throughout October (and maybe beyond) look here for tips to keep your personal information safe online, especially as we approach the Christmas shopping season.



Play and Pray at Oktoberfest Artisan Fair!

Yes, there will be a polka mass on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 10:30 am. Because of our guest COVID-19, we will forgo the big band, but the music will be all polka and joy. Did you know that many of the songs are composed by our parishioner George Strnad? Please follow the same process for registering for these liturgies as for other masses.

The Art Guild will be posting virtual ideas for art projects to complete at home with your family. Directions will be posted on ololmke.org/oktoberfest.

Community gathering. We cannot be together in one physical space, but we can be together virtually. We are asking families/parishioners to send in photos of themselves so that we can put together presentations to share on the Booth Central Art Fair page, Facebook, and the OLOL website. Ideas to send include

- Fun at past Oktoberfests
- Creating art together with family and friend (gardening, cooking, crafts, painting, music etc.)

Please send to tanyamg69@hotmail.com subject line "PICS FOR OKTOBERFEST" and only include people who give their permission to have their photos submitted. Preferred by October 1.

Let's be community virtually!
Oktoberfest Artisan Fair Team

DISCIPLESHIP

How Catholics Can Combat Racism and White Privilege

Virtual discussion on Zoom

Facilitators: Discipleship Institute Team

Discussion Dates: Monday, October 5, Wednesday, October 7, Monday, October 12, Wednesday, October 14

In preparation, go to YouTube and watch, "How the Church Combats Racism and White Privilege: An Interview with Fr. Bryan Massingale."

Choose the date that works best for your schedule. All discussions begin promptly at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Watch the video and come prepared to share your thoughts and ask your questions.

You can register online at www.ololmke.org/discipleship-institute or by calling the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316. Email addresses are required for registration.

Zoom is very easy. You can use a computer, laptop, iPad, iPhone, or Android device to join in the discussions. When you register please provide your email address. A link will then be sent to you to join in the discussion on your appointed day and time. If you would like assistance, please indicate your need when you register. A Discipleship Institute team member will get back to you and happily assist.

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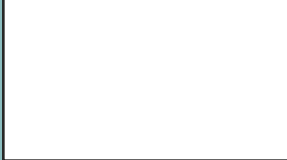
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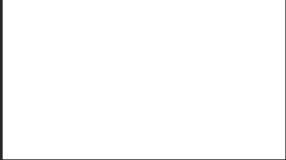
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