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The Baptism of the Lord



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 5:00 PM

SUN 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

Capacity limited to 100 people during social distancing. Reservation required to attend Mass.

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OLOL STEWARDSHIP

The Generosity of Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners is AWESOME!

Even though our annual mitten drive and giving tree Advent projects have had to take on a new look this year, your generosity is **AWESOME!!!** We were able to collect a bountiful amount of mittens, hats, and scarves to help those less fortunate stay warm as we enter the cold, winter months.

In addition, we collected over \$6,000 for the giving tree which was divided between the parishes of St. Hyacinth and Prince of Peace. Both parishes are overwhelmed with the generosity of OLOL.

We are very grateful to our generous parishioners who continue to support all our ministries on an ongoing basis (i.e. Food Pantry, House of Peace Food boxes, St. Ben's, Haiti, parish stewardship, etc.) during this uncertain journey with your time, talent, and financial support.

The Our Lady of Lourdes community continues to have a significant impact in supporting families during these unprecedented times. We can thank our Lord for helping us spread joy and love to our extended communities. God is with us...Emmanuel!

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

IDEALISM

Idealism is having a vision of what is possible and wanting to make a difference. It is caring passionately about what is meaningful in life. Idealists see things as they could be and have faith in the power of change. We put our principles into practice. We act to make things better. We make the ideal real.

What John the Baptist told his followers became real in the Gospel today. Today, as babies, children and adults are baptized does it make a difference? How does the Christian community of disciples encourage and support these new Christians? How do you share what you are passionate about on your faith journey?

SUN 10

MON 11

TUE 12

8:00 am Liturgy Church
RESERVATION REQUIRED
10:30 am Liturgy Church
RESERVATION REQUIRED
11:45 am GIFT Virtual
Sunday Mass Video on ololmke.org

Building Closed

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

6:30 pm Building & Grounds Mtg. Rm 3

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6:00 pm SVDP Mtg. Rm 3
6:30 pm Discipleship Institute Team Mtg. Virtual
7:00 pm TAG Virtual

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Did you know?

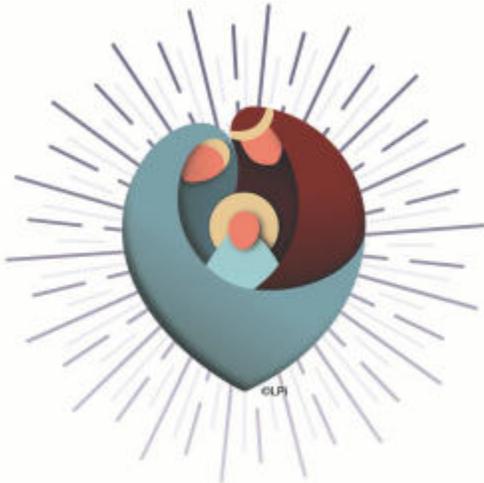
The CARES Act will allow taxpayers to deduct donations to charity of up to \$300 on their 2020 federal tax return, even though they take the standard deduction. The new law allows all taxpayers to take a charitable deduction even if you do not itemize.

GIFT

When the way forward is uncertain, Love. When you feel trapped, Love. When chaos abounds, Love. When racial tensions and injustices go ignored, Love. These times are no different than “those” times when Jesus asked the disciples to love one another. Jesus called His followers to a way of living. *They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love* is a discussion not on the feelings of love, but on the action of Love—our living.

Stay tuned for more ...

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP



When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.”

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply—it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

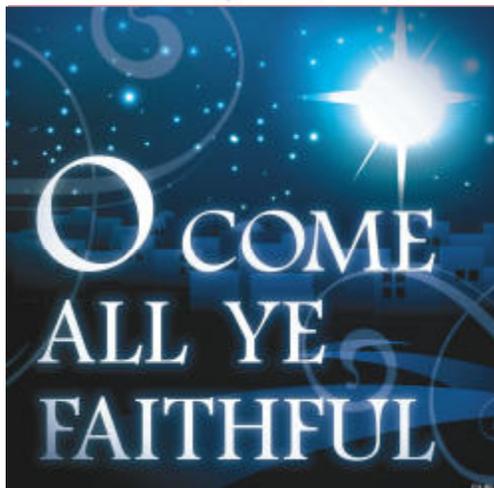
But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something—the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker—for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that. We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WED 13

THU 14

FRI 15

**Building Open
9:00 am–3:00 pm**

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

6:00 pm Baptism Prep Virtual

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WORSHIP

New Ministry Opportunities—Weekend Hospitality

We are looking for folks to take care of a few things for weekend liturgies. There are three areas in which we need help:

- One person to greet people at the door and share some hand sanitizer.
- One person at the check-in desk to record who attends (a detailed list to use to check off names will be happily provided).
- One person to roll out the sanitizing cart after the liturgy ends to oversee the “spritzing” of the chairs. (Chocolate will be provided by the Director of Liturgical Ministries).

This is a serious ministry because of the pandemic. We need to reduce the risk of infection to the best of our ability and we need to keep track of who is in the building so that, in the event of an infection, we can provide contact tracing.

This is also a really fun ministry. It is such a gift to be able to greet members of our parish community every week.

If you are interested in this new ministry, please complete an availability form. The forms are available at the check-in desk or online at ololmke.org/liturgical-ministries/.

Thank you!

In the Midst of Winter

Lord: In the midst of winter,
when the days are cold and wind can pierce remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of winter, when days are short, dawn comes late,
and dusk arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.
In the midst of winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth,
when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak
remind us that Easter is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter,
reach out to us with the power of your resurrection
so that we may feel the warmth of your love
and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.

Cal Wick

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates:

January 19, February 2, 16

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.

Most needed items: canned vegetables (all varieties), canned meats, canned fruit, condensed soup, Chef Boy R Dee (updated 12/21/20). Please watch the expiration dates. Non-perishable items only, please. Learn more at ololmke.org/food-pantry.

SAT 16

5:00 pm Liturgy (Baptisms) Church
RESERVATION REQUIRED

Sunday Mass Video on ololmke.org

SUN 17

8:00 am Liturgy Church
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COMMUNICATIONS

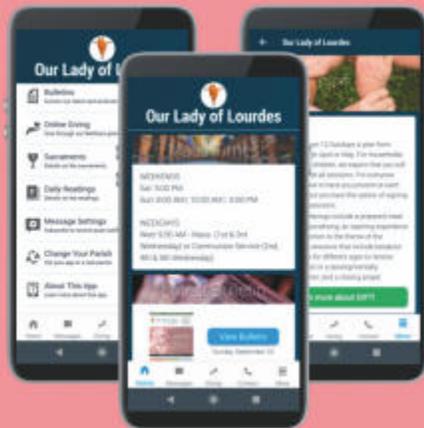
SPOTLIGHT

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. Search “Milwaukee” if you are having trouble finding our parish.

Full details at ololmke.org/AllAboutTheApp



Notes from Nancie...Rebuilding

*“Then I explained to them how God had shown his gracious favor to me, and what the king had said to me. They replied, “Let us begin building!”
And they undertook the work with vigor. (Neh 2:18)*

Last year at this time, I shared with you the start of two processes that would help us look at how we could define ourselves as church, going forward. And then, COVID-19 became a reality and we know how that story unfolded and continues to unfold! In that light, I am asking our Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Pastoral Staff to come together (via Zoom) for a morning of dreaming us forward. Specifically, what does a post pandemic parish look like? We will gather on January 23 to begin this process of dreaming and goal setting. Additionally, we will create a process for all of you to share your thoughts on this important vision making action. Watch here for further news.

In the meantime, let us all pray for God’s great Spirit to guide us and lead us as we continue to create ways to be a community of faith.

Peace and all good,
Nancie Chmielewski

DISCIPLESHIP

STAFF EMAIL

Now the Work of Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

By Howard Thurman

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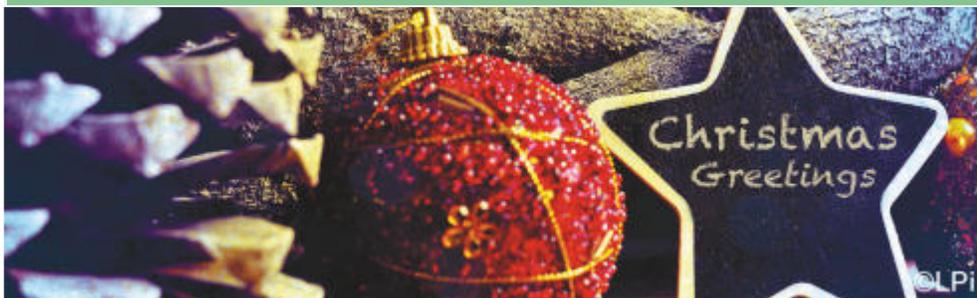
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