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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

THANKFULNESS

Thankfulness is gratitude for all the bounties of life. Expressing thanks connects us to others and brings them joy. Each day, we find a moment to count our blessings. Reflecting on the treasures in our lives lifts our spirits. Thankfulness soothes our sadness and restores our hope. It gives us perspective. Thankfulness is a path to contentment.

As the parish celebrates all who serve and help build community at Our Lady of Lourdes this weekend, is there someone at the parish you would like to thank?

Is there someone at home or in your family that you could thank?

Can you take the time to do this?

THANK YOU FROM NANCIE

This bulletin is offered to you all as an attempt to say "Thank you":

- Thank you for keeping faith in God's good love and work despite the difficulties COVID-19 has presented.
- Thank you for pivoting with us as we worked to provide an opportunity to worship together, from afar.
- Thank you for entering into meetings and discussions in this format called Zoom.
- Thank you for sharing out of your personal bounty and out of pure generosity of your staples to our food pantry and to our operating budget.
- Thank you for your prayers and kind notes of support.
- Thank you for understanding when we could not offer you a funeral or a wedding in a manner you had hoped.
- Thank you for wearing a mask, sanitizing, and distancing.
- Thank you for stepping up to seat, greet, and sanitize.
- Thank you for sharing masks and other PPEs.
- Thank you for loving God in this community enough to endure and then to come home!

You all have been and continue to be in my prayers every single day. We do this as a beloved community of faith.

God's blessings,
Nancie Chmielewski

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - June 2021

	ACTUAL <i>as of 6/4/21</i>	BUDGETED <i>for June</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$9,959.00	\$50,000.00
Offertory	\$186.00	\$3,500.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: June 2021

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income.....	\$912,414.41	\$872,480.00
Operating Expenses.....	\$732,813.45	\$872,393.11

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/20	\$69,882.96
Donations	\$ 32,389.93
Expenses	\$ 2,027.87
Balance (6/4/2021)	\$100,235.02

THANK YOU!

*Our Lady of Lourdes is grateful
for your continued support
of all our ministries.
We are blessed by your generosity!*

2021 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (5/3/2021)

Donations: **\$22,504.00**
Goal is \$42,844.00.....52.53%

Donors: **153**
Goal is 1,078.....14.19%

DECIDE TO LEAD

www.CatholicAppeal.org

SUN 13

8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy Church

MON 14

1:00 pm Social Justice Mtg. Virtual
6:30 pm Building & Grounds Rm 3

TUE 15

10:00 am SVDP Mtg. Rm 3
6:30 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall A

THANK YOU FROM FORMATION MINISTRY

“Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

This past year, in the midst of a pandemic, it was very difficult to leave fear behind. However, when we look to Isaiah 41:10, we can take comfort in knowing that God will provide. And did He ever! He provided us with you. Our formation ministries would have never been able to expand into the virtual world without you!

GIFT

With the help of our GIFT Core Team, GIFT presenters, the Discipleship Institute, catechists, substitute catechists, and GIFT participants, our intergenerational formation program was able to soar to new highs in our first ever virtual year. Serving our community looked a little different this year and yet you still made it happen! Thank you to all of those who donated, sorted, and packed our House of Peace food boxes. This year our theme was Gathered as Community and thanks to each of you our community flourished. **THANK YOU** for making GIFT possible!

Child Ministry

When the pandemic hit a month prior to Easter in 2020, we quickly made some videos sharing the Triduum stories with the children of OLOL. This led us to start offering CLOW (Children’s Liturgy of the Word) virtually each week. This effort would not have been possible without our amazingly gifted CLOW ministers stepping out of their comfort zones and creating fantastic recordings of the readings and reflections on scripture. We also had tremendous assistance from OLOL Communications and Technology for taking recordings and pictures and producing excellent videos to share the stories of our faith with the children of our community. Also, our Sacrament Prep parents in both 2019-20 & 2020-21 met the challenge of the pandemic and prepared their children for joyous celebrations of the sacraments of reconciliation and first Eucharist. **THANK YOU** all for helping the children of OLOL walk The Way of Jesus.

Youth Ministry

Inspired by GIFT, this year TAG focused on celebrating the community of young people that gathered at our virtual meetings. That community would be nonexistent without the youth that participated and those who helped plan our events. Thanks to those who organized, participated in, and donated to our Fleece Blanket Drive we were able to serve others from the comfort and safety of our own homes this year. While we did spend the majority of our year in our homes, we were able to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation in person. This could not have happened without the confirmation candidates and their families, their sponsors, the Worship Team, our musicians, ushers, catechists and all of those who attended or helped plan the confirmation liturgy. **THANK YOU** for making our youth ministries possible!

Adult Ministry

Our RCIA team spent the year waiting in the wings but they were ready to welcome a new parishioner to our OLOL family at a moment’s notice! The Discipleship Institute, Women’s Spirituality Group, and Faith Sharing Group fostered a virtual community amongst many of our parishioners. Thank you to both those who lead and participated in this prayerful ministry. While our Young Adult and Families Group did not get off the ground this year, it will next year thanks to all of those who helped brainstorm and plan a direction for this ministry. **THANK YOU** for making our adult ministries possible!

When we put fear aside, we are able to celebrate all of the goodness God has provided for us. This year, you all shared immense patience, fortitude, kindness, and love within all of our formation ministries. They simply would not have existed without you. Thank you for gathering together and allowing this faith community to grow in unexpected and wondrous ways! **THANK YOU!**

*“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.”
Philippians 4:4-5*

WED 16	THU 17	FRI 18
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C 1:00 pm Fratelli Tutti Study Group Virtual		Office Closed 9:00 am Birmingham Visitation 10:00 am Birmingham Funeral

THANK YOU FROM WORSHIP MINISTRY

Thank you to the amazing ministers who have made our liturgies possible, safe, and beautiful!

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| *Presiders | *In-person lectors | *Lectors who worked from home |
| *Sacristans | *Check-in desk ministers | *Hand-spritzers |
| *Chair spritzing ministers | *Eucharistic ministers | *Movement ministers |
| *Young artists who created Lent art for our bulletin and worship space | *Artists who created the Stations of the Cross this year | *Artists whose work was featured in the slide presentations for online liturgies |
| *Funeral servers | *Funeral sacristans | *Ushers |
| *Ministers who laundered purificators | *Mask makers | *Hand sanitizer donators |
| *Christmas tree ministers | *Easter Vigil Candle ministers | *Easter Vigil "snuffing" ministers |
| *Lazarus Committee ministers | *Holy Thursday Foot Washers | *Holy Thursday launderers |
| *Video Ministers | *Liturgical environment ministers | |

I am so very grateful for the energy, enthusiasm and kindnesses you all have shown in this pandemic year.
Deb

THANK YOU FROM STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

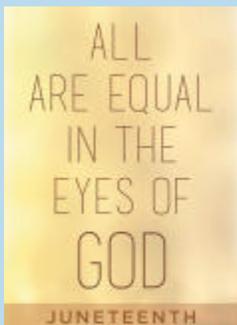
"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." Mark 4:30-32

THANK YOU seems such an insignificant phrase to use for all that our volunteers have done to grow in their personal discipleship journey and to keep OLOL a vibrant community during the pandemic. As we hear in today's gospel reading, it is sometimes the smallest word or gesture done out of love for others which can have the greatest impact. The financial support by our parishioners has enabled us to continue our ministries in new and innovative ways. We appreciate the help extended to OLOL by those who have counted the weekly contributions, sent out communications to keep our parishioners informed, and helped answer phones. We are grateful to those who helped the larger community through our Human Concerns collections, St. Vincent de Paul Society conference, OLOL Food Pantry, and blood drives. The ground we enrich with each of these small individual seeds extends way beyond the walls of the Our Lady of Lourdes building. No words can express the gratitude the staff has to all of you. If you see someone spreading seeds, please encourage and acknowledge their goodness with a simple, "Thank you!"

SAT 19

5:00 pm Liturgy

Church



SUN 20

8:00 am Liturgy
10:30 am Liturgy

Church
Church



COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Ronnie Embrick and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

THANK YOU FROM MUSIC MINISTRY

*“We are many parts, we are all one body
And the gifts we have, we are given to share”*

And you did.

YOU are the reason we continued to praise God in song this entire year+. In so many ways during the lockdown, closed doors, gradual re-opening, shifting and reassessing and shifting again, **YOU** made these things happen:

- Working with Peg Kasun (thank you, Peg!) from the very beginning
- Recording individually from your homes, adding your own creative flair
- Virtual recordings with each other
- In-person mass recordings available to people worldwide
- In-person liturgies, with anywhere from 1-10 musicians and singers
- Para-liturgies during Lent
- Background music for the picture slideshows
- Special music for dancers
- Learning new music on your own
- Going beyond the music – sanitizing, organizing, filing, printing
- Singing with a mask, which, let’s be honest, is exhausting
- Funerals
- Special liturgies

Who are **YOU**?

- Singers and Instrumentalists (guitars, strings, horns, organ, drums, and all those toys)
- Adults and youth and kids
- Men and women
- Ministers who stayed home and those who came to the church building
- Those who helped cover the weekly masses
- Those who accepted the invitation to add your unique gifts (please come again)
- Parishioners and friends outside of OLOL
- Members of all the groups on hold, who participated from home and/or the pews—we anxiously await your return
- People of incredible faith who share that faith so generously through your love of music

What do we appreciate about **YOU**?

- Your smiles (we knew they were there even when we couldn’t see them)
- Your hard work
- Your incredible flexibility
- Your willingness to jump in when someone had to cancel
- Your playfulness
- Your spirit
- Your genuine love of what you do
- You all contributed in the way that felt right to you in a very crazy year

Could we have done all of this without **YOU**? Absolutely not!!! So thank you to all of **YOU**, for making our jobs more enjoyable than we could ever imagine. Music Ministry is alive and well, and we look forward to discovering what we can do this next year!!

Julie & Anne

THANKS FROM A/V

When we had to shut the building down all those months ago, we hit the ground running due to those who brought their gifts by recording pieces of prayer services and liturgies at home and then sending them via email to be put together.

Once we were allowed back into the building in small numbers, again people stepped forward to help us record Mass. We chose to record rather than live-stream so that those at home could have an easy one-click experience without having to worry if the Mass would cut out on them in the middle of the service. We had a number of hiccups. We had some big goof-ups. We got better after each one. We learned and adjusted and got to the point of no big mistakes so that even recording Mass felt like going to church.

We wanted to provide more content for people beyond Mass, so Wednesday Table Reflections and Children’s Liturgy of the Word were started. Again, people stepped forward to lend their voices and reflections.

Then, once we were able to safely have live Mass again, more people stepped forward to show lyrics on the screens so we didn’t need to waste paper and broadcast into overflow when our numbers were able to increase.

To all the lectors, musicians, cantors, and presiders during all of our recorded sessions, whether done at home or at church—**THANK YOU!**

To all those who shared their talents for Children’s Liturgy of the Word and Wednesday Table Reflections—**THANK YOU!**

To the A/V Ministry team, for your time and dedication to being behind the desk, learning on the fly, and making last minute adjustments—**THANK YOU!**

Marc

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