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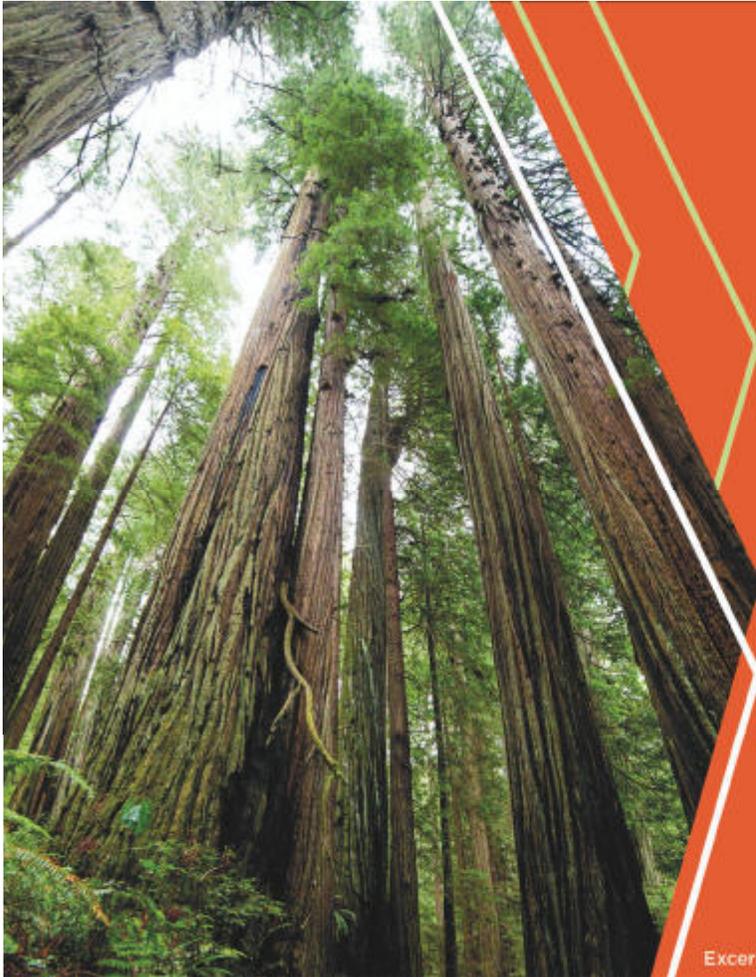
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath
came he began to
teach in the synagogue,
and many who heard
him were astonished.
They said, "Where did
this man get all this?
What kind of wisdom
has been given him?
What mighty deeds are
wrought by his hands!"
- Mk 6:2

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SAT 5:00 PM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - June 2021

	ACTUAL <i>as of 6/25/21</i>	BUDGETED <i>for June</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$53,930.00	\$50,000.00
Offertory	\$807.25	\$3,500.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: June 2021

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$957,286.66	\$872,480.00
Operating Expenses.....	\$769,280.55	\$872,393.11

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/20	\$69,882.96
Donations	\$ 34,146.43
Expenses	<u>\$ 4,194.59</u>
Balance (6/25/2021)	\$99,834.80

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 (6/7/2021)

Donations:..... **\$24,545.00**
Goal is \$42,844.00 57.08%

Donors:..... **165**
Goal is 1,078 15.31%

DECIDE TO LEAD

www.CatholicAppeal.org

NOTES FROM NANCIE

The Common Good

One year ago, this weekend, we opened our doors to welcome people safely back to in-person liturgy. Remember how odd it was to wear masks, sit apart from one another, avoid excess talking and singing, and feeling unsure as to how to do anything? And yet, we figured it out, doing for each other and praying together in a way befitting the common good.

I have wondered about this idea of the common good for quite some time now. What exactly does it mean? Being a dictionary nerd, I looked it up—"The advantage or benefit of all people in society or in a group: In spite of our differences, we shall work for the common good."

We are celebrating a national holiday announcing our independence. What seems to be missing in our interpretation of this holiday is that freedom comes with responsibility, and that responsibility looks to the good of our neighbor in all of our decisions and choices.

Isn't this also at the heart of our self-understanding as Christians? The idea of laying down one's life for a friend is central to all we say we are.

I pray that we can set aside our egos for a bit and look around—who is hurting and why? Who is in need and why? What is the call upon my life as disciples of Christ to respond to the common good?

With blessings,
Nancie Chmielewski

Errata...The June Stewardship letter listed Mother of Perpetual Help Parish (the old Mary Queen of Heaven) at an incorrect address. It is located on 106th and Lincoln and offers a 7:00 pm Sunday evening liturgy.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

UNDERSTANDING

Understanding is having a clear insight into ideas and feelings. We thoughtfully seek to comprehend the full truth. We are mindful of what is most important. We are deeply present to others with compassion and accuracy, helping them to discern their own clarity. We treasure knowledge and use our minds as tools to explore what is real and true. We cherish the ability to see the whole picture.

Those who question Jesus in the Gospel do not understand that God is his teacher and the source of his power. Misunderstanding seems easier than understanding.

How can you work to truly understand something you question?

SUN 4

MON 5

TUE 6

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

Building Closed

6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall A



COMMUNITY LIFE

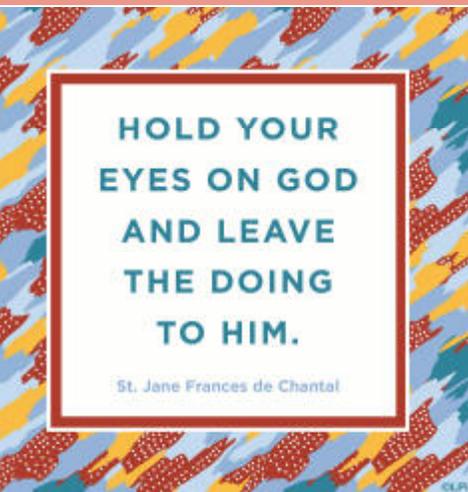
Renewing Faith and Ministry

The Saint Clare Center at Cardinal Stritch University offers affordable continuing education courses for adult Catholics who want to learn more about their faith so that they can serve better in their parishes.

Fall courses include:

- Overview of the Old Testament
- Morality & Catholic Social Teaching
- Catholic Responses to Racial Injustice
- Exploring the Vision of Pope Francis

For more information, contact Michael Taylor at mvtaylor@stritch.edu, or go to www.stritch.edu/SCC.



FORMATION

Long Overdue Thank You to our Formation Childcare Helpers

Way back when, before the pandemic, we had a seemingly normal year in formation. After the pandemic arrived, change and adaptation became the order of the day. One of the casualties of the pandemic was that none of our many formation disciples were properly recognized. Although tardy, we wish to acknowledge the many people who work to form our community in following The Way of Christ Jesus. This week, we thank our formation childcare helpers during the 2019-2020 formation year. This includes helping at GIFT, Sacrament Prep, Baptism Prep, and during the parish mission. Blessings and thanks to you all!

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HELP US SHAPE OUR FUTURE

What does emerging from the pandemic mean? What have we learned in the past 16 months? Business as usual is not necessarily the best way to do things. We are better connected via technology, but we also long to see each other in person. We can meet easily virtually and save wear and tear on our campus and utility bills. We also, sadly realize, that there are folks who have taken leave of churches throughout the world. We will not be exempted, but this is a golden time to ask, what do we need to shed, or where we might grow? How might we connect with those folks who have deep spiritual needs and want to live that out, but who have not felt welcomed by the institutional church? How might we all truly become disciples in our prayer, our gathering, and our taking forward?

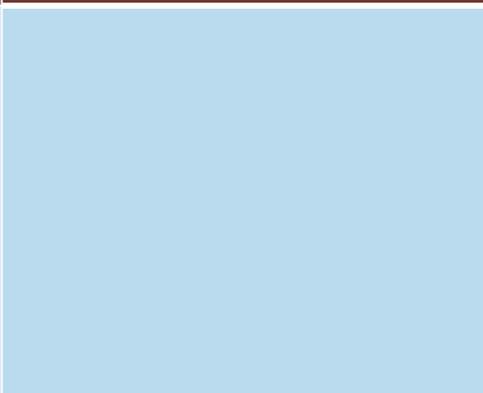
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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OLOLfuture>

WED 7

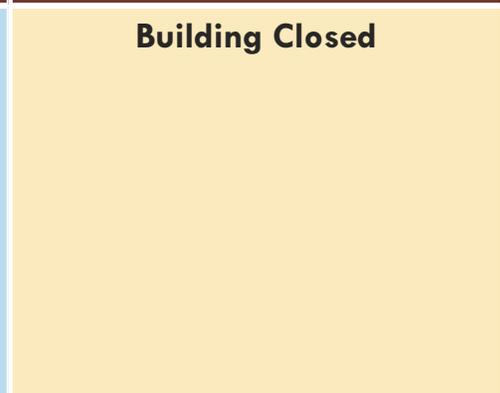
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
1:00 pm *Fratelli Tutti*
Study Group Virtual

THU 8



FRI 9

Building Closed



WORSHIP

Scripture Reflection

All three of today's readings focus on the challenges of being a prophet. I don't know about you, but all the things I was taught during my Catholic grade school days about prophets, and all the things I have read since then has not made me proclaim, "yes, I want to be a prophet when I grow up!" Who wants to be mocked, ignored, ridiculed, and persecuted while trying to share God's message with a group of people? No one says, "sign me up for that job!"

Why? Because being a prophet is hard work. The message that prophets are asked to deliver to people at whatever time in history is not a message that people typically want to hear. We heard in today's reading that the people in Ezekiel's time were stubborn, obstinate, and rebellious. They would not happily accept the message he was delivering from God. The people that Paul was hanging around with weren't much better. They threw insults at him and persecuted him for proclaiming God's word. Then, in Mark's Gospel, we read that even the people in Jesus' hometown weren't believing what he had to say. They were probably thinking "who does this guy think he is teaching in the synagogue and talking about God? He's a carpenter. What would he know?" So, they rejected his teaching.

As I reflected on these readings, I wondered how often I have rejected a prophet in my own midst. How often have I been disbelieving when someone tried to speak God's message to me? Do I think, like the people in Jesus' time, what would this (insert here—child, homeless person, woman, black man, immigrant, business owner, etc.) know about my God? Do I listen for prophets in my life, or do I have a pre-conceived notion of the people in my circle who would be able to speak authoritatively about God and disregard anyone else who God might be using in my life to deliver a message? If we say all are welcome, don't we need to welcome the prophets as well?

Tanya Gross,
OLOL Parishioner

HONOR

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." - Mk 6:4

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, the people exclaim, "What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" Because of your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul many "mighty deeds" are accomplished for the poor.

This week, put a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box knowing that through your kindness someone who is suffering will be touched by God in a miraculous way.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: July 20

We are now welcoming our families back into the building. They are able to select their own products and we are able to catch up with their news of the last 16 months. Meeting and greeting are very important parts of our ministry.

Most needed items: Knorr sides (pasta and rice), canned meats, and pasta sauce. Please watch the expiration dates. Non-perishable items only, please.

We currently have more than enough brown paper grocery bags. **Please hold off on donating more.** We will let you know when we are in need again. Thank you so much for your generosity.

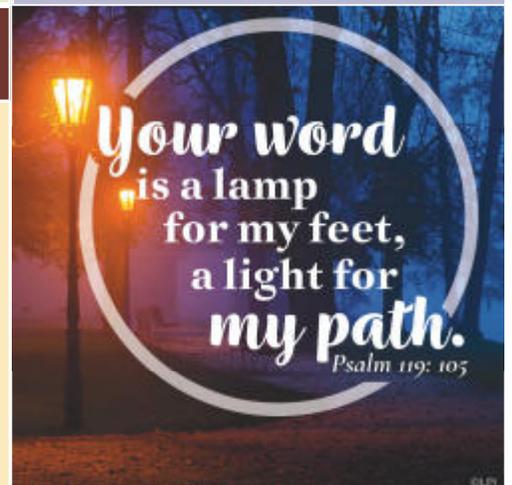
Learn more at ololmke.org/food-pantry

SAT 10

10:00 am Yoga in the Garden Garden Church
5:00 pm Liturgy Church

SUN 11

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



COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

OLOL App Notifications

The OLOL app puts notifications in your control. There is a General group that we use to push info out to all users, like weather closings and Wednesday Table Reflections. There are also group specific notifications. For example, GIFT, Oktoberfest, and the Discipleship Institute can all push out ministry specific announcements through the app. You as the user can choose whether or not you want to receive the notifications from your ministry of interest.

To access the Notifications section of the app, tap the "More" icon (three lines stacked on top of each other) in the bottom right-hand corner. Select "Message Settings" and then choose the groups you want to receive notifications about. Gray = off. Green = on.

What is Freedom to Me

Freedom is a condition in which people have the opportunity to speak, act, and pursue happiness without unnecessary external restrictions. Freedom is important because it leads to enhanced expressions of creativity and original thought, increased productivity, and an overall higher quality of life. Freedom is the right to be yourself. Freedom is the choice to live one's life doing what one wants, live where one wants, eat by one's own choice, and learn what one's heart desires. It is your birthright to make your own decisions and choose your own path.

With freedom comes responsibility, accepting consequences of our choices and to respect and protect each other's freedoms. Having freedom means not just doing whatever we want, but being considerate of how our actions affect others. Knowing how to act and respond better the next time, being polite, using respectable words, being calm, and respecting others opinions.

Martin Luther King, Jr. in his "I Have A Dream Speech" states, "I still have a dream, a dream deeply rooted in the American dream—one day this nation will rise up and live up to its creed, 'We hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal.'"

Freedom is defined as the power or right to act, speak, or think without hindrance or restraint. That completely wraps up everything Christ has done for us. There is only one thing left for you to do. Live Galatians 5:1: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."

Roxanne Lewandowski
Pastoral Council Member

DISCIPLESHIP

STAFF EMAIL

A Disciple's Prayer for our Nation

Good and gracious God, you have promised to make all things new.
Restore peace where there has been hatred.
Reduce tension where there has been anger.
Rekindle friendship where there has been enmity.
Relieve suffering where there has been violence.
Recreate a united nation dear God, for the good of all people and for the peace of the world.
We ask this as disciples of Jesus Christ, who is our true freedom.
Amen!

Behold how good and how pleasant it is when people come together and dwell in unity! (Psalm 133:1)

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