

JULY 18, 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32

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SAT 5:00 PM

SUN 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - June 2021

| | ACTUAL <i>as of 6/30/21</i> | BUDGETED <i>for June</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Reg. Envelopes | \$62,978.00 | \$50,000.00 |
| Offertory | \$1,132.25 | \$3,500.00 |

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: June 2021

| | ACTUAL | BUDGETED |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Operating Income | \$966,750.15 | \$872,480.00 |
| Operating Expenses..... | \$809,578.90 | \$872,393.11 |

Improvement Fund Updates

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Beg. Balance 7/1/20 | \$69,882.96 |
| Donations | \$ 35,116.43 |
| Expenses | <u>\$ 4,194.59</u> |
| Balance (6/30/2021) | \$100,804.80 |

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

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NOTES FROM NANCIE

Shepherds and Prophets

These last weeks, we have heard much in our scriptures on prophets and shepherds. I wonder, do we relate in any way to these images today? The people 2000–3000 years ago understood the reality of both these “occupations,” and neither were well loved! I know that my temptation is to think that, as a society and people, we are so much more advanced and sophisticated than this original audience, but are we?

Think of the sheepfolds we belong to—political parties, church denominations and congregations, Facebook groups, and neighborhood swap and meet groups, to name a few. We continue to gather and need someone to shepherd us in a loving direction.

Prophets are often the least of these, those difficult people whose presence causes us discomfort by their poverty, mental illness, physical deformity, and lack of personal hygiene. Their very presence reminds us that we all belong to God, and we are all in need of someone to shepherd us towards love.

How do you hear these scriptures? Who are the prophets and shepherds you encounter?

With blessings,
Nancie Chmielewski

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

CONTENTMENT

Contentment is an awareness of sufficiency, a sense that we have enough and we are enough. It is appreciating the simple gifts of life—friendship, books, a good laugh, a moment of beauty, and on and on. Being contented, we are free from the pull of greed and longing. We experience satisfaction and are fully present in the moment. Being contented we have a place to stand and view the future with a peaceful heart and gratitude for all that is and all that will be.

The Gospel invites, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest for a while.”

Where is your place of rest? Can you access it when you need contentment?

SUN 18

MON 19

TUE 20

Children's Sock & Underwear Collection
8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy Church

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|--------------------------------|---------|
| 3:00 pm Food Pantry | Rm 7 |
| 7:00 pm Discipleship Institute | Virtual |
| Cmte. Mtg. | |

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Wedding Banns

I Yosmary Godkin & Phil Godkin

Deacon Information Session

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Office of Diaconate Formation will be holding an information session at St. Sebastian, 5400 W. Washington Blvd, Milwaukee, on Monday, July 26, from 6:00 pm–7:00 pm. This is a multi-parish event used to answer questions about the diaconate. If you think you might be being called to be a deacon or if you just want to find out more about serving as a deacon, please come to this session.

The time between now and Thanksgiving is a very important window for men to discern whether to apply for admission into the Aspirant Class of 2022. The application process starts in January 2022.

Thank You to our 2019-20 Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Ministers

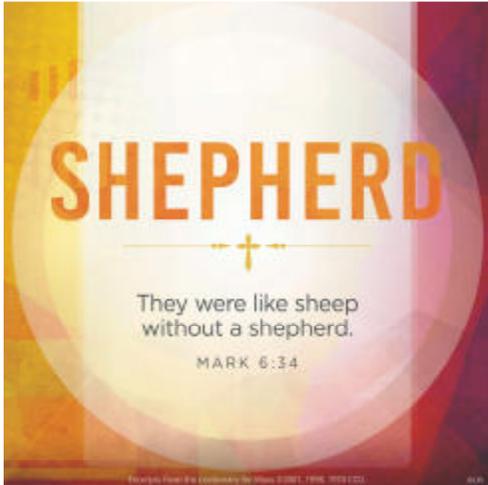
One of the casualties of the pandemic was that none of our many formation disciples were properly recognized. Although tardy, we wish to acknowledge the many people who worked to form our community in following The Way of Christ Jesus. This week, we thank our CLOW Ministers from the 2019-2020 formation year. We are grateful for your genius in sharing the Word of God with the children of OLOL.

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|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Taylor Baar | Mike Friess | Rebecca Heimerl |
| Alissa Kuszynski | Mary Lamping | Judy Meleski |
| Barb Nichols | Mary Osep | Dani Palm |
| Peg Schmus | Ralph Stewart | Rebecca Szymanski |
| Steve Szymanski | Bruce Zivney | Terri Zivney |

Is your child starting first grade this fall? Be ready for the sacraments of reconciliation and first Eucharist by enrolling in GIFT in August.

To be eligible for sacrament preparation the Archdiocese of Milwaukee requires that children be in religious formation one year prior to the year of sacrament reception. So, if your child was in five-year-old kindergarten last school year, he/she needs to participate in our formation program GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) during their first grade year, so that they can celebrate the sacraments in second grade. Be sure to enroll in GIFT in August of 2021.

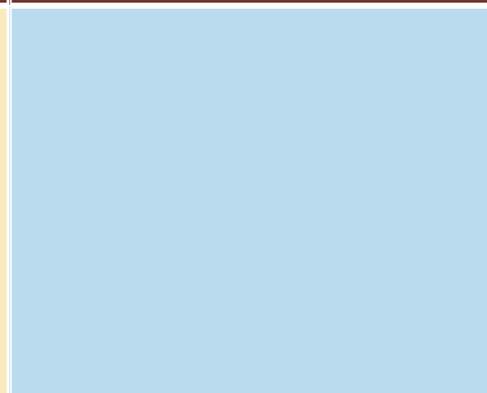
Contact Director of Child Ministry, Steve Szymanski if you have any questions.



WED 21

10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C

THU 22



FRI 23

Office Closed

6:00 pm Music Rehearsal Church
 6:00 pm Lettuce Entertain You Garden

WORSHIP

We are getting closer to our usual ways!

We have come a long way since we re-opened the church for Mass last July. The pandemic continues to wane (thank you for getting vaccinated!), and all the restrictions placed upon our gatherings have been lifted. We are ready to take a few more steps forward.

Beginning the weekend of September 4/5, at all our liturgies we will be:

- Passing the baskets for our collection
- Having a gift procession
- Having servers

In addition, we will resume communal services of the sacrament of anointing of the sick. These will take place after the 5:00 pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month beginning on September 4.

The resumption of these parts of our liturgy provides some lovely discipleship opportunities:

- Ushers! We need ushers to coordinate the collection baskets and invite parishioners to carry the gifts forward at the time of the offertory. Both new and seasoned ushers are more than welcome to return to help out with this.
- Servers! This is a wonderful discipleship opportunity for both adults and children. Note: we realize that children under 12 years old cannot yet be vaccinated, and above all, we want everyone to be safe. Therefore, we will temporarily limit servers to be 12 years old or older.

If you would like to be a part of the usher ministry, please contact Deb Steppe or speak with an usher at your next liturgy.

If you would like to be a part of the server ministry, please complete an availability form. Forms are available in the lector room or online under the "Worship" tab on our website. Thank you!

And a mystical thought:

I saw that God never began to love us...
 We have always been in God's foreknowledge, known and loved
 from without beginning...We were made for love.
 —Julian of Norwich

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Vincent de Paul, a great man of action was also a contemplative. His contemplation of God's love overflowed into practical love for the poor.

Please say a special prayer for the poor and forgotten, as you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: July 20, August 3, August 17

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 over the time we were distributing via drive-thru. Meeting and greeting are very important aspects of our ministry.

Most needed items: canned meats, bottled juice, condensed creamed soups (10 oz size). 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 24

Children's Sock & Underwear Collection
 10:00 am Marlene Mydy
 Visitation Church
 11:00 am Marlene Mydy
 Funeral Church
 5:00 pm Liturgy Church

SUN 25

Children's Sock & Underwear Collection
 8:00 am Liturgy Church
 10:30 am Liturgy Church

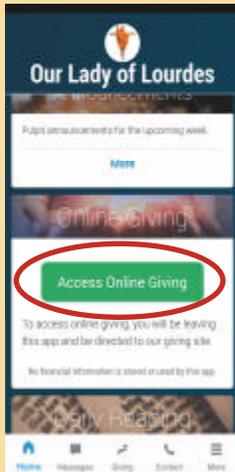
"OUR HEARTS WERE MADE
 FOR YOU, O LORD, AND
 THEY ARE RESTLESS UNTIL
 THEY REST IN YOU."

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO



Did You Know?

Did you know you can make donations to OLOL through the parish app? It's true! Just scroll down on the home screen to "Online Giving" and tap "Access Online Giving" button. You will be taken to WeShare, our online giving provider. Just follow the simple prompts. Thank you for your generosity



The Steward's Work Is Never Done

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep—dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break—maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts, and think: where do I still have more to give?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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DISCIPLESHIP

Servant Leadership

Leadership is hard to define.
Lord, let us be the ones to define it with justice.
Leadership is like a handful of water.
Lord, let us be the people to share it with those who thirst.
Leadership is not about watching and correcting.
Lord, let us remember it is about listening and connecting.
Leadership is not about telling people what to do.
Lord, let us find out what people want.
Leadership is less about the love of power,
and more about the power of love.

His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things (Mk 6:34).

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