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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man did not  
come to be served but to  
serve and to give his life as a  
ransom for many.” - Mk 10:45

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### EUCCHARIST:

**SAT** 5:00 PM

**SUN** 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

**WED** 9:30 AM

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# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

## Parish Support - October 2021

	ACTUAL <i>as of 10/08/21</i>	BUDGETED <i>for Oct.</i>
Reg. Envelopes .....	\$16,978.39	\$61,000.00
Offertory .....	\$429.75	\$1,200.00

## Budget Updates Fiscal Year: October 2021

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income .....	\$209,838.80	\$284,515.00
Operating Expenses.....	\$211,246.35	\$290,676.81

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/21	\$100,804.80
Donations	\$8,913.00
Expenses	<u>\$2,298.00</u>
<b>Balance (10/08/2021)</b>	<b>\$107,419.80</b>

**THANK YOU!**

*Our Lady of Lourdes is greatly  
blessed with your continued  
generous support  
of all our ministries!*

## 2021 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (9/7/2021)

Donations:..... **\$28,599.00**  
Goal is \$42,844.00 ..... 66.75%

Donors:..... **183**  
Goal is 1,078 ..... 16.98%

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[www.CatholicAppeal.org](http://www.CatholicAppeal.org)

# NOTES FROM NANCIE

## Having an Informed Conversation about Domestic Violence, Part 1

**Never victim blame.** Abuse is never the victim's fault. Societally, we continue to blame victims by asking, "What did she do to deserve that? What was she wearing? Why was she there?" Yet we do not ask these questions to victims of other crimes. Believe, support, and trust survivors. Instead of second guessing their experiences, rightfully place the responsibility on abusers and perpetrators to end the abuse. Domestic violence is rooted in power and control.

**Hold offenders accountable.** If it is safe to do so, call offenders out on their abusive actions and impose social consequences, i.e. they're not welcome for family dinner or to hang out until the abusive behavior stops. Stop excusing behavior with "boys will be boys" or "(the perpetrator) would never do something like that." Community accountability can make a significant impact. Healthy relationships are rooted in equality, respect, and nonviolence.

**Challenge widely-held perceptions about domestic violence**—i.e. the notion that survivors can "just leave;" heterosexual, cisgender women are the only victims; domestic violence only includes physical violence; and domestic violence is a "private, family matter." Survivors must consider their own physical safety, financial security, the safety and welfare of their children and pets, potential housing and where they can "just leave" to be safe, among a myriad of other issues. Domestic violence can include physical, financial, emotional, psychological, or sexual abuse.

**Domestic violence does not happen in a vacuum.** Survivors experiencing domestic violence often experience other "isms" (e.g., sexism, racism, classism, etc.), compounding negative impacts on victims, creating additional barriers to safety.

Let's keep talking.  
With blessings,  
Nancie Chmielewski

## SUN 17

8:00 am Liturgy	Church
9:00 am Sacrament Prep	Hall A
10:30 am Liturgy	Church

## MON 18

10:00 am Lazarus Fall Planning Meeting	Rm 10
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## TUE 19

10:00 am SVDP Meeting	Rm 3
6:30 pm What Makes a Community?	Virtual
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612	Hall A

# COMMUNITY LIFE

# FORMATION

## Wedding Banns

Ill Ashley Retzlaff  
& Ben Rogaczewski

## Our Condolences

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

# VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

## SERVICE

Using our gifts to be of service is the fullest expression of our lives. Each day, we find a multitude of ways to be helpful. Whatever we may achieve, the quality of our own life comes from the quality of our contributions. Most importantly we serve our loved ones. We notice what others need and respond helpfully. We don't wait to be asked. A spirit of service invests whatever we do with excellence.

What might it mean for spouses to out serve one another?

What is an act of service you might do for or with siblings, grandparents or coworkers?

Is there a service you need to do to grow in faith for yourself?

## Celebrating Prayer

When we think of prayer, we tend to think about it as something we do on our own. On Sunday, October 24, Margaret Rhody will show us how it is not only something we should be partaking in as a community but how it is something that should be done with celebratory intentions! Join us as we discuss different forms of prayer and discover the fruits of spontaneous prayer and prayer communities.

## Let's Fill Up the Holiday Food Boxes for Capuchin Community Services!

Our Lady of Lourdes has been part of this wonderful ministry for a number of years. This year, we are going to pack the food boxes again as a community during our November 7 GIFT session.

Beginning this weekend, there will be tags on a bulletin board with items that are needed for the boxes. We combined them in such a way that we believe each set of groceries costs about the same for each tag. Select as many tags as you would like and purchase those items. No glass jars, please!

Please bring your items to OLOL by October 31 and leave them on the cart in the hallway. GIFT participants will sort the food and pack the boxes on Sunday morning, November 7.

You will be helping to contribute to the formation of our young people and GIFT attendees, you will be helping to share a Thanksgiving meal with members of the Milwaukee community, and you will be modeling discipleship.



## WED 20

9:00 am BAAM Leadership Rm 3  
9:30 am Liturgy Church  
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C  
11:30 am Check-in with a Nurse Hall A  
6:00 pm Service with a Purpose Team Mtg. Rm 10  
6:30 pm Pastoral Council Mtg. Virtual

## THU 21

12:30 pm Moonwriters Writing Group Rm 4

## FRI 22

### Office Closed

5:00 pm Retzlaff/Rogaczewski Wedding Rehearsal Church

## WORSHIP

### Can We Love?

Many things go into the creation of a song, and today I'd like to talk about the lyrics. In the theatre world, in order to better tell the story, we would "monologue a song" -- write it out in paragraph form and read it as a story, without rhyme or predetermined rhythm. We would stress different words as they begin to speak to us differently, allowing our own backstory to influence our interpretation, and then incorporate that interpretation back into the music.



Here at OLOL, one of our recent new songs is called "Can We Love?" by Tom Booth. We chose it for its energy and its incredible message of **being active in our faith**. We can't just talk about wanting or needing change; we need to be the change. Can we do it? Can we really walk the journey Jesus calls us to walk? I encourage you to read the lyrics below several times, pray with and through them, and then listen to the recording. Then, the next time we sing this in church (prelude on October 30/31), please add your voice to our community's call to action.

#### "Can We Love" © Tom Booth 2007

Can we love? Can we lay down our lives? Can we wear his crown of thorns?  
Can we drink the cup that He drinks? We must lay down our lives!

It's more than raising our hands. It's more than singing this song. It's saying "yes" to the Giver of life. It's righting the ways that are wrong! It's more than shouting God's name. It's more than singing His praise. It's bringing forgiveness to injury's wound, and hope to those imprisoned by shame.

Loving the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, and soul; loving our neighbors as ourselves, the kingdom of love we will know! With feet secure on the ground and hearts humbled by love, we stand before God's anointed one and ask the question, and ask the question:

Can we love? Can we lay down our lives? Can we wear his crown of thorns?  
Can we drink the cup that He drinks? We must lay down our lives!

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRNhslJUCbs>

#### Scripture Readings for October 23/24

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Jeremiah 31:7-9 | Psalm 126 | Hebrews 5:1-6 | Mark 10:46-52

## OUTREACH

### From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all."

When you give the furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer need to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.

#### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: October 26, November 9 and 23

Most needed items: facial tissue, Jello, and condiments (mustard, ketchup, salad dressing). Please donate only **regular size cans** of baked beans, not the large cans. 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](http://ololmke.org/food-pantry).

### SAT 23

2:00 pm Retzlaff/Rogaczewski  
Wedding Church  
5:00 pm Sponsor/Candidate  
Meet and Greet Hall  
5:00 pm Liturgy Church

### SUN 24

8:00 am Liturgy Church  
9:00 am GIFT Hall  
10:30 am Liturgy Church



# SPOTLIGHT

## Cybersecurity Awareness Month: Updates

You're probably no stranger to those little pop-up windows that tell you software updates are available for your computer, laptop, tablet, mobile device, and even browser windows. You might be tempted to click on that "Remind me later" button. Don't put it off! Software updates are important to your digital safety and cybersecurity. The sooner you update, the sooner you'll feel confident your device is more secure—until the next update reminder.

Software updates repair security holes, fix or remove computer bugs, and add new features to your devices and remove outdated ones. Software updates often include software patches. They cover the security holes to keep hackers out. It's also not all about you. If your device gets a virus, you could pass it on to your friends, family, and business associates. That's why you want to keep your software and systems updated.

Updates also add new features and improve existing ones. The update may give you a new shot of stability (no more crashing), or it might boost program performance (more speed).

You could ignore those reminders to update your software, but you might be missing out on a lot, starting with your cybersecurity. If you're still not keen on clicking "Update now," configure your devices to update automatically. This way, your stuff is up-to-date while not having to worry if the pop-up is legit.



Adapted from

<https://us.norton.com/internetsecurity-how-to-the-importance-of-general-software-updates-and-patches.html>

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Discipleship Institute Events

What Makes a Community?

Tuesday, October 19

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Zoom

Facilitated by Nancie Chmielewski

The pandemic has given us time for reflection, time for doing things differently, and time to re-evaluate our "connections." Will we return to church? Will we join committees? Will we view our volunteering as "discipleship"? What makes us a community? What attracts us to being part of a community, committee, or volunteer effort? Listen to the panel discuss, then move to breakout sessions to give us your thoughts. We look forward to developing community with you!

Registrations can be made at [ololmke.org/discipleship-institute](https://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute) or by calling the Parish Office.

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