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August 22, 2021 † Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pastor: Rev. Vitalis Anyanike
Senior Priest: Rev. Pat McCaslin
In Residence:
Rev. Mike Eckley
Rev. Paul Sae-Wan Oh
Deacons:
Mr. Frank P. Hilt
Mr. Ken Kalkowski

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2110 South 32nd Avenue
Parish Office 402-346-0900

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Daily Mass:
Monday-Friday 8:15 am
Saturday Morning 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

Saint Adalbert Campus

2617 South 31st Street

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday 9:30 am

Daily Mass:
Monday-Friday 7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 4:45-5:15 pm

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Share in the grace, the gratitude, and the glory of Our Lady of Lourdes– St. Adalbert Parish

For more information visit our website @ ollomaha.com

OUR PARISH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Vitalis Anyanike
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Priests in Residence	Rev. Mike Eckley & Rev. Paul Sae-Wan Oh
Deacons	Frank Hilt & Ken Kalkowski
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Convent	531-200-3867
Our Lady of Lourdes School	402-341-5604
Parish Center / Gym	402-346-7777
Social Hall / School Cafeteria	402-344-3838
Website	www.ollomaha.com

Baptisms & Marriages: **Pre-baptismal instructions are required. Ten months of marriage preparations are also required. Please contact Fr. Vitalis at 402-346–0900 to schedule an appointment.**

Our Lady of Lourdes-St. Adalbert
Tabernacle candles are lit this week for:

+ Dan Pogge

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 23
SA 7:00 am † Agnes O'Connor
OLL 8:15 am † Connie Langenegger

Tuesday, August 24
SA 7:00 am † Noel Baret
OLL 8:15 am † Rose Tworek

Wednesday, August 25
SA 7:00 am † Sherry Pecha
OLL 8:15 am Walter & † Sharon Tighe

Thursday, August 26
SA 7:00 am Mohr Family
OLL 8:15 am † William Semin

Friday, August 27
SA 7:00 am † Paul Engler
OLL 8:15 am † Jeanie Pietramale

Saturday, August 28
OLL 8:00 am † Ann McDonald

Sunday Vigil Masses
OLL 5:00 pm † Jerry Gill II
SA 5:30 pm † Bill Tokosh

Sunday, August 29
OLL 8:30 am † Theresa McColley
SA 9:30 am † Joseph Gilmore
OLL 10:30 am † Jean Janovsky
OLL 5:00 pm † Our Parish Family

Taste and See God's Goodness

WEEKEND: August 15, 2021

Our Weekly Budgeted Goal is:	**$**	**9,700.00**
Envelopes **(103 Households)**	$	4,593.00
Pay Pal **(0 Households)**	$	0,000.00
We Share **(20 Households)**	$	675.00
ACH **(0 Households)**	**$**	**0,000.00**
Under Budget	**$**	**4,432.00**

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US PAY OUR PARISH BILLS!

Special Monthly Envelopes

Energy Envelope	(10 envelopes)	$ 182.44
School Endowment	**(1 envelopes)**	**$ 20.00**
Parish Endowment	(6 envelopes)	$ 89.00
Improvement Fund	**(10 envelopes)**	**$ 257.00**
TV Mass Envelope	(14 envelopes)	$ 133.00

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OUR FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Week 7 of 52 Weeks
We also accept your generous stewardship through We Share & Pay Pal.
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or
Please use your Sunday envelopes!

Your generous and faithful stewardship helps us to pay our monthly parish bills on time.

Total Stewardship for the Fiscal Year $57,161.44

This is our "Sunday" stewardship contributions

DECIDE TODAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE!

Dear parishioners,

When Israel reached the Promised Land, Joshua gathered them at Shechem to renew the covenant and express their intention of remaining with God who set them free from slavery. He asked "Decide today whom you will serve." He recognized that freedom to worship is central to a loving relationship with God. Jesus in today's gospel asks his disciples a similar question: Do they wish to stay with him or to leave?

As the Israelites passed through towns and cities, they too were influenced by different cultures and religious practices they encountered along the way. There was a gradual assimilation of native peoples who had not been part of the exodus. With their acceptance of the Hebrew people's God, they too became part of the Israelites family. Therefore, the ceremony of covenant renewal was necessary for some, for others it was an act of official incorporation. Joshua takes the lead by indicating the clear choice of himself and his household. A free response to God's love is the bedrock of a new covenant relationship.

This sets the tone on how decisive we are called to be in our relationship with God. In concluding the discourse about himself as the bread of life, Jesus does not take back anything he said. He does not try to make his teaching more acceptable. He does not even try to win back those disciples who left him. "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Some of his disciples broke rank with him and left. Obviously they did not fully understand Jesus. They were not open to learn or be guided by Jesus. They trusted only in themselves and in their instincts. There was no room for the spirit. This attitude made Jesus sad.

If Jesus's teaching shocks us and strikes us as intolerable, it is because we are not willing to accept his existence for what it truly is. Jesus reminds us that "It is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless." Therefore, we must be open to the Holy Spirit who makes it possible for us to grasp the truth of Jesus' words and to put it into practice. Jesus makes the point that his words are Spirit and life.

Jesus concludes his address to his disciples saying: "Yet among you there are some who do not believe." Sadly, someone can be a disciple of Jesus and still not believe in him. Do you have doubts in the teachings of Jesus? I guess there is some unbelief in all of us to the extent that we are only willing to accept those teachings from Jesus which are in line with our views. Do we follow him only when he speaks our human language but turn against him when speaks to us in God's terms.

There are people who are having difficulties with the Lord's teaching on the Eucharist, marriage, sexuality and recently the church's objection on the reception of Holy Communion by divorced and remarried Catholics. We are besieged by culture of death and the life style so contradictory to the gospel. We are overwhelmed by the pressure coming from our society that shows little regard to God. Sometimes we feel ashamed of our Christian faith and unable to stand up for our beliefs. We give in so quickly and allow this hedonistic culture to control us. It must stop if we are truly believers. We have to decide whom we should serve.

Let us remember that faith is not achieved by human effort, but by the action of God even though our cooperation is required. The apostles Peter is our new Joshua. I hope we reiterate his response to Jesus, speaking from the depths of our heart: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe."

Grace and peace to you,
Rev. Vitalis Anyanike, pastor

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Submission as Stewardship

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Pray for our Military

Julius Aquino, Joe Becerra, Tom Byrne, Paul Cherek, Elizabeth Gill, Paris Fulbright, Adam Fulbright, Brian T. Griess, Michelle Morrison, Dennis Philips, Cody Proslo, Jack Rasmussen, Jason Slowik, Richard Vickers, Nathan Leuck, Jamila Jahic, Justin Kush, Jeremy Kemp & Ty Harrington.

AUGUST

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 23-25, 2021– PARISH OFFICE RENOVATION– **Please call the Parish Office to schedule any Festival drop offs or any other business. Thank you.**

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

7:25 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions, **STA**

8:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions, **OLLC**

9:00 am Prayer for Vocations & Priests, **OLL Chapel**

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Thursday, August 26, 2021

OLL School Half day

Friday, August 27, 2021

OLL School First Full Day K-8

Saturday, August 28, 2021

9:30 pm AA Meeting, **SBH**

Sunday, August 29, 2021

SBH — Saint Bernadette Hall **PC** — Parish Center (Gym)
OLLC — OLL Church **S** — OLL School
SC — School Cafeteria
STA — Saint Adalbert Church **PO** — Parish Office

IMPORTANT- PARISH OFFICE RENOVATION

We will be making some flooring improvements at the Parish Office starting Monday, August 23rd thru Wednesday, August 25th. Please call the Parish Office if you have any business during that time or to schedule an appointment for a festival drop off, etc. Thank you.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick

Ron Brougham, Marilyn Fischer, Jackie Fox, Greg Staroscik, Paul Murphy, Marie Zemula, Bradley Wiese, Al Clinchard, Ida Peterson, Jerry Taucreti, Millie Wajda, Bev Pippin, Todd Tenczer, Richard Kostszewa, Sharon Littrell, Robert Kavan, Elize Schlueter, Collin Priebe, Gloria DeJoy, Scott Walker, Mary Reemts, Patricia Kavaliauskas, Gary Slowik, Bettie Holmes and all those who are in the hospital at this time.

Church News

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING MASS TIMES

(Please read carefully)

Starting Wednesday, September 1, we will be making some changes to Mass times (*). Please read the following carefully.

Weekday Masses (Monday-Friday):

7:00 am St. Adalbert Church

* 8:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Additional Mass on Wednesdays: 8:30 am OLL School Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

(Parishioners may attend this Mass.)

Weekend Masses:

8:00 am Saturday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Sunday Vigil Masses:

5:00 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church

* 6:00 pm St. Adalbert Church

Sunday Masses:

* 8:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes Church

9:30 am St. Adalbert Church

10:30 am Our Lady of Lourdes Church

5:00 pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church

These Mass changes will allow Fr. Vitalis or any other priest time to preside at our scheduled Masses. Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please contact the Parish Office at 402-346-0900 if you have any questions or concerns.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Open Hours:
Monday 11 pm;
Tuesday 10 am;
Wednesday 3 am;
Friday: Midnight;
Saturday 4 am & 11 am

Please call Dee at 402-346-3584 if you would like to sign up for one of these open hours.

A Note of Heartfelt Gratitude

Dear friends and parish family,
I am overwhelmed by your benevolence, kindness, and love. From the moment I was appointed to be your pastor, I have been receiving countless good wishes of support and appreciation. You came out in numbers this past weekend to pray and celebrate my installation as your new pastor. You honored me with a great 50th Birthday party. I am profoundly grateful to everyone. Thank you so much for going the extra mile to welcome me to the parish and celebrating God's goodness in my life. I am moved with emotion as I read every line of the words on the cards that came along with monetary gifts. I am immensely grateful. I ask the good Lord to pour his abundant blessings on you and our parish community. I am here for you and I will do my best to serve our parish community. Be assured of my prayers.
Fr. Vitalis Anyanike

It's not too late!

Religious Education classes begin August 22, 2021 at 8:45 AM for grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Preparation for a Sacrament in the Archdiocese of Omaha is a 2 (Two) year process. If you have a child who needs to prepare for First Reconciliation/First Communion (normally Grades 1 and 2) or for Confirmation (normally Grades 7 and 8), please enroll them. We also assist any student who has yet to receive these sacraments regardless of age and grade in school.
So remember, if you have a child who is going to public school, enrolled in another school (non-Catholic) or being home-schooled, you need to enroll that child in our Religious Education Program.
Registration forms are available online at the website ollomaha.com. Questions, please contact Sister Symphorosa at imbori94@gmail.com.

Additional Parish Information…

Please DROP OFF your donations for the Parish Festival Rummage Sale on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am—Noon at St. Bernadette Hall (OLL Church basement).

Please be sure to dust or clean your items before dropping off. "Thank you" in advance.

*Special note: NO clothes, furniture or large electronics please.

We are also looking for volunteers to help clean and price items during daytime hours. Call Diann 402-345-9288 or Deb 402-345-9325 if interested.

Would you purchase a Gift Card for the Gift Card Tree for the Fall Festival?

We invite our parishioners to purchase a Gift Card of $10.00 or more for the "Gift Card Tree" at our Parish Festival. Please purchase them from our SCRIP Gift Card Program either after weekend Masses or at the Parish Office.

We need 100 gift cards!

Let's reach our Goal of 75 by the end of August!

2021 Fall Festival Raffle!

$10,000 GRAND PRIZE!

2nd Prize- Dinner for 4 at Anthony's Steakhouse

3d Prize- Dinner for 4 at Lo Sole Mio Ristorante

4th Prize- Dinner for 4 at The Greek Islands Restaurant

$10 per ticket!

The Raffle is a big part of fundraising for the Festival! It takes everyone to make this a great success and with the new format of $10 per ticket much easier to sell, $10 to for a chance at $10,000! Let's all do our part, whether a parishioner, school parent, or alumni we can all sell sell sell!! Tickets will be available soon to begin selling! Stay tune to further updates.

Please Donate to the Fall Festival Grocery Booth

WEEK 3 (August 22): Cake Mixes

Please make sure the expiration date is well after the Fall Festival. You may include PRIZES for people of all ages too. Please drop them off in the Blue Barrels at Church.

Things We Can Use for the Fall Festival:

Baskets (All sizes and shapes)
Prizes (for adults, teens and children)
Stuffed Animals (all sizes)
Toys (for all ages)
Items for the Big Prize Booth
Items for the Treasure Walk
Silent Auction Items
Sports Memorabilia Items
High School Memorabilia items
College Memorabilia items
Bikes, Skateboards, Footballs, Soccer Balls,
Outdoor game items

You may bring your items to the Parish Office during office hours Monday thru Friday.

JOIN THE TEAM OF FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS!!!

Stay tune to sign-up announcements at Mass and check our website at ollomaha.com in the coming days. We hope you will sign up to help make our Fall Festival a huge success!

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

Ms. Lisa Linquist, Principal

Fall Soccer 2021

Registration link:
http://go.teamsnap.com/forms/280745
Police Athletics for Community Engagement (PACE) is expanding their soccer program from a summer league to include fall and spring. They have invited OLL and several other Catholic schools to join the new league at:
http://www.paceomaha.org/aboutus
All coaches are volunteers.
Games will begin Saturday, September 11th and last until mid-October.

Micro Soccer (Pre-K-Kindergarten)

- Free
- Saturdays
- No uniforms

K-8

- Games on Saturdays at Bob Campos fields. (3114 Q St. Omaha, NE 68107)
- Practice 1-2 times a week (depending on age and coach)
- Coed
- $25 registration fee
- $30 uniform (incl. jersey, shorts & socks) to be picked up at Soccer International.

(2541 S 132nd St. Omaha, NE 68144)
****Financial assistance is available for both registration and uniform****
Questions? Contact Shannon Pekas at soccer.coordinator.oll@gmail.com

Attention School Families

We Need your Help with
OLL-St. Adalbert Parish 2021 Fall Festival!!!

- Donate items for Prizes
- Sign-Up to volunteer for one or more booths/The Rummage Sale (volunteers needed to clean items and price them during day shifts)
- Buy and Sell Raffle Tickets
- Help Set Up or Clean Up on Festival Day

OLL School parents can earn Parent Service Hours by helping. Please call the Parish Office at 402-346-0900 if you have any questions.

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