

# Growing in the Spirit





### 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JULY 24, 2022





The teachings of our Catholic faith are inexhaustibly deep, but they are also amazingly simple. Today's readings take us back to the basics, reminding us how we as Christian stewards are to approach our relationship with God and others.

The First Reading gives us an early glimpse of the extravagance of God's mercy revealed in the very first book of the Old Testament. In this passage from Genesis, we find Abraham testing the limits of God's kindness and patience with His people. God tells Abraham that despite the terrible depravity in Sodom and Gomorrah, for the sake of just a handful of innocent people, He would spare them all. This

passage illustrates two basic truths of Christian stewardship: what an infinitely loving God we serve and what a privilege we have in our gift of faith, a gift that we must share for the sake of others.

The Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, reminds us of this stewardship basic: Christ "brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us...nailing it to the cross." Jesus loves us so much that he took on our sins to free us from death and offer us eternal life. What a generous Savior we have who gives us the gift of eternal life. This truth should fill us with overwhelming gratitude, inspiring us to share our lives generously with others as faithful disciples of our Lord.

The Gospel reading from Luke takes us back to the basics of prayer, offering us both a method of prayer from Jesus Himself and the encouragement to persist in prayer. In this passage, some of His disciples ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus instantly offers them the beautiful prayer which we, of course, call the Our Father. This prayer is so rich that it still forms the basis of our approach to God the Father over 2,000 years later. At the same time, it is so simple, we teach it as a first prayer to young children.

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim that we trust completely in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us).

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life. After giving us the Our Father, Jesus shares the funny little story of the man who bugs his neighbor for bread in the middle of the night. The man's persistence pays off. How much more perfectly the Father will answer the prayers of His children when we persist in going to Him with our needs.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus offers one more "basic" for us stewards about our relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door! He can hardly wait to bless us, HIS children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others! Stewardship is just that simple.



#### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR ALL SAINTS & OUR LADY

#### Saturday, July 23

4:30 pm All Saints (Fr. T) - All Saints Parish Family 5:00 pm Our Lady (Fr. J) - Our Lady Parish Family

#### Sunday, July 24

7:30 am All Saints (Fr. T) - Clinton & Florence Ottman †

8:00 am Our Lady (Fr. J) - Irene Bortscheller †

10:00 am All Saints (Fr. T) - Betty Nigbor †

10:00 am Our Lady (Fr. J) - Kathleen Guderski †

Monday, July 25 - No Mass at either parish

#### Tuesday, July 26

4:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake - Mary Radis†

5:15 pm All Saints - Theresa Chappa†

#### Wednesday, July 27

8:00 am All Saints - S.I.- William & Barbara Williams 65th anniversary

8:00 am Our Lady - Regina Anderson †

#### Thursday, July 28

8:00 am All Saints- Dec'd members of Parker & Rozek Families

8:00 am Our Lady - Nolan Wallenfang †

#### Friday, July 29

8:00 am All Saints - S.I. for Stephanie Krause

8:00 am Our Lady - Tom & Julie Gnewuch †

#### Saturday, July 30

4:30 pm All Saints (Fr. J) - Lucille Hibicki †

5:00 pm Our Lady (Fr. T) - Galica Family

#### Sunday, July 31

7:30 am All Saints (Fr. J) - All Saints Parish Family

8:00 am Our Lady (Fr. T) - Elaine Riebe †

10:00 am All Saints (Fr. J) - Diane Kelm †

10:00 am Our Lady (Fr. T) - Our Lady Parish Family

#### \* S. I. stands for Special Intention



find the link for Bishop's video series at www.madisondiocese.org

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE ALL SAINTS & OUR LADY

Saturday July 30	All Saints 4:30 pm	Our Lady 5:00 pm
Lector	Carol Wall	Bev Teachout
Eucharistic Ministers	Joe & Ginni Hoinacki	Betty Rowley
Ushers		Ray & Susan Radis
Sunday July 31	All Saints 7:30 am	Our Lady 8:00 am
Lector	Mary Seaman	Robin Wallenfang
Eucharistic Ministers	Wayne Gustke Ed Hart	Bill Riebe
Ushers		David & Nancy Chikowski

Sunday July 31	All Saints 10:00 am	Our Lady 10:00 am
Lector	Sara Sobralski	Alice Bartow
Eucharistic Ministers	Bridget Garczynski Doris Holmes	
Ushers		Verbanac Family

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Fr. John's Book Club Sat & Sun 7/23 & 7/24 after all weekend Masses Our Lady
- Men's Steak Fry Thur. 7/28 5:00pm All Saints Social Hall
- Fr. John's Book Club Sat & Sun 7/30 & 7/31 after all weekend Masses All Saints
- **Pro-Life Rosary** Mon. 8/1 5:30pm frontage road outside PlannedParenthood in Oshkosh

### **MEMORIAL LIGHTS FOR THIS WEEK**



Scrip is available in the All Saints Church Office during regular office hours until school starts in fall. You can always purchase Scrip after any of the weekend Masses at All Saints as well. Thank you!

## **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome -** Gene & Pat Puestow to our All Saints Parish Family. We are blessed to have you!

#### Ground Breaking Mass and Ceremony Scheduled Sunday, August 7 at 10:00 am

We are excited to have Bishop Hying at All Saints to celebrate 10am Mass on August 7.

Following Mass, there will be a blessing and groundbreaking ceremony at the construction site for our new All Saints School and Religious Education Center! We look forward to seeing you there for this monumental event. All are welcome to attend.

COMING SOON All Saints Catholic School & Religious Education Center

> Price Per Person (based on double occupancy)

> > Tour price: \$6,359

Cash Discount Price: \$6,099

Single Supplement: \$1,699.00

Full payment due with registration

Registration is first come, first serve.



Greetings! Please join me on this twelve-day tour, Sept. 18-30, as you will grow in your faith as you see Sacred sites, exquisite art and architecture, breathtaking landscapes, and historical cities in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Also, an opportunity that arises once every ten years is an opportunity not to be missed. A theatrical tradition since 1634, the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play is a much-anticipated reenactment of the crucifixion of Christ – from His entry into Jerusalem to the Resurrection – performed only once a decade in the quaint Bavarian village of Oberammergau. Please call the parish office for additional information. God bless, Father John

#### Tour Inclusions

- Airfare
- Motorcoach transportation
- 11 nights 1st class accommodations
- 22 meals

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• Entrance fees/professional tour guide

#### Our Lady of the Lake Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 28th, after the 10:00 am Mass. Main entree & beverages provided; please sign up and bring your favorite dessert or salad to share! Sign up sheets are located on the buffet counter in the Family Hall.



#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

All Saints Church has Adoration every Wednesday from 8:30am—3:30pm. We invite anyone who has time to stop in for a visit with our Eucharistic Lord.

We ask that at least 2 people be present with our Lord over the course of the day. If you have signed up for an hour, but cannot be present, please call a friend or try to find someone who can be there for you. If you can commit to an hour each week, see Sr. Michaeleen or call the office.

Even if you are not signed up for a specific hour, you are welcome to come any time, for any amount of time, whether it's an hour or only a few minutes.

#### Farewell Receptions for Deacon Simon

Sat. Aug. 6 at 6:00 pm (after 5:00 Mass) at Our Lady Sat. Aug. 13 at 5:30 pm (after 4:30 Mass) at All Saints Sun. Aug. 14 at 11 am (after 10am Mass) at All Saints

Please join us at one of these times to wish Dcn. Simon farewell and best wishes as he finishes his work at seminary and completes his journey to being ordained as a priest. We were blessed to have you with us this summer, and may God go with you!



All Saints Capital Campaign	Up to \$2 MILLION MATCH		SAINTS	
\$ 7,016,043.90 raised as of July 19, 2022!	Pledged-	\$494,432		SAILS GUILTER D
/e apologize for last week's typo.	Matching Pledge-	\$494,432	Matching Pledge Goal-	\$2,000,000
Thank you for your generosity!	Matching Pledge Total-	\$988,864	Left to Match-	\$1,505,568

### ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND FAITH FORMATION

### Is the Holy Spírít calling you to join Mother Church?

Contact Michelle Wolff,

Director of Religious Education. 920-361-5252 or mwolff@allsaintsberlin.org

If you're curious about the Catholic faith or you've thought about becoming a Catholic, our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program is just for you. Adults from all faith traditions, or no religious background at all, are welcome to participate in our program of instruction designed especially for the needs and lifestyles of busy people. The program focuses on four essential areas: What the Church teaches (and why we believe it's the fullness of the Truth); How the Church teaches; The Bible; and Spirituality.

**Father John's Book Club** - "The How-To Book of the Mass" book study will take place after the weekend Masses at Our Lady of the Lake on July 23 & 24 and at All Saints after all the Masses on July 30 & 31.



#### **Upcoming Retreat Opportunities**

World Wide Marriage Encounter Retreat

September 16-18, Brookfield—For married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer life together. Turn a good marriage into a GREAT marriage!

**Retrouvaille Retreat -** September 16-18, Green Lake— For couples with marital problems that want help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider this retreat. There is always hope of reviving your relationship.

Visit the Madison Diocese Website for more information https://madisondiocese.org/marriage-and-family Another year of VBS at All Saints is in the books. 120 students participated in this year's VBS.

Our theme this year was: "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power."



A Big THANK YOU to all our adult and student volunteers who made this event possible!





#### ALL SAINTS (week 2)

Weekly Envelope Go <u>Actual Weekly Offerto</u> Difference		\$14,600.00 <u>\$12,514.96</u> (- \$2,085.04)
Envelope YTD Goal: Actual YTD Total: Difference:	\$2	9,200.00 <u>7,361.56</u> 31,838.44)

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God! To Parish ......5-8% To Diocese ......1% To Charities....1-4%

Would you prayerfully consider treating All Saints / Our Lady of the Lake as one of your children in your will/estate planning? Call your Parish Office for details.

#### OUR LADY of the LAKE (week 2)

Weekly Envelope (	Goal	\$3,890.00
Actual Weekly Offe	rtory	<u>\$2,745.50</u>
Difference	(	(- \$1,144.50)
Envelope YTD Goa	al: \$7,	780.00
Actual YTD Total:	\$11	345.80
Difference:		565.80

The Parish's expected increased income flow revolves around Christmas and Easter time.





# Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church



#### 530 Ruth Street Green Lake, WI 54941

**ESTABLISHED 1908** 

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE MASS: Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

#### **OLOL OFFICES**

Rectory/Parish Office	920-294-6440
Parish Secretary	Robin Wallenfang
(Monday and Tuesday 8:30 AM	- 12:30 PM)
Parish Email	. OLGLCatholic@gmail.com
Website	https://www.olol.center

### All Saints Catholic **Church and Regional School**



#### N8566 State Road 49 P.O. Box 269 Berlin, WI 54923

ESTABLISHED 1870

#### ALL SAINTS MASS: Saturday 4:30 PM & Sunday 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM

#### **ALL SAINTS OFFICES**

Office/School ...... 151 S. Grove Street, Berlin, WI 54923 Parish Office ...... 920-361-5252 Office Hours ..... Tuesday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM Parish Email ...... parishoffice@allsaintsberlin.org

Website	allsaintsberlin.org
Parish Advisory Council President	Bob Bonneville
Finance Council President	Wendy Seaman

Pastoral Council Chair ..... Nathan Polcyn Finance Council Chair ...... Stephen Prissel

#### ST. STANISLAUS CEMETERY

Sexton: David LaBuda ...... (cell) 920-290-2581

#### ALL SAINTS REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Website ..... https://allsaintsberlin.org/catholic-school School Principal ..... Jana Dahms

#### **ST. MICHAEL CEMETERY**

Sexton: Roger Mayo ...... 920-361-6161

#### JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION

#### PASTOR

Father John A. Silva 920-294-6440/920-361-5252

#### ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Anthony Thirumalareddy 920-294-6440/920-361-5252

**Director of Religious Ed.** Michelle Wolff 920-361-5252 mwolff@allsaintsberlin.org

#### SCHEDULING EVENTS

All parish activities or meetings need to be scheduled on the parish calendar. Please call the parish office.

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Monday - Noon

#### NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to our parish family. Please stop by or call the parish office for information about registering as parish members.

#### COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

We are happy to bring the Holy Communion to those confined to their homes. Please notify the parish office.

#### SACRAMENTS

#### **CONFESSION/ADORATION**

All Saints Confession: Saturday: 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:30 AM Tuesday: 5:45-6:15 PM Wednesday: 5:45-6:45 PM

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesday: 5:45-6:45 PM Wednesday: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM Our Lady of the Lake Confession: Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM Friday: 8:30-9:30 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday: 8:30-9:30 AM

Communal Penance Celebrations are scheduled during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

#### BAPTISM

Baptism dates are arranged through the parish offices. First time parents are required to attend baptism preparation program before the baptism of their child. Please call the parish office for more information.

#### MARRIAGE

To Schedule a wedding date, call the parish office. The common policy of the Diocese of Madison requires a 6-month minimum notice. We strongly recommend at least one year in advance.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to arrange individual celebrations.