

# Growing in the Spirit





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

## JULY 31, 2022



Gilva Linings with Father John

Today's readings come as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. They remind us why we live the way we do, make the choices we make, and leave other things aside. Let's face it, if we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices downright foolish. Today we will see what God thinks. Spoiler alert: turns out Christian stewards are not the fools!

Our First Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes contains the famous line, "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" The narrator, Qoheleth, points out that we toil and labor all day, worry all night about our work and all we still have to do, and for what? Essentially, he asks what is the point of constantly "stressing out" about things that won't last anyway? That's no way to live! Christian stewards already know this. We live for a higher purpose — we live for our God and for the things that matter to Him. Our time, talents, and treasure have an everlasting focus because we recognize that these things are all gifts from God and we use them in gratitude to give Him glory.

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, reminds us how to go about making decisions so that we can make the best use of the gifts we have been given. In making decisions about our use of time, talent and treasure, he gives us this advice: "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." He adds, "Take off the old self with its practices and put on the new self which is being renewed for knowledge in the image of its creator." This is precisely what is taking place within us as we embrace the spirituality of stewardship. We find ourselves living in a continuous process of sloughing off our selfishness (the "old self") and living more and more for God and others.

To many people in our materialistic world, setting priorities that are not focused on earthly goals like wealth, status and power, is foolish and naive. But look at what Jesus has to say about priorities in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He makes it clear that life is not about "stuff." "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then Jesus goes on to tell the parable of the wealthy businessman who thought he had everything figured out. The man had such an abundance of "stuff" that he didn't have room to store it all. So, thinking of earthly things and not on what is above, he decided to build a bigger place to store all that stuff. Patting himself on the back, he thought about what good times he would have in the years ahead. But Jesus tells us that day would turn out to be the man's last day on the earth. And he had spent it thinking only of himself. How foolish! What vanity of vanities!

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most.



### **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.

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

### 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

Monday, August 1 - No Mass at either parish

### Tuesday, August 2

4:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake - Jeanette Brenner †

5:15 pm All Saints - S.I for LeRoy Petit

### Wednesday, August 3

8:00 am All Saints - Ginger Starks †

8:00 am Our Lady - Fr. Wally Kasuboski †

### Thursday, August 4

8:00 am All Saints– Jane E. Domahoski †

8:00 am Our Lady—Richard Marcin †

### Friday, August 5

8:00 am All Saints - Dec'd members of the Lesniak & Freund Families †

8:00 am Our Lady - Mark Wahoske †

### Saturday, August 6

8:00 am Our Lady - Our Lady Parish Family

4:30 pm All Saints (Fr. T) - Phyllis & Lester Davis †

5:00 pm Our Lady (Fr. J) - Mary Radis †

### Sunday, August 7

7:30 am All Saints (Fr. J) - Edmund Chikowski †

8:00 am Our Lady (Fr. T) - Phil Sonntag †

10:00 am All Saints (Fr. J) - All Saints Parish Family

10:00 am Our Lady (Fr. T) - Marty Devaney †

\* S. I. stands for Special Intention

### 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.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE ALL SAINTS & OUR LADY

Saturday August 6	All Saints 4:30 pm	Our Lady 5:00 pm
Lector	Louise Sedarski	Jim Mueller
Eucharistic Ministers	Sharlene Parsons Beth Pierce	Bev Teachout
Ushers		Dave & Pam Nawrocki
Sunday August 7	All Saints 7:30 am	Our Lady 8:00 am
Lector	Steve Thomas	Bill Riebe
Eucharistic Ministers	Lawrence & Sharon Nigbor	Bob Klatt
Ushers		David & Nancy

Sunday August 8	All Saints 10:00 am	Our Lady 10:00 am
Lector	Michelle Wolff Jana Dahms	Robin Wallenfang
Eucharistic Ministers		Bobbie Erdmann
Ushers		Hal & Sheila

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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
- KC Officers Tue. 8/2- 6pm All Saints mtg. room
- Dcn. Simon Farewell Sat 8/6 6pm Our Lady
- Groundbreaking Sun 8/7 11:15am All Saints

### MEMORIAL LIGHTS FOR THIS WEEK

All Saints Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Louis Kotlowski

Our Lady Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Elaine Riebe



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**

**Congratulations!** Jacob & Breanna (Baljo) Southerland who were joined in Holy Matrimony at All Saints Church on July 22. May God bless your married life together!

### Our Lady of the Lake Annual Parish Picnic

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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.



### **Devoted Motherhood Retreat**

Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc, WI Friday, Aug. 19, 6:00p.m. - Saturday, Aug. 20, 3:00p.m.

Every Catholic mother needs enrichment, renewal, and a deeper understanding of having Christ at the center. This retreat is designed to help women with children of all ages encounter Christ through the great gift of motherhood. Join us for this wonderful opportunity! While the content is designed for women with children, all women are welcome. Lap babies welcome! Nursing/ pumping room available.

Visit: https://archmil.regfox.com/devoted-august-2022 for a full retreat schedule and to register. Registration is due by August 4th!

### **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!

September 18 - 180, 2022 BURKHALTER TRAVEL With Fr. John Silva and Fr. Andrew Showers

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** (based on double occupancy) Airfare

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

Full payment due with registration Registration is first come, first serve.

**Price Per Person** 

Tour price: \$6,359

Cash Discount Price: \$6,099

Single Supplement: \$1,699.00

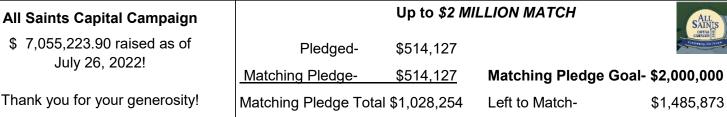
Entrance fees/professional tour guide

### Sign-up for Religious Education and Confirmation Programs for All Saints and Our Lady of the Lake is now open!

- K-5th grade meets Wednesdays from 3:30pm-5:00pm
- 6th-7th (middle school) meets Wednesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm
- 8th-9th grade (confirmation) meets the 2nd Sunday of the month from 8:30am-noon. Confirmands attend Mass together as a class at 10am.

Please contact Michelle Wolff, DRE at 920-361-5252 or mwolff@allsaintsberlin.org with any questions! We are excited to continue to grow the Catholic faith families at All Saints and Our Lady of the Lake!





## ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND FAITH FORMATION

### All Saints Religious Education Volunteer Opportunities

We are in need of volunteers. YOU are very important to our program! It has been a long tradition at All Saints that our parish family has offered their time and talents. It is through caring, sharing, and praying that our parish community has grown in love and support of one another. The success of our religious education program depends on the dedicated individuals in our parish willing to share their time, talents and faith with our parish children who are the future church. We encourage all our parishioners, as well as parents of children in our program to help out in some way. We are always in need of catechists, classroom aides and substitute teachers. We are currently looking for substitute teachers for all grade levels and adult classroom aides for our Middle School Religious Education and Confirmation Programs.

### **VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

"These words I am commanding you today are to be upon your hearts. And you shall teach them diligently to your children and speak of them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as reminders on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates." (Deut 6:6-9)

- <u>Catechist:</u> The Mission of a Catechist is such an important one. It is a mission that has been given to the whole Church: that every individual Christian shares in the work of Jesus Christ. The Role of a Catechist is to bring our young people closer to Jesus and grow in their faith as Catholics. The catechist nurtures and mentors the faith and spiritual growth of the children they teach, so they form a firm commitment to follow Christ. Qualifications of a Catechist: A catechist must be at least 18 years old, a practicing Catholic in good standing who attends Mass regularly, has a love for children, the desire to grow in faith and share that journey with young people, ability to relate well to others, a sense of humor and flexibility, and a willingness to be of service to Christ and His Church.
- <u>Adult Classroom Aides</u>: Volunteers are needed to assist in the classroom every week and possibly substitute for the teacher when needed.
- Substitute Teachers: Volunteers are needed to fill in for teachers when absent.
- <u>Teen Aides:</u> Volunteers who are in 8th grade through High School are needed to help out in the classroom every week. Volunteers are most needed on Wednesdays.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Michelle Wolff, D.R.E. mwolff@allsaintsberlin.org or 920-361-5252.

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you to join Mother Church?	If you're curious about the Catholic faith or you've thought about becoming a Catholic, our <u>Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults</u> (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.				
920-361-5252 or mwolff@allsaintsberlin.org	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.				
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE					
ALL SAINTS (week 3)	Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God!	OUR LADY of the LAKE (week 3)			
Weekly Envelope Goal \$14,600.00	To Parish5-8%	Weekly Envelope Goal \$3,890.00			
Actual Weekly Offertory \$14,937.46	To Diocese1%	Actual Weekly Offertory \$3,737.00			
<i>Difference</i> + \$ 337.46	To Charities1-4%	Difference (- \$ 152.00)			
Envelope YTD Goal: \$43,800.00	Would you prayerfully consider treating All	Envelope YTD Goal: \$11,670.00			
Actual YTD Total: \$42,999.02	Saints / Our Lady of the Lake as one of your children in your will/estate planning?	Actual YTD Total: \$15,083.80			
Difference: (-\$1,500.98)	Call your Parish Office for details.	Difference: +\$ 3,413.80			
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.