

ostor's Notes

Dear Parishioners,

Enclosed with this weekend's bulletin is our annual financial report. Before we review the report and also look to the future, I want to thank you for your continuous and generous support of the mission of Our Lady of the Woods Parish. We have remained fiscally strong because of you.

The fiscal year for the parish runs from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Overall this past year you can see that the operating income exceeded our expenditures by \$32,000. Effectively this means that for every dollar we needed to spend, you contributed \$1.02 cents. We work to be responsible stewards and that is with the assistance of Shelly Stanko, Business Manager and the Parish Finance Council. Offering a perspective, in the 10 years that I have been pastor we have essentially been in the black 6 times and in the red four times. We also have a surplus in extra-ordinary income over expenses. This means that the overall savings of the parish has increased in the past ten years.

Numbers never give a complete understanding of a parish community. One of the areas I am proudest of as your pastor is the generosity of so many in our community in reaching out to those in need. You have always supported The Saint Vincent De Paul Society, our mission trips, the Christmas Giving Tree, the Easter Basket Drive, the coat drive, the back to school drive, the Knights of Columbus efforts, the Baby Bottle collection, the various food drives and so much more. This is a powerful Christian witness.

At the same time as pastor I am very aware that we still have many people who are not regularly participating in the Sunday Liturgy. We still have not returned to pre-pandemic participation. The heart of every Catholic Parish must be Christ in the Eucharist. I encourage all of us to deepen our devotion for it is in Him that we find strength to help each other, reach out to others in need, and grow in knowledge of Jesus.

Since July 1 of this year our collection rate is down a bit while our expenses are rising. Like everyone inflation is being felt here. Thank you for your awareness of this. One way to assure a steady income flow is electronic giving. About 1/3 of our parishioners now give electronically. It is easy to set up. I use it myself and find it very simple. You can go to the parish website for information.

Finally, I would like to speak of the future. This is a very well maintained parish facility. Nonetheless, after 30 years at this location we are showing signs of wear and tear. The parking lot is original and eventually will need to be resurfaced, not just sealed. The boiler has some challenges and will need to be replaced soon. The roofs are generally in good shape but also are ageing. We do have funds set aside for Capital projects but, as a good steward, we do not want to spend these down completely and they will not fund everything. I will keep you informed as needs develop.

I will be away from Our Lady of the Woods from Wednesday, November 16th through Sunday, November 20th. During that time, I will be in El Salvador visiting the young people of NPH, including my two Godsons. You will be in my prayers.

In Christ,

Fr. Mike

Father Mike

REV. MICHAEL G. FOLEY, PASTOR
REV. ROBERT MARCHWIANY, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
MOST REV. JOHN R. GORMAN, RESIDENT
REV. ED MIKOLAJCZYK, RESIDENT
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ANDY PERZ
Director of Music Ministry

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WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday — 8:30 AM, 5:00 PM
Sunday — 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM
WEEKDAY MASSES: 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 9:00-9:30 AM
and after 5:00 PM Mass

BAPTISMS: Sunday at 12:30 PM. Arrangements must be made in advance at the Parish Office. MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Office six months in advance. Pre-Cana required. REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH: Newcomers are welcome to the Parish and are requested to register at the office.

PARISH BOUNDARIES: East 80th Ave., (west side), North Rte. 83 (south side), West Bell Rd. (east side) to 123rd Street to Parker Road (east side), South 135th Street (north side)

LECTORS

Saturday, November 19

5:00 PM—Skip Stringham, Gail Stambor

Sunday, November 20

8:00 AM—Mary Ellen Stanley, Julie Kay 9:30 AM—Judy Benson, Jim Nickas 11:00 AM—Merril Casquejo, Rick Duda 6:00 PM—Kelly Peltz, Morgan O'Brien



Please consider continuing your weekly donations via online giving by visiting: ourladyofthewoods.org. Just look for the little gift box.

You can easily set up an account to make recurring gifts, or you can make a one-time donation through Give Central.

Under payment type, you can choose either a Debit/Credit Card or Bank Account.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity!



Weekend of November 6, 2022

God Bless All for your continued generosity to our Parish.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Week	\$29,188	\$22,000	\$7,188
Year	\$379,310	\$418,000	(\$38,690)



If your family or someone close to you is in need, please contact us at (708) 606-5360.

A representative will return your call as soon as possible to arrange a confidential conversation.

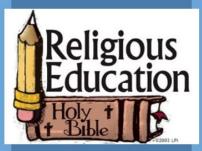
Confidentiality and compassion are the cornerstones of our Ministry.



Please join us
every
morning after the
8:30 Mass to say
the Rosary and
the Chaplet of the
Divine Mercy.

Every Friday after 8:30 Mass a Holy Hour for the Yeart of Tesus with

Sacred Heart of Jesus with Benediction is hosted. Please feel free to join us. **Thirty-third Sunday** IN ORDINARY TIME NOV. 13, 2022



Important Dates:

First Reconciliation is

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 7:00pm

Grade 2 Parent meetings:

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 5:30pm

Monday, Nov. 14, 5:00pm

Grade 8

Confirmandi-Sponsor mass

Nov. 27, 6:00 PM

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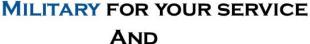
The readings today approach a lot of uncomfortable things, the end of the world is referenced, as is preparedness for the second coming of Jesus. What does preparedness look like? Perhaps it has something to do with whom we follow? Do we worship the things of this world, which we know will pass away or do we imitate Jesus in all that we do, particularly when it comes to how we treat the suffering and marginalized? Every action we take (or don't take) has an impact on how we aligned ourselves to God's plan for salvation of the world. There is also talk about persecution and suffering of believers, a reality that is already underway. One need only look at how our faith is treated by the larger culture to experience it. At the same time, Jesus tells us that He will give us what we need to endure and that we will not be harmed, that by our perseverance we will secure our lives (Lk 21:17-18). To read the Gospel Lk 21:5-19, visit https:usccb.org/bible/readings.

Reflection Questions to discuss with your family:

- How am I testifying to the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Have I ever suffered as a result of being a Christian?
- How has God rescued me when I have been in distress? https://young-catholics.com/3674/30th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR

VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY



OUR 6TH GRADERS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY!

Please support our 8th Grade service project: Stockings for Soldiers by donating the following items to the Religious Education program office:

Slim Jims or Beef Jerky

Packages of Holiday nuts

Single serving drink mix packets (i.e. Crystal Light)

Playing cards

Puzzle book (Crosswords, Sudoku, Word Find)

Holiday-themed writing pens or pencil

Holiday candy (in sealed wrapping or small unopened bags)

Candy Canes, Peanut Brittle,

Socks, travel sized games Card games (Uno, Phase 10)

Stress balls (holiday-themed preferred)

Gloves (preferably black; winter; one size fits all)

Single serving cookie packages

Apple cider packets

Hot chocolate Small notepads

Holiday-themed lip balm (wrapping and scent)

Caps (warm winter)

Other holiday-themed items



Our Lady of the Woods Church-Religious Education Program (708) 361-9435 religioused@ourladyofthewoods.org

To commemorate Veteran's Day, the Veteran's Ministry would like to invite all veterans, current military and their families to attend Mass this **Sunday, November 13th** for special recognition and a blessing. After the **9:30 am Mass,** all are welcome to participate in a flag Ceremony and the blessing of the commemorative cornerstone. Hospitality will be served after each of the Morning Masses. All are welcome to participate in the day's celebration.



All Souls Day Thank you To those who assisted with our All Souls Day Celebration

- \Rightarrow Fr. Mike
- ⇒ Fr. Robert
- \Rightarrow Fr. Ed
- ⇒ Deacon John
- ⇒ John Maier
- ⇒ Andy Perz & Choir

- ⇒ Mike Callahan
- ⇒ Jim O'Brien
- ⇒ Minsters of Care
- ⇒ Bereavement Ministers
- ⇒ GriefShare Team



WOMEN OF THE WOODS INVITES YOU
TO

AN EVENING OF PEACE & SERENITY!

WITH RESTORATIVE YOGA & MEDITATION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
7PM AT OUR LADY OF THE WOODS

*PLEASE BRING A YOGA MAT, SMALL
YOGA STRAP OR HAND TOWEL,
YOGA BOLSTER OR 2 PILLOWS
IN ONE PILLOW CASE,
& WATER BOTTLE



QUESTIONS? CALL 708-269-6315

Our Lady of the Woods Youth, Young Adult, & Family Ministries ourladyofthewoods.org

Youth Ministry Jr. High School and Older



High School & Young Adult Basketball Games at 7:30pm

Upcoming Events!
Youth Ministry Retreat
November 19th & 20th
Registration Happening Now!

<u>Issue Meeting</u> Sunday, November 27th After 6pm Mass



Young Adults: 18-30
We need volunteers for our
Regional Youth Ministry
Program



Upcoming Event's

Join Us! Giving Thanks Potluck Dinner November 18th

Please contact the Parish Office and let them know what you would like to bring and share. 708-361-4754



Thought of the Week Get Used To Different



Come join us for lots of fun!

Please Call Christine Collins at (708)269.6315 or email at ccollins@ourladyofthewoods.org

Weekly updates can be found at ourladyofthewoods.org or on Facebook's

Our Lady of the Woods Family & Youth Ministries

All are Welcome!



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FAMILY MINISTRY

Invites your family to our Annual

Giving Thanks Family Feast & Fun

Friday, November 18, 2022 at 6:30pm

Please join us for this annual Family Ministry event! It will be an evening of our favorite Thanksgiving dishes,

Games, and Thanksgiving Fun!

Come Celebrate and be Thankful for Family!

RSVP to our

Parish Office

(708)361-4754



*Reserve a space for your family and let us know the favorite

Thanksgiving Appetizer, Side Dish, or Dessert

you plan to bring.

OUR LADY OF THE WOODS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEARS END JUNE 30, 2021 and 2020

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021	Year on Year Change
OPERATING INCOME			
Sunday & Holiday Collections	1,106,109	1,045,544	60,565
Christmas & Easter Collections	222,126	223,791	(1,665)
REP Tuition/Fundraising	115,176	129,518	(14,342)
Other Parish Collections	41,335	32,206	9,129
All Other Income	94,686	60,118	34,568
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	1,579,432	1,491,177	88,255
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries & Payroll Taxes	286,207	202,798	83,409
Benefits (Including Insurance)	79,885	94,373	(14,488)
Priests' Retirement and Mutual Aid Association	48,125	48,125	-
Maintenance, Repairs & Current Capital			
Expenditures	194,261	210,401	(16,140)
Archdiocese Assessments	137,501	137,501	(10,140)
Utilities*	97,516	82,801	14,715
Liability Insurance Assessment	83,660	76,600	7,060
Office Expenses	51,027	48,071	2,956
All Other Expenses	0.1,02.	10,071	2,700
(including Books, Supplies & Misc Programs)	53,775	49,845	3,930
Children, Youth & Young Adult Ministries	204,256	180,916	23,340
Adult Ministries	104,756	100,734	4,022
Liturgical Ministries	182,247	208,174	23,814
Food and Meals	23,881	24,752	(871)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,547,097	1,465,091	82,006
EXTRAORDINARY INCOME**	160,146	470,618	(210.472)
EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSE	123,926	96,271	(310,472) 27,655
NET EXTRAORDINARY INCOME (EXPENSE)	36,220	374,347	(338,127)
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Current income in excess of costs (costs in excess of income)	68,555	400,433	(331,878)
End of Year Cash reserves (excluding To Teach Who Christ Is)	878,680 ***	810,125	

Upon request, a complete copy of the Annual Report can be found in the parish office.

^{**}Extra Ordinary Items include Archdiocesan Collections, Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate, Bequests, etc.

^{***}Includes \$330,317 reserved for capital expenses downtown at the Archdiocese.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Calling all who love to help provide warmth and comfort to those in need. We are in need of those who love to crochet and/or knit. We are having our next meeting on Friday, November 18th at 10:00 am. This is a change from last year. We will now meet every third Friday each month. Just enter the main church doors. We make prayer shawls that are blessed and available for anyone ailing or homebound. Also, we are looking for hats, gloves, and scarves that will be given to those in need. We have an abundance of yarn that has been previous-

ly donated to us. We also will be sharing patterns and tips.

Looking forward to having you join us.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Our Lady of the Woods GIVING TREE Is Beginning!

Prayer

Ministry

Shawl

- You may request tags early by emailing OLWGivingTree@aol.com.
 Request Age, Gender, etc.
 We'll do our best to match.
- Or get a tag beginning November 19th in Church after Masses or during office hours.
- Return gifts by December 4th whenever the church is open: during Masses or scheduled office hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Gifts will be distributed to Casa Catalina, Mother of the Americas, St. Coletta's, Port Ministries, Our Lady of Sorrows, Sertoma, Homeless and parish families who may be in need.



Please join us for the next

"Bible Reflection Program" with
Fr. Robert, which will be held on
Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 PM,
instead of the usual Thursday
evening meeting time.

All are welcome.

Please call the Parish Office with any questions.





GriefShare, a special help seminar and support group for people experiencing grief and loss, will be held on the first and third Monday afternoons beginning November 14. Registration is available online at the parish website.



The season of Advent is a time to prepare for commemoration of Jesus' first coming and our longing for his second coming, Each 'coming of Christ' reminds us that, yes, we are sinners. We are also recipients of God's love. How we respond to that love is the challenge we face as we make the effort to follow Jesus.



Fr. Andrew Wawryzn Is the Chaplain and director for the University of Chicago Newman Center, Calvert House He is a former member of the Jesult Order.

To register, visit us online at JesuitRetreat.org, call the office, or complete this form and mail it to the address above accompanied by your \$100 deposit. If you are interested in Flexible Funding, please call the office at 847-381-1261.

Lam registering for the following retreat: December 2-4, 2022 Ignatian, Silent Weekend Retreat for Men.

Name:	Enclosed is my check payable to:	
Address:	Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, Inc. (checks are preferred)	
	Please charge my credit card: \$	
City/State/Zip:	Credit Card Type, if applicable: Visa Amex MC Discover	
Phone:	Card #:	
Email:	Expiration date:	
Dietary Requests:		
Room Requests:	Suggested Weekend Betreet Contribution	
Captain/Group Name #applicablel:	Suggested Weekend Retreat Contribution:	

\$330 per person (\$100 deposit)



Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Philippians 4:6

Prayer is personal and communal. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:20) By remembering one another in prayer we grow closer as a community of faith, rooted in unconditional love. If you are asked to pray for someone, take a moment and say a prayer. If you would like the parish to pray for a loved one please contact the parish office. Out of respect for the privacy of our parishioners, prayer requests to be shared at Sunday mass, must come from a family member of the one seeking prayers. Names appearing in the bulletin will be remain on the list for 8 weeks.

Those needing good health: We wish you comfort and peace



Baby Antonio, Baby Hailey, Rosemary Bingenheimer-Rissler, Bernie Dion, Helen Evertowski, Kristie Kaczmark, Bronislawa Krzysiak, Katie Lucarelli, Linda Lucas, Linda McDonald, Brodie McIntosh, Deacon Michael McLynn, Maeve McKeough, Robin Moll, Mark Monahan, Logan Muchowski, Judy Nocek, Rosemarie Noga, Joey Oberholzer, Mary O'Boyle, Katie Olsen, Cathy Onak, Bill Owens, Lynn Pacetti, Maggie Pack, Gerald Pavlovic, Kim Pillischafske, Pauline Pracz, Brian Raimondi, Daniel Ray, Kathy Rowan, Andrew Schutzius, Ellen Schutzius, Anne Shanahan, , Dan Sloan, Robert Strejc, Jerry Szymanski, Leianna Tanedo, Julie Tkachuck, Dominic Tocci, Thomas and Judy Veen, Zenon Wiercimak, Erin Wiley, Vicki Wiley, Mark Wisinski, Jerold Wojcki, John Wozniak, Greg Zander, Deirdre Zielinski

Let us Pray

Please join Our Lady of the Woods Parish as we continue to pray for those who have or are serving in the military. We pray for those who protect our country, for their safety, and well-being, especially,

Adam Rodrigues Captain John Brooker CPL John P. Cherry CPL Brandon D. Gabry LCPL Steve Olson Lt. John Spannuth Sgt. David A. Delach Brian Allen Bryan Lampinen Sgt. John P. Micham Sgt. Jesus M. Flores Cpt. Benjamin Feithen Lt. Dylan Conover Sean Girouard CPL Rowen N. Barker 1Lt. Jack McGuire 2Lt. Patrich McGuire Ian Altieri **Battalion Chief Douglas** Mayer LTJG Garrett Green, Gabe Duda, USN E5-VN Francisco J. Gaytan E4-SA Michael A. Gaytan

Peter Michael Czerwien, Navy Robert Owens Larry Stolinski Major Tom Buller Sgt. Greg Danko Mario Danko PFC Tim Radcliffe Sgt. David Darwent Gavril Robert Micham Danielle Batton CPT Brendan Girouard LT Matthew E. Lodwich CSM Joseph Cistaro SPC Rebecca Buhs LTC Nicholas Kamon LT Christa Kamon AB Kevin Schwenn AB Sean Schwenn CPT Allen Dagys CPT Justin T. Halligan Sgt. Gavril AJ Pfeiffer Sgt. Rafal Hodur SFC Rosalinda Jaime





Our Deceased:

Peter Del Ricco Rosario Bongiovanni

"Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord."

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Our Ministry Team is here to help you during this difficult time:
Michelle Hilliard—708-361-4754
"Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Matthew 5:4



SATURDAY, November 12

8:30 AM—Therese Maduzia, The Nerada Family (living)

5:00 PM— Belva & John Barrett, Joseph & Dolores Bergen

SUNDAY, November 13

8:00 AM—People of Our Lady of the

Woods, Dr. Erik K. Muraskas

9:30 AM—Dr. Jose Manglano, Helen

Wiszowaty

11:00 AM—Jose Manglano, Anna Grazian

6:00 PM—John Botica, Walter & Genevieve

Atkenson

MONDAY, November 14

6:30 AM—Peter DelRicco

8:30 AM—Mary F. Arndt, Neil Borgstrom

TUESDAY, November 15

6:30 AM—Jerry Cieslik, Tom Wajda

8:30 AM— Jimmy Dean VanRossum, Neil

Borgstrom

WEDNESDAY, November 16

6:30 AM—Rosario Bongiovanni

8:30 AM—Raymond & Barbara Biegel,

Eileen Reardon

THURSDAY, November 17

6:30 AM—Cynthia Ferrin, John Pietro

8:30 AM—Bernice Wojenik, Dorothy Perk

FRIDAY, November 18

6:30 AM—Peter DelRicco

8:30 AM—Frances Stambor, George

Matejka

SATURDAY, November 19

8:30 AM—Noreen Bergdolld, Dorothy

Sniezewski

5:00 PM— Nelson & Studin Families,

Patricia Rowley

SUNDAY, November 20

8:00 AM—People of Our Lady of the

Woods, Joe Bruno

9:30 AM—Caryl Wall, Katherine Riordan

11:00 AM—Felix Jr, Alphonso Sr, and

Estela Ramirez, James Riordan

6:00 PM— Neil Borgstrom, Felix & Carol

Lazaroff

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Paul speaks of his hard work among the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers. But their perseverance will be their salvation (Luke 21:5-19).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43 Monday: Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28 Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44 Thursday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Friday:

Lk 19:45-48 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;

Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20;

Lk 23:35-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday:

Tuesday: St. Albert the Great

Wednesday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Thursday:

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Friday:

> Ss. Peter and Paul in Rome; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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