

Our Lady of Lourdes

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Parish Newsletter

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2019

WORSHIP

OLOL Music ministry...a vibrant tradition

Choral singing for mass has been a mainstay for centuries. Most modern churches today, no matter how large or small has at least one choir. Our Lady of Lourdes is blessed with a vast musical tradition and has many ways to offer musical talent to our worship experience. All of the parish choirs are led by Gregory DuPont, Director of Worship.

Our **ADULT CHOIR** sings at 9:30 a.m. Sunday liturgy. This choir sings a wide range of music from hymn songs to contemporary music. It is a 4-part women and men's chorus with many members having given their time and energy for more than 10 years.

David Flores has belonged to OLOL and the choir since 2000. While a choir member doesn't need prior music experience, David's background comes from the Latin music of the Philippines.



Director of Worship, Gregory DuPont, leads the choir in a prelude song.

He finds that practice is as much a prayer as the actual liturgy. The music is always prayerful. David says of Gregory, "We listen to him and he listens to us. Gregory has trust in the choir, approaching us as mature people who want to praise God through music." Da-

vid finds the music of the choir is "silent joy...the choir does not give music; they share music."

Mary Hill has been in the Adult Choir for 13 years. Mary loves that she is giving service to God and the community. She feels that the

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Our Lady
of Lourdes,
a Roman
Catholic Church
in St. Matthews,
Kentucky, was
established
in 1950.



Our
Mission is...

To **KNOW**
LOVE
and
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God.

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GROW
intentional
disciples.

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choir is united as one voice, even though there are 40 members. She loves being a part of producing a profound sound in a holy place where through community many voices are blended to glorify God. Belonging to the choir involves commitment, faith and formation through the discussions of music with liturgical norms.

A new addition to the choral offerings is the **YOUTH CHOIR**. This choir is primarily composed of students who sing for the school liturgy each Thursday morning. Along with Christmas, Confirmation and Graduation, the youth choir sings the third Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m. liturgy.

"Our young people love to be involved in the liturgy and always come well prepared for their roles," says Gregory. "It's important that each of us, even our youngest members contribute something that is meaningful to our worship. That's what will stick with them as they explore their way."

The **RESURRECTION CHOIR** is a dedicated



Musicians Aaron Napier and Carson Mehlbauer join the youth choir on guitar and drums.

group of men and women who sing for funerals. This ministry is very touching to the family. Many times at smaller funerals the family is unable to sing, their emotions are too close to the surface. This choir, leading song during the funeral liturgy provides comfort and is a much appreciated ministry. Anyone can be part of this choir. Most funerals are held during the regular noon liturgy.

A new group starting this September is a **CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE**. Guitars, drums, wind instruments and singers will provide a style of expression. The **BELL CHOIR**

will resume ringing on Tuesday evenings in September. Details for both groups will be in the bulletin.

Most of us are qualified to sing in a choir if we are willing to be committed to a regular rehearsal time. The old adage of "singing is like praying twice" is true, even if your song is from your heart rather than your vocal cords.

Singing is a very human expression! What makes it so wonderful is because of the vulnerability that is created in us while we sing. All of the imperfections and insecurities that we humans feel come to the surface and creates a wonderful, joyous prayer.



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LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Stewardship is a conversion of heart

Dear Parishioners,

Stewardship is a word you probably hear often at Our Lady of Lourdes. We recite the Stewardship Prayer during all weekend masses and regularly refer to stewardship as “our way of life,” but do we really live out this mission?

Stewards believe that everything we are and have is freely given for our good. We believe we should return a portion of those goods to God and His work through the Church in gratitude for His abundant generosity. We do not “possess” or “own” these goods but we are entrusted with them to nurture their growth and use them wisely.

The way of life of stewardship means our resources must be used to reach out to others and help build God’s Kingdom of love, justice and peace. Stewards know, love, and serve God by loving and serving their neighbors.

Most importantly, stewardship is a conversion of heart that, when nurtured, continues to grow and flourish. It is an on-going process, something that never ends. Each day we make the decision to be stewards and say “yes” to this way of life.

We will begin our recommitment to stewardship soon. Be looking for info about our annual renewal in early Fall 2019. This process will



focus on the three pillars, all equally important:

PRAYER – is time spent developing your faith. You are asked to live your baptismal call in all that you do and to celebrate your faith! Prayer opportunities could include: Sunday Mass, daily mass, rosary, morning and evening prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praying before and after meals, retreats, prayerful songs/music, reconciliation and faith groups (Men’s Bible Study, Walking with Purpose, etc).

MINISTRY – is the gifts you share within our community and beyond. “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10). We are called to use our individual gifts to serve our Church and one another. This includes the various committees, annual events and involvement opportunities in

worship, formation, athletics, PTO, pastoral and outreach.

FINANCE – also known as tithing, is our gift back to God for what he has given us and it supports the mission of the parish. Tithing is the giving of our first fruits, a proportional and sacrificial gift, that is both honorable and holy to God. Tied directly to sacrificial giving, tithing invites us to consider the biblical norm: 10% of our gifts - 5% for the parish and 5% for the world’s poor. This latter term includes the various charitable appeals that come our way – missions, United Way, cancer fund, etc.

I ask each of you start prayerfully considering your recommitment to our stewardship way of life in all 3 of these pillars. We need YOU and your generosity!

“As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gifts gracefully, cultivate them responsively, share them in loving justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.” - Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, USCCB
(Go to www.usccb.org to read the entire pastoral letter)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Scott J. Wimsett".

Rev. Scott J. Wimsett
Pastor

300 Families

Split from Holy Trinity to form new OLOL parish due to the growth of Catholics in St. Matthews

1950

The year Monsignor Gerst oversaw the opening of OLOL, becoming the 1st pastor

LOL BY THE NUMBERS

7 Ursuline Sisters

Led by Sister M. Aloyse Stocker, who was the principal and 7th grade teacher, opened OLOL school in Sept. 1950. Sisters taught all but two grades until the late 60s.

Feb. 11, 1995

First official event in new Activities Center - annual Lourdes Night. Construction from 1993-1995 included a new gym, classrooms & school office spaces. In 1998, the church was renovated and Gathering Space added to connect spaces.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION



LaVerne Metzler enjoys the Coloring Group which meets on the last Friday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. for coloring, prayer, mimos and friendship!



RIGHT: More than 40 parishioners went on a tour of Kentucky's Holy Land in late June. Stops included visiting the grave of Thomas Merton.



BOTTOM: Members of the Knights of Columbus attended a mission trip to Auxier, KY with Hand-in-Hand Ministries in April 2019.



TOP:Juliane Woodham dances with a resident of Belmont Village during their 1st "Senior Prom" held in Spring 2019. Volunteers from OLOL greeted guests, danced and helped serve refreshments.

ABOVE: OLOL volunteers helped load up a semi-truck full of household items, clothes, furniture and medical supplies headed to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in early June.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION



LEFT: New school families were paired with a host family at "Popsicles in the Park" on July 14.



RIGHT: VBS included a visit from Mike Ngong & the Latin & African Drum Group who led a drum circle.



TOP LEFT: The 2019 Festival Homecoming was moved indoors June 7-8 due to wet weather, but was still a great time with food, games & community.

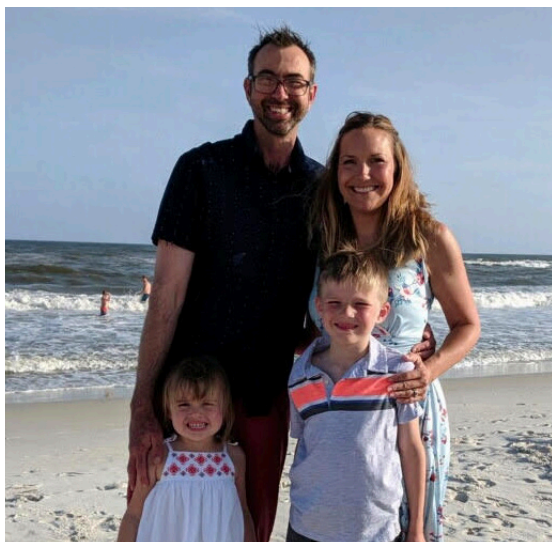
TOP RIGHT: Florence Molnar opens a gift at a summer potluck luncheon on July 19.

RIGHT: 3rd graders from OLOL performed musical entertainment at the opening of the renovated St. Matthews Eline Library in May 2019.



GET TO KNOW...

Gootee Family



FAMILY MEMBERS: Jon, Jamie, Liam, Sophia; JJ & Josie (fur-babies)

OCCUPATION: Jon - Owner Gootee Contracting, LLC (3rd generation painting business); Jamie - Licensed Behavior Analyst

NUMBER OF YEARS AT OLOL: Almost 7 years

MASS WE NORMALLY ATTEND: Sunday, 11:30 mass

YOU MAY HAVE SEEN US VOLUNTEERING: Most recently at the Plinko booth at the Summer Festival. Jamie volunteers at children's liturgy, LAMBS and PTO. Jon helps with church decorations during Easter and Christmas (He and Liam built the stable for the nativity set this year).

FAVORITE THING ABOUT OLOL: The sense of community, acceptance and inclusion in the parish.

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: *"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks..."*
- 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

HOPE & DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE OUR CHURCH: That OLOL continues to be a community which is formed through meaningful stewardship, faith and love.

COMMUNITY

OLOL site of Legacy of Life 5K on Sept. 14

Join us to celebrate life and raise awareness about Organ and Tissue Donation for the 10th Annual Legacy of Life 5K.

Organ Donation has affected many of our OLOL parishioners, so our parish is proud to be the site for this annual event.

The race will be held Saturday, Sept. 14 at Our Lady of Lourdes. Registrations begins at 8 a.m., with race starting at 8 a.m.

To learn more, visit Runsignup.com, Search: "Legacy of Life 5k" Register, create a virtual team or donate today!



FORMATION

DivorceCare starts 8th year at OLOL

Lourdes is proud to host DivorceCare, a 13-week seminar for those going through divorce or separation. This will be the 8th year that OLOL has hosted this important ministry at our parish.

Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever

faced. It's a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you've never faced before. DivorceCare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. You don't have to go through it alone!

Classes begin Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. in the OLOL Parish Center Meeting Room. For more information & to register please contact: Joni Richter, Director of Pastoral Care, 896-0241 or jonir@ourlourdes.org.



Retreats on campus for men, women

Join us for upcoming spiritual retreat opportunities right on the OLOL campus.

The purpose of a spiritual retreat is to temporarily leave behind the usual distractions we all face for long enough to allow relaxation and for an inner change to occur: the ongoing conversion of heart that is critical to deepening faith.

We all need time to renew and re-focus - especially in our spiritual lives. It's important to take intentional time each year to slow down and recharge - what better time than late summer before the craziness of the school year starts! All ages welcome! See details below:

MEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m.- noon

Presented by: Father Troy Overton

Theme: "Moving Charity toward Justice"

Where: OLOL Cafeteria

Who: All men of the parish are invited



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, Aug. 17, 9-11:30 a.m.

Presented by: Sister Rosella McCormick, OSU

Theme: "Come Away...and rest awhile"

(Mark 6:30-32)

Where: OLOL Cafeteria

Who: All women of the parish are invited

For more information, contact Doug Wolz at 966-7215 or dougw@ourlourdes.org.



*Fr. Troy Overton, Pastor
St. Edward Parish in Jeffersonton*



*Sister Rosella McCormick,
Ursuline Sisters of Louisville*



Religious Ed classes begin Sept. 15

WHO: Children, ages Kindergarten through 8th grade, who do not attend our parish school

WHEN: Sunday mornings from 10-11:15 a.m. We will begin the year with Welcome Day on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. in the Cafeteria. Parents and kids should both attend.

WHY: We care about the religious formation of all children! We hope to offer a hands-on approach to Religious Education for children of all abilities. We also have monthly Family Sundays - where parents and children attend together to help support parents as the primary religious educators of the family.

REGISTRATION: Opens Aug. 10 - Online at: www.ololchildrens-ministry.com (Look for Religious Education section). This will bring up online forms.

QUESTIONS: Contact Trish Deatrick at 966-5342 or trishd@ourlourdes.org

LITURGY/DEVOTION SCHEDULE

Weekends: Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:00 noon; 8:15 a.m. Thursdays during school year

Communion Service: 7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3-4 p.m.

Rosary in Church on Monday, Wednesday and Friday before the 12:00 noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration in Church on Wednesdays from 12:30-2 p.m.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

WWP CONNECT COFFEE TALK

Wed. Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m.
Adult Space
All women invited!

ST. JOE'S PICNIC

Aug. 9 -10. Proceeds benefit
the children and families of St.
Joseph Children's Home. Visit
sjkids.org for more information.

MEN'S RETREAT

Sat. Aug. 10, 9 a.m. to noon
OLOL Cafeteria

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION

Thurs. Aug. 15, 9 a.m. liturgy
with school community

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sat. Aug. 17. 9-11:30 a.m.
OLOL Cafeteria

MEN'S GROUP

Beginning Aug. 22,
Every Thursday, 6:30 a.m.
Small Group study, discussion
and Communion Service
All men are invited!

LABOR DAY

Mon. Sept. 2, 9 a.m. liturgy

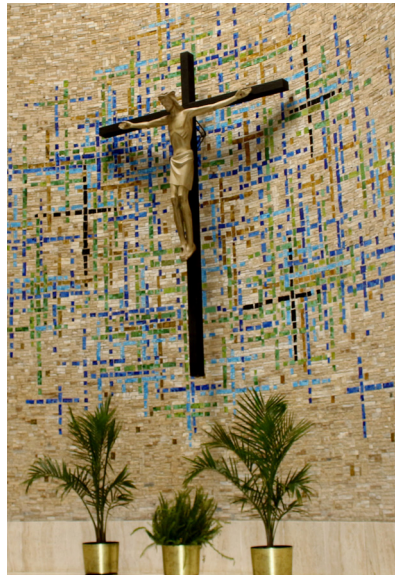
FAMILY CAMP AT CYO CAMP RANCHO FRAMASA

Sept. 6-8, \$70 per person
or \$180 per family. Contact Bill
Ash for more detail - billa@ourlourdes.org

1ST RECONCILIATION PREP MEETING

Wed. Sept. 18, 7 p.m. Cafeteria
For 2nd grade parents, students
(RE and Parish School)

THROWBACK SNAPSHOT



Far left: Our Lady of Lourdes church in 1962. This was actually the second church built, the first was constructed in 1950. The sanctuary was "flipped" and renovated in 1998 which reflect our current space.

Left: The Crucifix and mosaic tile, which was part of the 1962 construction, are still a beautiful addition to our current space. They were crafted in West Berlin, Germany. The mosaic tile was designed with interwoven crosses - made of marble and Venetian glass representing our thoughts, words, joys and sufferings.

Share your THROWBACKS with us!
Email Beth Freeman at bethf@ourlourdes.org