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SUN 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - March 2023

	ACTUAL <i>as of 3/23/23</i>	BUDGETED <i>for March</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$54,035.01	\$62,000.00
Offertory	\$1,790.55	\$2,500.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: March 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$672,167.42	\$641,435.00
Operating Expenses.....	\$609,553.48	\$645,464.12

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/22..	\$110,693.46
Donations	\$27,611.52
Expenses.....	<u>\$1,575.00</u>
Balance (3/23/2023)	\$136,729.98

THANK YOU!

*Our Lady of Lourdes is greatly
blessed with your continued
generous support
of all our ministries!*



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NOTES FROM NANCIE

Holy Week/Triduum

I love this week! It is a compendium of human experience, of heroic choices, of love that goes beyond belief. It calls to mind the core of our common aches, hopes, and desires. It celebrates and unites us to the One who is greater than all, our God, in sharing suffering, humiliation, agony, death, sorrow, betrayal, temptation, friendship, and friendship gone awry that impacts all of us at some point in our lives. And most importantly, it softens our spirits to receive the gift of resurrection.

This week is our holiest week as Christians. I urge you to take time to ponder the incredible events of 2000 years ago that continue to shape us each moment of our lives if we are but open. Join us Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper when we wash feet as a call to love one another and as we break bread and take from the cup, joining us in that beautiful call to remember and become. Good Friday at 12:00 pm (noon), come for a meditation on the last walk of Christ, the Stations of the Cross. Join us at 7:00 pm for the proclamation of the Passion of Christ and the Veneration of the Cross. Bring your baskets with Easter food to be blessed on Holy Saturday at 11:00 am. Be present to the incredible rituals of the Easter Vigil—candle, water, oil, bread, wine; light from dark, and Alleluia ringing through the building!

And if that does not work, come on Easter Sunday at 8:00 am or 10:30 am to be filled with and celebrate the Resurrection!

However you decide to honor this week, make a decision and make it something intentional.

In the hope of the promise of new life in Christ,
Nancie Chmielewski

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Dignity

Dignity is a sense of worthiness and respect. It comes from remembering who we truly are and our purpose for being. When we are mindful of our own dignity, we hold ourselves with self-esteem, respect, and simple confidence. We move and speak in a graceful manner. We recognize the inherent worth of each person. We treat everyone with the respect and honor all beings deserve. When we value each other, we honor our Creator.

As you listen to the Passion this year, look for all the ways that Jesus shared his dignity and recognized and named it in others on his journey. How can you do the same on your journey?

SUN 2

Easter Vigil Reception Food Tags
8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy Church
6:00 pm Mass Watch Party Virtual

MON 3

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
9:30 am Lazarus Mtg. Rm 10

TUE 4

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
10:30 am SVDP Mtg. Rm 4
6:00 pm Easter Vigil Sacred Movement Reh. Church
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group Rm 3
6:30 pm Prayer for the Journey Virtual
6:45 pm Boy Scout Troop 612 Hall A

COMMUNITY LIFE

Wisconsin Spring Election

Tuesday, April 4

Statewide: Race for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice

Statewide: Three referendums

Milwaukee County: One non-binding referendum

Local Communities: Circuit Court judges and School Board members

Find your ballot: myvote.wi.gov

Find candidate information:

vote411.org

Your Voice—Your Vote

LOL Social Justice Committee

Art Guild Hallway Art Exhibition

Please welcome spring into our community by visiting our Art Guild's Art Blossom creations in the hallway after all Masses this weekend.

Easter Vigil Social Food

Donations

Grab a tag from the bulletin board in the Lobby to donate food for our social after the Easter Vigil.

Needed items: cookies, bars, lemonade, and water.

Highway to Health Fair

Wednesday, April 12

10:30 am–12:00 pm

Meet Alverno College nursing students and access **free** services and health information.

FORMATION

It's time for our confirmands to be confirmed!

On Sunday, May 7, at the 10:00 am liturgy at St. Matthias, our candidates will receive the sacrament of confirmation. These young people have accomplished wonderful things as they prepared for this sacrament, and it is time to celebrate with them! Keeping that celebration in mind, we would love for each of you to take a moment over the next month to quiet your hearts and send up a prayer for our confirmands in honor of this sacrament.

Good and gracious Abba,

You send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,

Look kindly on your confirmands as they seek to hear your voice.

As they near the end of their unique journey towards this sacrament, we pray that You send your Spirit to enlighten, guide, strengthen, console, and open their hearts as they continue to seek a closer relationship with You.

As we, our faith community, continue to support and nurture these young adults, make us an instrument of Your love, deepen our faith and help us to pass it on by our example.

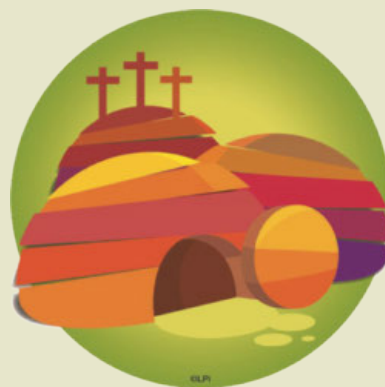
We pray our hearts and minds stay open to You as You continue to guide and sustain us.

In Your name we pray,

Amen.

Young Children's Easter Event

Easter Sunday during the 10:30 am liturgy we will have a special Easter event for all children age 3-6 years old. Parents will need to register their children before the start of the 10:30 am Easter liturgy.



WED 5

THU 6

FRI 7

8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
9:30 am	Liturgy	Church
10:00 am	Alverno Nurses	Rm 10
10:15 am	Morning Faith Group	Hall BC
3:30 pm	Spirit & Grace Choir	Church
5:30 pm	Vigil Rehearsal	Church
6:30 pm	Baptism Prep	Virtual

8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
9:00 am	Stewardship Mailing	
	Prep	Rm 4
7:00 pm	Holy Thursday	
	Liturgy	Church

Office Closed

12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	
	led by Parish Youth	Church
7:00 pm	Good Friday Service	Church

WORSHIP

Holy Week Treasure Hunt

As we look ahead to our Holy Week and Easter celebrations, here's a treasure hunt for you. Come celebrate with us throughout the week and see if you can find all of these rich lyrics in our music:

Night has turned into morning, tears of grief have turned to joy.
Father, forgive them, they do not understand what they do.
I will sing to the Lord, triumphant is he.
Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the Body of Christ.
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"
Let all creation bend the knee to the Lord.
This is the night the Light broke the chains of death. O holy night! O night of glory!
O Sacred Head, surrounded by crown of piercing thorn!
Life-giving love, empower us with courage bold and true to walk the road of justice, and bear the cross with you.
Come and see what I have done: I've given my only Son. Come and see.
Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come. Watch and pray.
In our care for all, we live this call to wash each other's feet.
Ubi caritas et amor. Deus ibi est.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Washing, cleansing, purify, make whole. Justice prevails when love is the center of my soul.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday–April 6, 7:00 pm
Good Friday–Stations of the Cross Guided Meditation–April 7, 12:00 pm
Good Friday–Passion and Veneration–April 7, 7:00 pm
Easter Food Blessing–April 8, 11:00 am
Easter Vigil–April 8, 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday–April 9, 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Scripture Readings for April 9

Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 | Psalm 118 | 1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8 | Matthew 28: 1-10

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

Care for the Environment: Care for the Poor

Monday, April 24
6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Pope Francis has asked all nations to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. With that plea in mind, the Our Lady of Lourdes Social Justice Committee invites you to view the documentary titled *The Letter* that builds on the teaching of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis's encyclical on *Care for Our Common Home*. Through vivid testimonials, the film demonstrates how spiritual values unite us in the face of a planetary crisis. Register at ololmke.org/social-justice/ or call the Parish Office.

Thank You!

A big **thank you** from the Human Concerns Committee and Kathy's House for all the paper goods and supplies you donated. The numbers speak of your generosity:

406 rolls of toilet paper
165 rolls of paper towels
30 containers of disinfectant sprays and wipes
106 boxes of facial tissue
937 individually wrapped snacks
60 bottles of dish soap
1,231 trash bags

It filled four of the large 4-shelved carts from the cafeteria! Kathy's House was completely amazed and speechless!

Once again you are awesome!
Thank you!

SAT 8

11:00 am Easter Food Blessing Church
7:00 pm Easter Vigil
Liturgy Church
Easter Vigil Reception
Following Mass Hall

SUN 9

8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Children's Easter Service Rm 9

SPOTLIGHT

Easter Iris

I am ready for spring. The cycle of each season continues to amaze me.

In winter, I look at my flower garden and ponder. How can anything of worth come forth from this frozen earth? As sure as each spring appears and warms the earth, tiny, fragile shoots push their way through this hardened soil. In time, this new growth becomes stronger, and eventually buds appear and delicate petals of irises burst open. Though this cycle is predictable every spring, I still marvel at God's creation. I retrieved these resilient iris bulbs from my mother's garden over 20 years ago. They are special to me, as I feel her spirit with me. I delight each year in this circle of life and am privileged to witness God's creation in my own back yard. This nature's cycle in these simple bulbs, buried, asleep, in the earth, come forth, and rise in splendor and beauty each year in spring. For me, this is symbolic of the Easter story we celebrate each year at this time, the miracle of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. I feel honored to witness the symbolism of Christ's resurrection so beautifully illustrated in my garden.

When these irises are in full bloom, I bring some inside to continue appreciating their beauty. This reminds me how I need to take into my heart and soul Christ's immense love and goodness, and have it truly live in me and become a part of me. Because these irises are too beautiful not to share. I often cut a stem or two and pass them on to others to enjoy. This act of giving is symbolic for me, to share, and pass on to others, God's untiring goodness and love so generously given to me by His cross and resurrection. Once again, God's creation, has given me much to contemplate. The simplicity of a spring iris awakens in me the profound Easter miracle.



Jacqueline Dombrowski
Parish Council Member

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Prayer for Holy Week

Lord God,
We tremble to think
That it was Jesus' own friends who deserted him, denied him,
and betrayed him.
Those who journeyed with him, broke bread with him,
had their feet washed by him.
Give us strength, we pray as disciples,
To walk faithfully with Jesus.
Even when the road we walk is rocky
Even when the message of the cross seems like foolishness
And even when we feel deserted, denied and betrayed.
You, Lord, are always faithful.
We stumble, we become lost,
But you are steady and sure.
Give us the grace to endure our troubles,
So as to reveal to us the glory of Easter.
Amen.

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