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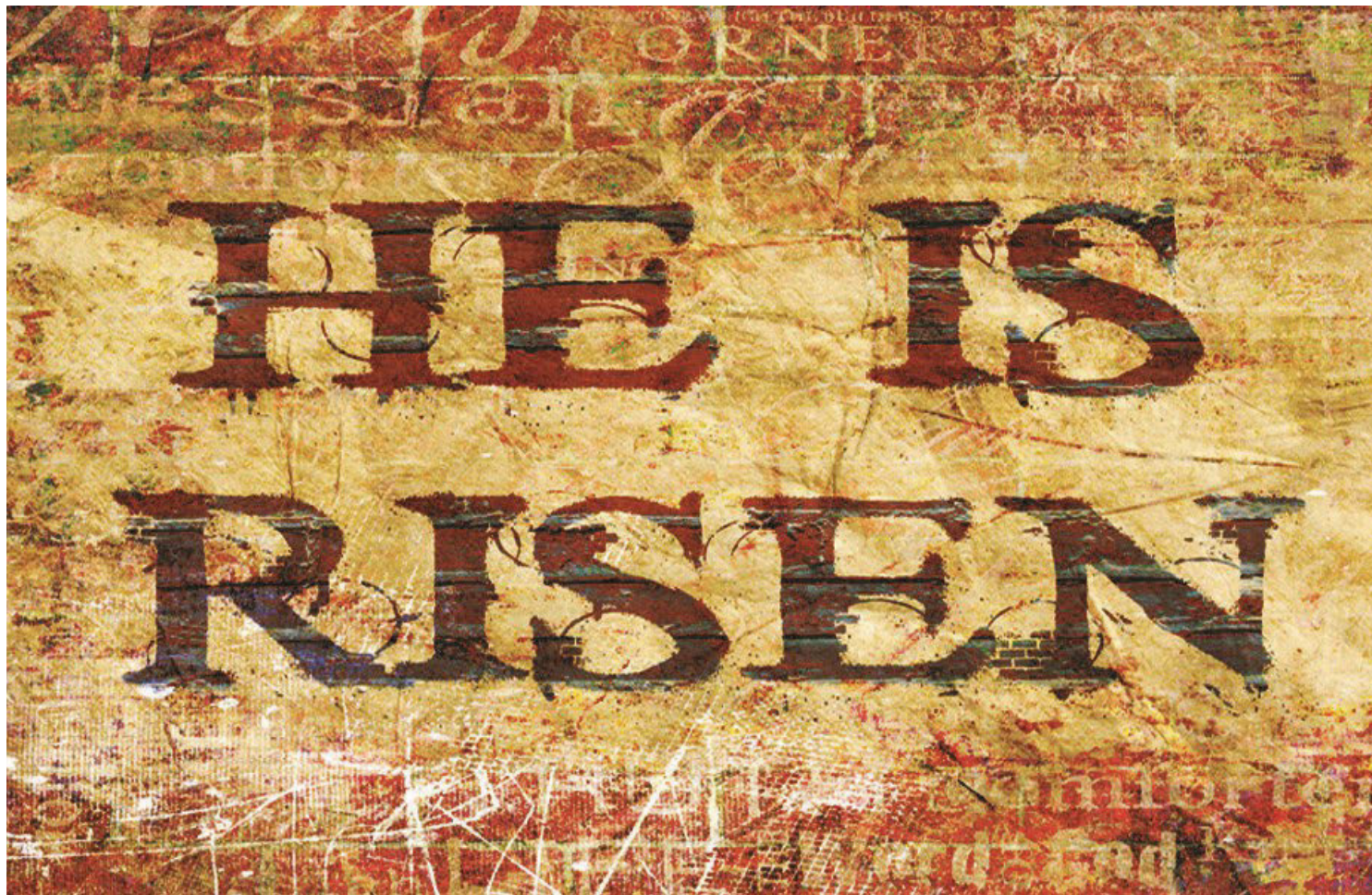
Easter Sunday



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**SAT** 5:00 PM

**SUN** 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

**WED** 9:30 AM

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# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

All of the ministries that are the heart and soul of “community” here at Our Lady of Lourdes parish are alive because of your generous and consistent support. In gratitude, we take up the challenge of our Risen Savior with little, with much, and with **all**.



## To our visitors:

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## NOTES FROM NANCIE

### New Life for All!

A very blessed Easter to all!

What are your memories of Easter Sunday? In my home, Mom and Dad always had new outfits for us and Easter baskets filled with goodies. We were then off to a very full church for Easter Mass, followed by the grandparents' homes for visits and meals. I remember the smell of the lilies, and the parishioners in their finery, including Easter hats!

As a teen and young adult, the beauty of the Triduum began to unfold and took a special place in my celebrating. Once married and with young ones, we continued the traditions of Easter outfits, Easter baskets, grandparent visits and of course, Easter Mass. Once I entered ministry in an intentional way, music and liturgy continued to fuel the incredible celebration of this time.

Today, I still breathe in the beauty of the lilies, sing my heart out at our liturgies, and feel awed by the ongoing gift of the resurrection that we celebrate today. There is much around us that seems and feels desolate and hopeless, but we can gather knowing the presence of the new life of Christ that we call Easter. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

With great joy and blessing,  
Nancie Chmielewski

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### Awe

Awe is deep respect and reverence for the Source of life. It is humility and wonder before the power of God. Contemplating life's beauty and mystery leads us to communion. Reflecting on our place in the universe, we seem small and insignificant, yet it is awe-inspiring to realize that no one else on earth is just like us. When we practice awe, we are alert to signs and wonders placed in our path. We open ourselves to Grace.

Awe is often a sense of surprise! What wonder and surprise for the disciples as they found an empty tomb.

Can you try to put yourself in their place? What are you feeling? What do you do next? Who would you run and tell? What response would you expect? Easter Blessings.

**SUN 9**

8:00 am Liturgy Church  
10:30 am Liturgy Church

**MON 10**

**Office Closed**

**TUE 11**

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5  
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6  
1:00 pm ART Guild  
Open Studio Rm 4  
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10  
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall AB



## COMMUNITY LIFE

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
Harris Weller

From

His loving children and  
grandchildren

### Highway to Health Fair

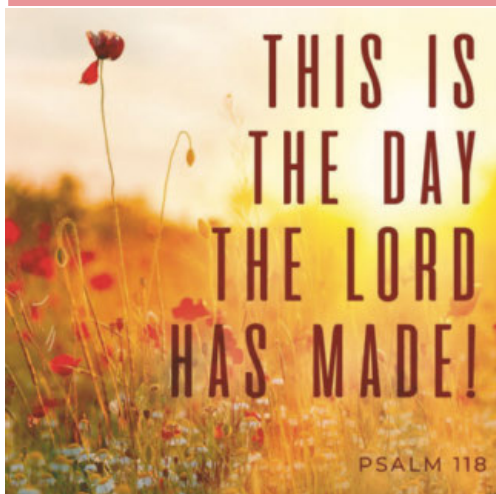
Wednesday, April 26

10:30 am–12:00 pm

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

Topics:

- Stretching exercises
- Sleep
- Optimal brain functioning
- Hand hygiene
- When to choose urgent care
- Vision care
- Easy, healthy meals
- Complimentary therapies



## FORMATION

### GIFT

We just have one session left for the year! Al McCauley will be leading us in a reflection on the saints on Sunday, April 23. With Al's guidance, we will discover who they are, why we have them, and be introduced to a few young saintly examples who will guide us through our summer. If you are not already registered for GIFT but want to attend, please contact Roxanne in the Parish Office.

### Discussion Questions

#### First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Should we witness with more than words? Peter bore witness in a different manner after the Resurrection than he did before Christ died. To what do you attribute this? Was he consumed by love for Christ and his Gospel? Could the source of strength for Peter be the same source for us?

#### Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

"Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above." (See later in Colossians 3 for Paul's meaning of "above"). He says that we should put on heartfelt compassion. What does compassion look like in our immediate world and in the larger one? What cries of the poor "deeply move" you? Of dying children in Ukraine? Of people suffering from effects of global warming, unhoused people and starvation?

#### Gospel: John 20:1-9

The same women who came to anoint his body in the morning had been with Jesus when he died. Were they deterred from their task by fear? Compare and contrast their behavior with some of Jesus' other disciples.

In thinking about events like the Ukrainian war and protests against injustice, do we think President Zelenskyy is stopped by fear? Were people like John Lewis, Gandhi, Doctors without Borders, and Dorothy Day stopped by fear? Where is your courage on a scale of 1 to 10? Will it look different on every person and in every situation?

By Anne Osdieck [liturgy.slu.edu/Triduum2023A/reflections\\_osdieck.html](http://liturgy.slu.edu/Triduum2023A/reflections_osdieck.html)

**WED 12**

**THU 13**

**FRI 14**

7:00 am St. Ben's Meal Prep Kitchen  
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5  
10:00 am Alverno Nurses Rm 10  
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C  
6:30 pm Lunch Bag  
Retreat Discussion Virtual  
7:00 pm GASIC Virtual  
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg. Rm 3

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5  
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6  
6:30 pm Social Justice Cmte. Rm 3

### Office Closed

6:00 pm Baptism Rehearsal Church

## WORSHIP

### Happy Easter!

What does it take to believe in the Resurrection? Many might respond saying, "If we had only been there." If we had found the empty tomb, how would we have responded? As today's Gospel reveals, all we have in this story is the account of reactions to that tomb, which changed people's lives both then and now. Some who saw it believed that Jesus had risen. On this day we rejoice, and we ponder the blessings of this astounding mystery.

Joan DeMerchant, NCR



### Thank you!

Thank you to all the ministers and volunteers who helped bring our Lent, Holy Week, and Easter celebrations to life. Thank you to this community and our visitors for adding your voice as we gathered to pray together. Everything you do, whether visible or behind-the-scenes, is greatly appreciated. Wishing you all a happy and blessed Easter!

### Scripture Readings for April 16

#### The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 | Psalm 118 | 1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31

## OUTREACH

### From St. Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people!

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.

### St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, April 12. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday (the office is closed this Monday).

You can also make monetary donations using your monthly donation slips or our webpage: [www.ololmke.org/st-bens/](http://www.ololmke.org/st-bens/).

### Social Justice: An Invitation

The Social Justice Committee seeks to educate and awaken people to the issues of justice that confront society today. We meet monthly on the second Thursday. Our next meeting is April 13, at 6:30 pm, in Room 3. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: April 25, May 9 and 23

Most needed items: canned beets, mixed vegetables, potatoes, tomatoes, condiments (BBQ sauce, salad dressing, ketchup, and brown mustard. Please watch the expiration dates. Non-perishable items only, please. **We are in desperate need of brown grocery bags.** We use 70 bags each pantry day, so a steady supply is always welcome. Learn more at [ololmke.org/food-pantry](http://ololmke.org/food-pantry).

**SAT 15**

11:00 am Walking Through  
Grief Together Rm 6  
5:00 pm Liturgy Church

**SUN 16**

8:00 am Liturgy Church  
10:30 am Liturgy (Baptisms) Church

# SPOTLIGHT

Easter 2023

Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid.

Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." | Matthew 28:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The road to Calvary was filled with suffering, the cross, and our Lord's death. It appeared that all was lost—but he lives! He is risen from the very tomb that enclosed him and he establishes the way. The joy of Easter is that God's love conquers. The way to the empty tomb and everlasting life is through uniting ourselves to the cross.

Let this Easter be a time of renewal for your faith. See the sign of the empty tomb and rejoice in Christ's victory over your own sin and death. Resolve to return to him with your whole heart, trusting that he will provide for your every need. Live in the joy of the Resurrection and share that joy with those who have yet to experience it. Like the disciples, let's proclaim in our church and to others in our lives: Alleluia! He is Risen!

This Easter season, I ask all members of our Catholic faith community to commit to growing more deeply in relationship with Jesus Christ. Commit to participating in Mass fully every week with joy, and invite others to share this experience with you. Commit to receiving the sacrament of reconciliation often, reading the Bible daily, and praying always. Remember that the promise made by Christ thousands of years ago that his disciples would see him again is just as true today as when it was first proclaimed.

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. Happy Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listeki

Archbishop of Milwaukee

## DISCIPLESHIP

### All Are Welcome Here!

Gay and Straight in Christ is a Christian-based fellowship group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons, their families, friends, and supporters. Our Lady of Lourdes offers this ministry to assist the LGBTQ+ community find comfort as they take their rightful place in our Catholic community.

The Gay and Straight in Christ ministry strives to provide the message that our church is open to all persons as a welcoming and affirming Christian community. We affirm the love of Christ for everyone and offer a place of worship for any who may have felt unwelcomed or disenfranchised in the Catholic faith.

We provide a safe environment where ideas can be exchanged without fear or judgment. All are held in confidence.

**Gay and Straight in Christ will meet this Wednesday, April 12, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.** Please see the GASIC page on the parish website [ololmke.org/gasic/](http://ololmke.org/gasic/) or call the Parish Office to obtain the link to join the discussion.

God does not discriminate. We do not discriminate. All truly are welcome here!

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