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2nd Sunday of Easter



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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him,
“Have you come to
believe because you
have seen me? Blessed
are those who have not
seen and have believed.”
- Jn 20:29

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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 5:00 PM

SUN 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - March 2023

	ACTUAL as of 3/31/23	BUDGETED for March
Reg. Envelopes	\$59,710.89	\$62,000.00
Offertory	\$2,390.55	\$2,500.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: March 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$679,353.71	\$641,435.00
Operating Expenses.....	\$630,080.05	\$645,464.12

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/22...	\$110,693.46
Donations	\$27,915.90
Expenses	\$1,625.00
Balance (3/31/2023)	\$136,984.36

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Archdiocese of Milwaukee

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NOTES FROM NANCIE

Who/what are you devoted to?

Our First Reading today opens with this: "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers." What a wonderful picture of communal life! This life is for all as we are the Body of Christ. We gather for weekly liturgy in this very spirit of loving, sharing, listening, learning, breaking bread, and knowing Christ. Easter is our central feast, and it is one we celebrate every time we gather. New life from death; breaking open our lives for others in the example of Jesus Christ.

And so, it begs the question we each need to ponder and answer: who and what am I devoted to?

May you know the Easter life.
Nancie Chmielewski



COMMUNITY LIFE

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Harris & Virginia Weller
From
Their 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.

Oktoberfest Meeting

April 26

7:00 pm

Topic: Publicity and Social Media

All are welcome as we discuss how we can share the word about our fun weekend?

SUN 16

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

MON 17

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
6:30 pm Discipleship Institute Team Mtg. Virtual

TUE 18

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
10:30 am SVDP Mtg. Rm 4
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group Rm 3
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall A

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Unity

Unity is a powerful virtue and it brings great strength. Unity is inclusiveness. It brings people together. We see our commonality without devaluing our differences. We experience our connectedness with all people and all life. Unity frees us from the divisiveness of prejudice and heals our fears. We refuse to engage in conflict, seeking peace in all circumstances. Unity comes when we value every person, in our family and in the world.

In the Reading from Acts of the Apostles, Luke describes his vision for the life of the early Church community. In this ideal Christian community they are to hold fast to the teachings of the apostles and to the common life of Christian fellowship and to share in the breaking of the bread and the prayers.

How do you still do this today? What do you most value about our Christian community today?

FORMATION

A Celebration of Saints

Al McCauley, Director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Anthony on the Lake Parish in Pewaukee, will lead us in our final GIFT session of the year on Sunday, April 23. Join us, as he teaches us about the saints. Far from the caricatures we see depicted in idealized statues or serene stained-glass windows, saints are real humans who struggled, sinned, and suffered—yet remained true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In this presentation, we'll explore how saints are examples of faith: men and women who are conduits of God's grace despite their flaws and shortcomings.

Discussion Questions

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

In the midst of the pandemic did your idea of community include all your brothers and sisters in the world? How is your faith strengthened by the faith of others? They ate their meals "with exultation." What fills you with "awe"?

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Hans Urs von Balthasar said the following: "We are not the ones who grasp Christ and anchor ourselves to him. Rather, Christ has caught up with us and grasped us." Which "grasping" makes you feel more secure? How does von Balthasar's sentence relate to this sentence from this reading: "God ... gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection ..."?

Gospel: John 20:19-31

"Jesus came in, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst." Can any doors be locked tight enough to keep Christ out? Explain. Do you have any "locked doors"? How is peace connected with forgiveness of sins?

By Anne Osdieck liturgy.slu.edu/2EasterA041623/reflections_osdieck.html

WED 19

THU 20

FRI 21

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
9:30 am Liturgy Church
10:00 am Alverno Nurses Rm 10
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg. Rm 3
6:30 pm Women's Spirituality Rm 6

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6

Office Closed

WORSHIP



The 45-Minute Choir

A few weeks ago, an amazing thing happened at Communion. The musicians began the introduction to the song, fully intending to play the entire refrain before the song leaders began singing; however, halfway through the instrumental introduction, the community began singing. It was a great demonstration and reminder of how much and how wonderfully you all sing.

This leads us to a question. Are you curious about joining the choir but unsure about making the commitment? This spring is the perfect time to try us out! Our Spirit & Grace Choir won't be holding weekly rehearsals. Instead, we are meeting at 9:45 am to prepare for the 10:30 am Mass.

You are all invited to join us in leading the music at the 10:30 am Mass on either **May 7 or May 21**. This is an invitation for all ages. Please contact either Anne Van Deusen or Julie Fraleigh to let us know you're coming.

Scripture Readings for April 23

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | Psalm 16 | 1 Peter 1:17-21 | Luke 24:13-35

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" During Mass we turn to each other and say, "Peace be with you!"

As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say, "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

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

Most needed items: spaghetti (not whole wheat), tuna (5-6 ounce size), bottled juice, canned beets, mixed vegetables, and potatoes. Please watch the expiration dates. Non-perishable items only, please. Learn more at ololmke.org/food-pantry.

Hall of Honor

We are again honoring our veterans. Be a part of the Hall of Honor. Submit photos of your veterans both past and present for display on our Hall of Honor. Photos (copy preferred) and the blue information sheet will be available in the April 23 bulletin and outside of Nancie's office. You can deposit forms and photos into the box located in the front gathering area.

Deadline for photo submission is Sunday, May 7.

God bless America.

SAT 22

10:00 am First Eucharist Reh. Church
5:00 pm Liturgy Church

SUN 23

8:00 am Liturgy Church
9:00 am GIFT Hall
10:30 am Liturgy Church

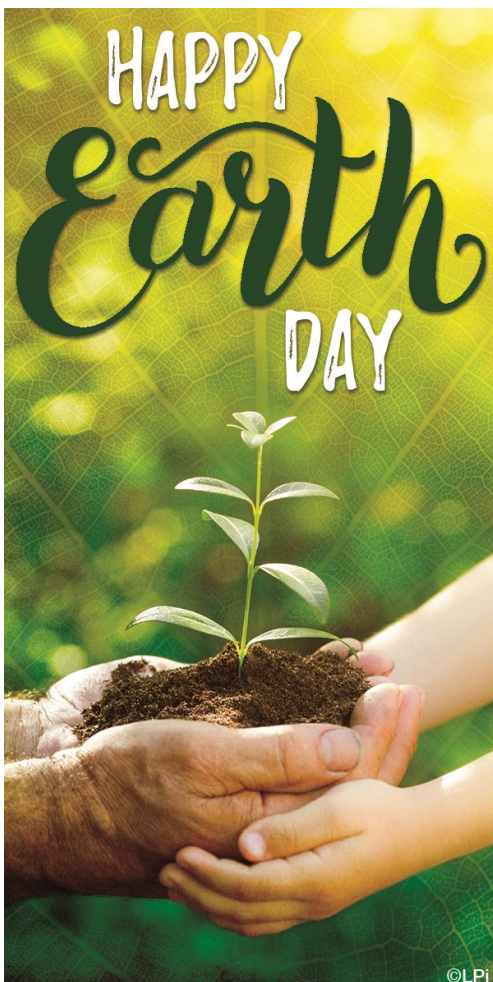
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SPOTLIGHT

Open Wide Your Hearts A Neighbor in Need

On my way to a parking lot after an appointment, I couldn't believe what I saw. My car, covered with thick, white paint halfway up the passenger side! Blood pressure: way up! Had to be vandalism. Driving to the police station, all I could envision were dollar signs. While waiting to talk to the police, the man next to me (I'll call him Dave.) said he sold cars and asked if he could look at mine. Both he and the police agreed it didn't look like vandalism. I must have driven over something containing white paint and it exploded.

Dave suggested we meet at his business. Someone there (I'll call him Al) did detailing and might know what could be done. Al used a special product to remove a patch of white paint. It came off without spoiling the finish. It would need work, but not a complete paint job. Sigh of relief! Hugs all around. Dave and Al were genuinely concerned that I would not be ripped off and asked that I keep them posted on what happened. I ended up at a body shop where they removed the white paint and replaced some plastic parts. I am so grateful for the kindness of these two wonderful men—one Black, one Hispanic, who went out of their way to help a neighbor.

Karen Streich
Social Justice Committee

DISCIPLESHIP

***The Letter*—Community Viewing**

Monday, April 24
6:30 pm–8:30 pm
Parish Hall

Pope Francis wrote an encyclical letter entitled “*Laudato Si*”. This letter encourages us to see how everything in creation is connected. The way we treat the Earth, our common home, is a reflection of how we treat each other. Caring for each other means caring for the home we share.

The film, *The Letter*, tells the story of the journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter with Pope Francis. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope, included in the film, offers a revealing insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome.

Join us as we view this amazing film as a community.
A better future is in our hands!

Register by April 20 at ololmke.org/social-justice/ or by calling the Parish Office.



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