

APR 23, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter



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to the world.



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and
returned to Jerusalem
where they found gathered
together the eleven and
those with them who were
saying, "The Lord has
truly been raised and has
appeared to Simon!"
- Lk 24:33-34

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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 - April 2023

	ACTUAL <i>as of 4/14/23</i>	BUDGETED <i>for April</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$47,748.18	\$64,000.00
Offertory	\$2,861.20	\$4,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: April 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$732,529.55	\$711,935.00
Operating Expenses.....	\$684,685.65	713,325.47

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/22...	\$110,693.46
Donations	\$29,313.40
Expenses	\$1,625.00
Balance (4/14/2023)	\$138,381.86

THANK YOU!

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

2022 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (4/1/2023)

Donations:.....**\$34,344.00**
Goal is \$42,840 80.17%

Donors:.....**182**
of donors: 1,043 17.45%

DECIDE TO LEAD

www.CatholicAppeal.org

NOTES FROM NANCIE

SVA

April is always set aside to be a month of Sexual Violence Awareness. Our archdiocese has somewhat recently jumped on board as well with concerns for the safety of our children. In that spirit, I share here their thoughts:

"Parents play the primary role in educating their children about sexual abuse. Here are 5 tips for teaching safety to the little ones God has entrusted to you. 1. Keep it practical. Teach your children the differences between safe touches and unsafe touches. 2. Tell your children that saying "no" is okay. Empower your children to say "no" if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable or touches them inappropriately. 3. Give your children a way to alert you. Tell your children they can use an excuse or share a special "code-word" with you to alert you about an unsafe person or situation. 4. Tell your children to report an unsafe touch. Let your children know they should tell you if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe around any adult or peer. You can also identify other adults they can tell about unsafe touches. 5. Tell your children you trust them. If your child makes a report to you, believe him or her. Tell them it is not their fault and that you love them. Immediately bring the allegation to the attention of public authorities."

You can find additional resources at: [2023SafeEnvironmentBookletv2.pdf](#) (archmil.org)

With hope and Easter joy,
Nancie Chmielewski

SOCIAL TEACHING

Today's psalm is "Lord, you will show us the path of life."

The psalmist is referring to a life that is lived abundantly, full of all that is needed to sustain oneself in joy and purpose. No matter one's situation or station in life, joy and purpose are possible. How?

Jesus says "A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) Jesus is telling us that he is the example of how we are to live to have abundant life. His life was full of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, compassion, humility, enthusiasm, confidence, honesty, and a close relationship with God.

With contemplative prayer we can connect with the divine interior and know what is good. By attending to the needs of others we connect with Christ among us.

SUN 23

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

MON 24

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
11:30 am Resurrection Choir Rm 9
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10
6:30 pm *The Letter* Hall A

TUE 25

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
1:00 pm ART Guild Mtg. Rm 4
3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7
6:00 pm Finance Council Mtg. Virtual
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall AB

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Welcome New Parishioners

March 2023

Elena Dominguez
Julia Montoya-Silva
Richard and Elizabeth Ryback

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Elizabeth Angoli, Gloria Tomczak, Joyce Niemiec, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Nick Covelle
From
Wilfred and Elizabeth Richard

In loving memory of
Jim Ruck
From
Mark and Suzie Van Rixel

Hallway Art Show Wrap-up

Our hallway art and floral show ends April 26. The take-down is April 27. All items must be picked up on April 29 and 30 before and after all the masses. Art Guild members will be available to assist with last minute purchases.

GIFT: Bring All of You

We did it! Thank you for another fabulous year of GIFT. From attending the tailgate picnic to scrubbing the entire building to dancing around the Hall with Nancie, we are thrilled at the way you showed up this year. We invited you to bring every part of yourself and you absolutely did! Keep any eye out for updates on our next season of GIFT.

MORE COMMUNITY LIFE

Thank You

The Lazarus Committee would like to thank the OLOL parishioners for their extremely generous and amazing contributions of treats and beverages for the Holy Saturday Night reception. Any extra cookies and bars were donated to St. Ben's and other organizations for their immediate needs.

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

WED 26

THU 27

FRI 28

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
9:30 am Communion Service Church
10:00 am Alverno Nurses Rm 10
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
10:30 am Highway to
Health Fair Hall A
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg. Rm 3

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
12:00 pm Women's Grief
Support Group Hall C
1:00 pm Hallway Art Exhibit
Take Down Rm 4

Office Closed

WORSHIP

A Few Words About the Road to Emmaus

Have you ever gotten to the point where you've just had it—when there is too much is going on, and you just have to move on? I think that is some of what's happening in today's Gospel.

Cleopas and his companion are leaving Jerusalem. They have heard what happened to Jesus. Perhaps they even witnessed the crucifixion.

After seeing Jesus put to death, they had enough. They had hoped Jesus would redeem Israel and their hope was crushed—beaten bloody and hung on a cross. I'm guessing it was too much and they left town.

Jesus of course meets them on the road, but they didn't recognize him. When we're immersed in grief, sadness, or despair, that colors how we see the world - a painful prism through which we see our lives. Even when Jesus was explaining everything and interpreting Scripture for them—going back as far as Moses—he wasn't recognized, but the travelers felt their hearts burning within them.

And then, in the breaking of the bread, they were able to see. The ritual that we practice today was enough for them to see beyond their grief and see Christ in their midst.

It's easy to get bogged down with our own grief. We see and hear so much. But the challenge of Easter is to try to see beyond the pain and beyond the difficulty—to recognize Christ in our presence, and to trust that Christ is there with us even in our most painful moments.

Believing in Easter means knowing that there is no trial, no illness, no pain that can separate us from the love of God.

Believing in Easter means opening our hearts—no matter how broken they may be—to the possibility that God is doing something new to give **our** hearts a chance to burn within us with a resonance with God's Word.

And believing in Easter means being willing to be Christ's presence ourselves for those around us whose hearts are breaking—to show the hope of the Resurrection in what we do and who we are.

We are an Easter people!

Deb Steppe, Director of Liturgical Ministries

Scripture Readings for April 29-30

The 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | Psalm 23 | 1 Peter 2:20b-25 | John 10:1-10

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by providing families with food and financial help for utility and rent bills. Thank you!

Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

2:00 - 6:00 pm

St. Vincent de Paul is holding their bi-annual blood drive. Sign-up will take place on the weekends of April 22/23 and 29/30 before and after each Mass. Please consider donating!

Did You Know?

Someone needs blood every two seconds. Blood transfusions are often given to NICU babies, cancer fighters, sickle cell warriors, transplant patients, trauma survivors, and more.

Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together support group will meet twice next month, May 6 and May 20 in Room 6 starting at 11:00 am. No need to register. This group provides a safe setting for sharing and support with others going through loss.

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

Most needed items: spaghetti (not whole wheat), 8.3 oz. baked beans, bottled juice. Please watch the expiration dates. Non-perishable items only, please. Learn more at ololmke.org/food-pantry.

SAT 29

SUN 30

Hallway Art Exhibit Pick-up
Welcome Weekend

9:00 am 6th Grade Retreat Rm 10
5:00 pm Liturgy Church

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Welcome Weekend

8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy(1st Eucharist) Church

SPOTLIGHT

Archdiocese of Milwaukee Safeguarding All of God's Family Safe Environment Week - Proclamation

Whereas, Safe Environment Week is for every parish and school, as well as the entire faith community to focus, at the same time, on the importance of keeping our children and youth safe;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect are societal problems whose prevention depend on involvement among people throughout the faith community;

Whereas, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of not only the Archdiocese of Milwaukee but also the entire Church;

Whereas, the theme for this years' Safe Environment Week will be "Recognizing over twenty years of working together towards safer communities to live, learn, and grow in our faith";

Whereas, acknowledging that as a Church we have much work to do to rebuild the trust that has been broken;

Whereas, we acknowledge that as bishops, clergy and church leaders we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and neglect and work to promote the social and emotional well-being of children, youth and families in a safe, healthy and nurturing environment;

Therefore, I, Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI proclaim the week of April 23–April 29, 2023 as Safe Environment Week in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I ask that all participate and acknowledge each other with the love and mercy of God the Father.

Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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



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**FILL OUT (please print) the form below. Extra forms are available in
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