

MAY 7, 2023

5th Sunday of Easter



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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“In my Father’s house
there are many dwelling
places. If there were not,
would I have told you that
I am going to prepare a
place for you?” - Jn 14:2

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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 4/28/23</i> | BUDGETED <i>for April</i> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reg. Envelopes | \$79,926.81 | \$64,000.00 |
| Offertory | \$4,209.20 | \$4,000.00 |

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: April 2023

| | ACTUAL | BUDGETED |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Operating Income | \$766,706.77 | \$711,935.00 |
| Operating Expenses..... | \$711,473.12 | 713,325.47 |

Improvement Fund Updates

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Beg. Balance 7/1/22... | \$110,693.46 |
| Donations | \$30,968.40 |
| Expenses | \$1,625.00 |
| Balance (4/28/2023) | \$140,036.86 |

THANK YOU!

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

2023 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (4/10/2023)

Donations:.....**\$18,417.00**
Goal is \$42,840 42.99%

Donors:..... **88**
of donors: 1,043 8.44%

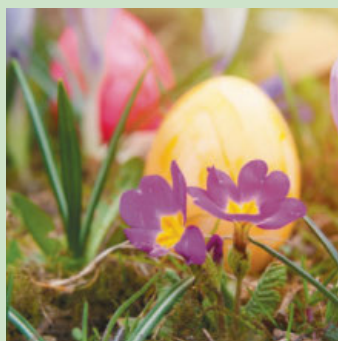
DECIDE TO LEAD

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NOTES FROM NANCIE

The Joys of the Easter Season

One of the hallmarks of the 50 days of Easter is joy, and with joy, comes celebrations! Last weekend during the 10:30 am liturgy, we celebrated the first Eucharist of five of our young ones. A couple of weeks prior to that, we baptized five little ones. This Sunday, we are celebrating the confirmation of five of our teens, with their peers from St. Greg's and St. Matthias, at St. Matthias. It appears five is the special number this year! And while our numbers are not the large groups of 20 or so years ago, they represent the dedication of these people, their families and their catechists and sponsors. Let us rejoice and be glad! God continues to work in and through God's people.



I invite you to keep all of these "celebrities" in your prayers, that the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit will guide and guard and bring fullness of life to them. Additionally, who do you know who may be seeking or hungering for God? Bring 'em on in!

With hope and Easter joy,
Nancie Chmielewski

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Openness

Openness is being honest, clear, and sincere, sharing who we are and what we feel without pretense. It is the willingness to consider new ideas and listen to others with an open mind. We reveal our thoughts candidly without attempting to manage the responses of others. We hold no hidden agendas. We are more interested in connecting than controlling. When we are open, we are receptive to the blessings and surprises of life.

In the Gospel, we hear of the disciples fragile faith. They have to struggle to know their direction after Jesus leaves them. Jesus reassures them to see the way, the truth and the life that they know from being with him. What do you want to communicate clearly to others about your relationship with Jesus?

SUN 7

8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Confirmation @ St. Matthias
5:45 pm Zoom Mass
Watch Party Virtual

MON 8

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10

TUE 9

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 7
1:00 pm Open Art Studio Rm 4
3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall AB

COMMUNITY LIFE

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Donald Kopp

From
Sally Olewinski & Family

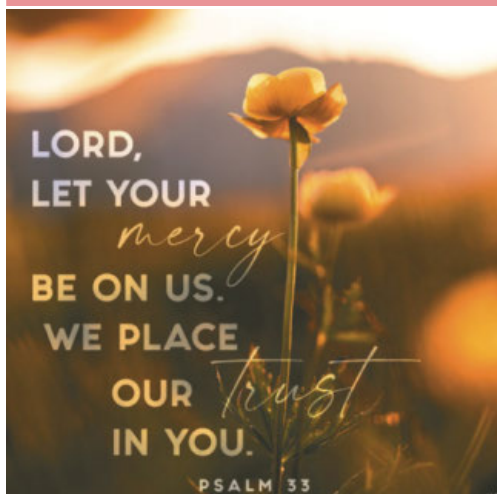
Oktoberfest Meeting

May 10
7:00 pm–8:00 pm
Topic: Food

All are welcome as we choose the menu for the party!

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 May 11, at 6:30 pm, in Room 3. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.



FORMATION

Confirmation

On Sunday, Evelyn, Summer, Emma Kate, and Ava were confirmed along with their peers from St. Matthias and St. Greg's. They have worked so hard this year and it has been an absolute joy to witness. Please welcome and congratulate them when you see them!

If you know a young disciple who is interested in receiving the sacrament of confirmation, please contact Maggie Russell at the Parish Office. There will be a Confirmation Info Night for youth and their parents on Sunday, August 20, following the 10:30 am liturgy in Room 10.

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Trustee Nomination

Every parish in the State of Wisconsin, besides being a faith community, is also a legal corporation of Wisconsin. As such, it is subject to state corporation law, which means (among other things) it must have five trustees.

The archbishop and the vicar general of the archdiocese are ex-officio trustees in every parish of the archdiocese. The pastor/parish director of the parish is the third ex-officio trustee. The parish also has a trustee-treasurer and a trustee-secretary.

The term of Rebecca Porter, our trustee-treasurer, expires on June 30, 2023. Rebecca is willing to serve another term.

The pastor/parish director may nominate one candidate for the position. Accordingly, Nancie has nominated Rebecca Porter for the position of trustee-treasurer. Should anyone else desire nomination for this role, state law dictates that we follow this process: such a person must be an actual member of the parish, at least 25 years of age, and must receive the written support of at least 10 other adult parishioners. Nominations should be submitted to the Parish Office with the accompanying names and signatures of supporters no later than May 29, 2023. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions about this process.

According to state law, this notice will be published here for four weeks. Should there be other nominee(s), biographical information will be available the weekend of June 3-4 with an election held the weekend of June 10-11.

WED 10

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| 7:00 am St. Ben's Prep | Kitchen |
| 8:15 am Autism Intervention | Rm 6 |
| 9:30 am Communion Service | Church |
| 10:15 am Faith Group Social | Hall C |
| 7:00 pm GASIC | Virtual |
| 7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg. | Rm 3 |

THU 11

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| 8:15 am Autism Intervention | Rm 6 |
| 8:15 am Autism Intervention | Rm 7 |
| 10:30 am Greenfield | |
| Women's Club | Hall |
| 6:30 am Discipleship Institute | |
| Team Mtg. | Virtual |
| 6:30 am Social Justice Cmte. | Rm 3 |

FRI 12

Office Closed

WORSHIP

The National Eucharistic Revival: The Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress, Corpus Christi—and a Bake Sale!

There is a lot going on when it comes to the Eucharist these days!

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops is organizing a National Eucharistic Revival that looks to “renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist”. This revival is a several year campaign that will formally begin with a Eucharistic Congress at the Mary Mother of God Center in Milwaukee on Saturday, June 10. All are invited to this morning of Mass, reconciliation, adoration, food, and fun. Please contact Deb Steppe for registration information for this event. The folks at the archdiocese have assured us that it will not rain that day but do have contingency plans in case the Milwaukee weather does not cooperate!

Here at Our Lady of Lourdes, we will spend much time in the next year focusing on the Eucharist in many different ways. We will look at how “Eucharist” is derived from the Greek word that means “thanksgiving.” We will look at not only receiving the Eucharist at Mass but being the Eucharist—being the Body of Christ—for our world.

There will be much more to come, but in the meantime, we would like to start our heightened focus of being Christ for the world by baking bread (and other assorted goodies) and sharing “bread” with those in need. On June 10/11, the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), we will have a bake sale with the proceeds going toward our sisters and brothers in Haiti. We will have more details about the bake sale including recipes for homemade unleavened bread in the coming weeks.

Scripture Readings for May 13/14

The 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | Psalm 66 | 1 Peter 3:15-18 | John 14:15-21

SOCIAL JUSTICE

An Evening with Pope Francis

In conjunction with Earth Day, a group of climate minded individuals gathered in Hall A on April 24 to view the documentary *The Letter* which is based on the teaching of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home. In response to a written invitation from Pope Francis in 2019, frontline leaders from four environmentally threatened areas of the world journeyed to Rome to meet with him.

Through personal stories, viewers learned how the planetary crisis is taking its toll on nature and people in Senegal, the Amazon, India, and Hawaii. Pope Francis commended the leaders for their efforts and voiced his concern for the poor, the Indigenous, youth, and wildlife.

After the film, viewers participated in a thought-provoking discussion. Some suggested actions were: to continue support for the parish recycling program, to write to city and church leaders urging more action on environmental concerns, and to stop the use of so many single use plastics.

We'd like to thank everyone for attending the event and sharing their opinions and ideas. Those who missed the event can view the film at: www.theletterfilm.org. In addition, more information is available at www.laudatosi.org. Finally, the library cart in the church lobby contains copies of *Laudato Si'* and books related to this topic.

Social Justice Committee

SAT 13

5:00 pm Liturgy

Church

SUN 14

8:00 am Liturgy
10:30 am Liturgy

Church
Church



OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.

St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, May 10. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday.

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

SPOTLIGHT

The Prayer Ministry of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Prayer Ministry is just one of the amazing ministries here at OLOL. This ministry is a group of parishioners that pray for the prayer requests they receive. There is a wooden box in the lobby, on the heater, complete with paper & pens. A prayer request is written on the paper and put into that box. These requests are picked up, typed up, and distributed to the volunteers. This is done on a monthly basis. You can also put in a prayer request by using the OLOL website at ololmke.org/prayer-request/.

All of this is coordinated by Mary Crisp! Mary told me that her mom was her inspiration and that this ministry has helped in her own prayer life.

In 2008, there were 86 people involved. Today, there are 21 people. Interested? Contact the Parish Office and they will connect you with Mary Crisp.

Each month, you can pick up the prayer request sheet—that box is located on the lobby window. Now, how you pray—well, that's up to you. Prayer is personal and different for all of us. No matter how you do it, it works!

This was the first ministry I joined. It was a way for me to get to know other parishioners. And it has helped me in my prayer life. I like holding the list in my hand, while sitting outside with nature. Sometimes I take the list with me while I'm out walking. Being part of this ministry reminds me to be thankful for what I have!

So, think about it!

Remember – When you can't put your prayer into words, God hears your heart!

Lorie Skeff

Pastoral Council

DISCIPLESHIP

Lunch Bag Retreat—Letting the Sunshine In!

Available June 1

Register today for your kit!

Register and you will receive a “lunch bag” in which you will find food for your soul this summer.

Set aside a total of two hours this summer to reflect on scripture stories and how they relate to your life. Yes! Only two hours! Through this summer reflection—and possibly in your discussions with friends—you will come to learn how you make the decisions you make in life. You can then learn how to make decisions that “let the sunshine in” your life!

Pick a sunny day. Sit on your porch, patio, deck, or yard. Grab a cool drink and dive into the Scriptures. It will refresh mind, body, and soul!

Register for any program at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or by calling the Parish Office.

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“When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.”

All Saints Parish, on 25th and Capitol Drive, needs volunteers to serve at its summer meal program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. Volunteers work from 4:00 pm-6:30 pm. Our Lady of Lourdes has committed to the following three weeks: June 20 and 22, July 18 and 20, August 15 and 17. Families are welcome with children from ages 10 and up.

Here is the process to sign up for this ministry:

1. Go to the All Saints website at <https://allsaintsmke.org/>.
2. Scroll down about two thirds toward the bottom of the front page. Find “Meal Program” and photo of boy eating. Click the image and you will be taken to a SignUpGenius page.
3. Move the calendar to June, July, or August. Select one of the above dates and click **Sign Up**.
4. In the blue and white box, click **Sign Up**; it will change to **Selected**.
5. Click **Save & Continue**.
6. Enter your information.

Participating in these meals will provide an opportunity for members of All Saints and Lourdes to get to know each other. If you have questions, call the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316.