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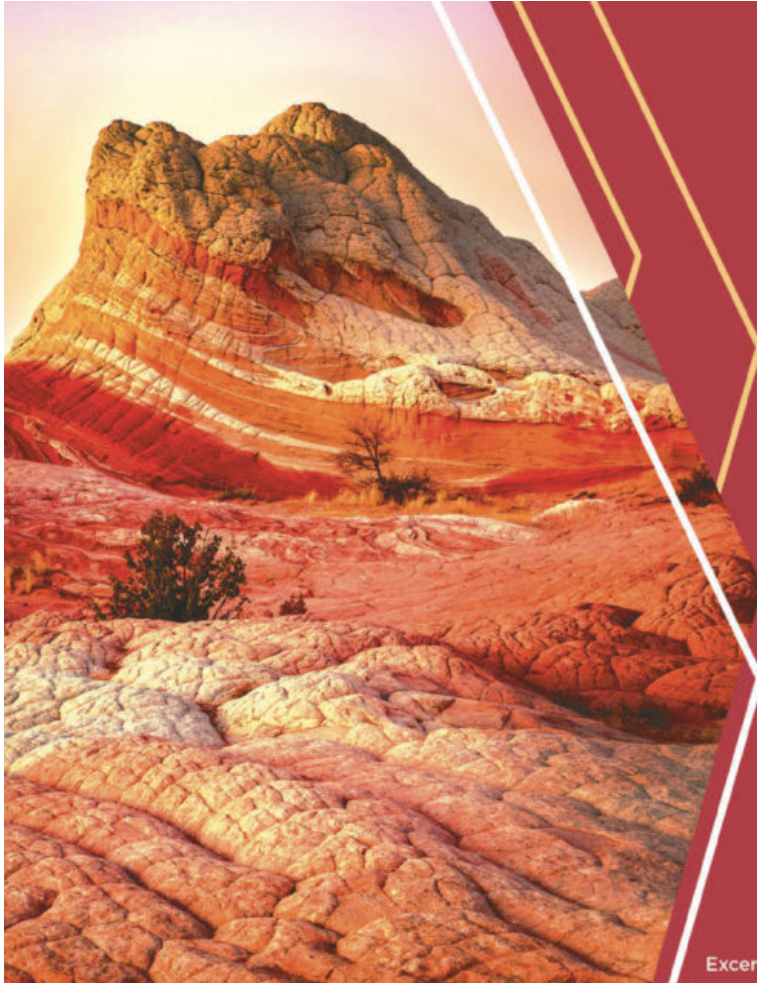
6th Sunday of Easter



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## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you  
another Advocate to  
be with you always,  
the Spirit of truth."  
- Jn 14:16-17a

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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

	<b>ACTUAL</b> <i>as of 4/30/23</i>	<b>BUDGETED</b> <i>for April</i>
Reg. Envelopes .....	\$84,446.81	\$64,000.00
Offertory .....	\$5,184.15	\$4,000.00

## Budget Updates Fiscal Year: April 2023

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>
Operating Income .....	\$782,413.57	\$711,935.00
Operating Expenses.....	\$711,626.21	713,325.47

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/22...	\$110,693.46
Donations .....	\$31,831.28
Expenses .....	\$1,625.00
<b>Balance (4/30/2023)</b>	<b>\$140,899.74</b>

**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**

[www.CatholicAppeal.org](http://www.CatholicAppeal.org)

## NOTES FROM NANCIE

### Unsung Disciples

Something I love about this faith community is the way you all take the call of discipleship to heart. I see this in effect whenever we gather for liturgy—people greeting one another, introducing themselves to visitors, catching up, caring for the needs of each other, and taking Eucharist to those who cannot be with us. I could go on and on! This concern and care take the form of many actions by you that remain “in the background” but that are sure signs of God’s Kin-dom.

I’d like to “out” one of those unsung disciples—Anita Kowalski. Anita has given her life to parish ministry professionally, and then in her retirement, to this parish. She has helped drive the RCIA, helped to begin and shape the Discipleship Institute, and continues to care for many here in her gifts of artwork and prayer.

This weekend, Anita is moving to a new home in another state to be with and to help her son. She is truly the hands and feet of Christ, and we are all better people because of her.

Anita—may God be with you, my friend!

With continued hope and Easter joy,

Nancie Chmielewski

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### Strength

Strength is the inner power to withstand whatever comes. It is our capacity to endure in the midst of tests. We grow in strength as we tackle life’s challenges with courage and determination. We deepen in strength when we choose gentleness and practice patience. We stay strong when we recognize that suffering is a thread woven through the design of our lives, not to make us unhappy, but to transform us with grace.

As the apostles prepare for life without the physical presence of Jesus, they have the strength of the commandments to guide them. They will face many challenges. How do you find the strength to face the challenges of life? Who or what helps you to do so?

**SUN 14**

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



**MON 15**

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6  
11:30 am Resurrection Choir Rm 9  
6:30 pm Discipleship Institute Team Mtg. Virtual

**TUE 16**

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6  
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 7  
10:30 am SVDP Mtg. Rm 4  
6:00 pm Adoption Support Group Rm 6  
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group Rm 3  
6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Tr. 612 Hall AB

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
Gloria Tomczak

From

Kelley Tomczak  
Harry and Debra Dahm  
Kristin Deschner  
Mary Nolinske  
Jay and Mary Mortensen

In loving memory of  
Douglas Hardy

From

Theresa Arnsdorff

In loving memory of  
James Arnsdorff

From

Theresa Arnsdorff

### Easter Flower Memorial

In loving memory of  
Beth

From

Patricia Nowak

### Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, June 3 and June 17 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. This support is open to parishioners and non-parishioners.

## FORMATION

### Hunger Task Force Farm

Do you like being out in the fresh air? Spending time with family and friends? Getting your hands dirty? Helping others? If you answered "yes" to any of the above, then this opportunity is for you! Please join the OLOL Youth Group and members of the Human Concerns Ministry at the Hunger Task Force Farms on Monday, June 26, from 8:30 am–11:30 am. Ages 16 and up are welcome! We will be working in the fields, so please bring work gloves and water bottles. Sign-up at the Parish Office by Monday, June 19, to participate. Please contact Maggie Russell or Eileen Dunning.

## 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 17**

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6  
9:00 am BAAM Mtg. Hall AB  
9:30 am Liturgy Church  
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C  
6:00 pm GIFT Catechist  
Training Rm 10  
6:00 pm Pastoral Council Rm 3

**THU 18**

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6  
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 7  
3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Choir Church  
6:30 pm Women's Spirituality Rm 6

**FRI 19**

**Office Closed**



## WORSHIP

## SOCIAL JUSTICE



Let's continue raising our voices together! Whether from the seats in the congregation or over in the music area, your singing is heard—and we are all blessed. Please know that you are welcome to join our music ministry any time throughout the year. Watch the bulletin for on-going as well as short-term opportunities.

Coming up again next **Sunday, May 21**, is the chance to sing with "The 45-minute Choir." Simply join us at 9:45 am and spend 45 minutes preparing the music for the 10:30 am Mass. Then help us lead the congregation at that celebration. All are welcome and invited.

### Scripture Readings for May 20/21

#### The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Psalm 47 | Ephesians 1:17-23 | Matthew 28:16-20

**SAT 20**

**SUN 21**

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

Welcome Weekend  
8:00 am Liturgy Church  
9:45 am 45-min. Choir Reh. Church  
10:30 am Liturgy Church

### Calling All Disciples!

Here's the opportunity that you've been waiting for: **A chance to meet new people from another Catholic community and to fulfill Jesus' command to feed the hungry.**

During the school year, Marquette University students work in the meal program at All Saints Church on 25th and Capitol. They serve on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 pm–6:00 pm. All Saints has requested our help this summer when students are not there. Lourdes is committed for the following three weeks: June 20 and 22; July 18 and 20; and August 15 and 17. Volunteers work from 4:00 pm–6:30 pm, setting up, serving, and clean-up. Families are welcome with children from age 10 and up.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, follow these steps:

1. Go to the All Saints website at <https://allsaintsmke.org/>.
2. Scroll down about 2/3 toward the bottom on the front page. Find "Meal Program" and a 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 & white box, click **Sign Up**; it will change to **Selected**.
5. Click **Save & Continue**.
6. Enter your information.

This will be an opportunity for All Saints and Lourdes to get to know each other. Any questions, call the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316.

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## OUTREACH

### From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments...Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and joy into our hearts, into our lives and through us into the hearts of those who are poor.

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: May 9 and 23

Most needed items: bottled juice, toothpaste, canned potatoes, and tomatoes. Please watch the expiration dates. Non-perishable items only, please. Learn more at [ololmke.org/food-pantry](http://ololmke.org/food-pantry).

## SPOTLIGHT

### Open Wide Our Hearts That all may be one John 17:21

"The Church, like the Eucharist is a mystery of unity. Both are the Body of Christ—the same body." (Henry de Lubac)

One of the last prayers of Jesus was "that all may be one," and each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we repeat that prayer of Jesus. Yet, from many of those with whom we share the unity of belief, who are members of that same body, we are physically divided.

"The most segregated hour in this nation is Sunday at 11:00 am. The first way the church can repent is to remove segregation from its own body."  
(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

How we as Catholic Christians, the Body of Christ, address this disunity will affirm or deny the authenticity of our prayer for unity. We have a mandate to work to secure justice, and one of the leading causes of injustice is racism. We have only to look around our churches, our neighborhoods, our workplaces to see evidence of the inequities based on race. If we need more evidence, many resources are available to us, and if we believe as Isaiah 61:8 tells us that the Lord loves justice, we will become informed regarding these injustices. We will speak out when we hear a racist remark, we will write our legislators regarding laws that limit racial equality. We will pray that divisions based on race be addressed by church and civil leaders so that one day, all will be one.

The Social Justice Committee

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Mary, Mother and Disciple

Jesus always kept his disciples on their toes. Even in His moments of solitude and silence, He was never standing still. His life was a constant march to the cross and to Resurrection.

Mary, like the other disciples, did not always understand what Jesus was doing during His earthly life. She asked questions as a good disciple does, and pondered such things in her heart as the Scriptures tell us. Mary stored up memories and trusted that God would make things clear in God's own time. Mary never left her Son's side in her heart, even when He left her side in body—and in death.

Mary is the essence of discipleship in Christ. You stay with Him—even when all seems dark or hopeless.

As Mother and disciple, Mary gives us the persuasive and graced command: "Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5)

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