

FEB 25, 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent



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UP A HIGH
MOUNTAIN.

— MARK 9:2 —

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 - February 2024			Improvement Fund Updates		2023 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (1/9/2024)	
	ACTUAL <u>as of 2/16/2024</u>	BUDGETED <u>for Feb.</u>				
Reg. Envelopes	\$45,201.33	\$64,000.00	Beg. Balance 7/1/23... \$128,503.08		Donations: \$27,674.00	
Offertory.....	\$1,689.57	\$2,400.00	Donations.....\$28,787.36		Goal is \$42,840.....64.60%	
			Expenses..... \$50.00		Donors: 142	
			Balance (2/16/2024) \$157,265.44		# of donors: 1,043.....13.61%	
			THANK YOU!		DECIDE TO LEAD	
			<i>Our Lady of Lourdes is greatly blessed with your continued generous support of all our ministries!</i>		www.CatholicAppeal.org	
Budget Updates Fiscal Year: February 2024						
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED				
Operating Income	\$610,076.91	\$607,098.32				
Operating Expenses	\$557,293.30	\$612,958.39				

NOTES FROM DEB

Easter Hospitality & Reconciliation

A tradition here at Our Lady of Lourdes is to gather in the Parish Hall for a short reception after the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. After that sacred liturgy where we hear our salvation history, light the Easter candle, sing the Exultet, and soaring Alleluias, it is wonderful to be able to have a cold drink and some sweets afterward.

We are looking for a few parishioners to coordinate the reception this year. Duties would include putting out sign-up sheets a few weeks before Easter requesting donations for bottled water and desserts, setting up the treats in the Hall on Holy Saturday afternoon, and cleaning up afterward.

This is a lovely ministry opportunity and is just for one night. All the information from last year is on hand, so planning will not be difficult. If you are interested in providing some Easter hospitality, please give me a call.

Thank you!

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

SOCIAL TEACHING

The transfiguration is a story so familiar that it's easy to take the details for granted. For example, how did Peter recognize Elijah and Moses? What did Jesus, Elijah, and Moses discuss during those dazzling moments? Perhaps their visit strengthened Jesus for the road ahead. How can we offer our support to the generations who come after us? We likely won't be able to make a dazzling appearance at a key moment, but we can care for our descendants in the here and now with the choices we make.

SUN 25

MON 26

TUE 27

Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative
Collection
8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy Church

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
11:45 am Autism Intervention Rm 4
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Anthony Cebal and all others who have died.

Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Jim Bickler

From
Joan Bickler

In loving memory of
Judy Bialk

From
Bob & Marge Agnew



FORMATION

Good Friday Guided Meditation – Youth & Adult Volunteers Needed

Looking for ways to expand your prayer life? In need of service hours? Just think Maggie is great and you want to help her out? Then we have the opportunity for you! Maggie is looking for youth (5th grade and up) volunteers to assist with the Good Friday Guided Meditation on March 29. Sign-up to be a greeter or station guide here: <http://tinyurl.com/GFGMVolunteer>

Parish Spring Clean – Supplies Needed

The entire parish is invited to our spring service session, and it is just around the corner! We are looking for some supplies to help make the parish spick and span. If you are attending, please consider bringing rags, dusters/duster extension rods/ handheld vacuums, and rubber gloves (if you want to protect your hand). We highly encourage you to label anything you plan on bringing from home. Don't forget, all attendees, **including GIFT members**, must RSVP by contacting Roxanne in the Parish Office or using the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/springclean24>

Attitudes of Being: An Ecumenical Prayer Service

March 6

6:00 pm

St. Joseph Chapel

1501 South Layton Boulevard (27th Street)

Milwaukee, WI

Nancie Chmielewski, Former Parish Director at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
"Courage: God Arising Within"

The Gaudete Chorale

This is a new reflective prayer experience that focuses on hope and a spirit of gratitude. Elements of the prayer include music, a story of God's steadfast presence among us, silent reflection, and intercession. Responding to the Spirit's guidance, we are led to new insight and action so that we may become more fully, God's instrument of peace.

Sponsored by the School Sisters of St. Francis Music Ministry

Sister Mary Jane Wagner, Director

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WED 28

THU 29

FRI 1

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
9:30 am Communion Service Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group Hall BC
6:30 pm *The Chosen: Season 2*
Virtual Discussion Virtual

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
1:00 pm Hallway Art Exhibit
Set-up Rm 4
6:30 pm *The Chosen Season 2* Hall C
7:00 pm Retreat Planning
Mtg. Rm 9

Office Closed

WORSHIP

When I stand before God
at the end of my life,
I would hope that I would not have
a single bit of talent left, and could say,
'I used everything you gave me'.

- Erma Bombeck -

What is Sacred Movement Ministry?

Like our other liturgical ministries, sacred movement adds a creative flavor to help us celebrate at Mass. It especially enriches the special nature of services like Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, etc. Sometimes it's a true choreographed dance, but more often, it's much simpler than that. Holy Week provides us wonderful opportunities for movement:

- Processing with the palms or a banner
- Assisting with the linens at the foot washing stations
- Stripping the altar
- Leading people to the foot of the cross
- Lighting candles at the Vigil
- Bringing in the gospel book

These simple physical gestures add so much life to our prayer. This is where you come in, as we are looking to grow our Sacred Movement Ministry. All parishioners (children, teens, adults, families, friends) are invited to participate. You do not need formal dance training or any special skills. You only need a willingness to share your faith with others. We sincerely hope you will consider getting involved, because we believe you will receive as much joy as you will give.

If you are interested in experiencing Sacred Movement as Ministry or have questions, please reach out to Rosalita Villa, Divinemovement@sbcglobal.net or (414) 305-1639.

Scripture Readings for March 2/3

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17 | Psalm 19 | 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 | John 2:13-25

OUTREACH

Join the Fleece Blanket Making Community

Join us on Saturday, March 9, at 2:00 pm to make a fleece blanket for those at homeless shelters in Milwaukee. You do not need experience. Helpers will be available to get you started. All ages are welcome.

You will need:

- 2 1/2 yards of plain fleece
- 2 1/2 yards of print fleece
- good scissors

Let's keep this spirit of keeping others warm this winter as our mission. Those who receive blankets will receive the blessings for them at the 5:00 pm liturgy.

Any questions talk to or email Mary Osep, osepm@outlook.com or Tanya Gross, tanyamg69@hotmail.com. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: February 27, March 12 and 26

Most needed items: spaghetti sauce, Chef Boy R Dee, soup, canned potatoes, canned tomatoes, 5 oz. sized tuna, canned meat, condiments, and jelly. Thanks for your ongoing support to the pantry. It is because of you that we can provide food to the needy. God bless.

Please watch expiration dates.

ololmke.org/food-pantry.

SAT 2

Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative Collection

Hallway Art Exhibit Opening

9:00 am GIFT Service Session Hall

11:00 am Walking Through

Grief Together

Rm 3

5:00 pm Liturgy

Church

SUN 3

Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative Collection

Hallway Art Exhibit Opening

8:00 am Liturgy

Church

9:00 am Sacrament Prep

Hall

10:30 am Liturgy

Church



COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

What is the OLOL app?

Looking for an easy way to get OLOL info? Here are some of the things you can find on our app.

- Access to our website
- Access to the bulletins
- Access to our live stream Mass
- Staff contact info
- Mass times
- GIFT info
- Discipleship Institute info
- Sacrament info
- Access to online giving
- Pulpit Announcements
- Access to the Advent and Lent online retreats
- Daily readings
- Ministry specific notifications
- Primary weather cancelation announcements

ololmke.org/allabouttheapp/

A Very Special Evening

On February 9, our parish was blessed with a moving Black History Presentation by the All Saints Parish Gospel Choir led by Sheila Bost, choir director. Our church was filled with singing, clapping, and swaying along with the choir. Through narration and poetry, we were reminded about the struggle that Black folks have endured for hundreds of years.

In conjunction with the concert, 16 boxes of hygiene products as well as cash were donated to Courage MKE and the All Saints outreach programs. Representatives of both organizations have expressed their sincere appreciation for the donations.

The Social Justice Committee thanks everyone who supported the choir visit through their attendance and generous donations. The reception afterwards gave choir members and attendees the opportunity to spend time visiting and getting to know one another. We will continue our relationship with All Saints by once again volunteering in their meal program this coming summer. Be sure to visit the social justice bulletin board for photos of the evening.



DISCIPLESHIP

Two Parables of Love—The Good Samaritan & The Lost Sheep

Tuesday, March 12

7:00 pm–8:00 pm

Room 10

Facilitated by: Dr. Harry Fledderman

The parables compress the message of Jesus into brief unforgettable narratives. Two of the parables, The Good Samaritan and The Lost Sheep, focus on the deep structure of love. This session will probe Jesus' understanding of divine and human love; and it will explore how Jesus' understanding of love should play out in our personal lives and also influence how we interact in community. Register on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or call the Parish Office.

Stations of the Cross—Being a Synodal Church

Thursday, March 21

6:30 pm

Church

Facilitated by: Jim Wielgosz

Join us as we walk along the Stations of the Cross using the theme of "Being a Synodal Church." This is an excellent opportunity to spend some time this Lenten season reflecting on Christ's love for us and how we must reflect that same love as His modern-day disciples.

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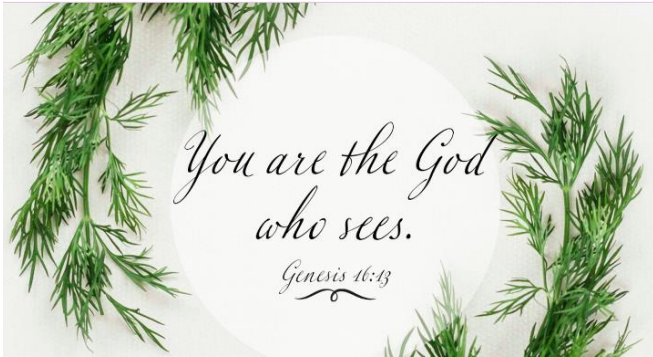
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Women's Spirituality Retreat

"The God Who Sees Me"



Saturday, April 13, 9:30 am-4:45 pm
at Our Lady of Lourdes church

Join us for a day to pray and reflect on the lives of biblical and contemporary women, and our own lives. We will laugh, pray, create, and play with a generous, caring group of women. All women of the parish are welcome.

The retreat will be co-directed by:

- Tanya Gross, tanyamg69@hotmail.com, (414) 870-9487
- Anne Schmidt, jatcgna@gmail.com, (414) 801-0174
- Rebecca Szymanski, rdbayer@yahoo.com, (414) 550-4209

Please email or call if you have any questions.

Things you need to know:

- Lunch will be provided as well as beverages throughout the day.

Please cut and return to the Parish Office with the \$25 fee by March 10.

(Checks made out to Our Lady of Lourdes)

Name _____

Cell _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact _____ Cell _____

Any allergies or special dietary needs _____