

**MAR 10, 2024**

**4th 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

	ACTUAL <u>as of 2/29/2024</u>	BUDGETED <u>for Feb.</u>
Reg. Envelopes .....	\$69,946.58	\$64,000.00
Offertory.....	\$3,253.17	\$2,400.00

## Budget Updates Fiscal Year: February 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income .....	\$643,584.06	\$607,098.32
Operating Expenses .....	\$585,798.87	\$612,958.39

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23...	\$128,503.08
Donations.....	\$30,027.74
Expenses .....	\$50.00
<b>Balance (2/29/2024)</b>	<b>\$158,505.82</b>

THANK YOU!

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

## 2023 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (1/9/2024)

Donations: ..... **\$27,674.00**  
Goal is \$42,840..... 64.60%

Donors: ..... **142**  
# of donors: 1,043..... 13.61%

DECIDE TO LEAD

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

## NOTES FROM DEB

### Let your voice be heard!

Since October 2021, the Church has been engaged in the process of preparation for the Synod of Bishops. The first Synod session was held in October 2023, and the next session will be held in October of this year.

In this interim time, dioceses around the world are holding listening sessions focused on questions about the Church's structure and mission. Specifically, we will be asked to reflect on the following questions:

- Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
- How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

This is a big deal—and the bishops want to hear from you!

See the infographic in the Formation section for dates and registration.

Never in the history of the Catholic Church has the laity been consulted like this. I will be adding my voice. I hope you will add your voice as well.

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### Confidence

Confidence is having faith in ourselves and in life. We feel capable and competent. We trust that we have the strength to cope with whatever happens. It frees us of worry. When we are confident in others, we believe in them and rely on them. We learn from our mistakes and improve for the better. We can try new things to gain mastery through practice. We offer our gifts as a worthy contribution.

The Gospel tells the story of the healing of the blind man by Jesus. The Pharisees keep questioning him and he finally says, "I told you already and you did not listen."

How might that statement apply to you? Can you spend time listening to what God might be saying to you?

**SUN 10**

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

**MON 11**

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

**TUE 12**

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5  
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6  
1:00 pm Art Guild  
Open Studio Rm 4  
3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7

## COMMUNITY LIFE

## FORMATION

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
Nancy Maher

From  
Tom Maher

In loving memory of  
Bernard Stanly  
From  
Linda Oberbrunner

In loving memory of  
Uncle Bernie & Aunt Celine  
Stanly

From  
The Casiere Family  
The Birnie Family—Doug,  
Mary, Nick, Meg & Ralphie

In loving memory of  
George Strnad

From  
Andrea & Wayne Graham  
Catherine Markwiese

In loving memory of  
Judy Bialk

From  
Mary Lamping

### Oktoberfest Meeting

March 13

7:00 pm

Room 3

Topic: Music and Activities

All are welcome to plan the music  
and family fun activities for  
Oktoberfest!

### Good Friday Guided Meditation

The Stations of the Cross is an ancient meditative pilgrimage inviting the spiritually hungry to walk the “Way of Sorrows” with Jesus to his death on Calvary hill. Traditionally depicted in fourteen visuals, the Stations highlight pivotal moments in Jesus’ final hours. At 12:00 pm on Friday, March 29, participants will choose to participate in either a guided meditation or an art walk of Lauren Wright Pittman’s graphic art rendition of the Stations to imagine Jesus’ journey toward crucifixion through a modern lens. In conjunction with a companion guide, these 12 stripped down and textured black and white images highlight the metaphorical and emotional layers of Jesus’ journey toward his last breaths.

We are still in need of adult and youth volunteers for the Good Friday Guided Meditation service. Use the following link to sign up:

<http://tinyurl.com/GFGMVolunteer>

### Synod Listening Sessions

The Archdiocese has announced two upcoming listening sessions to prepare for the next international Synod on Synodality. These listening sessions will cover the theme of the relationship between laypeople and the ordained, to which all are invited. A summary of these sessions will be compiled and submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



### Women’s Spirituality Retreat

Saturday, April 13

9:30 am–4:45 pm

LOL

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. Please see the insert in last week’s bulletin or [ololmke.org/adult-retreats/](http://ololmke.org/adult-retreats/) for the registration form. Registration is due to the parish by March 10.

## WED 13

## THU 14

## FRI 15

7:00 am St. Ben’s Meal Prep Kitchen  
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  
6:00 pm Easter Vigil  
Choir Rehearsal Church  
6:30 pm *The Chosen: Season 2*  
Virtual Discussion Virtual  
7:00 pm Liturgy Team Mtg. Rm 9  
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg. Rm 3

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5  
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6  
3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Reh. Church  
6:30 pm Social Justice Cmte. Rm 3

**Office Closed**

## WORSHIP

### Lenten Poem by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take time to let the power  
of our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events get up  
and walk around in us,  
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,  
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the streets of  
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and  
listen to his Word,  
a time to touch his robe  
and feel the healing surge through us,  
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....  
Lent is a time to allow  
a fresh new taste of God!  
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,  
for thoughts come unbidden.  
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future  
knowing our past.  
Give us courage, O God,  
to hear your Word  
and to read our living into it.  
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven  
and give us the faith  
to take up our lives and walk.

### Scripture Readings for March 16/17

#### 5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34 | Psalm 51 | Hebrews 5:7-9 | John 12:20-33

## OUTREACH

### St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, March 13. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday.  
[ololmke.org/st-bens/](http://ololmke.org/st-bens/)

### 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 March 14, at 6:30 pm, in Room 3. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: March 12, 26 and April 23

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](http://ololmke.org/food-pantry).

**SAT 16**

11:00 am Walking Through  
Grief Together Rm 3  
5:00 pm Liturgy Church

**SUN 17**

8:00 am Liturgy Church  
9:00 am GIFT Hall  
10:30 am Liturgy Church  
11:30 am Passion Sunday  
Environment  
Changeover Church



On Wednesday, March 20, 2024, area priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation at 11 parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

[www.archmil.org/Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice](http://www.archmil.org/Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice)



Scan the code for more information.



## COMMUNICATIONS

## SPOTLIGHT

### Tech Terms and Tips

**Internet:** A globally connected massive computer network system.

**World Wide Web (WWW or the web):** A system of Internet servers that is made from millions of interlinked websites and web pages.

**Browser:** The software used to find information on the Web.

Examples are Google Chrome or Microsoft Internet Explorer.

**Address bar:** The narrow, rectangular box on the topmost part of a browser window where you can type in a web address.

**OS (Operating System):** A powerful program that controls and coordinates a computer's hardware, software, and applications. Examples includes Windows, Android, OS X (Apple), and Linux. It is very important to keep this item up-to-date. Find out why, next week!

### Open Wide Our Hearts: Caring for God's Creation

Calling all disciples to Jackson Park on Saturday, April 20 to celebrate Earth Day by being a volunteer in the annual Riverkeepers spring clean-up. **Pope Francis has said, "As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make this earth a beautiful garden for the human family."**

We sometimes feel overwhelmed by the worldwide destruction of our environment. We wonder why government officials are not taking more steps toward saving our planet from pollution. We question whether actions such as recycling, conserving electricity and water, avoiding plastic, etc. are having any positive effect; however, not seeing results is no excuse for giving up these positive actions. It takes only one snowflake to build a storm. What better way to carry out Pope Francis's directive than to continue to keep informed about government actions, to conserve energy in our homes, and to beautify our neighborhoods.

On April 20, we will have the opportunity to take positive action at Jackson Park in conjunction with Riverkeepers annual Earth Day activities. **We will meet from 9:00 am–11:00 am at Jackson Park, 3500 West Forest Home Avenue, followed by lunch in our Parish Hall at 11:30 am.** Please mark your calendars and watch for registration information in the coming weeks. Let's make this a meaningful family activity!

Social Justice Committee



## 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/](http://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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