

MAR 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



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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 - March 2024

	ACTUAL <i>as of 3/7/2024</i>	BUDGETED <i>for Mar.</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$27,295.20	\$70,000.00
Offertory	\$1,738.00	\$2,500.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: March 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$677,915.59	\$683,949.99
Operating Expenses.....	\$630,371.63	\$683,276.05

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23..	\$128,503.08
Donations	\$31,146.74
Expenses.....	\$50.00
Balance (3/7/2024)	\$159,624.82

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

NOTES FROM DEB

Holy Week

This week, we come to our most sacred time of the year. We will enter prayerfully into Jesus' Passion. We will listen to Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial, reminding us again of the human heartbreak Jesus must have experienced during those most difficult days. On Holy Saturday night, we darken the church and light the Easter fire and watch the light of Christ fill our worship space. We will hear the scriptures—the stories of our faith. And on that night and on Easter Sunday morning our "Alleluias" will ring out with joy. Please join us and bring a friend!

& Flower People

When I was in graduate school at Loyola, one of my professors coined the term "flower people." These are the folks who attend Mass only when there are flowers (Christmas, Easter, weddings, and funerals). I think it's safe to say that not only will we have some of those folks at our Easter Liturgies next weekend, but we also probably know and are related to a few of those folks. One of the comments I consistently receive from guests to liturgy at Our Lady of Lourdes is how welcoming we are as a community. I am so grateful to you all for that. With all the guests we will have for Easter, I have no doubt that our welcomes will be warm and wonderful. Thank you!

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

A Day of Healing: Beyond Divorce

Whether you are still in the process of divorcing, or you have been divorced for years, this day of healing is offered to all. Explore divorce in a deeper, gentler way, including presentations that guide you in a relationship with yourself, with God, and with others.

Saturday, April 20, 2024 • 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Schoenstatt Sisters Retreat House
W284 N698 Cherry Ln, Waukesha, WI 53188

Cost: \$50 (includes lunch).
Financial assistance is available.

Note: Adults only please.
People of all faiths are welcome!

Pre-registration required:
archmil.regfox.com/dayofhealingregister



REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
Monday, April 15, 2024

Questions? Contact: Edell Schaefer
(ballintra@wi.rr.com)

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE

SUN 24

8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy Church
11:30 am Holy Thursday Altar of
Repose Environment Church

MON 25

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
4:00 pm Sacred Movement
Rehearsal Church
6:00 pm Finance Council Mtg. Rm 9

TUE 26

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

Welcome New Parishioners

William & Margaret Kurtz
James & Bernadine McGivern
Susanne Treloar
Lori Wisch

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Theresa Marsicek
From
Love, Dan and family

WITH THANKSGIVING TO GOD,

we celebrate

**MOST REVEREND
JEROME E. LISTECKI**

11TH ARCHBISHOP OF MILWAUKEE

In honor of his 75th Birthday and in anticipation of his retirement as shepherd of our archdiocese. Join us for regional Masses as we thank him for his spiritual leadership.

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

St. Robert, Union Grove

Thursday, May 2, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Lumen Christi, Mequon

Monday, May 13, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

St. Katharine Drexel, Beaver Dam

Thursday, May 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

St. Anthony on the Lake, Pewaukee

Thursday, May 30, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

St. Rita, West Allis

Sunday, June 9, 2024, 11 a.m.

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee

Learn more about Archbishop ListECKI's retirement and details about the regional Masses at www.archmil.org/ListeckI



ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE

FORMATION

Young Children's Easter Event

Easter Sunday, during the 10:30 am liturgy, we will have a special Easter event for all children aged 3-6 years old with prayer, the Easter story, music, and activities. Parents will need to register their children in the Lobby before the start of the 10:30 am Easter liturgy.



Next GIFT Session Being Eucharist for the Earth

When OLOL parishioners Cathy Markwiese and Steve Tietz built a new home, they tried to make it as Earth-friendly as they could, beginning with geothermal heating and cooling. Ten years later, they added solar panels and batteries to their home to increase the use of renewable energy. Join us Sunday, April 7, at 9:00 am for our next GIFT session when we discover a way to make everyday Earth Day.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Today we hear the story of the Passion of Jesus. The word passion has its root in the Latin word for "suffer," yet in English, we use the word passion to mean intense emotion, love or a consuming interest in something or someone. Passion can lead us to do important work. It can just as easily lead us into foolishness. One element of the Passion narrative that captures an enduring human tendency is the release of Barabas. As humans, we are quickly carried off in the emotion of a like-minded crowd, demonizing a person or group of people and accepting what we may have once found unacceptable. It is easy, thousands of years later, to scoff at the absurdity of the crowd releasing a murderer over Jesus; however, it serves as a reminder to each of us to keep a clear head. If our passions lead us to condemn others, we need to reevaluate our motives. This might require a step back from the crowd, in whatever form that takes for us (social media being a modern crowd) to re-center our motives in God's kin-dom.

WED 27

THU 28

FRI 29

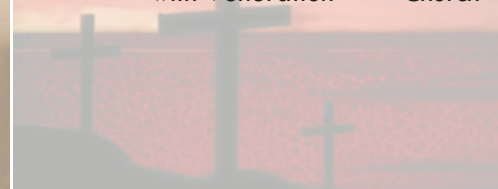
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
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9:30 am Communion Service Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group Hall BC
6:00 pm Vigil Choir Rehearsal Church

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
7:00 pm Holy Thursday Liturgy Church



Office Closed

12:00 pm Good Friday Guided Meditation Church
7:00 pm Good Friday Service with Veneration Church



WORSHIP

Song at the Empty Tomb

Words and Music by Marty Haugen



Once you brought the dead into life, your hands were healing and peace,
your words were fire and light, your life was promise and feast.
Now you leave us trembling and weak, no more the sureness of death,
no more the world that I knew, life that is new with each breath.

Where now is the body you wore? What is this dark empty hole?
Where is the One that I loved? Where is the fire of my soul?
You who were the truth of my life, you now my fear and my hope,
who shatters death and the grave, who goes before me alone.

You who shake the earth and the stars, who opens tombs in my soul,
who knows my weakness and pain, you tear and rend and make whole.
Here beyond the shadow of death, here where the day breaks anew,
there is no future but faith, there is no promise but you.

Here in the midst of death, we shall see the birth of life.
Now in the darkest hour, we shall know the face of God.
Here in the midst of life, here within each fearful heart,
now in each human form, you shall be the Risen One.

Grant to us this day of your life, when all your people shall see,
when death itself shall have died, when we your Kingdom shall be.
We, your Kingdom shall be. We, your Kingdom shall be...

Scripture Readings for March 31

Easter Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 | Psalm 118 | 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 |
John 20:1-9

SAT 30

11:00 am Easter Food Blessing Church
7:00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy Church

SUN 31

8:00 am Easter Liturgy Church
10:30 am Easter Liturgy Church
10:30 am Young Children's
Easter Liturgy Rm 9

Join us this
Holy Week!

Holy Thursday – March 28
7:00 pm

Good Friday
Guided Meditation – March 29
12:00 pm

Good Friday – March 29
7:00 pm

Easter Vigil – March 30
7:00 pm

Easter Sunday – March 31
8:00 am & 10:30 am

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

During Lent, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by providing families with food and assisting with utility and rent bills.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: March 26 and April 23

Most needed items: baked beans, cereal, canned fruit (not fruit cocktail), canned soups (both condensed and ready to serve), Knorr sides, and chunky peanut butter. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Tech Terms and Tips

Desktop computer: A computer designed to stay in a single location, that is, not portable.

Laptop computer: A portable computer.

Modem: The modem is a device that allows computers or routers to receive and send information over a cable or telephone line.

Router: A router passes information between two or more networks such as cable TV and wi-fi in a home.

Wi-Fi: This allows devices to connect to the internet wirelessly within a particular area.

Bandwidth and Broadband: Bandwidth refers to the maximum rate a computer can transfer data through a network. Broadband is the speed it takes a computer to download or upload data using an internet connection.

LOL Employment Opportunity

Director of Administrative Services

Maryrose Wolf, our current director of administrative services has made the decision to retire at the end of June 2024. We thank her for the ministry she has brought to LOL.

LOL is looking for a director of administrative services for 35 hours a week. This person, together with the pastor/parish director and deacon(s), form the core management team that ensures that the pastoral and administrative needs of the parish are sustained. The director of administrative services serves in a key parish management position as a staff resource in support of the pastor/parish director, fulfilling parish administrative needs in finance, buildings and grounds, personnel, stewardship, and communications. He/she directs these efforts with technical and legal expertise within the framework of shared ministry in Christian and Catholic values. The position begins on June 1, 2024. For more information, go to the LOL Employment webpage at ololmke.org/employment/.

DISCIPLESHIP

The Chosen – Season 3

Thursdays: April 4–May 23

6:30 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall

Join us as we begin to view Season Three of *The Chosen*.

One episode will be viewed each Thursday evening—eight episodes total. Group discussion will follow each episode. All ages are welcome. **This is a free event and no registration required.**

Can't make the viewing? Watch an episode on your own and join our Zoom discussion only group held each Wednesday evening beginning April 10.

Register for the Zoom discussion at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or call the Parish Office (414) 545-4316.

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**Celebrate Earth Day
in a Practical Way!**

**Milwaukee Riverkeeper
Spring Cleanup
with Our Lady of Lourdes Congregation**

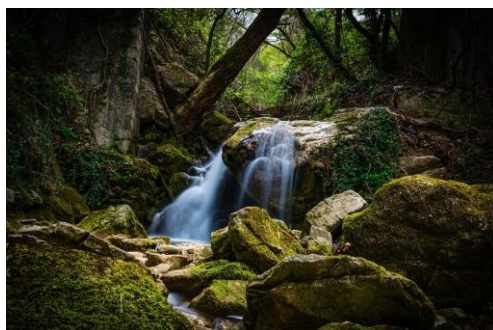
Where: Jackson Park - 3500 West Forest Home Avenue
(between S. 35th St. and S. 43rd St.)

When: Saturday, April 20 (Please register by April 17)

Time: 9:00 am-11:00 am Meet at Jackson Park Pavilion

- Gloves, trash bags, and t-shirts provided.
- Activity followed by lunch at 11:30 am at OLOL.

**“As stewards of God’s creation, we are called to make this earth
a beautiful garden for the human family.” Pope Francis**



We hope you will make this a family event!

Register at ololmke.org/social-justice where you will register with OLOL and then taken to the Milwaukee Riverkeeper registration form. (They need to know the attendance number for adequate supplies.)

Sponsored by OLOL Social Justice Committee