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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

All of the ministries that are the heart and soul of “community” here at Our Lady of Lourdes parish are alive because of your generous and consistent support. In gratitude, we take up the challenge of our Risen Savior with little, with much, and with **all**.



To our visitors:

Thank you for praying with us! If you would like to make an online donation to OLOL, please use the QR code or url address to access our online giving provider, WeShare. Thank you for your support, and know that you are always welcome here.



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NOTES FROM DEB

Happy Easter!

I realize that many who may be reading the bulletin this week are visitors to our parish. Let me offer you my most sincere welcome and gratitude for your presence with us today. I hope that you find our Easter liturgies prayerful, life-giving, and joyful. Please know that you are always welcome here at Our Lady of Lourdes.

And thank you to all our regular parish members for being here this and every Sunday. Thank you for the support you continue to give to me, and the support and love I see you share with one another every day. It is a privilege to pray with you and it is the greatest honor of my life to be the parish director here.

In this season of new life and resurrection, please know of my prayers for each of you. Let us all continue to build God’s kin-dom in beautiful and wonderful ways.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe



VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Wonder

Wonder is being open to the beauty and mysteries of life. It is our soul's appreciation for what is precious and inspiring. When we look at the grandeur of nature, fully present to the moment, it can move us deeply. When we live reflectively, we delight in the signs and wonders that appear in our lives.

What wonders can we experience this Easter?

Can you look for wonders each day?

How do you experience God through wonders?

SUN 31

MON 1

TUE 2

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

Office Closed

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
10:30 am SVDP Mtg. Rm 3
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group Rm 3

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Donald Kisch and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Donald & Gladys Kopp
Love from
Your kids and grandkids

In loving memory of
Jack Liebl
From
Katie & Mary Crisp

In loving memory of
Rich Kosiboski
From
Kathy, Ross, Ron, Tonya,
Ryan, Russell, and Tiffany

Spring Election Day 2024

The Wisconsin Presidential Preference and Non-partisan Office and Referendum voting will take place on **Tuesday, April 2**. Besides the presidential preference, voters will be asked to make decisions in many city and county races and on two state referendums. In addition, Milwaukee residents will vote on a school tax referendum. Be sure to view your ballot at

<https://myvote.wi.gov>

Your voice is important—VOTE!

GIFT Explores Partaking at the Table of 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.

ETHIOPIA



People fast from all meat products for Fasika, the 55 days leading up to Easter Sunday in Ethiopia. They break their fast at Easter Supper, a feast even more popular than Christmas dinner there!

POLAND



On Easter Monday, some Polish people celebrate Śmigus-Dyngus or Wet Monday. People will sneak up on and drench each other with water using glasses of water or even squirt guns!

WED 3

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
 8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
 10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
 6:00 pm Crime Safety Mtg. Hall A

THU 4

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
 8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
 6:30 pm *The Chosen: Season 3* Hall C

FRI 5

Office Closed

WORSHIP

The Night of Nights by Catherine Doherty

This is the night of nights. This is the apex of the love story. The first part came to us as the cry of a Child. The second, as the hammering and planning of wood by a Carpenter.

The third, as a Voice—picked up by the megaphone of centuries and brought to us: Christ the preacher, in his public life. Next, the sound of whips upon human flesh and of nails entering that flesh. Then in the quiet of that night, flame, fire, and song got together, and suddenly God arose.

Christ is risen! In him is my faith, my love; in him I live. He sang us a love song from the moment of his birth to the moment of his Ascension—which comes soon—he will leave us tokens of his love:

first, himself in the celebration of the Eucharist and in the Blessed Sacrament, and in his priests. For he is so in love with us that, though he went to the Father, he remained with us. Only God can do that.

Night of nights! It must be a night of such a profound love for one another that we know, through the tremendous mystery of faith, that each one I love is the Lord. Christ meets Christ. This tremendous surge of love should so fill us that, at least one night in all the year, we might try to love him and one another as he loves us.

-From Season of Mercy

Thank You!

To our various ministers, to our parishioners and guests, to our friends at home, joining us on-line. Thank you to all of you for helping us celebrate Lent, Holy Week, and Easter so beautifully. We wish you all a blessed Easter season!

Your Music and Liturgy staff

Scripture Readings for April 6/7

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35 | Psalm 118 | 1 John 5:1-6 | John 20:19-31

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love and Easter hope and joy to those who are suffering .

Celebration of Earth Day 2024

Caring for God's creation is part of our responsibility as Christians. The **Milwaukee Riverkeeper Spring Cleanup with OLOL** will take place on **Saturday, April 20 at Jackson Park from 9:00 am-11:00 am** followed by lunch in the Hall. Bring the family for a fun and productive morning. Further information and registration is available at ololmke.org/social-justice. Registration deadline is April 17.

SICILY



In the city of San Biagio Platani, people build Archi di Pasqua or Easter Arches. These are large, building-like structures people can walk under made entirely of bread and other foods.

SAT 6

SUN 7

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

8:00 am Liturgy Church
9:00 am GIFT Hall
10:30 am Liturgy Church
11:30 am 5th/6th Grade Retreat Rm 10

SPOTLIGHT

EASTER 2024

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

—1 Peter: 1:3

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace be to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we enter this joyous season of Easter, I am filled with gratitude for the many blessings we have received from God throughout this year. Easter is a time of renewal and hope, a time when we celebrate the victory of life over death, light over darkness, and love over sin. No doubt, we've all experienced moments of sadness and grief, yet with the Lord's grace, we've carried on.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, I encourage you to reflect closely on the significance of this great feast. Easter is not simply a historical event that took place more than 2000 years ago; it is a reality that continues to shape our lives today. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus conquered sin and death, opening the way to eternal life for all who believe in him.

This Easter, let us renew our faith in the risen Christ and recommit ourselves to living as his disciples. Embrace the message of hope and salvation that he proclaimed and make a commitment to share it with others. May we all strive to love one another as he has loved us, showing compassion, mercy, and forgiveness to all.

I pray that the joy of Easter fills your hearts and homes, bringing renewed hope, peace, and love. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

With prayers for a blessed Easter,

Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI Archbishop of Milwaukee

DISCIPLESHIP

Book Discussion – *The Meal That Reconnects: Eucharistic Eating and the Global Food Crisis*

Mondays, April 8, 15, and 22

7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Room 10 or via Zoom

Discussion Facilitator: Tanya Gross

In *The Meal That Reconnects*, Dr. Mary McGann, RSCJ, invites readers to a more profound appreciation of the sacredness of eating and the destructiveness of the industrial food system that is supplying food to tables globally. She presents the food crisis as a spiritual crisis—a call to rediscover the theological, ecological, and spiritual significance of eating and to probe its challenge to Christian Eucharistic practice. McGann invites communities to reclaim the foundational meal character of eucharistic celebration while offering pertinent strategies for this renewal. Register on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or through the Parish Office. You have the option of Zoom or in person.

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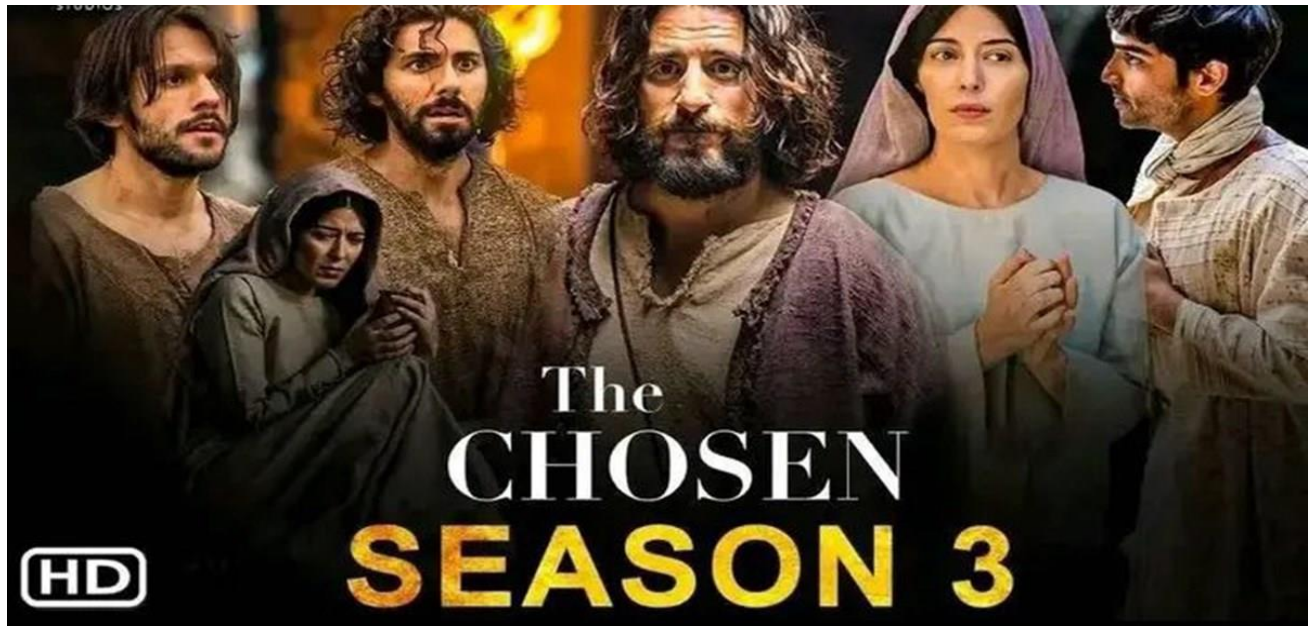
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