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2nd Sunday of Easter



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
- Jn 20:28-29

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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 3/22/2024</i>	BUDGETED <i>for Mar.</i>
Reg. Envelopes .....	\$40,440.59	\$70,000.00
Offertory .....	\$2,573.00	\$2,500.00

## Budget Updates Fiscal Year: March 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income .....	\$692,568.98	\$683,949.99
Operating Expenses.....	\$633,168.40	\$683,276.05

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23...	\$128,503.08
Donations .....	\$31,876.74
Expenses .....	\$50.00
<b>Balance (3/22/2024)</b>	<b>\$160,354.82</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

### A Time of Retreat

This time the retreat is for me. I will be on a private retreat from Monday through Friday of this week.

Before you sound too impressed with this, know that in these days leading up to the retreat I can be more than a little nervous about how things will go, how I will fill five days with prayer, and how much I will miss my family. My spiritual director assures me that all will be well. I believe her and I do know that.

I realize that not everyone can get away on retreat for such an extended time. I could not have imagined this when my kids were little, and my days were filled with changing diapers and wiping noses—or when they were older, and I was driving one son to basketball practice and one son to chess club hoping I wouldn't mix up the destinations!

Whether we can get away for a week, or a couple of days, or even an hour or two—taking a break, taking a step back—is so important. We all need to rest; we all need time to reflect on our lives. Our days can be so busy. Taking some time for retreat is an opportunity to step back from the busy-ness and rest with God.

I will be praying for you all this week and I ask that you hold me in your prayers.

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### Determination

Determination is the power of intent that drives our dreams. It is the strength of will to act with resolve. We focus our energy on a purpose and persevere until we meet our goal. We care about something so much that even when difficulties arise, and things don't come easy, we keep on keeping on. We complete the tasks we choose to do.

The Gospel describes two eras of faith. The journey to faith in the physical presence of the risen Jesus and the journey of faith in the absence of Jesus, which applies to all future generations, us!

How does it take determination to be a disciple today? What helps you?

**SUN 7**

**MON 8**

**TUE 9**

8:00 am Liturgy      Church  
9:00 am GIFT      Hall  
10:30 am Liturgy      Church

8:15 am Autism Intervention      Rm 5  
8:15 am Autism Intervention      Rm 6  
9:30 am Lazarus Planning      Rm 10  
11:30 am Resurrection Choir      Rm 9  
11:45 am Autism Intervention      Rm 4  
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group      Rm 10  
6:30 pm Building & Grounds      Rm 3  
7:00 pm Book Discussion      Rm 10

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

# COMMUNITY LIFE

# FORMATION

## Our Condolences

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

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
 Dick and Gloria Ludka  
 From:  
 Linda Ludka Mlynarek

## Oktoberfest Meeting

April 10  
 7:00 pm  
 Room 3  
 Topic: 50/50 and Basket Raffle  
 All are welcome as we plan the 50/50 and Basket Raffle for Oktoberfest.

No Request  
 is too  
*Audacious*  
 for God.

## Sending Forth with Nancie Chmielewski

While studying at the seminary, one of Nancie's instructors shared that the dismissal or the sending forth was the most important part of the Mass. This shaped her approach to ministry and her understanding of the Eucharist. Join us as she breaks apart this portion of the liturgy and sends us forth to be Eucharist for others this summer. We hope you join us on Sunday, April 28, for when we welcome back Nancie for our last GIFT session of the 2023/2024 formation year! Adults who are not registered for GIFT are welcome to register for this session by paying the \$10 fee at the door.

## Three Ways You Can Care for the Earth

**1.** Get educated on how the Church expects us to care for creation. How? Start by reading the *Laudato Si'* encyclical by Pope Francis.

**2.** Commit to creating less "convenient" waste. For example:

- Use refillable water bottles or coffee tumblers instead of one-time use items.
- Try out reusable beeswax wrap to preserve food instead of plastic wrap.

**3.** Donate some time to a local creation-care organization. Consider volunteering for a:

- local park/beach cleanup
- neighborhood recycling event
- local community garden

## WED 10

## THU 11

## FRI 12

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 Liturgy Church  
 10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C  
 6:30 pm Baptism Prep Rm 10  
 6:30 pm *The Chosen: Season 3*  
 Discussion Virtual  
 7:00 pm GASIC Virtual  
 7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg. Rm 3

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

**Office Closed**  
 10:00 am Donald Kisch Funeral Visitation Church  
 12:00 pm Donald Kisch Funeral Church  
 6:30 pm Baptism Rehearsal Church

## WORSHIP



### “Peace be with you” John 20:19

Imagine a scene of peace and take some time to deeply enter that place. Whatever the picture you painted, chances are that it did not align with the scene from today’s gospel reading.

Today’s gospel text places us in a secret meeting place with locked doors, and emotions of fear and doubt. Jesus is presented to the disciples with the description of all his afflicted wounds.

Yet, it seems clear that Jesus wants us to feel his peace in turmoil, in fear, in doubt. Jesus does not ask us to banish our wounds when we come into his presence, not even at Easter when we are supposed to be full of joy.

Peace be with you is the word of Jesus to us.

Peace be with you when you have not seen, as the disciples saw, and yet believe.

Blessed are you not because life will always be easy and you will never have to suffer.

But blessed are you because you have linked yourself to a power greater than yours who wants and will sustain you, to the power that raised Jesus from the dead, and the power that will bring us everlasting peace.

Excerpt from St. Stephen’s Church publication

### Scripture Readings for April 13/14

#### 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | Psalm 4 | 1 John 2:1-5a | Luke 24:35-48

## OUTREACH

### From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!”

During Mass we turn to each other and say “Peace be with you!” As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say, “Peace be with you!” to those who are poor and hungry.

### St. Ben’s Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor’s meal program on Wednesday, April 10. 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/)

### 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](http://ololmke.org/social-justice). Registration deadline is April 17.

### 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 April 11, at 6:30 pm, in Room 3. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.

**SAT 13**

**SUN 14**

#### Welcome Weekend

9:30 am Women’s Spirituality  
Day Retreat Rm 9  
5:00 pm Liturgy Church

#### Welcome Weekend

8:00 am Liturgy Church  
10:30 am Liturgy (Baptisms) Church

## COMMUNICATIONS

## SPOTLIGHT

### Tech Terms and Tips

#### Why is it important to replace your computers and phones regularly?

##### Performance and Efficiency:

Outdated tech is typically slower and less efficient than their modern counterparts.

##### Security Risks:

Aging technology often lacks the latest security features and updates, making it vulnerable to cyberattacks, and malware infections.

##### Compatibility and Integration:

Newer applications and software often require up-to-date hardware to operate optimally. Outdated systems may struggle to run the latest software, leading to compatibility issues and limited functionality.

It's recommended to replace your smartphone or tablet every three years and computer every four to five years.

### Season of Renewal

As a child, my favorite holiday was Easter. Many people would wonder why Christmas was not my favorite, especially for a kid! But, for me, the events surrounding Easter—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter basket blessings on Saturday—all held an incredible place in my heart. They still do. The days leading into Easter Sunday are filled with solemnity, as life sometimes is. But then, like a wonderful miracle, we are all lifted in spirit on Easter Sunday! It is the promise of renewal, the promise of hope and joy. Isn't that the very essence of what the Easter season is about? This time fills me with a sense of invigorated purpose. It shows me that through times of sadness and failings, God promises us renewal and healing.

During Lent, for 40 days, we refrain from certain things or in some cases give back. What about after Easter Sunday? What if you committed yourself to finding ways to bring a new sense of joy, happiness, and purpose into your life or the life of someone else for the next 40 days after Easter? How can you infuse renewal into your life? Take a moment today to pause and reflect on what a season of renewal might look like for you.

"Every day is a renewal, every morning the daily miracle. This joy you feel is life." – Gertrude Stein

Denise Haussy  
Pastoral Council

## DISCIPLESHIP

## STAFF EMAIL

### Who is Mary? An Interfaith Discussion

Tuesday April 30

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall

Discussion Facilitators: Janan Najeeb, Patricia Lewis Ph.D., Jim Wielgosz

Please join us as representatives from the Muslim and Catholic faith come together to have a discussion on Mary and her role in each faith tradition. This is an opportunity to learn more about this incredible woman and what the two faith traditions share. Participants will see Mary through the Quran and the Gospels. There will be time allotted for questions. Come with an open mind and a cheerful spirit.

Registration is required so we have ample seating and material for all. Please register on the Discipleship Institute web page at [ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/](http://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/) or through the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316.

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