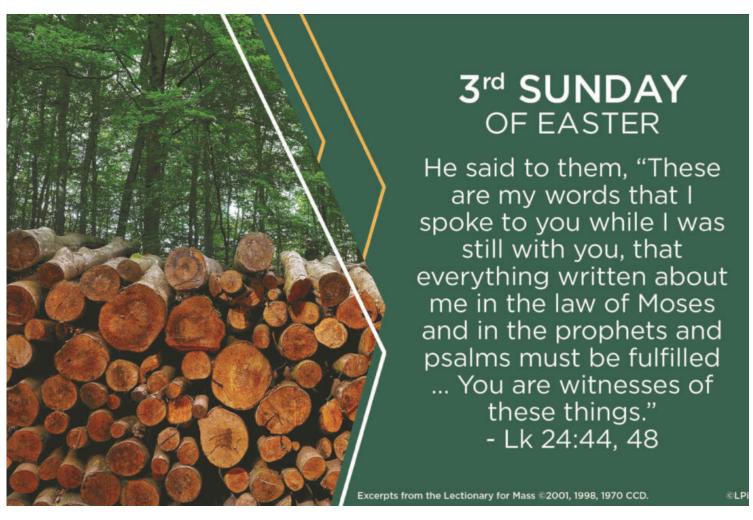


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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Supp	oort - March 2024	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
	as of 3/30/2024	for Mar.
Reg. Envelopes	\$58,515.83	\$70,000.00
Offertory	\$6,062.05	\$2,500.00

Operating income	\$003,747.77
Operating Expenses\$657,094.66	\$683,276.05

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance $7/1/23$.	\$128,503.08
Donations	\$32,803.12
Expenses	<u>\$50.00</u>

Balance (3/30/2024) \$161,281.20

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

DECIDE TO **LEAD**www.CatholicAppeal.org

of donors: 1,043...... 13.61%

NOTES FROM DEB

A Surprisingly Sacred Gathering

Back in March, I attended the Synod gathering at St. Matthias Church. While I walked in with other Lourdes parishioners, we all decided to sit separately to hear from new people.

Like the Synod gathering at the Vatican and our synodal experiences at GIFT, we sat at round tables. We had time for prayer and then we each had two minutes to speak, without interruption, about what in the Church hinders its mission and then what in the Church encourages its mission.

I obviously cannot speak about the conversation at other tables, but the conversation at my table was very good and most sacred. People at my table were hungry for priests who were personable, not distant. They wanted the structure of the Church to serve its mission rather than the mission of the Church to serve its structure. Most of all, they wanted community—good, healthy communities in which to pray. In many ways they were describing our experience at Our Lady of Lourdes.

While I might have walked in a bit low on coffee, and perhaps a bit grumpy about getting up early on a Saturday morning, I walked out affirmed at what we are doing as a parish and even hopeful for the Church in the world.

Your shepherd, Deb Steppe

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

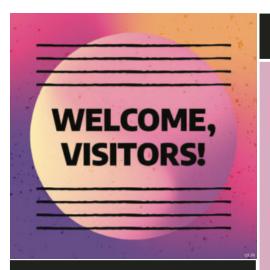
Understanding

Understanding is having clear insight into ideas and feelings. We thoughtfully seek to comprehend the full truth. We are mindful of what is most important. We go the extra mile to put ourselves in another's shoes in order to forgive. We cherish the ability to see the whole picture.

A strong line in the Gospel today, Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He reminded the disciples that their work was to be witnesses of all they had experienced with him.

How do you come to understand the work that is yours to do? Who helps you?

SUN 14	MON 15	TUE 16
Welcome Weekend 8:00 am Liturgy Church 10:30 am Liturgy (Baptisms) Church	8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5 8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6 9:00 am Linda Sieber Funeral Visitation Church 11:00 am Linda Sieber Funeral Church 1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10 7:00 pm Book Discussion Rm 10	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

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Wilfred (Bill) Richard and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Judith Bialk From Santa Mazza

Women's Spirituality Group Meeting

Thursday, April 18 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Attention women of the parish. The Women's Spirituality Group would like any interested women to join us for discussion and reflection, lead by fellow parishioners, of next weekend's scripture readings. All women welcome!

FORMATION

GIFT Registration 2024/2025

Registration opens on Sunday, April 28, for the next formation year! Be sure to attend our final formation session for more information on registration and next year's program.

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.

Intergenerational Youth Ministry

Join us for an afternoon of bingo like you've never seen! From classic bingo to music bingo to cake walk bingo—we've got it all! Join us on Saturday, May 11, from 2:00 pm—4:45 pm for an afternoon of fun for all ages.



WED 17

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
6:00 pm	Pastoral Council Mtg.	Rm 3
6:30 pm	The Chosen: Season 3	

Discussion

Virtual

THU 18

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	Women's Spirituality	
	Group	Rm 3

FRI 19

Office Closed

WORSHIP

Reflection on the Easter Season

It has been just over a week since Easter Sunday. Some of you may be enjoying sipping lattes again, hitting the snooze button, reaching for another doughnut or taking warmer showers. Some of you may be looking back on Lent with relief because you got through it. Others may be exasperated by promises broken, while still others rejoice quietly at another season of growth with the Lord. Regardless of how you perceive your Lenten journey, rejoice! We remain in the Easter season! We continue to sing praise and proclaim the victory of the Lord!

We rejoice, despite the traffic jam.

We rejoice, despite fickle weather.

We rejoice, despite the world's indifference..

We rejoice, despite news of ongoing persecution.

We rejoice, because death is conquered.

We rejoice, because Christ is Risen.

Throughout this Easter season, I invite you to continue to reflect on your Lenten journey in the light of Christ's Resurrection. Continue to incorporate the spiritual practices you took on or offer up small forms of sacrifice in your day-to-day lives on the path of holiness. The more we welcome Christ in our hearts, the more his light can penetrate our very being to illuminate the world. Try to "look" different after each Lenten season so that at the end of your life, you may look like Him—the Crucified, but also, the glorified, the Resurrected.

Excerpted from a reflection by Kate Flannery, 2015

Pentecost Choir begins soon!

Start planning now to participate in our final seasonal choir this year — our Pentecost Choir. Rehearsals will be held May 1, 8, and 15 (6:00 pm—7:15 pm), and we will lead the music at the 10:30 am Mass on May 19. Watch the next couple bulletins for details on how to sign up and come raise your voice with us.

Scripture Readings for April 20/21 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12 | Psalm 118 | 1 John 3:1-2 | John 10:11-18

SAT 20	SUN 21
8:30 am Social Justice Earth Day Event Hall 11:00 am Walking Through	8:00 am Liturgy Church 10:30 am Liturgy Church
Grief Together Rm 3 5:00 pm Liturgy Church	

Baptisms

10:30 am Mass

We welcome the following into our faith community through the waters of baptism:

Julian Charles Desjardin Quinn Estelle Holtan Susan Elisabeth Smith-Davis Aiden Walker

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains that the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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.



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)

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SPOTLIGHT

Be a Peacemaker

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

Matthew 5:9

Supporting nonviolence is not just about what we are against. By all means, pray. But we must go beyond prayer and being physically passive. We must be active peacemakers.

We can advocate for world peace, be against war, violence on our streets, domestic violence, all forms of discriminatory hatred, putting prayer into action. We can donate money to many organizations trying to spread peace throughout the world and our community. We can give of our time to support peace, lift up our voices through writing letters and emails, make phone calls, and talk to our friends and neighbors, all in the name of peace.

But establishing peace can begin right at our front door, to a neighbor down the street, or perhaps to someone sitting right now in this church. Who do we know that we need to make amends? It doesn't matter whose fault caused our division. It must be healed. Establishing peace begins with one person at a time touching the person in front of us.

Jesus continues:

"If, therefore, you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24

Terry Falk, Social Justice Committee

DISCIPLESHIP

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/ or through the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316.

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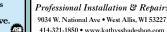
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Place the COMPLETED FORM (whole flyer) and PHOTO in an envelope.

Place the ENVELOPE in the CONTAINER provided on the table located in the lobby.

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