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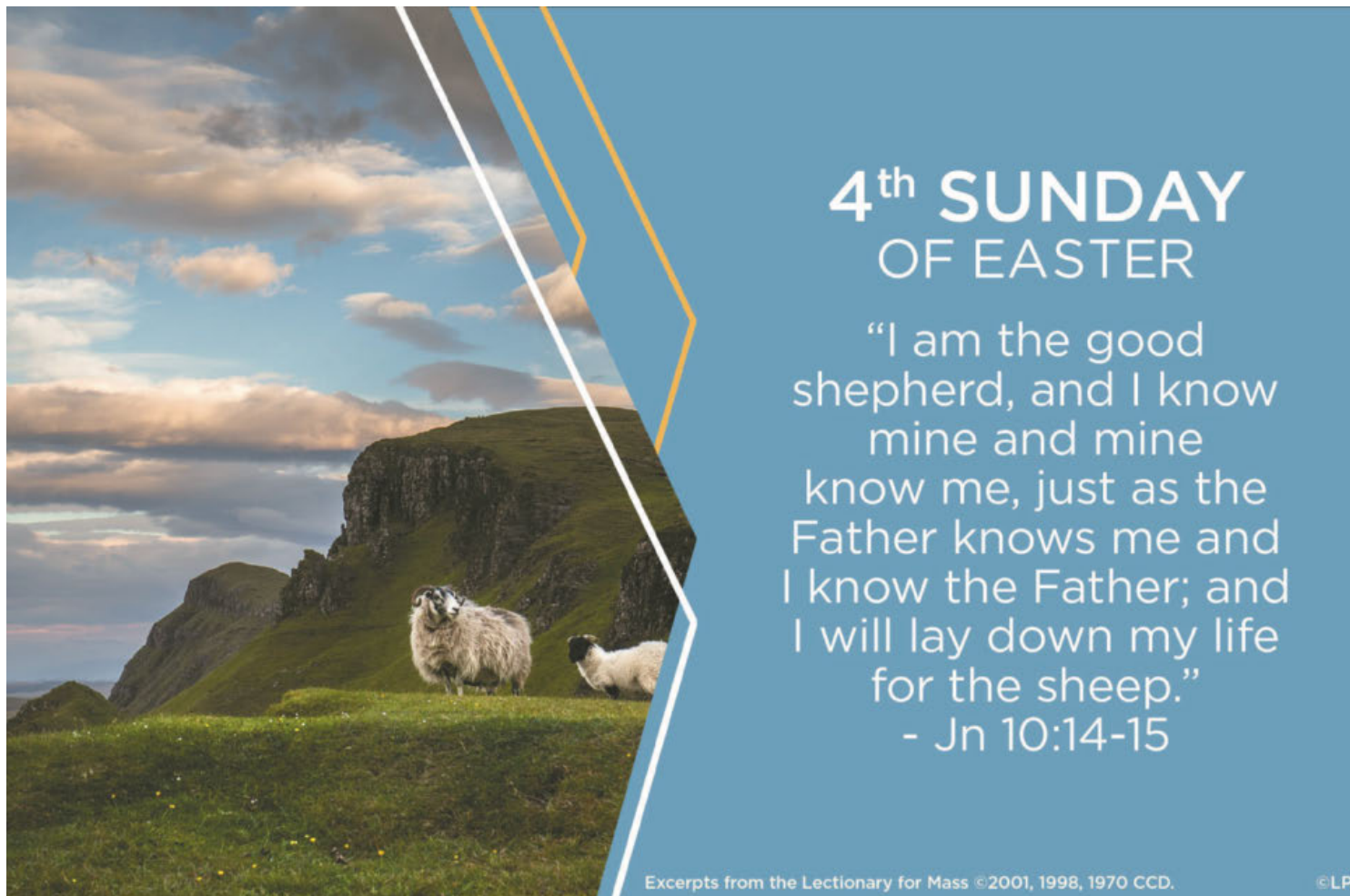
4th Sunday of Easter



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the kingdom of God
by being Christ
to the world.



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.”
- Jn 10:14-15

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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 5:00 PM

SUN 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - April 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
<i>as of 4/12/2024</i>	<i>for April</i>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$20,056.61	\$65,000.00
Offertory	\$896.00	\$4,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: April 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$735,048.59	\$754,996.66
Operating Expenses.....	\$700,280.94	\$755,278.78

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23...	\$128,503.08
Donations	\$33,600.12
Expenses	\$70.00
Balance (4/12/2024)	\$162,058.20

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

DECIDE TO LEAD

www.CatholicAppeal.org

NOTES FROM DEB

The Triduum

Because of some unusual publishing dates for the bulletin, this is my first article written after Easter. Here are a few of my post-Easter thoughts on the Triduum.

First—the obvious—we had a lot of people in church. I estimate that we had over 1,000 people come through our doors on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. We have not had that many people in church since before COVID-19. It was wonderful!!!

And we had many children in attendance—even at the Easter Vigil. My kids are grown now, but I do remember how involved it was to get everyone here dressed and fed before Mass. I appreciate every mom and dad bringing their young ones. Their presence, their energy, and yes, even their tears and struggles enhance our prayer.

The ritual, the prayer, and the music that so many of us created was beautiful and most sacred. I have had several people tell me that the Easter Vigil was especially moving. And because I have the privilege of sitting in the sanctuary, I get to hear the congregation's singing voices. Holy wow! Hearing you sing touched me deeply (I didn't know my goosebumps could get goosebumps!).

Thank you all for being here. Thank you for bringing friends and family members. Thank you for being the loving welcoming parish that you are.

Your grateful shepherd,
Deb Steppe

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Sacrifice

Sacrifice is the willingness to give up something important for something more important. It means to "make sacred." When we sacrifice for those we care about, it is not a deprivation but an offering of love. It is in giving our all for a worthy purpose that we receive genuine prosperity.

Today, we hear about the Good Shepherd model of leadership and the sacrifice it can lead to. In the case of Jesus, we know he laid down his life. What little sacrifices can you make each day to make a difference? Or perhaps, do you have a big calling to fulfill a worthy purpose? Listen carefully as you pray.

SUN 21

MON 22

TUE 23

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

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
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 Mtg. Rm 4
3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Welcome New Parishioners

March 2024

Donald Karolewicz
Sr. Edna Lonergan

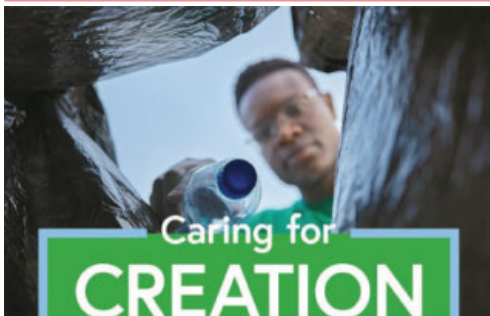
Our Condolences

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

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Donald Kopp
From
Loving family

In loving memory of
Linda Sieber
From
Jim and Lori Carrillo



Safe Environment Week April 21–April 27

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes April 21–April 27, 2024, as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in the month of April, which is recognized around the country as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church’s efforts to keep our children safe. We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training for children in each grade level; and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws.

Be sure to look at our Safeguarding bulletin board outside of church to learn more and participate in the pinwheel project!

Nancie Chmielewski to Present at GIFT

Our beloved former shepherd, Nancie Chmielewski, returns to present at our final GIFT session of the 2023-2024 year. Our theme this year has been “The Body of Christ: We Are Eucharist,” and Nancie will present on the topic “Sending Forth.” Last year, Nancie told the children preparing for first Eucharist that a professor of hers said that the most important part of the liturgy was the sending forth at the end of Mass. Come and join us on Sunday, April 28, at 9:00 am in the Hall to find out why the sending forth is so vital to us as Catholic Christians. If you are not signed up for GIFT and wish to attend, please call the Parish Office.

The Parish Library Has a New Home

Our parish library has made a short move to the new bookshelves on the wall just outside Deb’s office. A reading nook is now part of our library setting too. The lending policy is just as simple as ever—take a book you wish to read and return it when you have finished.

WED 24

THU 25

FRI 26

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
9:30 am Communion Service Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
6:30 pm *The Chosen: Season 3* Discussion Virtual

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
12:00 pm Women’s Grief Support Group Hall C
6:30 pm *The Chosen: Season 3* Hall C

Office Closed

WORSHIP

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to every single person who played a role in our Passion Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter services. This includes all of you in the pews. The energy was sacred and sincere, and we couldn't be more grateful for your active participation.

Pentecost Choir sign-up available on-line

We are excited to end our choir season with our Pentecost Choir, and we're hoping you will want to join us. All ages are welcome. Please go to this link and sign up before April 28. Rehearsals begin May 1. ololmke.org/music-ministries/

Concert Opportunity: Vallimar Jansen

ALMA (Archdiocesan Liturgical Ministers Association) and the Black Catholic Ministry Commission of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are excited to invite you and your friends to a special concert with acclaimed songwriter, composer and storyteller, Vallimar Jansen on **Friday, May 3, at 7:00 pm, at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, 3114 N. Second St, Milwaukee.**

Through story and song, Vallimar will tell the stories of the Six Black Catholics from the United States on the path to sainthood. An inspiring and passionate worship leader, Vallimar will lead us in an evening of contemporary Christian and Gospel music, storytelling, and reflection.

Thanks to a generous donor, this concert is **free!** No registration is required; everyone is welcome!

Note from Anne Van Deusen: I had the privilege of working with Vallimar at a parish mission a few years ago. Her storytelling and music are incredible and inspiring. You don't want to miss this opportunity.

Scripture Readings for April 27/28

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 | Psalm 22 | 1 John 3:18-24 | John 15:1-8

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

Today, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by providing families food, and assisting with utility and rent bills. Thank you!

Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month on May 4 and May 18 in Room 3 starting at 11:00 am. No need to register. This group provides a safe setting for sharing and support with others going through loss.

Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi
and the Milwaukee Police Department
invites you to attend the

Mass of Blessing
for Law Enforcement, First Responders,
and their families

St. Josaphat's Basilica
2333 S. 6th St., Milwaukee

Thursday, May 9, 2024 | 6:30 p.m.



Department retirees,
family members,
and the general public
are also invited to attend.



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SAT 27

SUN 28

Blood Drive Sign-up

9:30 am First Eucharist

Rehearsal

Church

5:00 pm Liturgy

Church

Blood Drive Sign-up

8:00 am Liturgy

9:00 am GIFT

Church

10:30 am Liturgy

Hall
Church

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE
Safe Environment Week
 2024



Did You Know, that in 2023 alone, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee...

- Trained over 4,400 adults in identifying signs of abuse
- Conducted over 7,900 criminal background checks on clergy, employees, and volunteers
- Trained nearly 40,000 children in Safe Environment topics

In addition to our efforts throughout the year, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has always recognized the important month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year, we have also designated April 21 - April 27, as Safe Environment Week. In doing so, we can assure that every parish and school, as well as the entire faith community, focuses on the importance of keeping our children and youth safe.

To learn more about Safe Environment Week, visit: www.archmil.org/sew



SPOTLIGHT

Unsung Disciples

“Age is not a factor and it shouldn’t be.” JoAnn Godkin explains that while she is 90, “I still have more to do at church.”

Our unsung heroes are our elders who have worked at many events, bake sales, and receptions. JoAnn’s service is an example. She coordinates the Wednesday Faith and Social Group, established Oktoberfest’s Black Forest Café, and kept the pantry and refrigerator organized. Her decades of service range from past musical theater costume design to current casino trips. She is an astute planner and gentle mentor to many. She inspires others to become involved and always has a kind word of praise and encouragement. JoAnn says, “I am very blessed. I get more than I give. Seeing people smile warms my heart.”

DISCIPLESHIP

The Good Shepherd

Sheep are fearful and insecure animals. They are afraid of many things—even running water will scare them! Psalm 23 reminds us that a good shepherd will lead the sheep beside still waters.

When Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd, most of those who listened to Him knew that sheep only drink from still water because sheep are afraid of noises. The only thing that will calm a sheep down is hearing the voice of the shepherd. A loving shepherd will talk and sing and play instruments so that the sheep know that their shepherd is nearby.

As disciples, we are like sheep!

We need to hear the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. He will do whatever it takes to calm us in troubled times.

The more we hear the voice of our Good Shepherd, the more we renew our mind and the more we experience the peace that only the Risen Jesus can give. May all disciples make time for “calm waters” and hear the voice of our Good Shepherd.



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An Interfaith Discussion



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JANAN NAJEEB

(MILWAUKEE MUSLIM
WOMEN'S COALITION)

PATRICIA LEWIS, PH.D.

(PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES
AT ALVERNO COLLEGE)

Catholic and Muslim representatives discuss Mary and her significance within each faith tradition. Delve into the remarkable aspects of Mary's character in the Quran and the Bible. We encourage your questions, reflections and open mind.

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