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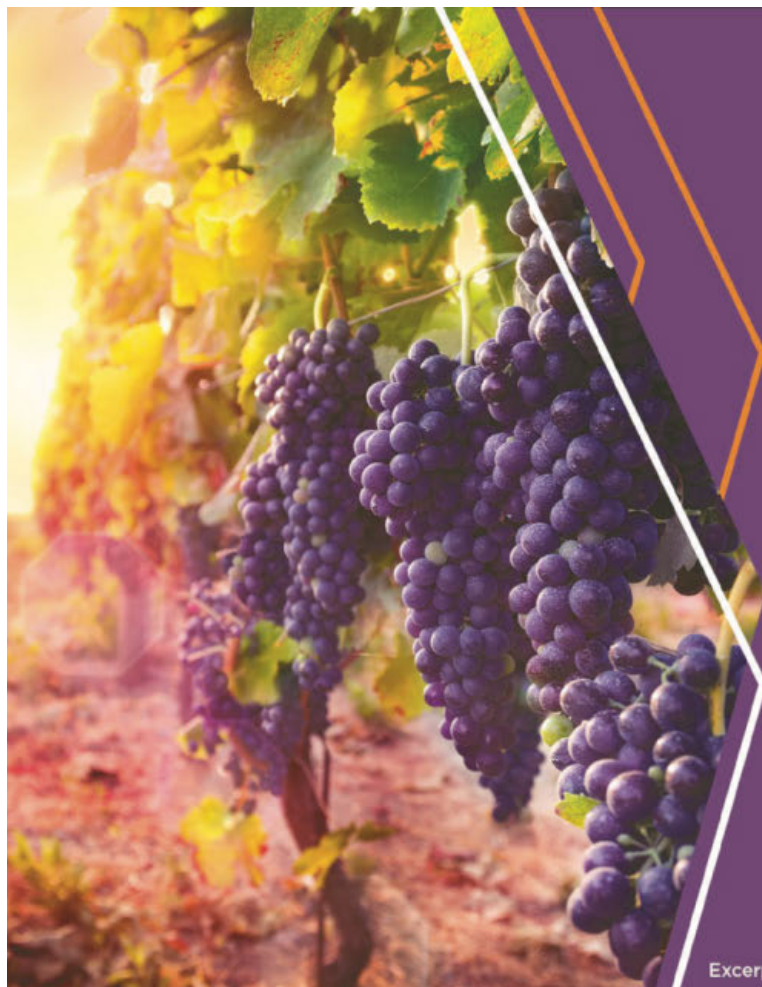
5th Sunday of Easter



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Catholic Church

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the kingdom of God
by being Christ
to the world.



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the true vine, and
my Father is the vine
grower. He takes away
every branch in me
that does not bear
fruit, and everyone that
does he prunes so that
it bears more fruit.”
- Jn 15:1-2

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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 - April 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
	<i>as of 4/19/2024</i>	<i>for April</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$43,105.00	\$65,000.00
Offertory	\$1,987.00	\$4,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: April 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$759,552.98	\$754,996.66
Operating Expenses.....	\$702,061.08	\$755,278.78

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23...	\$128,503.08
Donations	\$34,344.12
Expenses	\$70.00
Balance (4/19/2024)	\$162,802.20

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

A few thoughts about today's Gospel.

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,” John 15:5

I love this image of the vine and the branches because it shows us how very connected we are with Jesus. Jesus is telling us that as there is no separation between the vine and its branches, there is no separation between Jesus' life and ours. Our very life and breath are an extension of the divine. Jesus' life is within us and a part of us.

That is quite a concept to hold in our minds and in our hearts. For many of us it is more familiar to envision Jesus far removed from us—in the heaven we hope for and the Eucharist we consume.

As “branches” of Christ's life, I invite you to think of the “fruit” that you bear. Think about the love that you share, the acts of tenderness, the many ways you serve others, from donating to our food pantry, to caring for loved ones who are ill, to listening to someone who needs to talk. All of these things, and so much more, are the fruits that we bear for the world because of our connection to Jesus our Christ.

May we all know our connectedness to our God and may we continue bearing the fruit that feeds our hungry world.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

SOCIAL TEACHING

Today we hear the metaphor of the vine and branches. Jesus tells his disciples that he is the vine, his Father is the vine grower, and we are the branches. This metaphor gives an image of a caretaker watering, pruning, and checking regularly on his crop. It is interesting that Jesus and his followers are part of the same plant, growing together and cared for by the Father. The Father cares for the vine, the vine cares for the branches, and the branches produce fruit.

What is the fruit which we, the branches, are being called to produce? Do we produce for ourselves or for others? If the Father cares tenderly for the vine and the vine cares tenderly for us, we must produce fruit that cares tenderly for others.

SUN 28

MON 29

TUE 30

Blood Drive Sign-up
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
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
10:30 am SVDP Mtg. Rm 3
6:00 pm Confirmation Choir Church
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group Rm 3
6:30 pm Who is Mary? Hall BC

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Wedding Banns

I Marissa Martinez & Kervin Velez

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Catherine (Katie) Crisp, Isabel Capizzi, and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Donald Kisch
From
Pam Lausman

In loving memory of
Catherine Crisp
From
Leon & Carole Burzynski

In loving memory of
Aunt Katie Crisp
From
Ecklund Family

Safe Environment Week: Did you know?

Safe Environment Week may be coming to a close, but there is still more to know about the program. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has a Victim Assistance Coordinator that assists survivors of sexual abuse to navigate through the process of reporting abuse and receiving counselling services. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can be reached at (414) 758-2232.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee also has a third-party reporting mechanism for misconduct through Convercent. All mandatory reporting laws in the State of Wisconsin are required to be followed with all reports to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee or Convercent. A report of abuse can also be made through the Advocate Aurora Healing Center or directly reported to the appropriate civil authorities.

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

Hunger Task Force Farms

Do you like being out in the fresh air? Spending time with family and friends? Getting your hands dirty? Helping others? If you answered “yes” to any of the above, then this opportunity is for you! We are once again heading to the fields with the OLOL Human Concerns Ministry at the Hunger Task Force Farms. Join us on Wednesday, June 26, from 8:30 am–11:30 am. Ages 16 and up are welcome! Youth ages 12 to 15 must be accompanied by an adult. We will be working in the fields so please bring work gloves and water bottles. RSVP by June 12 at <https://tinyurl.com/ololfarm>.



WED 1

THU 2

FRI 3

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 Pentecost Choir Reh. Church
6:30 pm *The Chosen: Season 3*
Discussion Virtual
7:00 pm Liturgy Team Mtg. Rm 9

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
2:00 pm Art Guild
Mosaic Drawing Rm 4
6:30 pm Confirmation Reh. Church
6:30 pm *The Chosen: Season 3* Hall C

Office Closed

WORSHIP

Pentecost Choir—Sign up this weekend!!

This weekend is the deadline for signing up to sing with our Pentecost Choir. We've got some great music selected. Plus, this is a short time commitment, and a safe and fun way to try something new. All ages are invited to participate. Please go to this link and sign up before the end of the day April 28.

Our first rehearsal is this Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 pm.

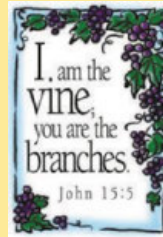
ololmke.org/music-ministries/. If you have trouble signing up on-line, don't let that stop you. Simply contact Anne Van Deusen or Julie Fraleigh.



Vine & Branches

Today's passage from John's Gospel recalls the wisdom Jesus shared during his last meal with the disciples. Jesus tells the disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower." Their followers, then and now, are the branches.

What do these images say about the Christian community? The people of God are all of great value. Branches in a vine mix with each other such that it can be difficult to tell when one branch starts and another ends. So too are our lives interconnected with one another. We cannot be church alone. Further, the Christian community gains its energy from Christ the Vine. Like branches need a strong vine in order to bear fruit, so too does the Christian community need the spirit of Christ in order to bear fruits of service in the world.



Excerpted from *Living Liturgy*

Mark Your Calendar!!

Michael Dorney is one of our Music Ministers on the weekends. You hear him often, playing his tin whistle and adding his beautiful vocal harmonies to the other singers. Did you know he also entertains in other ways? Here's your opportunity to hear more! Come join us for our Communion service on Wednesday morning, May 15. Then stay for social time, music with Michael, and a light lunch. Watch next week's bulletin for more details. We hope you will join us!!

Scripture Readings for May 4/5

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 | Psalm 98 | 1 John 4:7-10 | John 15:9-17

SAT 4

SUN 5

Blood Drive Sign-up
 Art Show Mosaic Winners Pick-up
 Art Show Art Pick-up
 10:00 am Confirmation Mass Church
 11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together Rm 3
 5:00 pm Liturgy Church

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 Art Show Mosaic Winners Pick-up
 Art Show Art Pick-up
 8:00 am Liturgy Church
 10:30 am Liturgy (1st Eucharist) Church

Baptisms

10:30 am Mass

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

Everly Lynn Heimerl

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness, and dread.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: May 7 and 21

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.

SPOTLIGHT

OLOL Earth Day Celebration

On a sunny but cold April 20 morning, 48 hearty parishioners heeded one of the Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching: Caring for God's Creation. The event was a celebration of Earth Day. They met at Jackson Park at 9:00 am, grabbed some gloves and a bag, and proceeded to spread out and collect trash. There was a spirit of camaraderie as participants combed through various park areas. At about 11:00 am, they gathered at OLOL for a pizza lunch and shared anecdotes about their morning experience. It was notable that several parishioners brought their children or grandchildren to the event, thus instilling in them the importance of caring for our Mother Earth. The Social Justice Committee wishes to thank all who participated in helping to make the Milwaukee Riverkeeper annual cleanup a success.




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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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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