Our Lady of Lourdes is a pilgrim church coming to know the Kingdom of God by being Christ to the world



April 2025

Greetings all,

In these, our most sacred days, please accept my most heartfelt prayers for you and your family. May this Holy Week find you affirmed and supported in your faith as we together enter into the Sacred Triduum.

These are joyous days here at the parish—we are growing! We are adding new members every month—including seven registrations in the month of March alone. I am so grateful that folks are finding a spiritual home here and that new members are being welcomed by the congregation. The hospitality shown to new members and visitors is one of the many ways we share God's love. Thank you all for your graciousness.

It is my pleasure to welcome Jim Wielgosz to our pastoral staff. Beginning May 1, Jim will be our director of worship ministries. Jim is smart, wise, and gifted. Jim will be taking on the tasks that Julie Fraleigh and I have been doing—writing the prayers, planning the Masses, etc. He will be assisted by Nancy Short who takes on the clerical tasks of all things liturgical. Many thanks to Chris Deily who came out of retirement to be a part of our Worship Team. Chris will now be guiding Jim as he takes on this new position.

Beginning in June, Fr. Art Heinze will be joining us as one of our weekend presiders. Fr. Art is a gifted presider and homilist and is the beloved former pastor of St. Mary's Hales Corners. We are so blessed that he will be joining the wonderful group of priests who pray with us each weekend.

As your parish director, I remain in place. While I do not have a contract, I also have not heard anything from the archdiocese about being replaced. I feel so very blessed to be able to minister with this wonderful community of believers. This is a joyous place indeed. Thank you for your generosity, your faithfulness, and your joy at making Our Lady of Lourdes such a beautiful parish community.

Happy Easter!

Deb Steppe,
Parish Director

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