

MAY 4, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter



# Our Lady of Lourdes

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the kingdom of God  
by being Christ  
to the world.



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## EUCCHARIST:

**SAT** 4:00 PM

**SUN** 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

**WED** 9:30 AM

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# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

## Parish Support - April 2025

	<b>ACTUAL</b> <b><u>As of 4/25/25</u></b>	<b>BUDGETED</b> <b><u>for April</u></b>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$69,911.97	\$87,222.47
Offertory .....	\$3,651.19	\$4,999.95

### Budget Updates Fiscal Year: April 2025

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>
Operating Income .....	\$858,263.28	\$812,899.48
Operating Expense .....	\$709,861.58	\$766,738.56

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24...	\$169,666.89
Donations .....	\$253,405.52
Expenses .....	\$143,119.41
<b>Balance (4/25/25)</b>	<b>\$279,190.00</b>

### THANK YOU!

*Our Lady of Lourdes is greatly blessed with your continued generous support of all our ministries!*

## Love One Another

(Quarter Ending 2/27/25)

Donations:.....	<b>\$65,739.00</b>
Parish Received .....	<b>\$38,897.40</b>

Deposited 2/21/25

*Thank you for your continued support of this campaign!*

## NOTES FROM DEB

### A Few More Holy Week Thoughts

As we continue to celebrate these 50 days of the Easter season, and now that I've had a moment or two to catch my breath, I am finding my thoughts flowing back to Holy Week. Our prayer together truly was sacred—it was indeed a holy week!

That beautiful prayer was the product of many ministry hours of planning, preparation and of course, carrying out lots of details. Thank you to every minister who served us so well: ushers, Eucharistic ministers, dancers, foot washers, bread holders, towel launderers, cross-bearers, musicians, cantors, liturgical environment folks, A/V ministers, liturgy team members, choir members, sacristans, candle lighters, bakers, Easter Vigil party hosts, vigil party donators, lectors, servers, and our beloved presiders. Your efforts were tremendous and so very much appreciated by parishioners and visitors alike.

What a great parish to have so many hands and hearts that work together to make our celebrations joyful, prayerful, and most sacred!

Have a blessed Easter season.

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### Caring

Caring is giving tender attention to the people and things that matter to us. It is being a compassionate witness, listening to one another wholeheartedly and without judgement. We show that we care with thoughtful acts and kind words. We care deeply about the principles we believe in. Caring is a sign of love. When we care for others, we notice how they feel and what they need. When we care for ourselves, we have more to give to others. Caring is a gift from the heart.

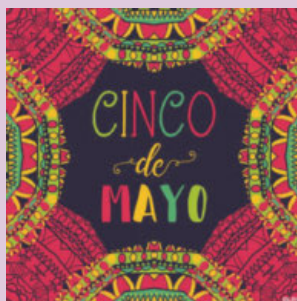
After a successful fishing trip, Jesus feeds the disciples. Then he says to them, "Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep." Loving and caring for others was a priority for Jesus. How do we feed and tend to others as a parish? How do we feed and tend to others as a city? How do we feed and tend to others as a country?

**SUN 4**

Hallway Art Show Pick-up  
9:00 am Liturgy (Jurkus) Church  
10:00 am Prayerpalooza Hall

**MON 5**

11:30 am Resurrection Choir Rm 9  
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10



**TUE 6**

3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7  
6:30 pm Activating the Body of Christ Virtual

## COMMUNITY LIFE

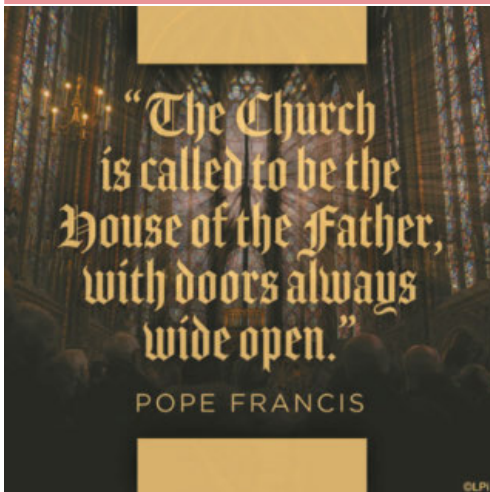
### In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
Don Brockman  
From  
Dave Vahl

In loving memory of  
Frank & Lorraine Ruffolo  
From  
Mary Ruffolo

In loving memory of  
Dr. E.J. Aiman  
From  
Mary Ruffolo

In loving memory of  
Jane Lancour  
From  
Mary Ruffolo



## FORMATION

### Congratulations OCIA and OCIC!

At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, this year's OCIA and OCIC candidates were initiated into the Catholic Church. Congratulations to Susan, Jackie, Payton, Sophia, Raul, and Rigel. We are so pleased that you are part of our OLOL family!

### In Memory of Pope Francis

"We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time, important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other."

Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square, March 27, 2020

### Pope Francis Biography

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to lead the Catholic Church. Before his election as pope on March 13, 2013, he served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, where he was known for his humility, simple lifestyle, and dedication to the poor.

Raised in a family of Italian immigrants, he studied chemistry before entering the seminary and joining the Jesuits. Ordained a priest in 1969, he later became the Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina and played a key role in guiding the Church during a period of economic and social crises in the country. When he was appointed bishop in 1992 and archbishop in 1998, he prioritized evangelization, social justice, and pastoral outreach.

As pope, Francis emphasized mercy, care for the marginalized, and environmental stewardship. His papacy was marked by a call for a "poor Church for the poor," interfaith dialogue, and reform within the Vatican. His teachings focused on compassion, the dignity of every person, and the need for a missionary Church.

On April 21, 2025, Pope Francis passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love, humility, and service.



**WED 7**

9:30 am Liturgy	Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social	Hall C
6:30 pm GIFT Core	
Team Mtg.	Rm 10
7:00 pm Liturgy Team Mtg.	Rm 3

**THU 8**

6:00 pm Mass Honoring Pope Francis	Church
6:30 pm Social Justice Committee Mtg.	Rm 3

**FRI 9**

**Office Closed**



## WORSHIP



### Pentecost Choir

If you've ever wondered, even for a fleeting moment, what it would be like to lead music at Mass, please join us for our last seasonal choir of this year. Our Pentecost Choir begins next week, and all you need to do is show up on Monday, May 12, a little before 6:00 pm.

### Rehearsals

Mondays, May 12, May 19, and June 2

6:00 pm–7:15 pm in church

(Attendance at all three rehearsals is preferred. If needed, one absence is okay.)

### Mass

Sunday, June 8, at 10:30 am (meet at 10:00 am)

### Mass for Pope Francis

On Thursday, May 8, at 6:00 pm we will celebrate a Mass for Pope Francis. We will pray in gratitude for his steadfast leadership of the church, we will pray for the repose of his soul, and we will pray for ourselves—those who mourn our Holy Father and who look forward with hope for the future of the Church.

### Scripture Readings for May 10-11

#### 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52 | Psalm 100 | Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 | John 10:27-30

## OUTREACH

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: May 6 and 20

Most needed items: bar soap, deodorant (men's and women's), shampoo (no larger than 20 oz.), sanitary products (small package), toothpaste, and toothbrushes. 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](http://ololmke.org/food-pantry)


Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob  
and the Milwaukee Police Department  
invites you to attend the

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

Basilica of St. Josaphat  
2333 S. 6th St., Milwaukee  
Monday, May 12, 2025 | 6:30 p.m.



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



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**SAT 10**

10:30 am First Eucharist Reh. Church  
4:00 pm Liturgy (Lewis) Church

**SUN 11**

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



## Pick Your Interests!

Did you know, you can choose which ministries you want email blasts from and which ones you don't?

Choose which ministry offerings and events you would like to get regular updates from. You can choose from:

- Discipleship Institute
- GIFT
- Oktoberfest
- Social Justice
- Stewardship Letter
- Wednesday Table Reflection

You can also opt to stop receiving emails from any of these groups. If you wish to unsubscribe from individual groups, but not all groups, please use the "unsubscribe" option of the form. Find the form on our website's Home page at [ololmke.org](http://ololmke.org).

## Prayer in Motion

What is prayer? We all know that there are many different types of prayer. I was curious what AI would tell me. The top answer was "asking something of God." Hmm. Then I came across the phrase "an act of communication by humans with the sacred or holy—God." The word "act" caught my eye. We show love when we make a meal for our family or wash the car. We show care for our neighbor when we clear their snow. Grandparents watch grandchildren and young people fix computers for grandparents. We "do unto others" and stir ripples of love.

Service is an important type of prayer. It is love in action. I look around at all the people at OLOL who put love into motion and enhance our lives. For liturgy there are ushers; greeters; Eucharistic ministers; lectors; musicians; along with people who decorate our space, wash linens, clean the church, run the AV, stuff bulletins; and more. We have catechists, cookie-bakers, kitchen gurus, knitters, artists, poets, electricians, graphic designers, networkers, and more. Our community is able to offer robust programs because of these people who put love into action. And when someone needs a break, another person steps up to serve.

At a recent party, I looked around and realized that I have many friendships at OLOL. These relationships developed through working and laughing side by side. Volunteering then is a two-way prayer; serving others and receiving blessings in wonderful friendships.

Barb Webber, Parish Council Member

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Online Rosary – The Glorious Mysteries

Tuesday, May 20

Online—Zoom

7:00 pm

The online presentation of the Glorious Mysteries will begin at 7:00 pm and registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Join with other members of our faith community as they gather to pray the rosary in a way never offered before—and from the comfort of your own home.

### Bible Basics

Thursdays, May 29 and June 5

7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Room 10

Facilitated by: Jim Gill

Do you feel Bible Illiterate? Having trouble telling Jonah from James? This session will get you on the right track. Subjects covered will include origins and arrangement of the Bible, how to use footnotes, commentaries and other Bible study tools, and a look at Catholic approaches to interpreting the Bible and applying it to everyday life. Please bring a Bible with you to the sessions.

Registration is necessary for either event and can be done on the Discipleship Institute web page at [ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/](http://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/) or call the Parish Office.

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