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4th Sunday of Easter



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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

	ACTUAL <i>As of 4/30/25</i>	BUDGETED <i>for April</i>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$73,880.56	\$87,222.47
Offertory	\$4,683.74	4,999.95

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: April 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$864,136.49	\$812,899.48
Operating Expense	\$766,738.56	\$766,738.56

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24...	\$169,666.89
Donations	\$253,405.52
Expenses	\$144,170.53
Balance (4/30/ 25)	\$278,901.88

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:.....	\$65,739.00
Parish Received	\$38,897.40

Deposited 2/21/25

Thank you for your continued support
of this campaign!

NOTES FROM DEB

Blessings on this Mother's Day!

To all moms, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, and mother figures—thank you for all you do to nurture and care for the dear ones in your lives. In your love, your families see the face of God.

As joyous as Mother's Day is, this day can also be bittersweet and even painful. My mom was wonderful, caring, and sweet, and I am so grateful for her. On every Mother's Day since she passed away though, that gratitude is accompanied by the piercing pain of grief. This too is a tough day for those who always wanted to be a mother but were never able. And some folks had difficult relationships with their mothers—for them too, this day can be a struggle.

May this holiday land gently on all of us. Please know that I hold you all in prayer and I ask that you keep me in your prayers too.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe



VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Purposefulness

Purposefulness is being aware that each of us is here for a reason. We value our lives by discovering the part we are uniquely meant to play. We discern our intention and focus on it mindfully. We visualize it happening. We set goals and achieve them step by step, resisting distractions. We invest our full enthusiasm into even the simplest job. In the flow of our lives, there are many turns and unexpected events. Purposefulness is trusting the journey.

In the First Reading from Acts of the Apostles, Paul, and Barnabas follow what Jesus asked them to do at risk to themselves. How do you discern your true calling with purpose and meaning?

SUN 11

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



MON 12

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10
6:00 pm Pentecost Choir Reh. Church
6:30 pm Building & Grounds Rm 3

TUE 13

10:30 am SVDP Mtg. Rm 3
1:00 pm Art Guild
Open Studio Rm 4
6:00 pm Milwaukee Police
Community Mtg. Hall A
6:15 pm Catechist Gathering Rm 10
6:30 pm Activating the Body
of Christ Virtual
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group Rm 3

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Wedding Banns

- III Gabrielle Nasby
& Marshall Zemplinski
- II Diana Nunez-Sanchez
& Samuel Mercado
- I Erin Rasch & Brad Julga

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Don Brockman
From
Mary Lamping
Thomas Maher
Don & Kim Kliment
Moze Family

Oktoberfest Meeting

Wednesday, May 14
7:00 pm
Room 3
Topic: 50/50 and Basket Raffle
All are welcome as we plan the
50/50 and Basket Raffles for
Oktoberfest.

Women's Spirituality Group Meeting

Wednesday, May 14
6:30 pm–8:00 pm
Discussion and reflection, lead by
fellow parishioners, of next
weekend's scripture readings. All
women welcome (ages 18-100+)!

Attention Kindergarten & First Grade Parents

Next Sunday, May 18, nine children from our OLOL family will celebrate their first Eucharist during the 10:30 am liturgy. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to witness where their spiritual journey is headed. Please join us next week!

Easter Sacraments

The Easter season is the season of sacraments. On Sunday, May 18, nine children from our OLOL family will celebrate their first Eucharist. In addition, nine other members of our OLOL family are in the final stage of preparation for their confirmation on Saturday, May 31. Please keep all these young disciples in your prayers.

Happy Mother's Day from Pope Francis

"The gaze of the Mother, and the gaze of every mother. A world that looks to the future without a mother's gaze is shortsighted. It may well increase its profits, but it will no longer see others as children. It will make money, but not for everyone. We will all dwell in the same house, but not as brothers and sisters. The human family is built upon mothers. A world in which maternal tenderness is dismissed as mere sentiment may be rich materially, but poor where the future is concerned. Mother of God, teach us to see life as you do. Turn your gaze upon us, upon our misery, our poverty. Turn to us thine eyes of mercy.

We need to learn from mothers that heroism is shown in self-giving, strength in compassion, wisdom in meekness."

Homily on the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Jan 1, 2019

Library News

The featured author for the next two weeks will be Pope Francis and books on Prayer, in honor of Prayerpalooza.

WED 14

THU 15

FRI 16

7:00 am St. Ben's Meal Prep Kitchen
9:30 am Liturgy Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
6:30 pm Women's Spirituality Rm 7
7:00 pm GASIC Virtual
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg. Rm 3

3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Choir Church

Office Closed

3:00 pm Gabrielle Nasby &
Marshall Zemplinski
Wedding Church

WORSHIP



Did you know that we use nearly 17,000 sheets of paper every year for our Orders of Worship for Mass? As we endeavor to be good stewards of the Earth, we are going to try to reduce that—by a lot! Beginning this weekend, we will only print a few booklets for those who have a difficult time seeing the screens. If you need an order of worship, you can find them on the center table at the back of church, near the assistive listening devices.

And speaking of our assistive listening devices, these are also available to you if you have a difficult time hearing the spoken word and music at Mass. Please take one when you get to church, set the volume as needed, and return it to its holder after the service.

Thank you for continuing to help us use our resources thoughtfully, take care of our planet and serve each other as members of the kin-dom of God.

Scripture Readings for May 17-18

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27 | Psalm 145 | Revelation 21:1-5a | John 13:31-33a, 34-35

OUTREACH

St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, May 14. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday.

ololmke.org/st-bens/

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates:

May 20, June 3 and June 17

Most needed items: peanut butter (creamy and chunky), mac and cheese, small dish detergent, and spaghetti. 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

SAT 17

Welcome Weekend
4:00 pm Liturgy (Burkert) Church

SUN 18

Welcome Weekend
8:00 am Liturgy (Schramm) Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Cooper) Church



COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Reader Beware

We all would love to assume that emails we get from people we know and trust are safe and genuine. More times than not, they are. But, then events happen that make us emotionally vulnerable to being faked out.

Sometimes it is a simple chain email forwarded between friends with a quote or a prayer credited to somebody famous, but it is fake. We have seen that a lot lately with the passing of Pope Francis. As weather related disasters ramp up over the upcoming summer, emails for aid will hit inboxes. Those are usually scams. Worst of all is when an email address of a friend or family member is spoofed and you are conned.

Always be vigilant and never be afraid to fact check.

Open Wide Our Hearts

"I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of Justice." Isaiah 42:6

Several months ago, the Nielsen Company asked if they could hook up my TV to track the programs I watch. While installing the apparatus, they told me of a situation one of their coworkers had encountered. She was a recent hire, a middle-aged Black woman with a background in data tracking. Part of the territory assigned to her included a small Wisconsin town. Shortly before she arrived at the designated property, she was stopped by a police officer who asked her to get out of the car to explain what she was doing there. It is important for those of us who do not experience incidents like these to become aware of the pain that so many African Americans suffer. My Black friends have told me of several similar incidents. I have just finished reading a book titled *Leveling the Praying Field* by Ansel Augustine, a Black Catholic youth minister. This book provides insights into the racist treatment so many African Americans encounter and asks some thought provoking questions.

"Each of us as Catholics must acknowledge a share in the mistakes and sins of the past. We have preached the Gospel while closing our eyes to the racism it condemns. We have allowed conformity to social pressure to replace compliance with social justice." (*Brothers and Sisters to Us*, USCCB)

Eileen O'Connor
Our Lady of Lourdes Social Justice Committee

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/ or call the Parish Office.

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