

MAY 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter



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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support—May 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
	<u>As of 5/9/25</u>	<u>for May</u>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$19,365.41	\$43,611.11
Offertory	\$496.00	\$3,333.48

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: May 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income.....	\$864,136.49	\$812,899.48
Operating Expenses.....	\$744,658.22	\$839,898.30

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24...	\$169,666.89
Donations	\$253,952.52
Expenses	<u>\$155,079.73</u>
Balance (5/9/25)	\$268,539.68

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

Every Easter season I find myself drawn to our readings from the Acts of the Apostles, the stories of the very infancy of the Church. In our first reading for today, Paul and Barnabas are working to proclaim the Good News, making disciples, and encouraging believers in all their travels. Despite enduring persecution, they pressed on, reminding their listeners that discipleship often comes through trials.

One key lesson from this passage is the importance of strengthening one another in faith. Paul and Barnabas did not merely share the Gospel and move on—they returned to encourage and fortify new believers. Their journey underscores the necessity of discipleship and community support.

This weekend nine of our children will receive the Eucharist for the first time. In a couple of weeks, nine of our young folks will receive the sacrament of confirmation. All these young folks have been encouraged, supported, and strengthened in their faith by their families, sponsors, catechists, and this faith community. That is truly our discipleship in action.

May we continue to support one another, young and old, as we journey in faith.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Perseverance

Perseverance is the will to carry on. Once we discern our true direction, we stay the course for however long it takes, regardless of obstacles that arise. We patiently pursue our goals, remaining steadfast and focused. We persist with a task until it is completed.

People can trust us to finish what we start. We are determined to succeed

In the First Reading, the disciples were strengthened to persevere in faith. In the Gospel, Jesus adds a new commandment, that they love one another as He has loved them. Think about what that meant to them? Jesus died for them and us! How can we persevere to love God and one another?

SUN 18

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

MON 19

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10
6:00 pm Pentecost Choir Reh. Church

TUE 20

9:15 am St. Matthias 8th
Grade Retreat Hall
3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7
7:00 pm Glorious Mysteries
Online Rosary Virtual

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Wedding Banns

III Diana Nunez-Sanchez & Samuel Mercado
II Erin Rasch & Brad Julga

Our Condolences

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

Xaverian Missionaries' Festival

June 21–3:00 pm–11:00 pm

Rummage Sale begins at 8:00 am
Spaghetti Dinner at 4:00 pm
Eddie Butts at 6:45 pm

June 22-12:00 pm–7:00 pm

Chicken on the Spit at 12:00 pm
The Whiskey Belles at 3:30 pm

51st Street just north of Rawson Ave.

The Annual Xaverian Mission Festival will be here before you know it! Please join the Xaverian Fathers on their mission grounds for a fun and relaxing time on June 21 and 22. There will be a 10:30 am outdoor Mass on the grounds (or in the beer tent in case of rain) on Sunday morning, June 22. The St. Alphonsus Bell Choir provides the music for this special Mass.

facebook.com/xmfestival/

The Lord's Table

Let us celebrate the nine children of our OLOL family who joined in Jesus' feast for the first time this weekend! May the Eucharist nourish them, and us, throughout our lives, as we become the Body of Christ for our world! Congratulations to Jacob, Arlo, Penny, Cole, Rosy, Annalia, Parker, Avery and Hank!

Prayer Hope and Justice

As our 2024/2025 GIFT season comes to a close, we want to take a moment to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your presence, participation, and prayerful spirit throughout the year. Your commitment to growing in faith together as households has made this season one filled with joy, learning, and connection.

A special thank you for helping to make our final session, Prayerpalooza, a truly smashing success! Whether you offered a helping hand, brought your enthusiasm, or simply showed up with open hearts, you helped create a vibrant and meaningful experience for all. We are so grateful for the energy and love you bring to our GIFT community.

As we look ahead, we are excited to share the 2025/2026 GIFT Formation Calendar with you:

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| September 7 | January 7 |
| September 28 | February 1 – Donut Sunday |
| October 19 – Donut Sunday | February 22 |
| November 2 | March 15 |
| November 16 | April 18 – Saturday Session
from 9:00 am–12:00 pm |
| December 7 | May 3 |

We hope you'll mark your calendars now and plan to join us again for another year of growing in faith together! Please stay tuned for registration information.

Thank you once again for your presence in our GIFT community. We are blessed by your partnership and look forward to continuing the journey next season.

With gratitude and peace,
Maggie and Steve

WED 21

THU 22

FRI 23

9:00 am BAAM Mtg. Hall AB
9:30 am Liturgy Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg. Rm 3

12:00 pm Women's Grief Support Group Hall C

Office Closed
5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal Church

WORSHIP

Congratulations to all of you who are celebrating your first Eucharist!



It takes many grains of wheat to make this bread.
 It is one yet many.
 To live as a community we must be one though many.
 And so in the breaking and sharing
 we recognize the presence of the Lord Jesus
 making us one.
 John Mossi

Not long ago, Fr. Bill asked us to think of a word that we associate with the Eucharist. Some of the responses were: community, spiritual food, thanksgiving, etc.

But no one mentioned the word “service.”

At the Last Supper, Jesus said to his disciples: “Do this in memory of me.” So what is it that we are supposed to remember about Jesus? His sacrifice? His miracles? His compassion and mercy toward others? If we look closely, we may discover that no matter what we remember most about or attribute to Jesus, it was done in service to others. His compassion and mercy toward those who were on the margins of society, who were shunned because of their livelihood, their gender, their afflictions, etc. served to restore their sense of dignity and worth. In fact, the whole of Jesus’ life was one of service, which he strongly modeled when he, their spiritual leader, washed the feet of his disciples.

Perhaps when we come forward to receive the Bread of Life, we might remember that we are each a grain of wheat, a part of one body, in service to one another, to create the “one bread” that is God’s kin-dom.

Scripture Readings for May 24-25

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Psalm 67 | Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 |
 John 14:23-29

OUTREACH

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: May 20, June 3 and June 17

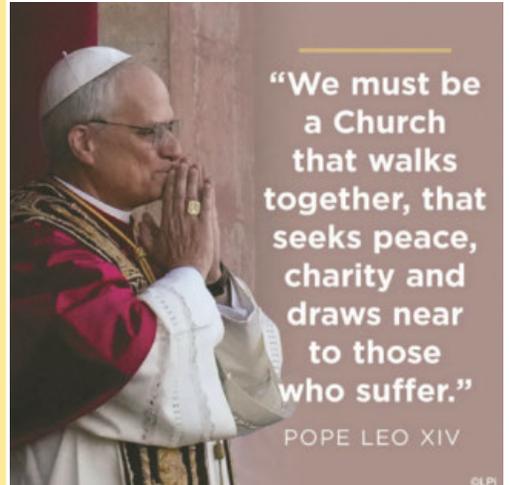
Most needed items: cereal (no corn flakes), canned meats, peanut butter (both creamy and chunky), and mac and cheese. Thanks for your ongoing support to the pantry. It is because of you that we can provide food to the needy. God bless.

Please watch expiration dates.

ololmke.org/food-pantry

Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, June 7 and June 21 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.



SAT 24

SUN 25

10:00 am Ervin Tischer
 Funeral Visitation Church
 11:00 am Ervin Tischer
 Funeral Church
 4:00 pm Liturgy (Burkert) Church

8:00 am Liturgy (Jurkus) Church
 10:30 am Liturgy (Cooper) Church
 2:00 pm Nunez-Sanchez/
 Mercado Wedding Church

“Let us work together to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, that we may become one people, living always in peace.”

Pope Leo XIV

COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Tech Terms and Tips

Internet: A globally connected massive computer network system.

World Wide Web (www or the web): A system of Internet servers that is made from millions of interlinked websites and web pages.

Browser: The software used to find information on the Web. Examples are Google Chrome, Firefox, or Microsoft Edge.

Address bar: The narrow, rectangular box on the topmost part of a browser window where you can type in a web address.

OS (Operating System): A powerful program that controls and coordinates a computer's hardware, software, and applications. Examples includes Windows, Android, OS X (Apple), and Linux. It is very important to keep this item up-to-date. Find out why, next week!

Coming Forth: A Response in Faith

During Lent and the recent Tridium, "Come forth" was a frequent invitation. "Come forth..." to commit to repentance and continuing conversion. To pray. To meditate on our Lenten journey of hope through song and Scripture. To welcome Jesus on Passion Sunday. To wash or have our feet washed. To write a word in sand of surrender, request, regret, or confession—and then erase it. To reverence the cross. To share in the Eucharist. To bless ourselves with baptismal water. To prepare, preside, serve as sacristan or acolyte, cantor, sing, play instruments, lector, dance, usher, carry gifts to the altar, count the donations, serve through communication, coordinate and facilitate audiovisuals, or minister during Communion. To organize and serve refreshments to celebrate Easter with our friends and new friends. To clean up after the joyful Vigil.

Come forth... you saints, sinners, joyful, hurting, brisk walking slow moving, without assistance, with assistance, energetic, bogged down, on top of it all, struggling, excellent of voice, off-key, open, hard-to-reach, well-to-do, barely making ends meet, young, elders, faith-filled, and doubting.

This "Unsung Disciples" is about we disciples who make up the Our Lady of Lourdes community. We are many voices. We are many genders, many ages, many races, and cultures. We have many gifts and generously share many talents. We regularly gather in love to celebrate our beliefs and put them into action. We are "a faith community, striving to be the hands and feet of Christ in our neighborhoods, our homes, our workplaces, and beyond." We have heard the call to "come forth" and we have responded in faith. May God continue to bless us.

Judeen Schulte, Pastoral Council Member

DISCIPLESHIP

STAFF EMAIL

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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