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Ascension of the Lord Sunday



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TAKEN UP TO
HEAVEN.

— LUKE 24:51 —

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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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—May 2025

	ACTUAL <u>As of 5/16/25</u>	BUDGETED <u>for May</u>
Reg. Envelopes	\$29,638.84	\$43,611.11
Offertory	\$1,524.00	\$3,333.48

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: May 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$896,438.75	\$812,899.48
Operating Expense	\$799,901.25	\$766,738.56

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24...	\$169,666.89
Donations	\$254,414.52
Expenses	\$155,079.73
Balance (5/16/25)	\$269,001.68

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

The Book of the Gospels

As Catholic Christians, we believe that our scriptures are the living Word of God. At Mass we carry the Book of the Gospels with reverence. Along with honoring God's presence in sacrament and in one another, we bow to God's presence in Scripture as a sign of that reverence. The Book of the Gospels is a sacred book, and we treat it as so, but in our case, it is also a well-worn book. Our current copy is many years old with pages beginning to fall out (we'd have to do some serious repair work to get through next Advent!).

Recently we received some memorial funds in honor of a deceased parishioner who was a lector with us. Those donating the money asked that we use the funds toward something this parishioner would have appreciated. It seems fitting to use that memorial for a new Book of the Gospels.

We will bless and read from this new sacred book next week at our Pentecost liturgies.

We are grateful to this family for this memorial, and we are grateful for every penny that folks donate to Our Lady of Lourdes. We are doing wonderful things here at this parish and that is because of the incredible generosity of our members and guests.

Thank you all!

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Unity

Unity is a powerful virtue and it brings great strength. Unity is inclusiveness. It brings people together. We see our commonality without devaluing our differences. We experience our connectedness with all people and all life. Unity frees us from the divisiveness of prejudice and heals our fears. Unity comes when we value every person, in our family and in our world. The joy of one is the joy of all. The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honor of one is the honor of all.

The Gospel today is Jesus' prayer to His Father for unity. His hope is that the disciples will know the love that bonds Father and Son and continue their mission with love in unity.

How can you be an instrument of peace and unity today?

SUN 1

Hall of Honor
8:00 am Liturgy (Abert) Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Drenzek) Church
11:30 am Environment Change Church

MON 2

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

TUE 3

1:00 pm Priest Deanery Mtg. Rm 10
3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7

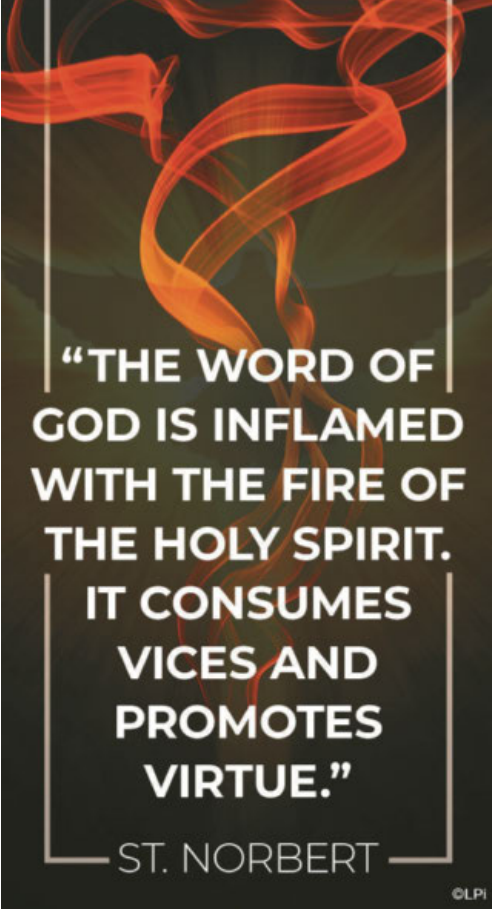
COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

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

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Rhoda Skalecki
From
Robert Glazier



**"THE WORD OF
GOD IS INFLAMED
WITH THE FIRE OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT.
IT CONSUMES
VICES AND
PROMOTES
VIRTUE."**

— ST. NORBERT —

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FORMATION

Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

Let us celebrate the nine youths of our OLOL family who confirmed their faith in Christ Jesus on May 31 at St. Greg's. May the Spirit nourish them throughout their lives, as they bring the Holy Spirit to those they encounter! Congratulations to Brynne, Carly, Cate, Emerson, Kathryn, Laurel, Matthew, Mercedes, and Jack!

Library News

Check out the parish library outside Deb's office. Books are changed regularly and explore a variety of topics that are relevant to our faith including spirituality, prayer, social justice, biblical studies, biographies, poetry, stages of life, novels, and children's books. We have something for every taste. Simply take a book and return it when you are finished. Deepen your discipleship by learning more. The featured author for the next two weeks is Sister Joan Chittister O.S.B.

Gospel Reflection

The famous 20th century St. Padre Pio said once that he would wait outside the gates of heaven until the people in his life had entered. I'm not sure that I, or frankly many people I know, would say that and mean it. Yet that is precisely the kind of attitude we see in Jesus as he prays for us in the Gospel today. Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord just a few days ago, we now hear the Son of God at the Last Supper pray to his Father "that they may be brought to perfection as one" (John 17:23). What does this mean for us?

I'd wager that we are not surprised that Jesus wants to make us perfect — that is, happy, whole, and healed. The shocker is that he desires this for us collectively and not just individually. Perfection is a team sport. We need each other to be perfect. Jesus is like a mother longing for her adult children to learn how to be in loving support of one another. He wants the perfection of his disciples to be not some individualistic plan of moral uprightness, but a loving communion of brothers and sisters.

Let's apply this practically. Do I see my participation at Mass as something I do merely for my own peace and edification, or as something I do with and for the people around me? Do I see my ongoing need for forgiveness as something that simply makes me feel better, or as a task that heals those around me, too? Is my dearest hope to individually get to heaven when I die, or is it to be part of the great procession of souls, together marching towards the heavenly Jerusalem? Do I want to be in heaven with people I currently find difficult? How would my life change if I did?

Father John Muir, ©LPI

WED 4

9:30 am	Liturgy	Church
10:15 am	Faith Group Social	Hall C
6:30 pm	Worship Team	
	Visioning Mtg.	Hall C
5:30 pm	Pentecost Movement	
	Rehearsal	Church

THU 5

7:00 pm Bible Basics Rm 10

FRI 6

Office Closed

WORSHIP



Congratulations to our youth who celebrate their confirmation this weekend!

You are a living sign of “new life” in our midst. As a community, we stand by you, celebrate you and hope to be a source of encouragement and guidance for you throughout your life. You are a blessing to us all!

Red is the color of Pentecost!

Next weekend we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. This feast celebrates that while we are many different people, nationalities, races, and traditions, we are one body of Christ. The scriptures for this feast remind us that each and every one of us has been given unique gifts that we are to not only celebrate and be thankful for, but to share our gifts with one another for the building up of God’s “kin-dom.”

We are all more than aware of the myriad divisions that exist in our world, in our neighborhoods, our country, and even within the church. But as a people of faith who follow Jesus, we each can do our part, no matter how great or small, to help break down the barriers of all that divides us—our personal biases, judgements, and fears. How many times did Jesus have to say, even to his disciples, “Do not be afraid!”?

So next weekend, we come together as a community and Christ’s Body on Earth to celebrate our faith and our desire to be Christ’s messengers of unity with all people. To add to our Pentecost celebration, you are invited to wear red.



Scripture Readings for June 7-8

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11 | Psalm 104 | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 | John 20:19-23

OUTREACH

Your Help is Needed

Donations to St. Vincent de Paul at OLOL have dropped significantly in the past few months. This money is used to provide neighbors with furniture, clothing, household items, appliances and sometimes rent or assistance with their energy bills. Please help continue our mission by designating St. Vincent de Paul on your monthly donation slips, writing “For St. Vincent de Paul” on an envelope with your donation, using WeShare to donate online (we ask you to please opt to pay the credit card fee), or dropping money in the poor box located in the corner of church by the doors.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: June 3 and June 17

Most needed items: canned vegetables (all varieties), Chef Boy R dee, bottled juice, ready to serve soup, canned fruit, and dish detergent. 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 7

Hall of Honor

10:30 am SSND Jubilee Celebration Church
11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together Rm 3
4:00 pm Liturgy (Lewis) Church

SUN 8

Hall of Honor

8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert) Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert) Church
11:30 am Environment Change Church



COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Tech Terms and Tips

Desktop computer: A computer designed to stay in a single location, that is, not portable.

Laptop computer: A portable computer.

Modem: The modem is a device that allows computers or routers to receive and send information over a cable or telephone line.

Router: A router passes information between two or more networks such as cable TV and wi-fi in a home.

Wi-Fi: This allows devices to connect to the internet wirelessly within a particular area.

Bandwidth and Broadband: Bandwidth refers to the maximum rate a computer can transfer data through a network. Broadband is the speed it takes a computer to download or upload data using an internet connection.

Our Parish Suggestion Box

In a recent discussion with a friend, a newly-welcomed member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish family, they related a suggestion for discipleship that I thought was a great idea.

So, how to communicate this idea and see if it could come to pass? As I exited church on that Sunday, the answer was right in front of me. Our parish Suggestion Box! I realized that if I didn't know that it existed, others may also not know.

So, I'm spreading the news.

Do you have a thought about how we may improve our parish or discipleship? How to recruit more ushers? Perhaps a book suggestion for our awesome lending library? An idea for an outreach to the broader Milwaukee faith community or service opportunity to a population in need?

Suggestions may be relayed verbally to any member of the Parish Council or to our parish director, Deb Steppe. A more effective method would be to take a moment to express your thoughts and drop it in the box. The box is checked regularly and then suggestions are relayed to the appropriate person or group within the parish.

Terry Malloy, Pastoral Council Member



DISCIPLESHIP

Why Are You Standing There?

How long did the disciples stand staring into the sky after Jesus left? These disciples had been utterly dependent upon Jesus during His earthly life. Yet he expected them to take the Gospel message to all the world? They were confused and concerned, finally needing angels to tell them to stop straining their necks and to remember what Jesus had promised them.

Jesus would not leave them orphaned. He would send them an Advocate, a Comforter, a Counselor who would remind them of His vision and message. One who would equip them in a way even better than walking and talking with Jesus in person!

We too have been commissioned to do something great, something bigger than ourselves. In this time of uncertainty, we again look to the skies longingly. Yet we must trust and move forward without knowing the Father's timetable. Pentecost is coming!



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

following the 9:30 am liturgy

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courtesy of
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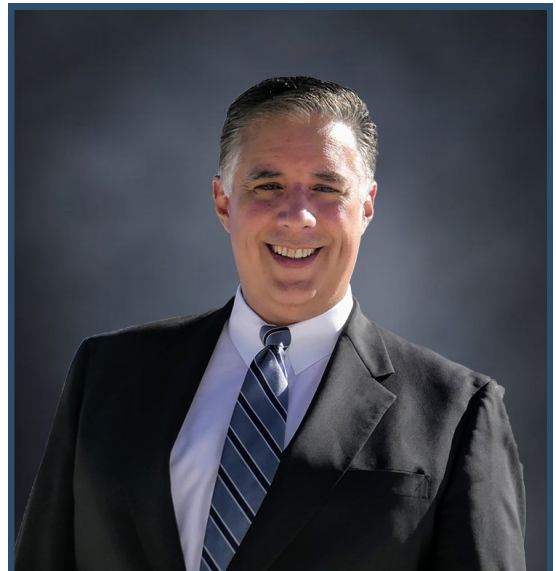




Immigration: Fiction, Facts & Faith

A presentation and discussion
with Darryl Morin

This dynamic 60-minute session uncovers common myths and realities surrounding immigrants and immigration while examining the six essential principles of immigration reform outlined by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through informed discussion and meaningful reflection, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the intersection between faith, policy, and the human experience of migration. All are welcome!



Darryl Morin is National President of Forward Latino and has worked with Republican and Democratic Administrations to reform our nation's immigration laws. Mr. Morin is a member of St. Mary Catholic Faith Community in Hales Corners, WI.

June 19
7:00 pm–8:00 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
3722 S. 58th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53220

Register by June 16: ololmke.org/social-justice/
For more information call the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316.

“When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.” (Leviticus 19:33-34)