

**JUN 8, 2025**

**Pentecost Sunday**



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**SAT** 4:00 PM

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**WED** 9:30 AM

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# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

## Parish Support—May 2025

	ACTUAL <u>As of 5/29/25</u>	BUDGETED <u>for May</u>
Reg. Envelopes .....	\$63,497.79	\$43,611.11
Offertory .....	\$3,354.11	\$3,333.48

## Budget Updates Fiscal Year: May 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income.....	\$932,433.79	\$862,496.15
Operating Expense .....	\$862,110.82	\$839,898.30

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24...	\$169,666.89
Donations .....	\$255,440.52
Expenses .....	\$174,103.95
<b>Balance (5/29/25)</b>	<b>\$251,003.46</b>

THANK YOU!

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

## Love One Another

(Quarter Ending 5/27/25)

Donations: ..... **\$33,459.00**  
Parish Received ..... **\$19,889.40**

Deposited 5/23/25

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

## NOTES FROM DEB

Greetings all,

Today with the great celebration of Pentecost, our Easter Season comes to a close and we return to Ordinary Time. While we may be putting away the bells during the Gloria for a while, the days ahead are more exciting than the misleading term "Ordinary Time" might suggest.

Globally, we have a new pope! There is great excitement around Pope Leo XIV from around the world. I follow him on social media and have been heartened by his calls to give voice to the poor, to confront the challenges of migration, and to work for peace and justice.

Locally we have a new archbishop! Every encounter I have had with Archbishop Grob has been joyful and affirming. He is a kind shepherd, and I believe he is the leader our archdiocese needs right now. I look forward to hearing how he will usher us into a challenging future.

Along with all that, we continue to have new life in the parish! Our membership continues to grow. I am most grateful to the new folks giving us a try and so very grateful to our current members who provide such a warm welcome. Because we want everyone to have an opportunity to be involved in parish life, we are planning a ministry fair on Wednesday, July 17, from 3:00 pm-7:00 pm. We are envisioning pot-luck appetizers, good fellowship, and a chance to get to know one another. As we get more specific plans in place, we'll let you know.

Thank you all for being a part of our parish family. We are so blessed!

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### Wonder

Wonder is being open to the beauty and mysteries of life. It is our soul's appreciation for what is precious and inspiring. When we live reflectively, we delight in the signs and wonders that appear in our lives. We are alert to synchronicities that point us toward a decision or give us deeper insight into the truth. Wonder helps us take time to contemplate beauty.

In the Gospel, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to help the disciples remember that all He has taught them so they can teach this to others.

What do you think this meant to them?

What does the Spirit's Presence mean to us today?

When do you most experience that Presence?

**SUN 8**

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

**MON 9**

11:30 am Resurrection Choir Rm 9  
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10  
6:30 pm Building & Grounds Rm 3

**TUE 10**

10:30 am SVDP Mtg. Rm 3  
1:00 pm Art Guild  
Leadership Mtg. Rm 4  
6:00 pm Milwaukee Police  
Community Mtg. Hall A

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Our Condolences

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

### Oktoberfest Meeting

Wednesday, June 11

7:00 pm

Room 3

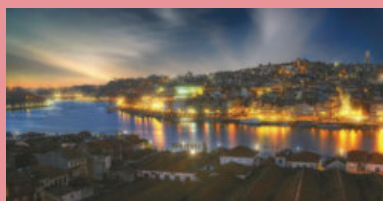
Topic: Facility Layout and Event Flow

All are welcome as we seek ways to efficiently help our guests move through Oktoberfest in fun and interesting ways.

### River Cruise with Fr. Bill

Fr. Bill and a few parishioners are travelling again. This time it is to Portugal with Viking Cruises named "Portugal's River of Gold" with a three days land package and then seven days river cruise. We leave Milwaukee on September 6, 2026, and return on September 16, 2026. It is over a year away but the trip is filling up.

If you might like to join us contact our travel agent, Donna Clementi, at (262) 492-5898 or [donnalee97@yahoo.com](mailto:donnalee97@yahoo.com) for more information. The more the merrier!



## FORMATION

### GIFT Prayer Hope & Justice

As the 2024–25 GIFT season comes to a close, we want to take a moment to thank everyone who attended GIFT this year for your presence, participation, and prayerful spirit throughout the year. Your commitment to growing in faith together has made this season one filled with joy, learning, and connection.

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

September 7	January 11
September 28	February 1
October 19	February 22
November 2	March 15
November 16	April 18
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. Registration information will be coming soon.

We must also extend an extra special thank you to our GIFT catechists and helpers: Alissa Kuszynski, Beth Stamatakos, Katie Kvien, Rick Janson, Peg Schmus, Tara Voskuil, Ruth Zarling, Eric Mueller, Caroline Ognenoff, Dick Ognenoff, Rick Cesar, Tanya Gross, Jodi Oldenborg, Eileen Dunning, Tom Blair, and Ken Smith. We appreciate you showing our OLOL family how to walk The Way.

Thank you all 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

### Vacation Bible School at St. Matthias this July

Our neighbors at St. Matthias will be holding a Vacation Bible School this summer during the week of July 7-11, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm for children in grades K4-5th grade. With the new theme "True North" children are going to explore and marvel at their relationship with God by singing some good tunes, engaging in fun activities, and making friends. If you would like to participate or volunteer, please visit

[stmatthias-milw.org/faith-formation/children/vacation-bible-school/](http://stmatthias-milw.org/faith-formation/children/vacation-bible-school/).

**WED 11**

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

**THU 12**

9:00 am Stewardship Mailing  
Prep Rm 4  
6:30 pm Social Justice Cmte. Rm 3

**FRI 13**

**Office Closed**

## WORSHIP

### The Feast of Pentecost

I had never seen Jesus, but the stories of His miracles drew me to Him.  
 I heard of His terrible death. Then, more incredible news...  
 I was told He was alive, seen by his disciples! Rumor was that Jesus was still in Jerusalem. So, I decided to make the day's trip so that I might see Him too.  
 I've been to Jerusalem a few times but never experienced it like this.  
 When I neared the city, I felt as though I was a stranger in a foreign land.  
 Never had I seen people gathered from so many different places, some of them sworn enemies.  
 Yet everyone seemed to be helping each other find their way through the city, communicating whatever way they could.  
 What a commotion there was when we heard a loud noise like a strong wind passing through.  
 Someone likened it to the leaves in a great forest all chattering at once.  
 Another described it as a "rush of angel's wings."  
 The whole crowd of us headed in the direction of this sound.  
 There we found the disciples speaking. Everyone listened intently.  
 We turned to each other and nodded affirmation of what they said.  
 There was hope and excitement all around us.  
 The disciples spoke in my language.  
 I wondered how the foreigners in our midst could understand.  
 I came here to find the truth, but still there is so much mystery.  
 I haven't seen Him in person, yet I feel Jesus' presence all around.  
 How can I explain this except that I am in wonder and awe.  
 (Reflection by Terri Hazinski)



### Scripture Readings for June 14/15

#### Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:22-31 | Ps 8 | Romans 5:1-5 | John 16:12-15

## OUTREACH

### St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, June 11. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday.  
[ololmke.org/st-bens/](http://ololmke.org/st-bens/)

### Social Justice: An Invitation

The Social Justice Committee seeks to educate and awaken people to the issues of justice that confront society today. We meet monthly on the second Thursday. Our next meeting is June 12, at 6:30 pm, in Room 3. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.

### 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.

**SAT 14**

#### Hall of Honor

4:00 pm Liturgy (Heinze) Church

**SUN 15**

#### Hall of Honor

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





## COMMUNICATIONS

## SPOTLIGHT

### Tech Terms and Tips

**Why is it important to replace your computers and phones regularly? Performance and Efficiency:**

Outdated tech is typically slower and less efficient than their modern counterparts.

### Security Risks:

Aging technology often lacks the latest security features and updates, making it vulnerable to cyberattacks, and malware infections.

### Compatibility and Integration:

Newer applications and software often require up-to-date hardware to operate optimally. Outdated systems may struggle to run the latest software, leading to compatibility issues and limited functionality.

It's recommended to replace your smartphone or tablet every three years and computer every four to five years.

### Open Wide Our Hearts: Immigration: Fiction, Facts & Faith

Please join us on Thursday, June 19, from 7:00 pm–8:00 pm in Hall A for an informative and thought-provoking presentation and dialogue on the critical issue of immigration. The session will uncover 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. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the intersection of faith, policy, and the human experience of migration.

Darryl Morin, National President and Board Chairman of Forward Latino, will be the evening's speaker. Forward Latino is a nonprofit organization that empowers affiliates to inspire communities, strengthen our democracy, improve the lives of working families, protect the environment, and stand up for equality and civil rights. Mr. Morin has worked with both Republican and Democratic administrations to reform our nation's immigration laws.

Reading these documents prior to the presentation would be helpful: the USCCB'S *Migration and Catholic Social Teaching* and the WI Catholic Bishops' *Pastoral Letter on Immigration*.

The event, sponsored by the Our Lady of Lourdes Social Justice Committee, will include an opening prayer, presentation, and question and answer period. Register on the social justice website at [ololmke.org/social-justice/](http://ololmke.org/social-justice/) or call the Parish Office. The registration deadline is Monday, June 16.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### A Pentecost Prayer

When we aren't sure—Spirit help us be calm.  
When information comes at us from all sides—Spirit help us discern.  
When fear makes it hard to breathe and chaos seems to be the order of the day—Spirit help us slow down.  
O Spirit, help us to reach out with our hearts and our hands.  
May we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and house those without homes.  
May we walk with those who feel they are alone, and may we do all we can to heal the sick, despite fear.  
Spirit, help us that we might help each other.  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life into your people and inspire in us new ways to be Church.  
Amen!



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