



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass and Communion Services

WEEKEND

Sat: 4:00 pm

Sun: 8:00 am | 10:30 am

WEEKDAY

1st and 3rd Wed: 9:30 am Mass

2nd, 4th, and 5th, Wed: 9:30 am


Communion Service


(Except on holy days or communal reconciliation during Advent and Lent. Please check the Parish Calendar.)




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Notes from Deb

Immigration: Our Third Rail Issue

A "third rail issue" refers to a political or social topic so controversial, sensitive, or deeply felt that anyone who tries to change or even discuss it risks "political death," like touching a live, high-voltage third rail on a train track. As the daughter of an electrician, I'm going to venture into this high-voltage matter.

Immigration is a political issue. And it is a religious issue! The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' statement, "Welcoming the Stranger Among Us" is based on the following three principles:

1. People have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families.
2. A country has the right to regulate its borders and control immigration.
3. A country must regulate its borders with justice and mercy.

Two other facts to consider:

- Legal immigration to the U.S. is now mostly limited to white people from South Africa. There is no legal means for people from Europe, South America, or Central America to enter the country no matter how dire their situation may be.
- Those entering the country illegally are only subject to a civil penalty—not a criminal one—according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Finding a solution that encompasses all of that is certainly no easy matter, but as Catholic Christians we are morally bound to work toward that solution. **That entails listening to one another (even when it makes us feel uncomfortable) and treating one another with respect.**

In these politically charged, third-rail type days, let's continue to be respectful of one another and hold each other in prayer.

Calendar

Sunday, January 25

8:00 am	Mass (Burkert)	Church
9:00 am	Sacrament Prep	Hall A
10:30 am	Mass (Cooper)	Church
11:30 am	OCIA Companion Mtg.	Rm 3

Monday, January 26

1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm	Adult Ministry Advisory Council	Rm 3

Tuesday, January 27

1:00 pm	Art Guild Class	Rm 4
3:00 pm	Food Pantry	Rm 7
6:00 pm	Finance Council	Rm 9

Wednesday, January 28

9:30 am	Communion Service	Church
10:15 am	Morning Faith Group	Hall C

Thursday, January 29

3:30 pm	Spirit & Grace Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:00 pm	OCIA Informational Mtg.	Rm 10

Friday, January 30—Office Closed

Saturday, January 31

4:00 pm	Mass (Burkert)	Church
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Sunday, February 1

8:00 am	Mass (Cooper)	Church
9:00 am	GIFT	Hall
10:30 am	Mass (Schramm)	Church



It started with

a handful of people.

Stewardship Update

Parish Support - December 2025

	ACTUAL as of 1/7/26	BUDGETED for January
Reg. Envelopes	\$18,462.38	\$87,916.67
Offertory	\$917.16	\$3,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: January 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$577,294.80	\$587,063.31
Op. Expenses	\$451,031.43	\$561,117.11

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/21/25	\$346,205.22
Donations	\$76,459.67
Expense	\$29,293.26
Balance (1/7/26)	\$393,371.63

Community Life

Welcome New Parishioners

December 2025

Patti and Paul Dillon
 Cynthia Dittman
 Richard and Pauline Donaj
 Paul Hetzel and Doris Bisek
 James and Sandra Johnson
 Thomas Malaby and Jill Budny
 Jeanette Schweitzer

Catholic Social Teaching

Today's gospel starts with Jesus learning that his cousin John has been arrested. First, Jesus retreats, going to Capernum. Then he sets to work. He begins to preach and heal the sick. He calls people to follow him, and they work together.

Likely, Jesus experienced fear at John's arrest, causing him initially to withdraw. We know as humans that we can easily get lost in fear. Jesus gave us an excellent example of taking action in the face of fear. Directly confronting those responsible for the injustice of John's arrest was not feasible, but Jesus could teach and minister to the needs of the people. We are surrounded by injustice. Sometimes, injustice affects us or our loved ones. Sometimes it is an issue "others" are facing. Injustice should move us towards action. Even if we can't fix that which affects us most, we can bring some kind of healing to someone who is suffering somewhere. Each act of compassion brings us a bit closer to the Kin-dom of God.

Formation

Next GIFT Session – Immigration: Fiction, Facts & Faith – February 1

Please attend our next GIFT session for an engaging and thought-provoking presentation from Darryl Morin and dialogue on the critical issue of immigration. This dynamic 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.

Forward Latino which is a nonprofit organization that empowers affiliates to inspire and engage communities, strengthen our democracy, improve the lives of working families, protect the environment, and stand up for equality and civil rights.

This is also a GIFT Donut Sunday. Join us from 8:45 am-9:00 am for a donut and fellowship before GIFT starts. To get your donut, RVSP by January 28 on the GIFT webpage under Session 8 or by using this link <https://ololmke.wufoo.com/forms/donut-sundayfebruary-1-signup/>. If you have dietary restrictions, call the Parish Office by January 28. If you do not regularly attend GIFT and wish to attend, please call the Parish Office for details.

OCIA Informational Meeting

OCIA sessions will begin on Sunday, February 15. If you or someone you know is interested in OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation, formerly known as RCIA), please contact Tanya Gross as soon as possible so that we can plan appropriately for you.

Worship

A Night on Broadway

Friday, February 6, 7:00 pm

Are you a fan of Broadway musicals? Do you like hearing strong, dynamic singers? Do musicians jamming together make you smile? If you answered yes to any of those questions, or even if you're just looking for a nice night out, please join parishioners, Jim and Anne Van Deusen, along with three more musicians and four singers, as we bring you some of Broadway's great hits. You'll hear solos, duets, trios, and full ensemble pieces from the following Broadway shows:

- AIDA
- Aladdin
- Edges
- Finding Neverland
- Frozen
- Hamilton
- Jekyll & Hyde
- Little Women
- Next to Normal
- Ragtime
- Shrek

Beyond the music, you'll hear stories similar to what we read in scripture and experience in our own lives. For example, AIDA includes forbidden love between nations; Ragtime deals with racism and discrimination; Jekyll & Hyde and Next to Normal explore mental health; Shrek includes bullying and abuse of power; Finding Neverland and Little Women deal with sickness, loss, and the struggles of simply growing up. And just like in our lives, the characters in these stories discover amazing things about themselves and the world around them, including the power of forgiveness, courage, taking risks, being open-minded, and survival. Please join us on Friday, February 6, at 7:00 pm to be entertained, challenged, and inspired.

This event is open to all ages. Invite your family, co-workers, and friends. A free-will donation will be collected at the door.

Spotlight

Sea of Galilee Moments

Young or old, believer or non-believer, rich or poor, healthy or sick: it doesn't matter who we are. It doesn't matter what our life looks like. If we are a human being, if we have a soul, we stand on the shore of a great and powerful sea, a net in our hands and a hunger in our soul.

So what's in the sea? I don't know about yours, but mine is filled with feelings of inadequacy. It's filled with fear and resentment and confusion. It's filled with misplaced pride. It's deep. It's dark. It's well-stocked.

I cast my net, over and over again. What else is there to do? If I draw back a harvest, it can sustain me for days, weeks, maybe even years. The nourishment of the sea can keep away the hunger pangs – for a time. You can survive on fear and resentment and pride if it's all you have. You'll never feel full, and you'll never be strong, but you'll survive on what the world can offer you – so long as you keep coming back to the shore.

This is where Jesus finds us.

If I close my eyes, I can picture the moments exactly, all of them: my Sea of Galilee moments. I could describe them to you – the day, the year, what was happening in my life, what I wanted and what I needed and what gnawing hunger had brought me, once again, limping, crawling back to the shore.

But you wouldn't understand my Sea of Galilee moments, just like I wouldn't understand yours. There is only one who understands, and his is the voice we heard, clear and strong: "Put down the net, and come with me."

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

Discipleship

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 is an international ecumenical observance where Christians of different denominations come together to pray for unity within the Church. It typically lasts for eight days and runs from January 18–26. The theme for 2026 is "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4).

The primary purpose of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is to remember Jesus' prayer that his disciples "may be one" (John 17:21) and to pray for the fulfillment of that vision.

Upcoming Discipleship Events

Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogue

Wednesday, January 28 | 6:00 pm | Greendale Community Church

People of all faiths and no faith, all spiritualities and theologies gather in small groups to share a meal and participate in a moderated discussion using a proven model. Evoking deep exchanges about lived experiences and the role of faith or spirituality in their lives, participants learn about the beliefs and traditions of others within an atmosphere of respect and understanding and are empowered to stand as witnesses for tolerance and inclusion. Register at greendalecommunitychurch.org/events.

Sunday Scripture Reflection

Thursdays | 6:30 pm–8:00 pm | St. Matthias Catholic Church

Join Fr. Chuck Schramm, Brian Jens, and Peter Morello at St. Matthias for their weekly discussion of the upcoming Sunday scriptures. All are welcome to attend in person or via ZOOM. Please call Brian Jens at (414) 982-2406 for more information. You can also visit <https://stmatthias-milw.org/ffo/>.

Stations of the Cross (Online)

Friday, February 20 | 6:30 pm | Online Event – ZOOM

Please join us for a unique prayer experience, all from the comfort of your warm and cozy home. We will walk the stations of the cross online using prayer, music, and visuals. This is a great way to begin the Lenten journey. You must register for this event at <https://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/> or by calling the Parish Office.

Outreach

Collection for the Homeless

February 7 and 8

We are collecting items for Repairers of the Breach, a daytime shelter for the homeless, on 14th and Vliet.

Bring any of the listed items with you to church between February 7-8. Leave them in the large container in the meeting room hallway.

Please donate only the items listed below.

Men's boxers - all sizes

Men's t-shirts - all sizes

Men's socks - all sizes

Coffee

Laundry soap

Single use razors

Single use shampoo

Single use deodorant

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates:

January 27, February 10 and 24

Most needed items: personal hygiene, condiments (please **no yellow mustard**), and jelly. Remember to check expiration dates.

Additionally, a sincere thank you to everyone for supporting the pantry. Because of your efforts we have been able to provide basic needs for many.

ololmke.org/food-pantry

Communication

What's new on the website?

Has anyone ever asked you, "Did you hear so-and-so's homily?" but you went to a different Mass? Have you been moved by a homily so much that you wish you could hear it again?

If so, beginning with this past Advent, we started to archive the audio versions of the homilies from our wonderful team of priests and deacon who are willing to have them made available. As this is new for us, a couple recordings may get missed, so please forgive us as we get used to this new task. Also, not every presider has agreed to have his words posted on our site. We totally understand that and honor those wishes, so not every homily will be made available.

You can find the recordings on our Word Services and Reflections page ololmke.org/word-services-and-reflections/. We hope this new offering helps you on your faith journeys.

Social Justice

Season for Nonviolence Weekly Prayer Services

Every Tuesday, February 3-March 31

6:30 pm

In these days of turmoil, uncertainty, and heavy hearts, we need each other and we need prayer. Join us every week as we journey through this season in the footsteps of Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Jesus. As Gandhi said, 'you must be the change you wish to see in the world'.

Service Opportunities

Teen Service Program (Grades 7-12)

We're excited to launch a new service program for teens! Each month, we'll offer opportunities to serve both our parish and the greater Milwaukee community - an amazing way to live out their faith in real, meaningful ways. Please contact Tanya Gross with questions or interest.

February – Valentine's Day Cards for Veterans

Join us in spreading kindness this Valentine's Day! We're partnering with the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (MHVI) to create heartfelt cards for veterans in our community. Drop in any time between 6:00 pm-8:00 pm on Thursday, February 5, in Room 10 and bring your creativity! No RSVP needed.

March – Food Sort at Feeding America

Looking for something to do in March? We have reserved a spot with Feeding America on Saturday, March 14, from 9:00 am-11:30 am. Learn about what Feeding America does in our community and then help them sort the food they get in bulk. The time flies by! Kids as young as 10 can participate in this one as long as there is an adult accompanying them. Space is filling up and we have a limited number of slots so sign up early!

In addition, in upcoming GIFT sessions, we will share a full list of ways to get involved at Mass, including behind-the-scenes roles for those who prefer a quieter contribution.

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