



5th Sunday of Lent

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

Seeking Shalom While the World Trembles

These bulletin articles that I and many others create are written at least ten days ahead of time to allow for editing, printing by the publisher, etc. There's a chance that if I write about a current event, that event could be over by the time the bulletin is published. This is one time that I hope that comes true. As I write this, the war in Iran continues with seemingly no end in sight.

Pope Leo has called for an immediate ceasefire: "in the name of the Christians of the Middle East and of all women and men of goodwill: Cease the fire! Let paths of dialogue be reopened!" (vaticannews.va).

Here in southeast Wisconsin, the fighting in the Middle East can seem distant. The cares of our daily lives can consume our attention—and that makes sense—we all have a lot going on. Watching the news, hearing the details of the escalating conflict is horrible—far distant from the shalom that we have been striving for this Lent.

I urge you to give some prayerful attention to what is going on in the Middle East. Let's hold in prayer the people of Iran. Let's pray for our military and for those at home who love them and worry about them. Let's pray for peace.

Know of my love and my prayers.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

Calendar

Sunday, March 22

Hallway Art Show

8:00 am	Mass (Burkert)	Church
9:00 am	Sacrament Prep	Hall A
10:30 am	Mass (Schramm)	Church
10:30 am	OCIA Reflection	Rm 3
11:30 am	Environment Change	Church

Monday, March 23

1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:00 pm	Easter Vigil Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:30 pm	Sacred Balance in an Exhausting World	Rm 3

Tuesday, March 24

1:00 pm	Art Guild Class	Rm 4
3:00 pm	Food Pantry	Rm 7
5:30 pm	Pink Umbrella	Hall A
6:00 pm	Adoption Support Group	Rm 6
6:00 pm	Finance Council	Rm 9
6:30 pm	Season for Nonviolence Prayer Service	Church

Wednesday, March 25

9:30 am	Mass	Church
10:15 am	Wednesday Morning Faith Group Social	Hall C
5:30 pm	Triduum Movement Rehearsal	Church
6:30 pm	Women's Spirituality Retreat Planning	Rm 9

Thursday, March 26

10:00 am	Michael Cassidy Funeral Visitation	Church
11:00 am	Michael Cassidy Funeral	Church
12:00 pm	Women's Grief Support Group	Hall C
3:30 pm	Spirit & Grace Choir Rehearsal	Church
5:30 pm	Pink Umbrella	Hall A
6:30 pm	Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

Friday, March 27—Office Closed

Saturday, March 28

Hallway Art Show

4:00 pm	Mass (Drenzek)	Church
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Sunday, March 29—Passion Sunday

Hallway Art Show

8:00 am	Mass (Burkert)	Church
10:30 am	Mass (Abert)	Church
11:30 am	OCIA Retreat	Rm 3
11:30 am	Environment Change	Church

Stewardship Update

Parish Support - March 2026

	ACTUAL as of 3/5/26	BUDGETED for March
Reg. Envelopes	\$36,042.80	\$61,916.67
Offertory	\$894.00	\$3,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: March2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$742,461.78	\$727,871.64
Op. Expenses	\$642,070.23	\$727,840.53

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25	\$346,205.22
Donations Expense	\$90,959.43
Balance (3/5/26)	\$385,310.79

Community Life

In Memoriam

In loving memory of **John Alexander Zaganczyk Jr.**
From **Zaganczyk Family**

In loving memory of **Gertrude Kropidlowski**
From **her beloved family and friends**

In loving memory of **Bill Richard**
From **Betty Richard**

Oktoberfest Meeting

Thursday, March 26

Topic: Finalize Schedule and Activities

All are welcome to help us finalize the Oktoberfest schedule!

Catholic Social Teaching

In today's gospel we hear about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. After Lazarus' death, Jesus arrives and Lazarus' sister Mary falls at his feet weeping and expressing her regret that Jesus was not there to stop his death. Strikingly, Jesus, knowing he will raise Lazarus, weeps too.

One of our friends from Haiti through our twinning relationship, Jean Marie, died recently. Had he had access to the quality of healthcare we have here, he may have had preventative care and prompt treatment. When Jesus was moved by Mary's sorrow, he wept, perhaps for all who suffer and die from injustice. Are we moved by the loss of Jean Marie and the suffering of his family?

We, followers of Jesus, do not have the divine power to raise the dead. We do have the ability to build a more just world where a person's health isn't dictated by their location, citizenship, or zip code.

Formation

Children's Easter Service

Our annual Children's Easter Service for children ages 3-6 will take place during the 10:30 am liturgy on Easter Sunday, April 5. Volunteers, age 14 and older, are needed. This will count toward your liturgical service Tanya is asking you to do. Justine Schwanz will lead the event again this year. Call or e-mail Steve Szymanski if you are interested in helping out.

7th and 8th Grade Retreat

Our 7th and 8th graders will be on retreat on Saturday, April 25, from 9:30 am–5:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. If you have a teen in these grades and have not gotten information about this retreat, please contact Tanya Gross as soon as possible. Please remember to keep these youth in prayer.

Youth Advisory Council

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 16, from 6:30 pm–7:30 pm in Room 9. Anyone in grades 7-12 is welcome! Please contact Tanya Gross with any questions.

Youth Service Opportunities

April Service Project

The service opportunity for the month of April is the GIFT Service Project with Milwaukee Riverkeeper. Even if you are not regularly a part of GIFT, please feel free to join the group. Watch for notification about registration.

Working to finalize the May and June opportunities! Watch the bulletin for further updates.

Worship



What does Hosanna mean and why do we say it on Palm Sunday?

Next weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday. We begin that service by processing throughout the church and loudly proclaiming our sung "Hosanna". Do you ever wonder why we do that? Here is a short reflection by Father Dominic Buckley, a priest of the Diocese of Orlando:

"Words mean so much. When we pray as a community at Mass, our words mean even more as we speak with one voice to God. That's why the words we pray at Mass are chosen with such care and purpose. Hosanna is one of those words. It simply means 'Save us' in Hebrew, but in the nearly 3,000-year-old Biblical tradition it stood as a one-word prayer calling out for a Messiah. We sing hosanna each Mass as part of the 'holy, holy, holy' prayer, when we ask Jesus to come and renew us once more in the New Covenant of His Body and Blood. We also sing hosanna on Palm Sunday when we celebrate and recall Jesus' dramatic entry into Jerusalem during the original Holy Week. We hear the crowd saying, 'Hosanna, Son of David!' and we join in because we believe Jesus is the Chosen One, the Messiah come to establish a new age of God's grace. In short, we say hosanna because God has answered our one-word prayer with a One Word answer: Jesus."

Father Dominic Buckley, March 29, 2022

This year we will introduce a new musical setting of the Hosanna, written by John Angotti. If you'd like to get in the spirit ahead of time and prepare to join your voice with the rest of our community, here is a link to the recording - <https://youtu.be/X4kvplyLI08?si=1G5uUkU3s4p673pg>

Spotlight

A Memorable Evening

On February 27, our parish was blessed with a new, moving Black History Presentation by the All Saints' Parish Gospel Choir led by Sheila Bost, choir director. For a third year, our church was filled with singing and clapping as the choir traced the history of gospel music and highlighted performers such as Mahalia Jackson and Ray Charles. The historical information was interspersed with musical presentations as well as Langston Hughes poetry. A truly creative endeavor! The program ended with a special tribute to Jesse Jackson, the recently deceased Civil Rights Leader. Everyone then enjoyed refreshments in our Parish Hall.

The social justice committee thanks everyone who supported the Choir visit by their attendance, contribution of hygiene items, and freewill monetary donations. We collected twenty-three boxes of hygiene items and \$735. Your generosity is overwhelming! Father Mike Wolfe, pastor of All Saints, attended the concert and expressed his sincere gratitude for the OLOL support.

Discipleship



Shalom

As a faith community, we have been working together during this season of Lent to achieve “shalom.” The full meaning of shalom is more than just “peace” and includes concepts like wholeness, completeness, harmony, well-being, security, and prosperity. Derived from a Hebrew root meaning “to be complete,” shalom encompasses a state of being where everything is intact, nothing is missing, and relationships—with oneself, others, and God—are put right. All is as it should be—as God had intended.

The vision of shalom is that if we build unity in our homes and communities, the more we will see shalom in the world.

Shalom is a journey, not a destination, often requiring us to “seek peace and pursue it” in all areas of life, from the internal self to the broader community.

Below are a few of the opportunities being offered in these final days of Lent to help achieve shalom.

Upcoming Discipleship Events

Sacred Balance in an Exhausting World

Monday, March 23 | 6:30 pm

Does the world feel like it is asking more than you have to give? If you wake up already tired, feeling physically heavy, and spiritually muted, you are not just stressed – you are experiencing a total system drain. In a chaotic, negative heavy, non-stop world, finding “shalom” isn’t just a luxury; it is a sacred necessity. Parishioner Ann LeBaron presents some basic health tips that will help you become a healthy, well-rounded disciple. Register online at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or call the Parish Office.

Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 26 | 6:30pm

Please join us in the church space for a unique prayer experience as we walk the Stations of the Cross using prayer and visuals. If you have attended the Lenten Prayer Service, this is a great way to conclude your Lenten journey. As we walk with Jesus in His suffering, we meditate on His love and sacrifice.

Outreach

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates:

March 24 and April 21

Most needed items: Chef Boyardee, Spaghetti O's, creamed soup (all varieties), canned mixed vegetables, canned potatoes, boxed potatoes, mayo, and mac and cheese. Remember to check expiration dates.

Because of your efforts we have been able to provide basic needs for many.

ololmke.org/food-pantry

Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet once next month on April 18 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.

Palm Sunday Path

Palm Sunday | March 29 | 2:00 pm–3:00 pm
Cathedral Square, Milwaukee, WI.

A witness to authentic Christian values in response to white Christian nationalism in an ecumenical, faith-based, liturgical action. Welcoming Jesus. Welcoming the stranger.

Bring a palm. Bring a chair. Bring a prayer. All are welcome!



Disciple on the Journey Podcast

March 2026

Steve Szymanski's "Disciple on the Journey" Podcast premiered Sunday, March 15. Steve shares his journey of faith in this month's episode on the OLOL podcast channel.

Here's a quick excerpt from Steve's episode:

"I said, who in the world is Dorothy Day? And they said, well, why don't you join the group and find out? And so I did. And I have to tell you, that was definitely life changing for me. One of those benchmarks on the faith journey.

"As I went into college, I started asking a lot of questions about my faith. A lot of them had to do with, well, all of these people, we all say that we believe in Jesus, but we don't seem to do a real good job of following Jesus's teachings in the gospel. And then I found Dorothy Day who was really out there living it, and that really helped me quite a bit."

Find out more about Steve's journey by listening to his podcast. You can find his interview on Spotify (search for Our Lady of Lourdes Milwaukee) or our YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/@ololmke/podcasts>

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