



Easter Sunday

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

Happy Easter!

On this day we celebrate Jesus's victory over death. On this day, joined with Christians all over the world, our voices fill churches and fill the heavens with the Alleluias we've been longing for.

Thank you for being a part of our Easter celebration here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Whether you are a visitor, a new member, or a long-time member of the parish family, I am grateful you are here. Our prayer is richer and more joyful with your presence with us. Please know that you are always welcome here at Our Lady of Lourdes.

On this sacred day, I am so very aware of the blessings of this parish community. The generosity, faithfulness, and joy of our parishioners touch me deeply. The welcome you give to those who visit us has helped our community grow. Thank you for making this parish community into a parish family. It is such a blessing to be here!

In this season of new life and resurrection, please know of my prayers for each of you. Let us all continue to build God's kin-dom in beautiful and wonderful ways.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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Calendar

Sunday, April 5–Easter Sunday

Hallway Art Show

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------|--------|
| 8:00 am | Mass (Jurkus) | Church |
| 10:30 am | Mass (Burkert) | Church |
| 10:30 am | Children's Easter Service | Rm 9 |

Monday, April 6–Office Closed

Tuesday, April 7

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|---------|--------------------------|----------|
| 4:00 pm | All Saints' Meal Program | Off Site |
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Wednesday, April 8

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| 7:30 am | St. Ben's Meal Prep | Kitchen |
| 10:15 am | Morning Faith Group | Hall C |
| 6:00 pm | Baptism Prep | Rm 10 |
| 7:00 pm | GASIC | Rm 9 |

Thursday, April 9

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| 9:00 am | Stewardship Mailing Prep | Rm 4 |
| 6:30 pm | Men's Spirituality | Rm 6 |
| 6:30 pm | Oktoberfest Mtg. | Rm 9 |
| 6:30 pm | Social Justice Cmte. | Rm 3 |

Friday, April 10–Office Closed

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| 6:30 pm | Baptism Rehearsal | Church |
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Saturday, April 11

Hallway Art Show

Community Weekend

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| 9:00 am | First Eucharist Retreat | Hall |
| 4:00 pm | Mass (Burkert) | Church |

Sunday, April 12

Hallway Art Show

Community Weekend

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| 8:00 am | Mass (Lewis) | Church |
| 10:30 am | Mass (Burkert) (Baptisms) | Church |
| 11:30 am | OCIA Final Gathering | Rm 3 |



Stewardship Update

Parish Support - March 2026

| | ACTUAL as of 3/19/26 | BUDGETED for March |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Reg. Envelopes | \$63,421.56 | \$61,916.67 |
| Offertory | \$2,557.17 | \$3,750.00 |

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: March 2026

| | ACTUAL | BUDGETED |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Op. Income | \$748,914.04 | \$727,871.64 |
| Bequests | \$62,593.08 | |
| Op. Expenses | \$690,253.81 | \$727,840.53 |

Improvement Fund Updates

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|---------------------|--------------|
| Beg. Balance 7/1/25 | \$346,205.22 |
| Donations | \$90,959.43 |
| Expense | \$51,853.86 |
| Balance (3/19/26) | \$385,310.79 |

*Op. Income reflects the total of envelopes and Offertory collections. Bequests are not added to Op. Income.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal

We have received quite a few envelopes for the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Please note: these envelopes/donations should be mailed directly to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. We are not a point of collection or processing for this appeal. Thank you!

Community Life

Oktoberfest Meeting

Thursday, April 9

Topic: Publicity

Join us with fresh ideas on spreading the word about Oktoberfest!

Virtue of the Week

Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm is being filled with spirit. It means "God within." When we live with enthusiasm, we are excited about life and are open to the wonders each day holds. We do things wholeheartedly, with zeal and eagerness, holding nothing back. We allow the excitement of the moment to fill us. We enjoy good humor and finding joy in simple pleasures. Enthusiasm helps us to imagine what is possible. We follow our dreams with true joy.

Can we even imagine the deep pain, sadness, confusion, and fear the Apostles felt with the death of Jesus? As we listen to all the readings, Jesus' words, "Peace be with you." must have filled them with wonder and enthusiasm. Can you just sit with those words and their meaning for you today? Easter blessings!

Formation

Next GIFT Session - April 25, 2026

Our next GIFT session is Saturday, April 25, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm. We will clean up Jackson Park as a part of the Milwaukee Riverkeeper event. Lunch will be at Our Lady of Lourdes. Watch the bulletin and emails for details on registration.

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.

May Service Project – Our Common Home Community Garden Clean-up

The May service project will be helping the OLOL Garden Group with Spring clean-up of the garden in preparation for planting. Date is TBD. Watch the bulletin for more details.

June Service Project – All Saints Meal Program

We will be serving at the All Saints Meal Program on Tuesday, June 16, and Thursday, June 18. We are asking for youth and young families to fill these time slots. Volunteers need to be at All Saints from 4:00 pm–6:30 pm. We will be serving guests from 5:00 pm–6:00 pm. Please contact Tanya Gross for further details if you are interested in signing up.

Worship

Easter Shalom

Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of Jesus is certainly about the great miracle of His bodily resurrection and how He secured our salvation. It is also about so much more. Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of Jesus is about the nature of reality itself and the transformation of all of creation.

The “story” has been a long time in the making, going all the way back to “the beginning” when God created the heavens and the earth. God declared all things good, and then the creation of humanity as “very good.” In those declarations, God is making a statement about the way things are supposed to be. All things working together in harmony.

Shalom.

Shalom is universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight.

Shalom is the way things were supposed to be—before selfishness shattered it all.

Then came Jesus. He brought about the great exodus through His cross—He was the leader who brought us permanently into the Promised Land, the king who brings lasting peace and not a sword. The mission, message, and vision of Jesus restore hope and brings shalom.

When Jesus encounters His friends and followers after the resurrection, the first word that He utters is, “Shalom.” This is how Jesus lets everyone know that all things have been made right again. Because of Him, all things have been put back the way they were supposed to be. All is as it should be—and that is very good!

It will take time to work this “shalom” through the Church and out into the whole world—but that is our role in all of this. As Jesus sent his friends out—so He sends us out into the world to share shalom. We have a mission to do! A mission of peace—to put things back to right; to make things the way they are supposed to be.

We should be running from the empty tomb with great joy and telling everyone, “Alleluia! He is truly risen!”
Shalom! Easter blessings!

Spotlight

Reflection on Trees

"Everything on our Earth is alive. Every rock, every plant, every animal, every tree, every bird, every thought is alive. This is true because everything is made by the Great Spirit, and the Great Spirit is alive."

From *Winter Meditations with Native American Elders*

"And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight."

Genesis 2: 8-9

Every time that I'm in our church, I appreciate the view of trees through the windows and especially the tree that stands in the window behind and above the altar. Stained glass windows are beautiful art, made by human hands. Trees are beautiful living art given as a gift from God.

In scripture, trees are employed as metaphors to remind us of the beauty of life, the tenacity of faith and the promise of eternity. Even the cross of Christ, a symbol of redemption, was fashioned from a tree. In John 15:5, Jesus tells us, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.

As the trees are rooted in the soil, they stand firm – no matter the wind, rain, storm or seasons. As our lives are rooted in and take daily nourishment from God's Word, in our prayers and in our communal worship—we can remain strong; in our faith, in mind and action, through all the storms and seasons of our lives.

During the evening service on Ash Wednesday, when the world outside was in darkness, I looked up at the window and could not see the trees, but I knew they were there. So, too, when I have doubts and the world seems dark, I know that God, through and with Christ and the Spirit, is always present. The sun will rise tomorrow and the tree's branches, now bare, will soon enough be covered with sheltering leaves.

Terry Malloy, Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council member

Discipleship

Men's Spirituality Group

April 9 | 6:30 pm

Join our brand-new monthly Men's Spirituality Group. All men are welcome to gather for real life conversations of how to live the Gospel in our day to day lives. Through prayer and reflection we will explore our role as brothers in Christ.

More detail is available at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or by calling the Parish Office.

A Disciple's Resurrection Prayer

Heavenly Father,

On this glorious Easter morning, I come before You with a heart full of gratitude and praise. Thank you for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who conquered death and rose again, bringing hope, salvation, eternal life, and shalom to all.

Lord, today I celebrate the greatest victory the world has ever known—Your resurrection from the dead. Thank You for the cross, where mercy and justice met, and for the empty tomb that declares forever that sin has been conquered and death has lost its sting.

As the sun rises, let the light of the resurrection shine in my heart. Fill me with resurrection energy and renew my spirit, that I may walk boldly in the freedom Christ has won.

Empower me by Your Holy Spirit to be a true disciple—to be your "Easter people" and a witness to the presence of the Risen Christ. May I reflect Your love in my thoughts, words, and deeds. Help me to reach out to the broken, the marginalized, and the stranger; acting in accordance with Your will.

I believe that because You live, I too shall live. May I live this day—and all my days—in the light of Your victory, trusting in Your promises.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray. AMEN!

Outreach

St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, April 8. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday.

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 April 9, at 6:30 pm, in Room 3. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.

Thank You!

The Human Concerns Committee wants to extend a Huge Thank You to all who donated to the Capuchin Community Services Hygiene Drive. We delivered two tall rolling carts filled with needed items to The House Of Peace!! They know OLOL as a generous partner of the Capuchin Community, and you have again proven them right! Many thanks for your generosity to help those who are struggling.

Community Life

Welcome New Parishioners - February 2026

Karen Robinette

Jesus and Maritza Vazquez

In Memoriam

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

In loving memory of **John Zaganczyk Jr.**
From **Tanya Gross**

In loving memory of **Pat Galaska**
From **Elaine Kanter**

In loving memory of **Patricia M. Galaska**
From **Curt and Kathy Iverson**

In loving memory of **Pat Galaska**
From **Carolyn Patterson**

In loving memory of **Mary Ann Wester**
From **Bruce & Therese Zivney**

Easter Letter From Archbishop Grob

Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.

- Matthew 28:10

Hello Everyone,

In Jesus' first words to the women at the tomb, he says three things we can take to heart.

First, he says, "Do not be afraid." We all have something we're afraid of. Jesus' ultimate triumph over sin and death should cast away all our fears and worries. Of course, this is much harder in practice than in theory, but we are reminded to cling to God's promises and not be afraid.

Then he tells them to "go" and tell. The women at the tomb become the first evangelists, and this is the call to us as well. Go! Go tell your children and spouses. Go tell the neighbors who live next to you. Jesus has conquered death and defeated our sin. We are meant to be on the move. Go. Tell.

Lastly, he tells them that they will see him in Galilee. What is Galilee for us? It is our mission field. When you think about your own mission field, you might wonder if you're being called to some distant land, like the prophets of old. For many of us, our Galilee is much closer than we think. Your "Galilee," the place where you will see Jesus — is the home in which you live, the place in which you work, the community in which you are rooted, the Church in which you worship. The people in those places are those in whom you will see Jesus.

Everything has changed. Do not be afraid. Go and tell others that Jesus is alive. Then you will see Jesus in yourself and in others.

Happy Easter!

As I do for you, please pray for me,
Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob Archbishop of Milwaukee



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