



### 3rd Sunday of Easter

#### 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

##### Ecumenism and Common Ground

As you may know, Our Lady of Lourdes is a member of the Green Corners Ecumenical Group, a collection of Christian churches in the Greenfield, Greendale, and Hales Corners communities. Recently we sponsored the Ecumenical Good Friday service and the prayer service for the week of Christian Unity in January.

There is a desire within all our congregations to address issues in our community to improve lives and walk with others. To that end, we will be hosting a community listening session here at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday, May 17, from 2:00 pm–4:00 pm. We will be guided by Common Ground, a strictly non-partisan advocacy group with an 18-year track record of promoting the common good. We want to hear from you. What do you love? What changes do you see are necessary in our neighborhoods? Please RSVP with the QR code below or contact me. There is a sign-up sheet outside my office door.

I look forward to this opportunity to hear from you and our neighbors in the area.

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe



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## Calendar

### Sunday, April 19

#### Hallway Art Show

8:00 am	Mass (Suriano)	Church
10:30 am	Mass (Marco)	Church

### Monday, April 20

1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:00 pm	Police District 6 Safety Mtg.	Hall AB

### Tuesday, April 21

10:00 am	Oktoberfest Kitchen Team Mtg.	Hall C
3:00 pm	Food Pantry	Rm 7
6:00 pm	Finance Council Mtg.	Rm 9

### Wednesday, April 22

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

### Thursday, April 23

12:00 pm	Women's Grief Support Group	Hall C
6:30 pm	Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3

### Friday, April 24—Office Closed

### Saturday, April 25

#### Hallway Art Show

9:00 am	GIFT Service Session	Offsite
9:30 am	7th and 8th Grade Retreat	Rm 3
4:00 pm	Mass (Drenzek)	Church

### Sunday, April 26

#### Hallway Art Show

8:00 am	Mass (Burkert)	Church
10:30 am	Mass (Burkert) (First Eucharist)	Church



## Stewardship Update

### Parish Support - April 2026

	ACTUAL as of 4/9/26	BUDGETED for April
Reg. Envelopes	\$32,454.39	\$80,916.67
Offertory	\$2,545.16	\$3,750.00

### Budget Updates Fiscal Year: April 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income*	\$875,175.33	\$818,348.30
Bequests	\$72,593.08	
Op. Expenses	\$741,316.15	\$805,502.24

### Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25	\$346,205.22
Donations	\$162,832.64
Expense	\$53,439.19
<b>Balance (4/9/26)</b>	<b>\$455,598.67</b>

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

## Community Life

### Our Condolences

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

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of **Brian Kalupa**  
From **Christine Maio**

In loving memory of **Thomas Wolf**  
From **Rosalind Wolf**

In loving memory of **Steven Futterer**  
From **Steven and Natalie Frisch**

## Virtue of the Week

### Hospitality

Hospitality is the relationship of a host to a guest. This includes the reception and entertainment of guests, visitors or strangers, and often includes a meal or refreshments. It is the way people treat others in the service of welcoming and receiving guests. It involves showing respect for one's guests, providing for their needs and treating them as equals.

In the Gospel, a significant takeaway for us is that while Jesus initiates the encounter on the road, the disciples' invitation for him to remain with them is what leads to the further encounter where they recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. While it is God who initiates our encounters with God, can we consider the ways we invite God to remain with us each day? Talk about this with others.

## Formation

### Next GIFT Session - April 25, 2026

It is time to RSVP for the GIFT Spring Service Day on Saturday, April 25. Please register using the RSVP link by Monday, April 20.

<https://ololmke.wufoo.com/forms/milwaukee-riverkeeper-spring-cleanup-2026/>

GIFT is teaming up with the Social Justice Committee for this session which takes place from 9:00 am–12:00 pm on Saturday, April 25. We will be gathering at Jackson Park to help in the Milwaukee Riverkeeper Spring Clean Up for the service event, so please dress appropriately for the weather. We will end with a pizza lunch from 11:30 am–12:00 pm at the Parish Hall. After you register using the link above, you will be directed to the Milwaukee Riverkeeper Jackson Park sign-up, as there are waivers to complete, and you will need to choose your shirt sizes.

### 7th and 8th Grade Retreat

Our 7th and 8th graders, along with peer leaders from older grades, will be on retreat on Saturday, April 25, from 9:30 am–5:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. Please remember to keep these youth and peer leaders in prayer.

### Save the Date!

We will be having a youth game night on Saturday, May 2, from 5:00 pm–9:00 pm. Food and beverages will be provided. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited. See the bulletin insert for more details. We are also looking for some adults to help out with this event. Contact Tanya Gross for details.

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## Worship

### The Path of Life

The Road to Emmaus is a powerful Gospel passage about finding hope in despair, as Jesus walks with two disheartened disciples who fail to recognize him until the "breaking of the bread." This narrative highlights that Jesus is present in our personal journeys, listening to our struggles and revealing Himself through Scripture and the Eucharist, turning confusion into mission.

### Reflections on the Journey

- **God Walks with Us in Despair:** The disciples were walking away from Jerusalem (despair) back to Emmaus. Jesus approaches them, symbolizing that God draws near during our darkest times and disappointments, even when we are too blinded by sadness to see God.
- **Listening to Our Story:** Before revealing Himself, Jesus listens to the disciples' sorrow and confusion. This highlights God's patience and care, encouraging honest prayer in our lowest moments.
- **Recognizing Him in Scripture:** Jesus explains how the law and prophets pointed toward the Messiah's resurrection. This emphasizes the role of Scripture in opening our hearts and minds to understand the larger context of faith.
- **The Eucharist (Breaking of Bread):** The climax occurs in the breaking of bread—a direct reference to the Eucharist or a shared meal—where their eyes are opened. This underscores that our "Emmaus moment" of recognition often happens through sacramental and communal life.
- **Immediate Transformation and Action:** Upon recognizing Him, the disciples instantly leave their comfortable home to return to Jerusalem in the dark to share the news. This illustrates that encountering the risen Christ turns despair into a passionate, actionable mission.

### Modern Application

The story is a metaphor for modern life, where daily, "dusty" roads represent our personal, professional, or spiritual struggles. It invites us to:

- **Practice Hospitality:** Just as the disciples invited the stranger to stay, we are urged to offer hospitality and love, recognizing Jesus in the stranger.
  - **Find Hope in Confusion:** The story encourages, "Do not be afraid," and to look for God's presence in small, everyday occurrences, not just in large, miraculous events.
  - **Shift Perspectives:** Like the disciples looking back and realizing their hearts were burning within, we can look back on our lives and see Jesus's presence in our personal stories of trial.
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## Spotlight

### Praying with the Pope

As a lot of you may know, every month, Pope Leo shares a prayer intention that he feels is in need of extra attention from Catholics all over the world. This month, the Pope prays especially for priests in crisis, battling loneliness and exhaustion. What many people might not know, however, is that each month, Pope Leo releases a video inviting Catholics from all over the world to join him in prayer for that prayer intention.

Last month, the head of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, Father Cristóbal Fones, SJ visited Marquette High School to say mass and shared his mission with us. The mission of the Worldwide Prayer Network that is run by the Society of Jesus, is to work hand-in-hand with Pope Leo to bring his special intentions to the world. The Prayer Network, and Father Fones, is doing amazing work to connect people across cultural, language, and geographical barriers.

Another aspect of their ministry is called The Way of the Heart. The Way of the Heart is a prayer journey that focuses on connecting people to the love of Jesus through prayer. They do this by encouraging us to think of prayer as less of a ritual, and more of a conversation and connection with Jesus. The Way of the Heart also focuses on fostering a sense of community between the participants, even if they are separated by thousands of miles. All of these resources, including the Pope's monthly intentions and prayers can be found for free online. To view the full page and prayers, go to [popesprayer.va](http://popesprayer.va).

Emerson Porter, Parish Council Youth Representative

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## Discipleship

### The Mystical World of Icons

May 13 | 6:30pm

Religious icons have been a part of Christianity from its earliest days. This introduction to them will explore their history, meanings, spirituality—including the prayer method known as “gazing,” and how they are created, which is known as “writing.” Parishioner Jim Gill will be presenting this session. Jim has had an interest in Icons since his college days and has been writing about (painting) them since 2010.

Registrations can be made at [ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/](http://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/) or by calling the Parish Office.

### Men's Spirituality Group

May 14 | 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. This group will meet on the second Thursday of each month (excluding July and August).

More detail is available at [ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/](http://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/) or by calling the Parish Office.

### Live Stream Group Gathering

Did you know that the Discipleship Institute sponsors an online gathering space to view the live-streamed 4:00 pm Saturday liturgy on Zoom?

Call the Parish Office and ask to be added to the email list for the Zoom group watch of the 4:00 pm Saturday liturgy. The Discipleship Institute will then email you a Zoom link for the Live Stream Watch. You connect through this link on Saturday afternoon and the host will do all the work. You get to pray with others online and interact with those praying right along with you. This is great for those who are not able to join us in person for whatever reason.

“Community is much more than belonging to something; it is about doing something together that makes belonging matter.” – Brian Solis

You can register for this link at [ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/](http://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/) or, as previously stated, by calling the Parish Office.

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## Outreach

### **SVDP Blood Drive—Save the Date**

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Monday, May 11  
1:30 pm–6:00 pm

Did you know that every two seconds someone in America requires a blood transfusion? From trauma patients to those battling cancer, your donation can make a lifesaving impact.

You're invited to donate and become a hero at our upcoming blood drive. Registration after Masses will begin April 25. You can register online now at [ololmke.org/blood-drives/](http://ololmke.org/blood-drives/). A coupon for a pint of custard from Culver's will also be given to every donor. "Give a Pint; Get a Pint."

### **Upcoming Food Pantry Dates:**

**April 21, May 5 and 19**

Most needed items: Campbell's soups, instant oatmeal, spaghetti, jams, jellies, cereal, and baked beans. Remember to check expiration dates.

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

[ololmke.org/food-pantry](http://ololmke.org/food-pantry)

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## More Community Life

### **Oktoberfest Meeting**

Thursday, April 23

Topic: Beverage, Popcorn and Black Forest Café

All are welcome as we make plans for the beverages, Black Forest Café, popcorn, and pretzels at Oktoberfest!

### **Where does it go?**

Do you know where to return the Pix? Did you want to drop off a suggestion for the parish? Perhaps you have some paperwork or information you want to leave for the office on a weekend?

We have moved the "Suggestion Box" onto the south end of the counter in front of the office. It has a new label: **COLLECTION BOX: Eucharist Envelopes & Suggestions**. Drop your Pix in here to return it (we have been receiving them in the offertory and would prefer they not mix in with the cash for sanitary purposes).

There is a newly created box (thank you Bob Kaiser and Ken Marshman) immediately to the left of the office door. It is labeled: **MAILBOX: USPS & Office Mail only**. You now have a secure spot to drop off mail or other paperwork if the office is closed when you are here. If you are dropping any staff snacks in the box, please be sure they are securely wrapped—we don't want to get any chocolate or crumbs on the mail!

## 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. See the Formation section of this bulletin for details on how to register.

### **May Service Project**

Our May service opportunity is helping the OLOL Garden Group with spring tasks in the garden which will include weeding, planting, and overall prepping for the garden season. This event will take place on Saturday, May 23. Time is TBD. Watch the bulletin for more details.

### **June Service Project**

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 sign up using the All Saints Meal Program Sign-up at <https://ololmke.wufoo.com/forms/all-saints-meal-program-signup/>. For any questions about the youth service opportunities listed above, please contact Tanya Gross.

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## Disciples on the Journey Podcast

Tanya Gross shares her journey of faith in this month's episode on the OLOL podcast published on April 15. Here's a quick excerpt from Tanya's episode:

"And that pastor who was associate pastor, who's still a really good friend of our family's, he took the time with me to answer some of those questions. But the most important thing he said to me was, 'Tanya, I still have questions and I'm a priest, and if you weren't questioning your faith, I'd be really worried about you.'

'You should be continuing to question your faith for the rest of your life. Continue to ask those questions, continue to figure out why you're Catholic and why you wanna be Catholic.' And by him saying that, it gave me the Okay, I guess, to say: 'yeah Okay, I'll get confirmed, but I'm gonna continue to ask questions and I'm gonna continue to question my faith.'

And so if I had to describe myself as a Catholic, I would call myself a very discerning or questioning Catholic, 'cause I'm always asking questions." Listen on [Spotify](#) or our [YouTube Channel](#).

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# **Youth Game Night**

## **Saturday, May 2**

### **5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**You are welcome to join us for 4:00 pm mass beforehand!**

- **All youth grades 6 - 12 are invited**
- **Pizza, popcorn and soda will be provided**
- **Bring your favorite board game, some will be provided**
- **We will also have some rec-room type games (air hockey, foosball, tabletop pool, etc)**

**Please RSVP by Monday, April 27 using the QR code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/39x47xxu>**

