



### 4th 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

##### Safe Environment Week

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee declared April 19–April 25 as Safe Environment Week—a time to focus on raising awareness of abuse prevention, supporting healing of survivors of abuse, and of course protecting our children and young people.

As parish director, my greatest responsibility is the safety of everyone who comes through our doors. Whether it's the physical safety of walking through our facility or the emotional protection of our children, safety is my primary concern, not just this week but every week of the year. Everyone on the staff and every volunteer who works with children has been trained in providing a safe environment. In addition to that, we all undergo periodic background checks. The archdiocese requires this and monitors our compliance.

On a much lighter note, please remember to sign up for a photo session for our next parish photo directory. We are partnering with Harmann Studios who will be here in the first week of June and the first week of July to take pictures of everyone—and their pets! Please sign up with the QR code, the link below, or call the Parish Office to make an appointment. [https://book.usession.com/s/TuvvXJ\\_0CU](https://book.usession.com/s/TuvvXJ_0CU)

Know of my love and my prayers.

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe



## Calendar

### Sunday, April 26

#### Hallway Art Show

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

### Monday, April 27

11:30 am	Resurrection Choir	Rm 9
1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10

### Tuesday, April 28

10:30 am	SVDP Mtg.	Rm 3
1:00 pm	Art Guild Class	Rm 4
6:00 pm	Finance Council Mtg.	Rm 9

### Wednesday, April 29

9:30 am	Communion Service	Church
10:15 am	Morning Faith Group	Hall C
6:00 pm	Worship Team Mtg	Rm 3

### Thursday, April 30

1:00 pm	Hallway Art Show Take Down	Rm 4
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### Friday, May 1—Office Closed

8:00 am	St. Anthony School Staff Retreat	Building
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### Saturday, May 2

#### Art Pick-up

4:00 pm	Mass (Heinze)	Church
5:00 pm	Youth Game Night	Hall

### Sunday, May 3

#### Art Pick-up

8:00 am	Mass (Burkert)	Church
9:00 am	GIFT	Hall
10:30 am	Mass (Schramm) (First Eucharist)	Church



Have a  
blessed  
Easter  
season!

## Stewardship Update

### Parish Support - April 2026

	ACTUAL as of 4/16/26	BUDGETED for April
Reg. Envelopes	\$49,433.80	\$80,916.67
Offertory	\$3,372.91	\$3,750.00

### Budget Updates Fiscal Year: April 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$895,003.15	\$818,348.30
Bequests	\$72,593.08	
Op. Expenses	\$784,665.95	\$805,502.24

### Improvement Fund Updates

Reg. Balance 7/1/25	\$346,205.22
Donations	\$163,634.64
Expense	\$53,439.19
Balance (4/16/26)	\$456,400.67

## Community Life

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of **Mike Cassidy**

From **Jim and Paula Magolan**  
**George and Claudia Porter**

In loving memory of **Patricia Galaska**

From **The Galaska family**  
**Suzanne Machajewski**  
**James and Sandra Johnson**  
**Deborah and Jeffrey Kruszka**  
**Robert & Jeanne Whisler**  
**George and Claudia Porter**

In loving memory of **Roger Radonski**

From **Karen, the Radonski family and the Hart family**

## Catholic Social Teaching

In today's gospel, Jesus uses the familiar metaphor of shepherding, calling himself the gate of the sheepfold, a walled enclosure with a narrow door made to keep the sheep safe. Sheep know the shepherd's voice and follow him, running from strangers.

Jesus refers to "thieves and robbers" coming to "slaughter and destroy" the sheep. Any of us could quickly compose a list of modern day "thieves and robbers." If we spend any time online, we can see how much deception is happening and how difficult it can be to parse out reality. If we are surrounded by destructive voices that sometimes sound (literally and figuratively) like trusted voices, how can we know which voices are representing the Shepherd?

We can get offline. Get into the sheepfold. Hang out with fellow sheep. We will get muddy. Sometimes we will need to give up some personal space. Learn one another's voices. Then we will begin to recognize the voice of the Shepherd.

## Formation

### Welcome to the Lord's Table

Let us celebrate the four children of our OLOL family who joined in Jesus' feast for the first time this weekend! May the Eucharist nourish them, and us, throughout our lives, as we become the Body of Christ for our world! Congratulations to Julian, Killian, Liam, and Luke!

### Safe Environment Week is April 19-26

#### Did You Know

All clergy, employees, and volunteers are required to meet all of the requirements of safe environment certification. Certification includes participating in training on recognizing signs of abuse and neglect, identifying grooming behaviors, training in maintaining boundaries, and mandatory reporting; reviewing the Code of Ethical Standards and the Social Media and Digital Communication Policy, and undergoing a criminal background check. Certification is required prior to beginning ministry and subsequently every five years. If you have questions, Tanya Gross is the coordinator for our parish.

### Youth Game Night

We will be having a youth game night on Saturday, May 2 from 5:00 pm–9:00 pm. Pizza, popcorn and soda will be provided. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited. 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 [click this link in the digital form of our bulletin](#). We are also looking for some adults to help out with this event. Contact Tanya Gross for details.



## Worship

Do you enjoy sharing your faith and spirit with others? Do you have a voice (even if you think you can't sing)? Would you like to add your touch to our already great music program? There's no time like the present, so here is information about two of our six choirs. We encourage you to give us a try!

### Pentecost Choir

This is one of our seasonal choirs and is open to everyone – come alone or bring a friend or family member with you. The time commitment is minimal and very short-term:

**Rehearsals** – Mondays, May 4, 11 and 18 – 6:00 pm-7:30 pm in Room 10 (Attendance at all three rehearsals is preferred.)

**Mass** – Sunday, May 24, 10:30 am (meet at 9:45 am) – wear red if you'd like

What do you need to do? **Just show up** in Room 10 a little before 6:00 pm on Monday, May 4. We will give you your supplies, and then we'll all have a great time preparing for our Pentecost celebration.

### Resurrection Choir

Do you know these fun facts about our Resurrection Choir?

- Our Resurrection Choir leads the music at every funeral celebration.
- It is a privilege to help families grieve while celebrating the life of their loved one.
- Everyone who loves to sing is welcome to participate.
- You come as often as your schedule allows, making this ministry fit well into most lifestyles.
- We rehearse periodically throughout the year, which allows us to add fresh pieces to our repertoire.
- We have a binder of music just waiting to add your name to the front cover.

For more information about these or any of our choirs, please contact Anne Van Deusen.



## Spotlight

### Celebrating 50 Years of the Wednesday Morning Faith Group!

For half a century, something quietly beautiful has been happening here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Every Wednesday morning, people have gathered for prayer, conversation, laughter, learning, and the kind of friendship that carries you through life's seasons. What began in 1976 with Fr. Bill Stanfield, a 9:30 am liturgy, and a simple invitation to stay for coffee and donuts has grown into one of the most enduring and beloved communities in our parish.



This spring, we joyfully celebrate **50 years** of the Wednesday Morning Faith Group—and you're invited to be part of the celebration!

Join us on **Wednesday, May 13**, beginning with 9:30 am Mass, followed by a morning of stories, memories, and gratitude. We are honored to welcome Fr. Stanfield and several former OLOL priests who have been part of this group's journey. After Mass, we'll gather in the Parish Hall for fellowship, displays from the group's history, and a catered lunch.

Whether you've been part of the group for decades or have never attended before, this is the perfect moment to experience the warmth and welcome that have defined the Wednesday community for 50 years. The group continues to offer monthly presentations, musical guests, informational programs, seasonal parties, and opportunities to serve the parish and wider community—all rooted in friendship and faith.

Registration is required by May 11.

Cost: \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Please contact the Parish Office, in person, by phone, or through email, to reserve your spot.

Come celebrate the people, stories, and spirit that have made the Wednesday Morning Faith Group a treasured part of parish life. Here's to the past 50 years—and to the many Wednesdays still to come.

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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.

### Disciples on the Journey Podcasts are available!

Disciples on the Journey is a monthly audio program featuring parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes who share how they follow Jesus Christ in their everyday life. In each episode, you will hear real stories of faith lived out in family life, work and daily responsibilities, parish involvement, and in service to others.

These conversations are meant to encourage, inspire, and strengthen all disciples on their faith journey. They will also help foster a sense of community, as you learn more about your fellow faith community members.

You can access the current episodes available by going to the parish website at [ololmke.org/digitalmedia/](http://ololmke.org/digitalmedia/).

## Outreach

### SVDP Blood Drive

Monday, May 11

1:30 pm–6:00 pm

Registration to donate blood after Masses begins today. Please consider donating. The whole process usually takes about an hour. The blood draw itself? Just 10 minutes. Most donors will relax for 15 minutes afterward with a snack and leave feeling good about helping others. Register after any Mass this weekend or go online to:

[ololmke.org/blood-drives/](https://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."

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## More Community Life

### Welcome New Parishioners

#### February 2026

Robert Graziano and Traci Peters-Graziano  
April Johnson-Kenney

#### March 2026

Liz Angeli  
Steve and Natalie Frisch  
William and Dr. Camille Mortimore  
Gloria Schoknecht  
Benjamin Skonecki  
Carrie Skurzewski  
James Toomey

### Pastoral Council Feedback Opportunity

OLOL continues to seek out feedback from parishioners in order to continue to grow and meet the needs of our community family. Pastoral Council members will be available after all Masses on the Weekend of May 2/3 to hear your thoughts, suggestions and ideas. If you are out of town that weekend, there is a suggestion box by the Parish Office. We are always listening!

### St. Roman's 70th Anniversary

June 6

#### St. Roman's Betz Center

St. Roman Parish celebrates its 70th anniversary with a dinner and entertainment featuring vocalist Downtown Harrison. The event includes 4:00 pm Mass with Principal Celebrant Archbishop Jeffrey Grob, a buffet dinner, and raffle prizes. Proceeds benefit the parish. Reservations of \$50 per person are due by May 17, with options for dietary restrictions. Go to [stromans.com/](https://stromans.com/) for details and registration.

## Youth Service Opportunities

### 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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## AI and Your Spiritual Life

### (No, It Can't Go to Church for You)

It's been a little while since our AI last article (Holy Week and Easter have a way of rearranging the parish bulletin). But now it's a good moment to return to our series on using AI wisely in daily life.

Last time, we talked about AI as a helpful everyday sidekick, the kind that can summarize emails, tidy up your to-do list, and remind you what's hiding in your pantry. This week, we're shifting from the practical to the prayerful.

AI can't pray, of course. It doesn't have a soul, a heart, or a favorite pew. But it *can* help you make space for prayer. You might try using AI to summarize Sunday's readings so you can reflect during the week, generate a simple morning or evening prayer, offer journaling or examen questions, or suggest a small spiritual practice that fits your schedule.

Think of AI as a digital bookmark; it holds your place so you can return to the sacred with a little more focus and a little less hurry.

### Try This: AI for Reflection

- **Magisterium.ai**—faithful, cited answers from Church teaching
- **Microsoft Copilot**—helpful for Scripture summaries and simple prayers
- **Apple Intelligence**—rewrites or simplifies text right on your device
- **ChatGPT**—great for journaling prompts
- **Claude**—calm, thoughtful tone for reflection

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