



5th 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

Gathered and Grateful – Let’s Have Brunch!

On Sunday, May 31, we will have an opportunity to celebrate who we are as a parish family. We will gather for a 9:00 am Mass on that day and then get together in the Parish Hall for a potluck brunch.

We do some wonderful ministries here—in everything from the Food Pantry to our Social Justice Advocacy work, from the Community Garden to our liturgical prayer. As a parish we strive to create a sacred space where all are welcome as we work to build God’s kin-dom. We have so much to be grateful for! Let’s celebrate who we are—let’s pray together and enjoy our favorite dishes.

This change in Mass time is only for May 31. We will still have the 4:00 pm Mass on May 30. Our regular Mass times will, of course, resume in June.

Remember to sign up for a photo session for our next parish photo directory! Please use the QR code, the link below, or call 1 (800) 236-8910 to make an appointment. Family dogs are welcome to participate!

https://book.usesession.com/s/TuvvXJ_0CU

Know of my love and my prayers.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe



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Calendar

Sunday, May 3

Art Pick-up

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

Monday, May 4

9:30 am	Active Nonviolence Group	Rm 9
1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:00 pm	Pentecost Choir Reh.	Church

Tuesday, May 5

3:00 pm	Food Pantry	Rm 7
4:00 pm	All Saints Meal Program	Offsite
6:30 pm	GIFT Core Team Mtg.	Rm 2

Wednesday, May 6

9:30 am	Communion Service	Church
10:15 am	Morning Faith Group	Hall C
12:30 pm	Euchre Card Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm	Women's Spirituality	Rm 6

Thursday, May 7

10:30 am	Kathleen Flynn Funeral Visitation	Church
11:00 am	Kathleen Flynn Funeral	Church
6:30 pm	Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3

Friday, May 8—Office Closed

10:00 am	Glenn Kin Funeral Visitation	Church
11:00 am	Glenn Kin Funeral	Church

Saturday, May 9

4:00 pm	Mass (Burkert)	Church
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Sunday, May 10—Mother's Day

8:00 am	Mass (Heinze)	Church
10:30 am	Mass (Drenzek)	Church

Stewardship Update

Parish Support - April 2026

	ACTUAL as of 4/23/26	BUDGETED for April
Reg. Envelopes	\$80,052.31	\$80,916.67
Offertory	\$4,281.91	\$3,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: April 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$854,202.58	\$818,348.30
Bequests	\$72,593.08	
Op. Expenses	\$795,392.97	\$805,502.24

Improvement Fund Updates

Reg. Balance 7/1/25	\$346,205.22
Donations	\$164,194.64
Expense	\$53,439.19
Balance (4/23/26)	\$456,960.67

Last week's Op Income number failed to subtract the Bequest amount, creating what appears to be a decrease in Op Income from last week's reported number.

Community Life

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of William Goralski, Glenn Kin and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of **Gladys and Donald Kopp**
From **Dona and James Hutter**

A Plan for Virtues

Did you ever wonder why you see evidence of virtues around the parish and an article in the bulletin most weeks? As the OLOL parish youth minister years ago, I began to be concerned about the bullying effects our teens were experiencing, often due to social media. I learned of the Virtues Project, an initiative which began in 1991 to empower individuals and families to live by their highest values. It was inspired by a desire to do something to counteract the rising violence in and around families. So, I decided to spend two weekends to learn the strategies of the virtues project and that this is education which touches the human spirit. It is an approach which calls people to remembrance of the virtues, the qualities of character and simple elements of spirituality honored by all cultures and sacred traditions.

I began to infuse virtues into youth ministry beginning with TAG, Teen Action Group, which consisted of 25-30 youth in grades 7-12. I will spend the next few weeks sharing the development that continued to grow and has been carried on.

By Mary Osep



Formation

Parish Library

Remember to stop by the parish library on the wall outside Deb's office and borrow any books that you wish. Books are changed regularly and cover a wide variety of topics related to our faith. We have books for children, too. No need to check books out; just bring them back when you are finished.

During the month of May, the library will feature books relating to women (as well as others, of course).

Youth Advisory Council

Our next Youth Advisory Council meeting is Thursday, May 14, from 6:30 pm–7:30 pm in Room 9. We will be planning out the service projects and social activities for the summer as well as brainstorming for the next GIFT year. Come with your ideas!

Youth Service Opportunities

May Service Project – Our Common Home Community Garden Activities

Help out the OLOL Garden Group with spring tasks in the garden! Activities will include weeding, planting, and overall prepping for the garden season. Rumor has it that it will be mostly planting for our food pantry! This event will take place on Saturday, May 23, at 10:00 am. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Please let Tanya know by Sunday, May 17, if you are planning to attend so we can plan accordingly.

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

Worship

There is a Place for You!

In our community, we believe that every person is a unique "DNA strand" in the Body of Christ. When you are not involved, there is a literal part of our community's heart that is missing. Being a disciple of Jesus means moving from the sidelines into the game—transforming from a guest into a family member.

When we ask for your help in our ministries, we are not just looking for "workers" to check off a task list. We are looking for brothers and sisters to help us build a home. Whether you have a gift for hospitality, a heart for teaching children, a talent for music, or a quiet strength for behind-the-scenes service, your specific role is vital.

You don't find community by looking for it; you find it by serving alongside others toward a common goal.

Do not worry about being "qualified" or having it all figured out. Discipleship is a journey of relationship, and we learn as we go. We invite you to move beyond the weekend liturgy and experience the joy of being fully known and truly needed.

Watch this section of the bulletin for ministry opportunities. Assess your spiritual gifts and see where you might fit in this family of disciples. Also, if you notice a gift in a fellow family member, tap them on the shoulder and encourage them to try out a specific ministry. Explore and see where your heart and gifts fit best!

Weekend Sacristan

Sacristans are a vital part of our weekend worship, as they complete many tasks to prepare our worship space. This includes lighting candles, setting out the bread and wine, preparing the items for the altar (wine cups, bread bowls, purificators), and after liturgy clean up. If you are more of a behind the scenes type of personality, this is an ideal ministry for you. Training is always provided. If this ministry speaks to your heart, call the Parish Office or contact Jim Wielgosz, Director of Worship Ministries.

Spotlight

May Day

May Day, celebrated on May 1, is a dual-purpose day marking both an ancient spring festival (dancing around a maypole and gathering flowers) and International Workers' Day, which commemorates labor struggles for an eight-hour workday. It is a public holiday in many countries, often featuring rallies for workers' rights. In our area, the Bay View massacre was the result of a strike held on May 4, 1886, by 7,000 building-trades workers and 5,000 Polish laborers who had organized at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, to strike against their employers, demanding the enforcement of an eight-hour work day. On the first Sunday of May every year since 1986, several hundred people gather at the corner of E. Russell Ave. and S. Superior St. to hold a Bay View Massacre Commemoration sponsored by the Wisconsin Labor History Society.

May is also the month of Mary, established in the 13th century, to honor her role in our faith. Pope Francis held a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, frequently invoking her as a "mediatrix of grace" who unties knots. He emphasized Mary's role in guiding people to Jesus and for her intercession for peace. Mary is seen as the first disciple who said "yes" to God. Pope Francis referred to her as a "sister... with worn-out sandals," accompanying the faithful in their struggles.

How can we work toward a deeper faith in May? Mary gives us an example. For some, it might be working for social justice and peace, wearing out our sandals. It might be gardening while reflecting and seeking how we can untie knots or say yes to God's will. It might be time with a rosary or in Marian devotion.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Barb Webber
Pastoral Council Member

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/ 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/ or by calling the Parish Office.

New! Beyond Our Walls

Check out the new section recently added to the Discipleship Institute webpage—Beyond Our Walls. The Discipleship Institute continues the formation process of all disciples by offering programs, events, opportunities and discussions for families and adults of the parish. This new section of our webpage promotes those same opportunities for growth outside our parish. These are neighboring faith communities offering programs or events that will help you nurture your discipleship in various ways – mind, body, and spirit. Go to ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ to see all that is available to you.

Outreach

SVDP Blood Drive

Monday, May 11

1:30 pm–6:00 pm

Did you know that only 4% of Americans donate blood, even though 37% are eligible? If just 1% more of Americans donated blood, shortages would disappear. Every donation matters and every pint can help save up to three lives. Register after Mass this weekend or go online to:

ololmke.org/blood-drives/. Give a pint; Get a pint. Every person who registers will receive a coupon for a Pint of custard from Culver's.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates:

May 5 and 19, June 2, 16, and 30

Most needed items: canned fruit, peas, Spam, chicken, Hamburger Helper, pasta sauce, and small rice packets. Remember to check expiration dates.

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

ololmke.org/food-pantry

More Community Life

Wednesday Faith Group 50th Anniversary

Wednesday, May 13 | Begins with 9:30 am Mass

Correction: There is no cost to attend this celebration! Please RSVP to the Parish Office so we know how much food to order for the catered lunch.

Oktoberfest Meeting

Thursday, May 7 | 6:30 pm

Topic: Hospitality and Volunteers

Our volunteers are a treasure as are our guests. All are welcome as we make plans for volunteers.

Women's Spirituality Group Meeting

Wednesday, May 6 | 6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Discussion and reflection of next weekend's scripture readings, led by fellow parishioners. All women welcome.

Moving to New Location

Based on feedback and requests from parishioners we will be moving the blue recycling containers (glasses, empty toothpaste tubes, medicine bottles, etc.) to a more central location in the building. Once the Hallway Art Show has concluded and vacated the hallways, the blue recycling bins will be placed right around the corner (still in the south hallway) from the Parish Office, next to the large collection box for the Food Pantry.

Trustee Nomination

Every parish in the State of Wisconsin, besides being a faith community, is also a legal corporation of Wisconsin. As such, it is subject to state corporation law, which means (among other things) it must have five trustees.

The archbishop and the vicar general of the archdiocese are ex-officio trustees in every parish of the archdiocese. The pastor/parish director of the parish is the third ex-officio trustee. The parish also has a trustee-treasurer and a trustee-secretary.

The term of our Trustee-Treasurer, Rebecca Porter is expiring on June 30, 2026. Rebecca is willing to serve another term.

The pastor/parish director may nominate one candidate for the position. Accordingly, Deb has nominated Rebecca Porter for the position of trustee-treasurer. Should anyone else desire nomination for this role, state law dictates that we follow this process: such a person must be an actual member of the parish, at least 25 years of age, and must receive the written support of at least ten other adult parishioners. Nominations should be submitted to the Parish Office with the accompanying names and signatures of supporters no later than May 29, 2026. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions about this process.

According to state law, this notice will be published here for four weeks. Should there be other nominee(s), biographical information will be available the weekend of June 6-7 with an election held the weekend of June 13-14, 2026.

Bishop James T. Schuerman invites you to attend the

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