



6th 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

**“...I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you”  
John 14:20**

This line we heard in our Gospel this weekend always grabs my attention. We know that God is present within each of us—we begin every liturgy acknowledging and reverencing that presence as we bow to one another after reverencing the altar and the ambo.

While we know that intellectually, I think the idea of God dwelling within our being can be a challenge to really absorb. It’s so much easier to imagine God up in heaven far, far away than to imagine God in our imperfect heart or in the imperfect heart of our neighbor. And yet God is present within us – and our every good deed, our every loving gesture is God acting through us.

May we continue to grow in our awareness of God’s loving presence within us as we continue to build God’s kin-dom of love.

And speaking of loving presence—Happy Mother’s Day! To all the moms, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers, and all mother figures, thank you for all you do to nurture and care for the dear ones in your lives. It is in you that your family knows the tender love of our Creator.

As joyous as Mother’s Day is, this day can also be a painful day for many. May this holiday land gently if today is a tough one for you.

Please know of my prayers and my love.

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

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## Calendar

### Sunday, May 10–Mother's Day

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



### Monday, May 11

9:30 am	Lazarus Cmte.	Rm 10
1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
1:30 pm	Blood Drive	Hall
6:00 pm	Pentecost Choir Reh.	Church
6:30 pm	Building & Grounds	Rm 3

### Tuesday, May 12

10:30 am	SVDP Mtg.	Rm 3
1:00 pm	Art Guild Open Studio	Rm 4
6:15 pm	Catechist Dinner and Training	Rm 10

### Wednesday, May 13

7:00 am	St. Ben's Meal Prep	Kitchen
9:30 am	Mass	Church
10:15 am	Morning Faith Group 50th Anniversary	Hall C
6:30 pm	The Mystical World of Icons	Rm 10
7:00 pm	GASIC	Rm 9

### Thursday, May 14

6:30 pm	Men's Spirituality	Rm 6
6:30 pm	Social Justice Cmte.	Rm 3
6:30 pm	Youth Advisory Council Mtg.	Rm 9

### Friday, May 15–Office Closed

### Saturday, May 16

9:00 am	Women's Spirituality Retreat	Hall
11:00 am	Walking Through Grief Together	Rm 3
4:00 pm	Mass (Burkert)	Church

### Sunday, May 17

8:00 am	Mass (Jurkus)	Church
10:30 am	Mass (Heinze)	Church
11:30 am	Environment Change	Church
2:00 pm	Common Ground Group Mtg.	Hall

## Stewardship Update

### Parish Support - April 2026

	ACTUAL as of 4/30/26	BUDGETED for April
Reg. Envelopes	\$94,912.07	\$80,916.67
Offertory	\$5,152.91	\$3,750.00

### Budget Updates Fiscal Year: April 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$870,819.13	\$818,348.30
Bequests	\$72,593.08	
Op. Expenses	\$817,111.86	\$805,502.24

### Improvement Fund Updates

Reg. Balance 7/1/25	\$346,205.22
Donations	\$164,443.52
Expense	\$59,671.19
Balance (4/30/26)	\$450,977.55

## Learning the Art of Naming Virtues

We began with the Teen Action Group, which met once a month. We would read the definition of the virtue as prayer. For example, in September, we'd pray about Acceptance. How could they reach out to those who didn't seem to be accepted? How were they doing with self-acceptance? And so on.

While on a Teen Action Group retreat, with a partner, participants would make strength virtue bracelets explaining how they saw the virtue in action through their partner. On confirmation retreat, during the closing activity of affirmation circles, we changed it to acknowledgment circles. One youth would sit in the center of their small group while others would name the virtue(s) they saw in the person. It was encouraging to see the depth that teens could achieve and the confidence developed in the youth being acknowledged. It was easy to infuse virtues in letters of recommendation I would be asked to write, and also in spiritual guiding sessions.

My best memory of how the virtue acknowledgments were working took place when a sophomore boy came in and told me he broke his virtue bracelet while running track. He asked if he could use the beads to make another one. Cheerfulness grew in me that day!

Moving on to young adults next week.

Mary Osep



## Formation

### 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!

### Nursery Helpers Needed

We occasionally need babysitting help in the nursery for various events at OLOL. Parents involved in GIFT, Sacramental Preparation, Baptism Preparation and/or OCIA often need someone to watch their children while they participate in these respective activities. Nursery helpers are required to go through a background check and must complete the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Safe Environment training. If you are interested in helping in the nursery at OLOL, please contact Steve Szymanski, our Director of Child Ministry.

### 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

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## Worship

### Find Your “Something More”

Ever feel like there's a gap between sitting in the “pew” and living out your faith? We've all been there—wondering how our specific talents or gifts can actually make a difference. Whether you're a natural conversationalist, a behind-the-scenes organizer, or someone who knows how to make a great cup of coffee, there is a ministry where you fit perfectly. Stepping into a ministry isn't just about filling a slot; it's about the community you find while doing it. You'll grow, you'll laugh, and you'll see firsthand how God uses small acts to change lives. Explore and see where your heart and gifts fit best!

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeter/Usher)

This ministry offers the opportunity to greet parishioners and guests who come to worship at Our Lady of Lourdes. Many parishioners have joined our parish because of the welcoming presence of our greeters and ushers. Greeters are asked to arrive **at least one half-hour before liturgy begins** to greet people as they arrive. Other duties in this ministry are handing out any worship aids to those who require them, assisting with seating, helping with the collection and distributing of bulletins at the end of liturgy. Consider trying this ministry as a family or with a friend or two!

No formal schedule or training is involved. If you are interested in this ministry, you need only to show up and connect with another greeter/usher for instructions.

### 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

### Make Your Garden Holy

Many of us at Our Lady of Lourdes have already planted parts of our gardens. Spinach and lettuce may already be coming up. Tomato plants are only days away.

Jesus understood that he had to speak to the common man. Consider his words in Matthew 13, a compilation of stories and parables given at various times that spoke to men and women who tilled the soil, harvested the crops, and produced the food for daily life.

The disciples asked Jesus, "Why do you talk to them in parables?" Jesus responded, "They look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding."

He tells of the sower who put down seeds, some of it falling on poor soil, or among thorns, producing little. But rich soil may produce "a hundredfold." As a gardener you know soil is important; as a Christian, you know that proper environment is also important to receive the grace of God.

In another parable, "The kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air can come and shelter in its branches." The little things in life we do may make a big difference.

Like a garden full of both weeds and good crops, Jesus says that the reapers can sort them out in the end. "God will divide the good from the evil on the day of judgment." So don't worry about punishing evildoers in this life. God will take care of it. When you plant your garden this spring, make your planting holy.

Terry Falk, Social Justice Committee

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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.

### Amazing Faith Dinner Dialogues at OLOL

#### Registration Coming Soon!

June 24 | 6:00 pm

People of all faiths and no faith, all spiritualities and theologies gather in small groups to share a meal and participate in a moderated discussion using a proven model, evoking deep exchanges about lived experiences and the role of faith and/or spirituality in their lives. Through exploration and dialogue, participants learn about the beliefs and traditions of others within an atmosphere of respect and understanding and are empowered to stand as witnesses for tolerance and inclusion.

You are Invited to join the dialogue. Change your life. Change the world.

The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee sponsors this event. Visit their website for more information [interfaithconference.org/amazing-faiths-project](http://interfaithconference.org/amazing-faiths-project).

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## Outreach

### 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 May 14, at 6:30 pm, in Room 3. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.

### St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, May 13. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday.

[ololmke.org/st-bens/](http://ololmke.org/st-bens/)

### SVDP Blood Drive

Monday, May 11

1:30 pm–6:00 pm

Registration for our blood drive will again be after all Masses today. Please consider donating. Every time you give, you offer comfort, healing, and more tomorrows for patients and families. You can also sign up online at [ololmke.org/blood-drives/](http://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.

## Community Life



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](https://book.usesession.com/s/TuvvXJ_0CU)



## 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.

## Active Nonviolence

"To overcome discrimination, a community must internalize the values that inspire just laws and live out, in day-to-day life, the conviction of the equal dignity of all."

That quote is part of a statement the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops wrote in 2018 on racism titled *Open Wide our Hearts* addressing the sin of racism in the United States. The message of the pastoral letter was that racism is a direct contradiction to God's command to love one another.

The Social Justice Committee has been writing a monthly article entitled "Open Wide Our Hearts" for the bulletin. These articles have addressed racism in many forms. Has anything improved in the eight years since the bishop's statement? On a personal note, have you changed your perspective? Join us to read and reflect on the May Nonviolence Corner's vignettes on racism.

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# *Gathered & Grateful*

*Join us for a celebration of who  
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*Sunday, May 31*

*9:00 am Mass with potluck brunch to follow*

*Please RSVP by Monday, May 25 using  
this URL: <https://tinyurl.com/4tufxhre>*

*Or by using the QR code to the right*

*Or by calling the Parish Office at  
414-545-4316*



We are so grateful for our parish family! All of you use your time, talent and treasure to make us a welcoming parish and a parish that serves others in so many ways. We couldn't do this without all of you helping us to build God's kin-dom!

Let's celebrate who we are by praying together at the 9:00 am Mass and then eating together at a potluck brunch!

**Event Details:**

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am - Drop off your dish in the Parish Hall
- 9:00 am – Mass
- 10:00 am – Potluck Brunch

**What to Bring:**

We are encouraging you to bring a cultural or family favorite dish for our potluck. To ensure a variety of food, we are asking each household to bring a dish based on the first letter of your last name:

- Last Name A-G: Desserts
- Last Name H-M: Appetizers or Salads
- Last Name N-Z: Main Dishes

*\*The Parish will supply plates, napkins, cutlery, cups, and beverages.*

Please bring your dish at serving temperature with any necessary serving utensils. Our warming ovens and walk-in cooler will be available to keep the dishes at serving temperature.

**How to RSVP:** Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/4tufxhre> or through the Parish Office.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this event as we celebrate our parish family.

Blessings,  
*The Parish Staff*

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