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Mass and Communion Services

WEEKEND

Sat: 4:00 pm

Sun: 8:00 am | 10:30 am

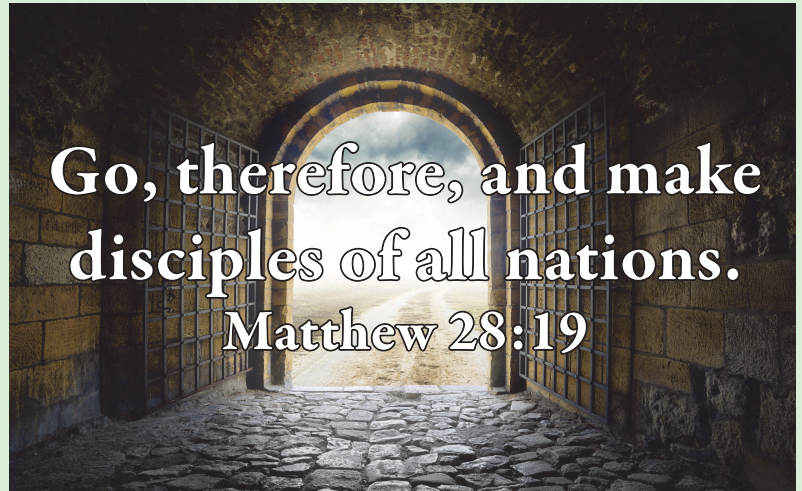
WEEKDAY

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

Share Your Voice This Weekend!

Are there changes you would like to see in your neighborhood? Do you have concerns about housing? Transportation? Crime? This weekend you have a chance to voice those concerns, hear the concerns of our neighbors, and maybe even find some common ground.

The Green Corners Ecumenical Group, of which Our Lady of Lourdes is a member, is joining Common Ground (a strictly non-partisan advocacy group) to hold a listening session here at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday, May 17, from 2:00 pm–4:00 pm.

We are looking forward to hearing what you love about our area and what concerns you may have. All are welcome to participate. If you are interested, please use the sign-up sheet outside my office or feel free to give me a call.

Please know that I hold you in prayer, and I ask you to do the same for me.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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Calendar

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

Monday, May 18

1:00 pm	Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:00 pm	Pentecost Choir Reh.	Church

Tuesday, May 19

1:00 pm	Art Guild	Rm 4
1:00 pm	Deanery Mtg.	Rm 10
3:00 pm	Food Pantry	Rm 7
5:30 pm	Pentecost Movement Rehearsal	Church
6:00 pm	Adoption Support Group	Rm 6

Wednesday, May 20

9:00 am	BAAM Mtg.	Hall AB
9:30 am	Mass	Church
10:15 am	Morning Faith Group	Hall C
12:30 pm	Euchre Card Group	Rm 10
5:30 pm	Pentecost Movement Rehearsal	Church
6:00 pm	Pastoral Council Mtg.	Rm 3

Thursday, May 21

5:30 pm	Pentecost Movement Rehearsal	Church
6:30 pm	Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3

Friday, May 22—Office Closed

Saturday, May 23

12:00 pm	William Goralski Funeral Visitation	Church
1:00 pm	William Goralski Funeral	Church
4:00 pm	Mass (Jurkus)	Church

Sunday, May 24

8:00 am	Mass (Burkert)	Church
10:30 am	Mass (Burkert)	Church
11:30 am	Environment Change	Church

Stewardship Update

Parish Support - May 2026

	ACTUAL as of 5/7/26	BUDGETED for May
Reg. Envelopes	\$18,425.59	\$60,316.67
Offertory	\$798	\$3,750.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: May 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income	\$890,445.14	\$887,925.00
Bequests	\$72,593.08	
Op. Expenses	\$819,690.47	\$883,164.03

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/25	\$346,205.22
Donations	\$165,371.52
Expense	\$59,671.19
Balance (5/7/26)	\$451,905.55

"Tell Me the Virtues You See in Me"

This title is a gentle reminder for parents to look for virtues in their children. Babies are born with all the virtues in potential. It is the parents who first nurture the growth of these virtues. It seemed the best place to start with young adults was the Moms Group that met weekly with Judy Monday as their guide. They asked for a retreat, which I directed, introducing the strategies of the virtues project. They each received a pack of 100 virtue cards that defined those virtues with the idea that they would share one a week with their families.

Caleb Schmidt, 10 years old at the time, shares this story. "I remember coming home from school that day and I had to give my parents a note because I was misbehaving in school. Before we could address whatever it was I did, my Dad had to go to the hospital to visit his Grandma, my great Grandma, before she passed. The rest of the night, we got occasional updates from my Dad. While we waited my Mom told stories about how wonderful of a person she was. Anyway, after hearing and reflecting on my great Grandma (and probably hoping my parents didn't remember I got a note), I grabbed the virtue cards and started messing around with them. I picked the ones that reminded me of my great Grandma. After getting a handful, I arranged them in the shape of a human and showed my Mom." It was a very special gift to the whole family and probably lightened the affect of the note! There were many other ways the virtues were infused in young adults.

Next week, how virtues spread.

Mary Osep



Formation

Baptism at Our Lady of Lourdes

Baptism is our common heritage of our faith. Through this sacrament, we die and rise to new life with Christ. Baptism unites us and challenges us to walk as Christ did in living out the Gospel. Baptism is immersion into life with Christ, a life of love and discipleship!

New parents are asked to show a desire to model this life of faith for their child by registering as members of this community, worshipping here regularly, and engaging themselves in the life of this community.

Upcoming Baptism Weekends at OLOL are:

June 14, 2026

August 23, 2026

October 25, 2026

January 24, 2027

April 4, 2027

Call the Parish Office for more information.

Youth Game Night

We will be having a youth game night for grades 4 – 6 on Saturday, June 20 from 5:00 pm–7:00 pm. 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 Wednesday, June 17, using the QR code or <https://tinyurl.com/muweeja4>. We are also looking for some adults and peer leaders (grades 7-12) to help out with this event.

Please contact Tanya Gross for details.



Worship

Your Service Matters

The “Great Commission” is not just about travel; it is about intentionality. Whether you are serving coffee, setting the altar, or greeting a newcomer, you are creating a pathway for someone to encounter Christ. Every act of service is an act of “going.” We are currently looking for passionate disciples to help us live out this “Great Commission” right here in our faith community. You do not need a degree in theology, just a willing heart! If any ministry below speaks to your heart, call the Parish Office or contact Jim Wielgosz, Director of Worship Ministries.

Weekend Altar Servers

This ministry welcomes all teens, young adults, and “seasoned” adults. Servers assist the presider in a variety of ways and serve the community by helping keep the liturgy flowing smoothly. You can even choose the liturgy that fits your schedule the best. Training is required and will be provided.

Funeral Sacristan and Server

In this wonderful ministry you serve as a representative of Our Lady of Lourdes to the families who come to remember, mourn, and celebrate the life of a loved one. Responsibilities include setting up for the funeral liturgy and assisting the presider. A flexible schedule is a plus since funerals can be scheduled at various times. You will be added to a list of funeral sacristans and contacted on a rotating basis. Training would be provided and you would work along with an experienced sacristan until you feel ready to serve on your own.

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 bulletins at the end of liturgy. Consider trying this ministry as a family or with a friend or two!

Spotlight

Unsung Disciples – Meal Program Volunteers

You are probably familiar with Matthew 6:1-4 "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret." Well, a group of twenty-two OLOL parishioners have heeded this message and quietly served meals at All Saints Church on 25th and Capitol on a rotating basis during the past year. They truly are **Unsung Disciples!**

Volunteers arrive at All Saints by 4:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They help with meal preparation by washing/slicing vegetables, slicing bread, packaging desserts, prepping carrying bags with napkins and utensils, and other necessary chores. Guests are led in voluntary prayer prior to the meal serving that begins at 5:00 pm. Often, Father Mike Wolfe, pastor of All Saints, leads the prayer and spends time chatting with guests and volunteers.

From 5:00 pm-6:00 pm, volunteers form a serving line and box a hot meal containing a meat or fish, potato, rice or pasta, vegetables, and bread. As meals are prepared and distributed, two volunteers monitor the dessert and handout tables. One OLOL disciple even voluntarily washes the large pots and pans by hand! When the serving ends, volunteers help with clean up, sanitizing all areas. Approximately 500-600 meals are prepared each night.

During the winter months, OLOL helped out once a month. However, during the summer months, we always add additional days to fill in for the absence of local university students and the uncertainty of vacation schedules. June is covered. Dates and registration procedure for eight days in July and August will be posted soon in the bulletin and the social justice website. Please consider joining our dedicated Unsung Disciples by signing up this summer.

Patricia McKay, Pastoral Council and Social Justice member

Discipleship

Making Disciples

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16–20) is more than a final instruction from Jesus; it is a shift in the human story. It moves the followers of Jesus from being observers of His mission, message, and vision, to participants in a global movement. Three core themes stand out in this passage:

Authority Over Fear: Jesus begins by claiming "all authority in heaven and on earth." This is a vital reminder for anyone feeling unqualified. The mission does not rely on our personal charisma or expertise, but on His sovereignty. It reframes the "Go" not as a burden of performance, but as an act of delegated power.

Discipleship Over Conversion: The command is not just to "make believers" or "get decisions," but to "make disciples." This implies a long-term investment. It involves teaching, walking alongside others, and life-on-life mentorship. Baptism represents the entry into the community, but the "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded" represents the lifelong journey of transformation.

The Promise of Presence: Perhaps the most comforting part is the bookend: "I am with you always." Jesus does not send His followers out into the world alone. The Great Commission starts with His power and ends with His presence. It suggests that the mission is actually where we experience Jesus most deeply. We don't bring Jesus to the nations; we find Him already there, working alongside us. In short, we are never just "sent"—we are accompanied.

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.

Outreach

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates:

May 19, June 2, 16, and 30

Most needed items: canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, Chef Boyardee or SpaghettiO's, cream soups, and Progresso or Chunky type soups. We are also in need of brown paper grocery bags. Remember to check expiration dates.

ololmke.org/food-pantry.

Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together group will meet twice next month, June 6 and 20, in Room 3 starting at 11:00 am. No need to register. This group provides a safe setting for sharing and support with others going through loss.

Community Life

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Mike Cassidy
From Ed, OLOL friend, new '85 cutlass

In loving memory of George Strnad
From Ed and Linda, OLOL friends

Oktoberfest Meeting

Thursday, May 21 | 6:30 pm

Topic: 50/50 and Basket Raffle

All are welcome as we plan the 50/50 and Basket Raffle for Oktoberfest.



Parish Photo Directory

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



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.

Youth Service Opportunities

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May Service Project – Our Common Home Community Garden Activities

Saturday, May 23 | 10:00 am

Help out the OLOL Garden Group with spring tasks in the garden to prep for the garden season! Snacks and beverages will be provided. Please let Tanya know by Sunday, May 17, if you are planning to attend.

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. Please sign up using the All Saints Meal Program Sign-up.

<https://ololmke.wufoo.com/forms/all-saints-meal-program-signup/>.

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