



Pentecost Sunday

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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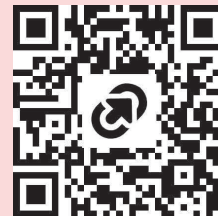
Notes from Deb

Pentecost! Gathered & Grateful! Photos!

Today we celebrate Pentecost—the birthday of the Church. We believe the same Holy Spirit who descended upon the Apostles is the same Holy Spirit who dwells within us. It is that Spirit of God within us that enlivens our hearts and gives us the ideas and the courage to share God’s love with the world in new and wonderful ways. It is a blessing to share this journey with you all.

Gathered and Grateful!

Our parish potluck “Gathered & Grateful” brunch is next Sunday! We will have only a 9:00 am Mass on May 31 followed by a potluck brunch. Please RSVP by calling the Parish Office or use this QR code.



We have so many celebrations throughout the year. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate us!

Photos!

It is not too late to sign up for a photo appointment for the next OLOL photo directory. See the Photo Directory article in this bulletin for details and sign up information..

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

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Calendar

Sunday, May 24

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

Monday, May 25—Office Closed Memorial Day



Tuesday, May 26

10:30 am	SVDP Mtg.	Rm 3
12:00 pm	Art Guild Potluck	Hall C
1:00 pm	Art Guild Class	Rm 4

Wednesday, May 27

9:30 am	Communion Service	Church
10:15 am	Wednesday Morning Faith Group Social	Hall C
6:00 pm	Finance Council	Virtual

Thursday, May 28

12:00 pm	Women's Grief Support Group	Hall C
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Friday, May 29—Office Closed

Saturday, May 30

10:00 am	Kathryn Madole Funeral Visitation	Church
11:00 am	Kathryn Madole Funeral	Church
4:00 pm	Mass (Heinze)	Church

Sunday, May 31

9:00 am	Mass (Suriano)	Church
10:00 am	Gathered & Grateful Celebration Potluck	Hall



Catholic Ministries in the United States SPRING COMBINED COLLECTIONS JUNE 6-7, 2026



- Retirement Fund for Religious
- The Black and Indian Mission Collection
- The Catholic Communication Campaign
- Catholic University of America
- Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Twice per year, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee participates in the USCCB National Collections, which we refer to as "Combined Collections." The faithful are encouraged to support this wonderful initiative this June: archmil.givingfuel.com/combinedcollections



<https://archmil.givingfuel.com/combinedcollections>

Virtue of the Week

The Impact Expands

As we continued to infuse virtues in events in our parish over the years, I began to hear stories of their use in other places through our disciples. Rebecca Meleski Heimerl was teaching junior high math. She began each week with a virtue and its definition. She had a few questions to help get the youth talking. She would ask them how the virtue could be present to them and how they could live it out. Each week began with discussion of how their action response went and then the new virtue of the week was introduced. Becky said she began to get notes of appreciation from her students for bringing the virtues to them!

Pollyanna Kabara came on a Mom's Retreat as a new member of the parish. She did not know anyone. As we learned more about the virtues she began to see the authenticity in the women. She began to be acknowledged for her virtues and for the first time in her life she began to trust in her own strength. She began using the virtues with her family and with the nursing students she was teaching. Today, working with incarcerated patients, she is able to build trust and their dignity by naming the virtues she sees in them. She encourages them to see who they are and who they can become, erasing the labels they were given, often as children.

Tanya Gross, our new formation minister, says they used virtue acknowledgments on 9th and 10th grade retreat and they were a large part of the Women's Retreat this year. A great joy would be to see "virtues gone wild!" Thanks for faithfully reading and pondering the history of the virtues.

Blessings,
Mary Osep

Formation

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 beverages 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 use this link <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.



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, Director of Child Ministry.

Youth Service Opportunities

June Service Project – All Saints Meal Program

Are you looking for something to do with your kids in June? We are looking for youth and young families to serve at the All Saints Meal Program on Tuesday, June 16, and Thursday, June 18. We are currently holding these slots specifically for youth and young families. Youth should be 10 or older and must be accompanied by an adult. 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/> or contact Tanya Gross.

Worship

Seasonal Choirs

Three years ago we decided to try something new in our music ministry—seasonal choirs. These are individual choirs that lead the music a few times throughout the year. As we all know, our lives often get busy, and family and job responsibilities sometimes pull us away from our regular commitments. Therefore, our goal was to create opportunities for you to participate in our music ministry with less of an on-going commitment. Each choir uses just a few rehearsals to prepare. This model has worked well for us, allowing space for many of you to share your love of music and your faith sporadically throughout the year. We'd love to have more of you join us, so please know that the seasonal choirs are here for you when you're ready. Join one, two or more of them as your time allows. Who knows? They might fill your soul in ways you never imagined, and in turn, you will help fill the soul of our community.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Van Deusen, Director of Music Ministries.

Ordinary Time is not Ordinary

In a few weeks, we continue the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. That might make you think of words like typical, routine, mundane or even dull. But that is not the purpose of this time of year. Here is how the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) explains Ordinary Time:

“Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost... Ordinary Time, on the other hand, takes us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ.”

As we begin this special time, let's all watch for conversion opportunities and actively find ways to live as true disciples of Christ.

Spotlight

AI and Emotions: A Helpful Companion, Not a Substitute for Community

As we continue our series on using AI wisely, let's shift from prayer to something a little more human: feelings. Yes, those things we all have, even if we sometimes pretend we don't—especially in the grocery store checkout line.

You might be surprised to learn that many people—teens **and** adults—use AI to talk through emotions. Not because AI is wise (it isn't), but because it's available at 11:47 pm when your brain suddenly decides it's time to process everything that happened since 1998.

AI can help you rehearse a difficult conversation, sort out your thoughts, or put words to feelings that are still a bit tangled. Sometimes just typing things out helps you see them more clearly.

But here's the important part:

AI cannot offer real empathy.

It cannot replace a friend, a spouse, a counselor, or a parish community.

It cannot understand your life the way people do.

If you ever find yourself turning to AI because you feel lonely, that's not a failure — it's a sign that you're human. Let AI help you name what you're feeling, **then let real people help you carry it.**

Try This: AI for Sorting Thoughts

Claude — calm, steady, and good at helping you think clearly

ChatGPT — helpful for practicing conversations

Microsoft Copilot — easy to access and good for organizing thoughts

Apple Intelligence — quietly helps you rewrite or clarify what you're trying to say

Discipleship

The Importance of Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday, celebrated 50 days after Easter, is one of the most foundational, yet often overlooked, feasts of the Christian calendar. It is also known as the "birthday of the Church." This day commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus. It transformed them from a fearful and hidden group into a bold community of witnesses.

Pentecost is the moment the Gospel message broke out of the upper room and into the streets of Jerusalem through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. This empowerment launched a diverse community of believers to become fearless apostles, ready to share the message of the Risen Lord.

Pentecost is not merely a historical event—it is a present reality!

The same Spirit that brought fire and wind, as we hear proclaimed in the Acts of the Apostles, provides us the strength needed today for a radical life of love. This day we are reminded of God's promise to always be active in our lives, enabling us to be witnesses to love, justice, and peace in a sharply divided world.

Pentecost Prayer

On this day of Pentecost, may the moving of the Holy Spirit be a warm breeze of hope.

May your church be one body to bring love, joy, and truth to a weary, war-torn world.

Give us the ability not to speak in languages of hate or greed, complacency, or discontent; but in compassion and peace, mercy, and kindness.

May the light of the Risen Christ shine through us and offer hope and comfort to all those we meet.

Come, O Holy Spirit, come! **Amen!**



Outreach

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: 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. Remember to check expiration dates. We are also in need of brown paper grocery bags.

ololmke.org/food-pantry.

Disciples on the Journey Podcast

Jim Wielgosz shares his journey of faith in this month's episode which premiered Friday, May 15. Here's a quick excerpt from Jim's episode:

"I truly believe, besides my mantra of 'love one another', is you really need to live your life with an attitude of gratitude.

"That is really something that changed for me after that whole dark night incident, and I still do that to this very day. Every morning before my feet touch the ground getting outta bed, I at least say thank you if that's the only thing I say to God all day. I at least say thank you for the new day, but I have a routine I usually do, as long as I'm not running late.

"God and I have some good conversations, but a lot of it is I start out my day not asking for things or any, it's just what am I thankful for. Just the rundown of the list, whether it's the same things every day. Or to say thank you for something I got through the day before that I didn't think I would get through."

Find out more about "Disciples on the Journey" on Spotify at:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/4IPyBft0Qor2N0k16LPkmc?si=t03eGYarRB6X4TBHfpPITQ>

Parish Photo Directory

Remember to sign up for a photo session for our next parish photo directory! Sessions are available from June 2-June 5, and July 6-July10.



Please use the QR code, the link below, or call the Parish Office 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.

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