

MAY 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter



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the kingdom of God
by being Christ
to the world.



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“It was not you who
chose me, but I who
chose you and
appointed you to go and
bear fruit that will
remain, so that whatever
you ask the Father in my
name he may give you.
This I command you:
love one another.”
- Jn 15:16-17

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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 5:00 PM

SUN 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - April 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
	<i>as of 4/19/2024</i>	<i>for April</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$62,705.43	\$65,000.00
Offertory	\$2,765.35	\$4,000.00

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: April 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$780,000.76	\$754,996.66
Operating Expenses.....	\$712,626.25	\$755,278.78

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23...	\$128,503.08
Donations	\$34,854.12
Expenses	\$70.00
Balance (4/19/2024)	\$162,312.20

THANK YOU!

*Our Lady of Lourdes is greatly
blessed with your continued
generous support
of all our ministries!*

2023 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (1/9/2024)

Donations:.....**\$27,674.00**
Goal is \$42,840 64.60%

Donors:.....**142**
of donors: 1,043 13.61%

DECIDE TO LEAD

www.CatholicAppeal.org

NOTES FROM DEB

Safe Environment

If you were at Mass a couple of weeks ago, you may have noticed in our before-Mass slide presentation, the proclamation by the archdiocese of Safe Environment Week.

The sexual abuse crisis is a stain on the soul of the Catholic Church. The fact that some church leaders enabled this crime while others minimized its damage makes this sin all the worse. At this point in our history, we need to do everything we possibly can to ensure these crimes never happen again.

I want everyone to know that along with the archdiocese, I take the safe environment of our children very seriously. Everyone in our parish who works with children is required to do the safe environment training, including recurring background checks, and every year we are required to report this information to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee .

As the Parish Director of Our Lady of Lourdes, the safety of everyone is my primary responsibility. As a former therapist who witnessed the effects of abuse in my clients' lives, I promise you I will do everything I can to ensure that Our Lady of Lourdes is truly a safe, caring, and healthy environment for everyone—especially our children.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Love

Love is at the center of our being. It is the vital force that gives us energy and direction. It connects one heart to another. Love is cherishing others, and treating them with tenderness. Love thrives on acceptance and appreciation. It has the power to heal. It calls us to continually hone ourselves, while releasing the need to control another. It is nurtured by commitment and seasoned by kindness.

Reflecting on the Second Reading today, we can say that through our actions as disciples, God's love is revealed in us.

What are you wholeheartedly committed to?

How do you show acceptance and appreciation for your loved ones?

SUN 5

Blood Drive Sign-up
Art Show Mosaic Winners Pick-up
Art Show Art Pick-up
8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy (1st Eucharist) Church

MON 6

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
11:45 am Autism Intervention Rm 4
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10

TUE 7

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6
3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7
6:00 pm Crime Safety Mtg. Hall A
6:30 pm GIFT Core
Team Mtg. Rm 10

COMMUNITY LIFE

Wedding Banns

II Marissa Martinez & Kervin Velez

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Suzie Treloar and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of

Katie Crisp

From

Anita Kowalski

Charlotte Molter

In loving memory of

Linda Sieber

From

Dan & Laura Kult

Robert & Kathleen Reichl

David & Cindi Roark

In loving memory of

Marion Holz

From

Mary & Ben

Oktoberfest Meeting

May 8

7:00 pm

Room 3

Topic: Food

All are welcome as we choose the menu for the party!

FORMATION

Congratulations to the newly confirmed!

Please join us in celebrating those who received the sacrament of confirmation on Saturday, May 4. It was a beautiful celebration of faith and fellowship. OLOL, St. Gregory the Great, and St. Matthias were represented by a truly fantastic group of young people who are bound to go on to do wonderful things. Please keep them in prayer as they continue their faith journeys as newly confirmed members of their respective parishes.

Another year of GIFT is in the books!

Thank you to every household that joined us this year. We truly came together as the Body of Christ and discovered that we are Eucharist. None of this could have been possible without our amazing catechists, catechist subs, childcare supervisors, and GIFT Core Team. Thank you for all that you do to support GIFT! We cannot wait to show you what we have cooking for next year – register for the 2024-2025 season of GIFT now! ololmke.org/gift/

PARISH 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, expires on June 30, 2024. 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 10 other adult parishioners. Nominations should be submitted to the parish office with the accompanying names and signatures of supporters no later than May 29, 2024. 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 1-2 with an election held the weekend of June 8-9.

WED 8

THU 9

FRI 10

7:00 am	St. Ben's Meal Prep	Kitchen
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:30 am	Communion Service	Church
10:15 am	Faith Group Social	Hall C
6:00 pm	Pentecost Choir Reh.	Church
6:30 pm	<i>The Chosen: Season 3</i>	
	Discussion	Virtual
7:00 pm	GASIC	Virtual
7:00 pm	Oktoberfest Mtg.	Rm 3

8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am	Autism Intervention	Rm 6
6:30 pm	<i>The Chosen: Season 3</i>	Hall C
6:30 pm	Social Justice Cmte.	Rm 3

Office Closed

WORSHIP

Do you know?

OLOL parishioners and friends gather for Mass or a Communion service each Wednesday at 9:30 am. Following that, we stay to chat, laugh, eat, party, etc. Periodically, we are gifted with special programs.

One of those programs is happening here, in our parish hall, on May 15. The live music will be folk-style and include composers like Peter, Paul & Mary, Ennio Morricone and John Michael Talbot.

We would love to have many more friends from our community join us! Might that be **you**?

Scripture Readings for May 11/12

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Psalm 47 | Ephesians 1:17-23 | Mark 16:15-20

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill this commandment.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 14
2:00 pm–6:00 pm

Sign-up for our next blood drive after all masses or online at tinyurl.com/Ourlady51424.

Every person who donates will receive one outdoor water park ticket to Mt. Olympus and as an added bonus a coupon for a pint of custard from Culver's. Give a pint; Get a pint.

Thank you in advance for your lifesaving donation.

St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, May 8. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday.

ololmke.org/st-bens/

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

SAT 11

SUN 12

Blood Drive Sign-up
2:00 pm YAF Event
5:00 pm Liturgy

Hall
Church

Blood Drive Sign-up
8:00 am Liturgy Church
10:30 am Liturgy Church
11:30 am Pentecost Environment
Changeover Church



COMMUNICATIONS

SPOTLIGHT

Take a Breath

Social engineering, most often accomplished through email phishing, is involved in 70% to 90% of all successful account hacks, virus downloads, and data breaches.

Social engineering is when people use your emotions to fool you into clicking on a link or giving out personal information. Often the emotions are fear, anger, excitement, or sympathy.

We have seen a rise in criminals trying to pose as staff members in text and emails; however, as we approach the next presidential election, this will be a topic used often to catch victims.

Always take a breath when you see something online or receive an email that elicits emotion. Make sure it is legit before you click on anything.

My Feet! Your Feet! Our Feet!

Leonardo da Vinci said,

“The human foot is a masterpiece of engineering and a work of art.”

Why I am writing about feet?

When I joined OLOL several years ago, I attended my first Holy Thursday Foot Washing and Mass.

I was hooked! That evening has become one of my favorite celebrations of the year. At first, I wasn't sure why—but I knew it brought me joy and peace. That is what our faith needs to do, bring us joy and a sense of peace.

After a few Holy Thursday celebrations, the light came on. I realized why I enjoyed it! This celebration is about communal caring! It's that simple! The washing of feet, as described in the Bible is a symbol of humility and service, and that service is to each other. Our feet also represent guidance and direction on one's spiritual path. Participating in this ritual can help transform your relationship and perception of Jesus.

Along with the spiritual side of our feet, there's the practical side. First, be thankful you have feet, then take care of them. Keep them clean, moisturized, clean socks, comfy shoes, and see your doctor for any issues, so that you can, as the saying goes “keep putting one foot in front of the other” and to keep walking especially when it's difficult. I believe Jesus was a pretty good example on how to keep going, even when it's difficult. So, in conclusion, re-think your feet! And the feet of others!

“And walk as if you're kissing the earth with your feet.”

Lorie Skeff, Pastoral Council

DISCIPLESHIP

STAFF EMAIL

Love One Another

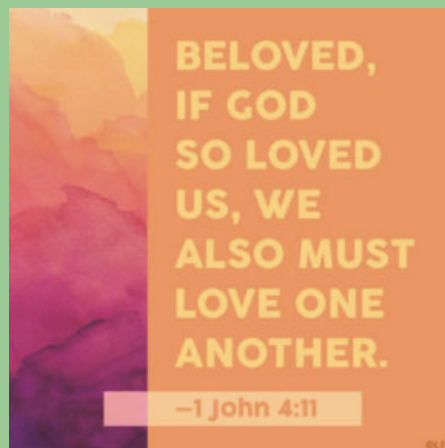
Anyone can call themselves a Christian or a disciple. It is how we live our lives that shows what we truly are. What did Jesus want from his disciples?

The answer is quite simple. We must love one another.

Love is central in all that Jesus taught. Love is central in all that Jesus did. Love is what brought Jesus to the cross and ultimately to resurrection. Love is what makes all things new!

As disciples, if we allow love to be the center of everything we do and say, then we prove that we are created in the image and likeness of God. For love is not just a quality that God possesses, it is what God is.

God is love!



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