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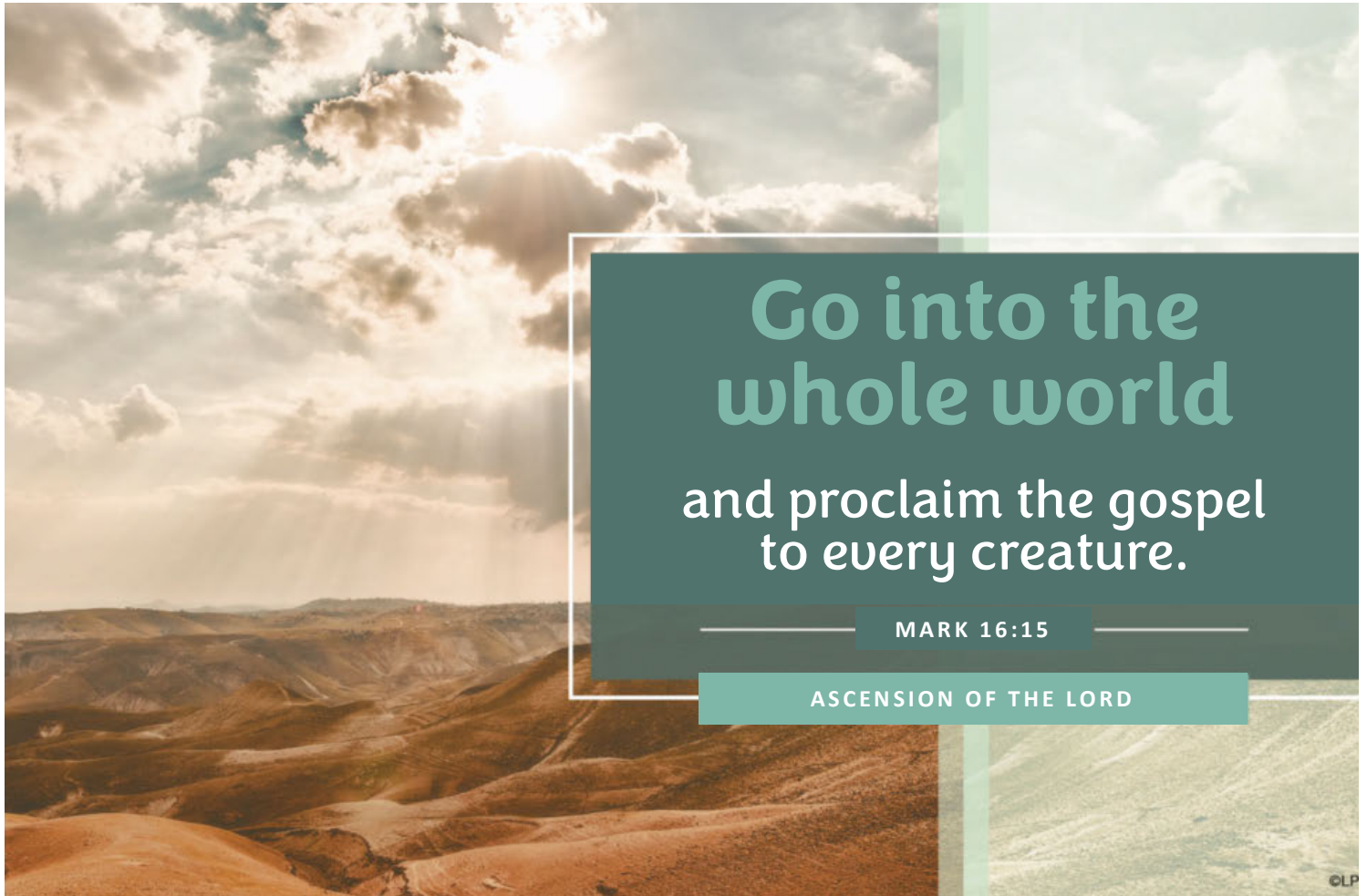
Ascension of the Lord



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MARK 16:15

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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 <i>as of 4/30/2024</i>	BUDGETED <i>for April</i>
Reg. Envelopes .....	\$67,055.50	\$65,000.00
Offertory .....	\$3,608.50	\$4,000.00

## Budget Updates Fiscal Year: April 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income .....	\$785,594.33	\$754,996.66
Operating Expenses.....	\$733,226.07	\$755,278.78

## Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23...	\$128,503.08
Donations .....	\$35,449.50
Expenses .....	\$70.00
<b>Balance (4/30/2024)</b>	<b>\$163,907.58</b>

**THANK YOU!**

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

## 2024 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (4/1/2024)

Donations:.....	<b>\$18,305.00</b>
Goal is \$61,175 .....	29.92%
Donors:.....	187
# of donors: 1,010 .....	8.61%
Participation rate.....	15.6%

**DECIDE TO LEAD**

[www.CatholicAppeal.org](http://www.CatholicAppeal.org)

## NOTES FROM DEB

### A Few Thoughts on the Easter Season

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension, we draw close to the end of the Easter season.

It has been glorious!

In this season of new life, we welcomed new little ones in the sacrament of baptism. Young parishioners received their first Eucharist, and several of our young adults received the sacrament of confirmation. Thank you to all who were a part of those beautiful sacraments, especially Steve Szymanski and Maggie Russell who shepherded the candidates and their families in preparation for the sacraments. Thanks also to catechists, sponsors, and especially the parents of those young folks. In addition to all of that, new parishioners have been joining our parish. I am sure that we all share a great sense of gratitude for so much new life!

Next week we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the birth of the Church. As we celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit coming upon Jesus disciples, we celebrate God's Holy Spirit in our lives. It is our tradition here at Our Lady of Lourdes that on Pentecost we all wear something red. As the Holy Spirit rested on the disciples, we know the Holy Spirit rests within each of us. We are the church!

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### Unity

Unity helps us work and live together peacefully. We feel connected with each other and all living things. We value the gifts of all people. With unity we accomplish more together than any one of us could alone. We remember the joy of one is the joy of all. The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honor of one is the honor of all.

What do you do when you hear others express prejudice? How do you work to solve conflict through listening and finding solutions?

## SUN 12

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



## MON 13

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
11:30 am Resurrection Choir	Rm 9
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm Building & Grounds	Rm 3

## TUE 14

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
10:30 am SVDP Mtg.	Rm 3
1:00 pm Art Guild	
Open Studio	Rm 4
2:00 pm Blood Drive	Hall
6:15 pm GIFT Catechist	
Training	Rm 10
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group	Rm 3

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Wedding Banns

Ill Marissa Martinez & Kervin Velez

### Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Fr. Bill Kohler and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
Katie Crisp

From  
Mary Lamping

### Thank You

On behalf of my family, I would like to express the deepest appreciation to this congregation of ours for your support of my wife's death. OLOL in every capacity has shown a true caring for me and my wife, Linda. An overused expression but **I am blessed** to pray with you. A **special thanks** to the music ministry for assembling almost 50 people for her that day and almost 200 present during her funeral Mass. Simply amazing.

Bob Sieber & Kimmarie Rosa

### Women's Spirituality Group

Wednesday, May 15  
6:30 pm–8:00 pm

The Women's Spirituality Group invite any interested women to join us for discussion and reflection of next weekend's scripture readings, lead by fellow parishioners. All women welcome!

## FORMATION

### Hunger Task Force Farms

Do you like being out in the fresh air? Spending time with family and friends? Getting your hands dirty? Helping others? If you answered "yes" to any of the above, then this opportunity is for you! We are once again heading to the fields with the OLOL Human Concerns Ministry at the Hunger Task Force Farms. Join us on Wednesday, June 26, from 8:30 am–11:30 am. Ages 16 and up are welcome! Youth ages 12 to 15 must be accompanied by an adult. We will be working in the fields so please bring work gloves and water bottles. RSVP by June 12 at <https://tinyurl.com/ololfarm>.

### First Eucharist Congratulations

On Sunday, May 5, eight children of our OLOL family came to celebrate at the table of Christ Jesus for the first time. They are Charlee, Nevaeh, Alex, Anna, Naomi, Anya, Shia and Nolan. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

## 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 15**

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5  
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6  
9:00 am BAAM Mtg. Hall AB  
9:30 am Liturgy Church  
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C  
6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg. Rm 3  
6:00 pm Pentecost Choir Reh. Church  
6:30 pm *The Chosen: Season 3*  
Discussion Virtual  
6:30 pm Women's Spirituality  
Group Rm 4

**THU 16**

8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 5  
8:15 am Autism Intervention Rm 6  
6:30 pm *The Chosen: Season 3* Hall C

**FRI 17**

**Office Closed**

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal Church

## WORSHIP

### Let's Get Together—This Wednesday, May 15:

Please join us this Wednesday morning for prayer, fellowship, food, and live music by Radiant Sky Acoustic (parishioner and music minister, Michael Dorney). The program will include music by Peter, Paul & Mary, Ennio Morricone and John Michael Talbot. Be sure to RSVP to JoAnn Godkin (see below) so that we have enough food. Hope to see lots of you there!



### Pentecost Sunday—Next Weekend, May 18/19

Come celebrate the Gifts of the Spirit. Wear red if you'd like and come together to raise our voices in prayer and praise.

Spirit of God, put love in my life.  
 Spirit of God, put joy in my life.  
 Spirit of God, put peace in my life.  
 Spirit of God, make me patient.  
 Spirit of God, make me kind.  
 Spirit of God, make me good.  
 Spirit of God, give me faithfulness.  
 Spirit of God, give me humility.  
 Spirit of God, give me self-control.  
 from Galatians 5:22–23

### Scripture Readings for May 18/19

#### Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 | Psalm 104 | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 | John 20:19-23

## OUTREACH

### From St. Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on Earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and joy into our hearts, into our lives, and into the hearts of those who are poor.

### 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](http://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.

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: May 21, June 4 and 18

Most needed items: canned mixed vegetables, peas, condensed soups, pasta, and cookies. Thanks for your ongoing support to the pantry. It is because of you that we can provide food to the needy. God bless.

Please watch expiration dates. [ololmke.org/food-pantry](http://ololmke.org/food-pantry).

### Knitters Needed

It is a longtime tradition at Our Lady of Lourdes that each newly baptized individual receives a knitted or crocheted blanket to celebrate their joining our OLOL family. We are in need of more baptism blankets. If you are a knitter or crocheter and would like to help in this effort, we would be most grateful for your talents. Contact Steve Szymanski if you have any questions.

**SAT 18**

**SUN 19**

#### Welcome Weekend

11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together Rm 3  
 1:00 pm Martinez/Velez Wedding Church  
 5:00 pm Liturgy Church

#### Welcome Weekend

8:00 am Liturgy Church  
 10:30 am Liturgy Church  
 11:30 am Summer Environment Change Church



## WELCOME WEEKEND

## SPOTLIGHT

Excitement is in the air as we gear up for another Welcome Weekend on May 18/19! It's that special time when we come together as one big family to extend warm greetings to our new members and embrace familiar faces with open arms. Mark your calendars because you won't want to miss out on the fun! Here's what's happening:

**Nametags:** Grab yours before Mass to make meeting new friends a breeze!

**Meet and Greet:** Let's make everyone feel at home by introducing ourselves to new faces and reminding familiar ones of our names.

**Reception:** Stick around after Mass for delicious treats and great conversations.

Your warm smiles and friendly hellos make all the difference, so mark your calendars and get ready to make memories! See you there!

### **"Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer." (1 Jn 3:15).**

"Racism shares in the same evil that moved Cain to kill his brother. Every racist act—every such comment, every joke, every disparaging look as a reaction to the color of skin, ethnicity, or place of origin—is a failure to acknowledge another person as a brother or sister, created in the image of God. In these and in many other such acts, the sin of racism persists in our lives, in our country, our world." – A Pastoral Letter: USCCB

We don't like to acknowledge it; in some states it is illegal to write or speak about it, but systemic racism persists in nearly every aspect of American life: banks, schools, companies, government, law enforcement, employment, education, home ownership, healthcare, and incarceration.

A Harvard University study found that when Blacks "whitened" their resumes by using white sounding names, their callback rate rose from 10 to 25%. Since many jobs are obtained through social networks, the survey found that 75% of white employees do not have any non-White friends.

In 2021, overall income for Black Americans was 49% lower than for White Americans. The poverty rate for Black families was twice that of White families.

There are more statistics that illustrate the persistent effect of racism; we can easily discover them. Let us acknowledge the evil of which the bishops speak, and with the courage of Jesus work for justice and follow his one command: "Love one another."

Social Justice Committee

## DISCIPLESHIP

## STAFF EMAIL

### **Why Are You Standing Here?**

How long did the disciples stand staring into the sky after Jesus left? These disciples had been utterly dependent upon Jesus during His earthly life, yet He expected them to take the Gospel message to all the world? They were confused and concerned, finally needing angels to tell them to stop straining their necks and to remember what Jesus had promised them.

Jesus would not leave them orphaned. He would send them an Advocate, a Comforter, a Counselor who would remind them of all His teachings. One who would equip them in a way even better than walking and talking with Jesus in person!

We too have been commissioned to do something great, something bigger than ourselves. Today we again look to the skies longingly. Yet we must trust and move forward without knowing the Father's timetable. Pentecost is coming!



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