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The Baptism of the Lord



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been
baptized and Jesus also had
been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy
Spirit descended upon him in
bodily form like a dove.

- Lk 3:21-22a

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EUCCHARIST:

SAT 4:00 PM

SUN 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

WED 9:30 AM

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - December 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
	<i>as of 12/31/2024</i>	<i>for Dec</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$144,484.12	\$87,222.47
Offertory	\$6,006.27	\$4,999.95

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: December 2024

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income.....	\$589,293.62	\$477,667.86
Operating Expenses.....	\$440,082.73	\$461,131.08

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24...	\$169,666.89
Donations.....	\$11,159.86
Expenses	\$84,534.36
Balance (12/31/24)	\$96,292.39

THANK YOU!

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

2024 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (11/21/2024)

Donations: **\$38,923.40**
Goal is \$61,175.....63.62%

Donors: **135**
of donors: 1,010.....13.37%
Participation goal 15.6%

DECIDE TO LEAD

www.CatholicAppeal.org

NOTES FROM DEB

Greetings all,

Sometimes important dates seem to converge on the calendar. Next week is one of those weeks. We celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 20. That is also the day of the presidential inauguration. On top of that, January 18 through January 25 is the week of prayer for Christian unity. Those are three rather loud calls to prayer!

Fr. Bill Burkert and I are members of the Green Corners Ecumenical group—a group of church leaders from Christian churches in Greenfield, Greendale, and Hales Corners. Every year we prepare the Good Friday ecumenical prayer service that takes place at St. Alphonsus, and we meet periodically to share faith and discuss the events of the day.

One of our recent discussions centered around the great (and I would say unprecedented) anxiety many in our congregations are experiencing—both those who were grateful for the election results and those who are disappointed. As a pastoral response, we are sponsoring a Prayer Service for Peace and Unity. This will take place on Sunday, January 19, at 4:30 pm at St. Stephen the Martyr Church, 6101 S. 51st Street, Greendale.

I invite you all to join us. This new year will bring on many new challenges. Let's take those on by steeping ourselves in prayer with our Christian brothers and sisters.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Responsibility

Responsibility is the willingness to be accountable for our choices. Others can depend on us to do what we say we can do and to give our best effort. We take on what is ours to do with commitment and reliability. It is important to discern what responsibility belongs to us and what belongs to others. When we make mistakes, we have the courage to change for the better. We make amends instead of excuses.

The Baptism of Jesus happens to signal the ministry of Jesus can begin. Can our baptism signal a call to pay attention to the ways we can make a difference in our world today?

SUN 12

MON 13

TUE 14

8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert) Church
9:00 pm GIFT Hall
10:30 am Liturgy (Jurkus) Church
11:30 am Environment Change Church

11:30 am Resurrection Choir Rm 9
1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10
6:30 pm Building & Grounds Rm 3

1:00 pm Art Guild
Open Studio Rm 4
3:00 pm Food Pantry Rm 7

COMMUNITY LIFE

FORMATION

Our Condolences

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

In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Fred & Carol Stack
From
Dennis & Kathy Sopik

In loving memory of
Elaine Acker
From
Susan & Mark Rixel
Robert & Mary Ellen Acker
Elizabeth Heal & Mark Heal
Bryon & Margaret Pulkownik
Dawn & Steven Brandhagen
Grace Czarnecki
Mary Crisp
Karen Schulist
Craig & Mary Paula Mueller
Gregor Yank
Thomas & Kathleen Ignatowski
Gregory & Carrie Wagner

In loving memory of
Erline Miotke
From
Anonymous

7th/8th Grade Retreat

On Saturday, January 25, the 7th and 8th grade GIFT participants will be spending their day on retreat in Room 6 from 10:00 am–5:00 pm. Please keep them in prayer as they spend the day learning what it means to live as a servant leader and say hello to them at the 4:00 pm liturgy!

Thank You for a Wonderful Celebration!

A big thank you to the 65 parishioners who joined us for our New Year's Eve Potluck! We shared delicious food, fellowship, and joy as we counted down to London's New Year and watched their dazzling fireworks. Your participation made the evening unforgettable—here's to more great events in 2025!



THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
34TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025 | 1:30 P.M.
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MILWAUKEE, WI

GUEST SPEAKER: REV. FRED ALEXANDER OCD
PRESIDER: ARCHBISHOP JEFFREY S. GROB

Inclement weather date is January 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE

WED 15

THU 16

FRI 17

9:30 am Liturgy Church
10:15 am Faith Group Social Hall C
5:30 pm Staff/Councils Mtg. Rm 10

Office Closed

WORSHIP

Celebrating the Baptism of the Lord

It seems we've been celebrating Christmas for months now, almost since right after Halloween! But this weekend, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, signifies the official end of the Christmas season, and marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

For us, keeping the Baptism of the Lord "present" would mean to continually reflect on the significance of our baptism in our daily life and actions. Ways to do this might include:

- **Regular reflection:**
Take time to meditate on the meaning of your baptism, remembering the promises you made to God and the new life you entered into.
- **Active participation in church life:**
Engage with your church community, actively participating in prayer, fellowship, and serving others.
- **The power of community:**
Being part of a supportive Christian community can help you stay grounded in your faith and live out your baptism.

Peace to all in this new year!



Scripture Readings for January 18/19

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5 | Psalm 96 | 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 | John 2:1-11

SAT 18

11:00 am Walking Through
Grief Together Rm 3
12:00 pm Fleece Blanket Event Hall
4:00 pm Liturgy (Jurkus) Church

SUN 19

8:00 am Liturgy (Drenzek) Church
9:00 am Sacrament Prep Hall
10:30 am Liturgy (Suriano) Church

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased."

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates:

January 14 and 28

Please note the date changes from previous bulletins.

2025 Food Pantry Calendar

January 14 and 28
February 11 and 25
March 11 and 25
April 22
May 6 and 20
June 3 and 17
July 15 and 29
August 12 and 26
September 9 and 23
October 21
November 4 and 18
December 2, 16, and 30

Most needed items: spaghetti sauce, jelly, Chef boy R Dee, condiments, and canned meats. 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

Email Scams

On January 2, an email scam posing as Deb went out to a number of staff members and parishioners. This presents an opportunity to remind everyone how we communicate to you and how you can know it is us.

- Any email we send will come from an ololmke.org extension. If it is from Gmail, archmil.org, or any other address, it is not from us. The archdiocese still uses archmil.org, but parishes do not.
- We will not ask you for gift cards, donations, or a generic call for help through email or text.
- If you are unsure about an email or text you have received, call the Parish Office to confirm it is from us.

Open Our Hearts to Nonviolence

The Season for Nonviolence is the time between January 30, the anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's assassination, and April 4, the anniversary of the assassination of Dr Martin Luther King Jr. It was established in 1998 as a tool to spread awareness. During these 64 days we are invited to work towards creating a culture of nonviolence in our lives and our communities. Nonviolence is not just the absence of violence, but it is establishing practices and actions which help all people be treated with dignity. It becomes a force to help win rights and freedoms, ensure affordable education, work towards renewable energy sources, and restore dignity to all people.

Nonviolence includes finding a place for all at the table by working towards establishing a support system for all migrants and immigrants, for the LGBTQ community, for people of color, and other oppressed peoples. It means we need to look at our own actions and beliefs and begin to make some changes in how we approach the larger community around us.

The goal of the Season for Nonviolence is to inspire individuals to make daily nonviolent choices and to take action centered around the five pillars of nonviolence: respect, understanding, acceptance, appreciation, and compassion. Mahatma Gandhi said, "Be the change that you wish to see in the World."

To participate in the Season of Nonviolence sign up at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/.

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. (Luke 6:27)
Patti Sereno, Social Justice Committee

DISCIPLESHIP

Living Our Baptismal Call

As Catholics, we are called to a life of mission and evangelization. We are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others and to help them come to know and love Him. We are also called to live our lives in such a way that others may see Christ in us and be drawn to Him.

Baptism is the sacrament through which we become children of God. Our baptismal call is to live our lives as faithful witnesses to Christ. We must take what we already know of Jesus—His values, His vision, His message, His way of life and apply it to our lives. We must make it our own without losing its integrity.

Ultimately, it is up to each of us to live our lives for Christ and to make a commitment to living our baptismal call. It is not always easy, but it is so worth it to know that we are doing our part to build up the Kin'dom of God.

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