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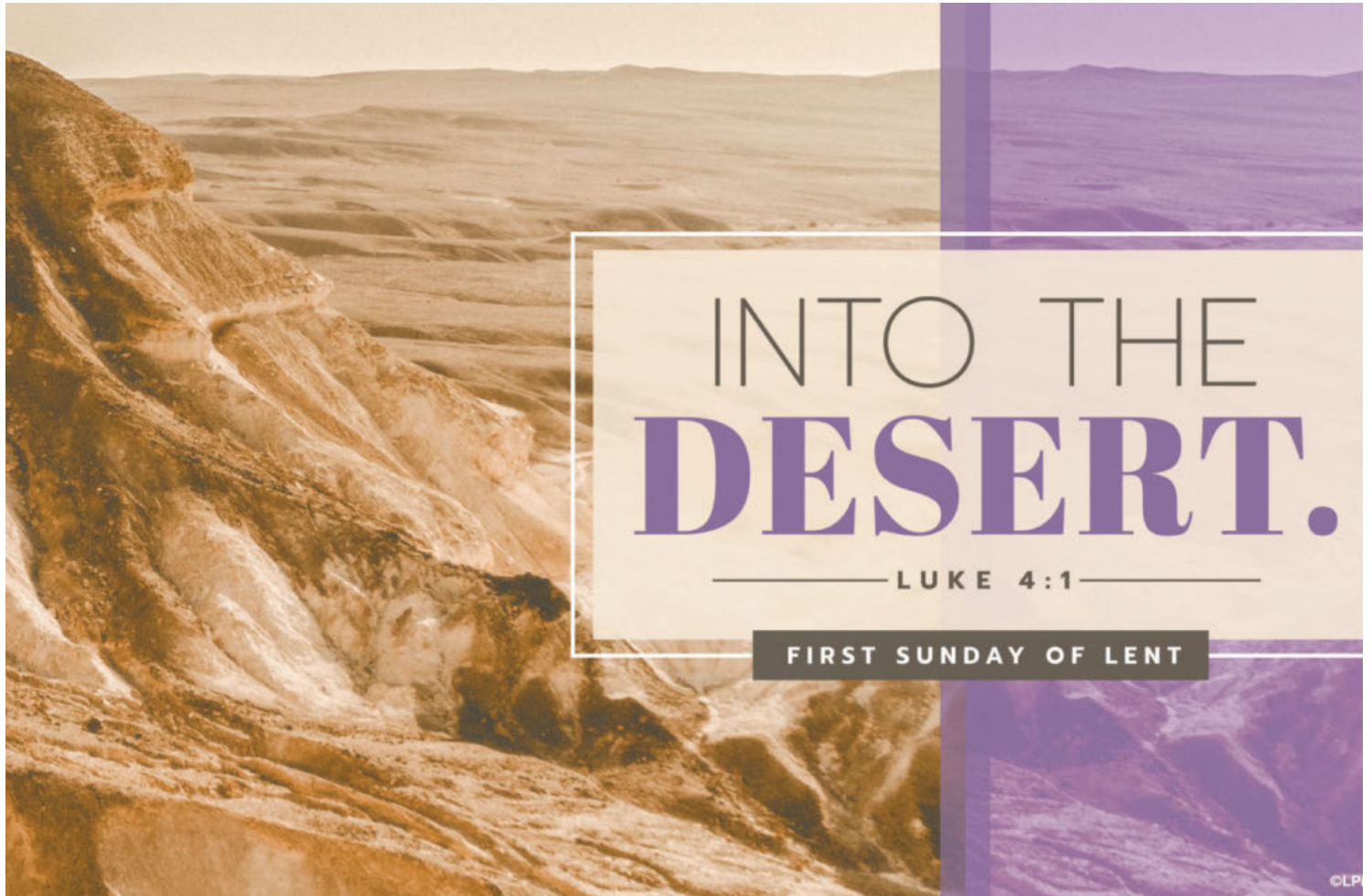
1st Sunday of Lent



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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - February 2025

	ACTUAL <i>As of 2/27/25</i>	BUDGETED <i>for Feb</i>
Reg. Envelopes	\$56,460.51	\$65,416.67
Offertory.....	\$3,241.91	\$3,333.37

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: February 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Operating Income	\$705,452.47	\$654,372.90
Operating Expense.....	\$584,275.54	\$615,319.72

Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24...	\$169,666.89
Donations.....	\$248,146.76
Expenses.....	\$91,503.75
Balance (2/27/25)	\$326,309.90

THANK YOU!

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

Love One Another

(Quarter Ending 12/31/24)

Donations: **\$65,739.00**
Parish Received **\$38,897.40**

Deposited 2/21/25

*Thank you for your continued support
of this campaign!*

NOTES FROM DEB

Dear parishioners,

It is with great joy that I tell you that we have six people who will be entering the Catholic Church at Our Lady of Lourdes at the Easter Vigil on April 19! Please hold in prayer our four catechumens who will be baptized and two candidates who will be received into the church. It is such a blessing that these folks who are following God's call into the faith have chosen to do this in our parish family. May they know God's faithful love and the support of this faith community as they journey toward the sacraments this Easter.

Your shepherd,
Deb Steppe

A few weeks ago, Fr. Dave Cooper used a prayer found on a scrap of paper during the 1945 liberation of the Ravensbruck Concentration Camp in his homily. Several people asked for copies of the prayer:

Lord, remember not only the people of good will but also those of ill will. But do not remember all the suffering they have inflicted upon us. Remember rather the fruits we have brought, thanks to this suffering: our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, the courage, the generosity, the greatness of heart that has grown out of this. And when they come to judgement, let all the fruits we have borne be their forgiveness. Amen.



VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Diligence

Diligence is doing what needs to be done with care, concentration, and single-pointed attention. When we work with diligence, we give our absolute best. Diligence is needed in tending our relationships. We choose them with discernment, then give them our full commitment, joy, love, and excellence to keep them strong and alive.

The Gospel reminds us of the ways in which Jesus was tested. We are tested today in many ways. Talk about how you handle your temptations with diligence.

SUN 9

8:00 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church
9:00 am Sacrament Prep	Hall
9:30 am OCIA Mtg.	Rm 6
10:30 am Liturgy (Burkert)	Church

MON 10

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
6:30 pm Building & Grounds	Rm 3

TUE 11

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

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

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

Wednesday Faith Group

All are welcome to join the Wednesday Faith Group on March 19 for the 9:30 am Mass followed by breakfast and fellowship in the Hall. At 10:45 am, Attorney Sonia Komisar with the Elder Financial Empowerment Project through the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging & Health Groups will be presenting on cybersecurity.

Please call Parish Office if you plan to attend.

Oktoberfest Meeting

Wednesday, March 12

7:00 pm

Room 3

Topic: Publicity

Join us with fresh ideas to help spread the word about Oktoberfest!

Women's Spirituality Group Meeting

Wednesday, March 12

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Discussion and reflection, lead by fellow parishioners, of next weekend's scripture readings. All women welcome (ages 18-100+)!

FORMATION

A Study in Hope at GIFT Sunday, March 16

Join us for GIFT on Sunday, March 16, at 9:00 am in the Hall, as Maggie Russell will facilitate a discussion and reflection on the movie *Big Hero 6*. How is this film connected to the virtue of hope? Come and see. Please call the Parish Office if you are not registered for GIFT and would like to join us for this session.

The Gilded Carcanet: An Intergenerational Escape Room Adventure!

Friday, March 28

6:15 pm–8:15 pm

Parish Hall

\$5 per household. RSVP now to join the fun!

Embark on a thrilling treasure hunt with Professor Wilson! Solve clues, savor themed treats, and enjoy a fully interactive mystery.

Something New in the Library

From time to time a section of the library will feature books by a particular author or on a particular topic. There will typically be a notice in the bulletin and those books will be out for two weeks. Featured books starting with the first Sunday of Lent, March 9, will be about Lent/Easter and books by or about Pope Francis.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Forest Home Ave. Resurfacing (Janesville Road to 45th Street)

Approximately five miles of Forest Home Ave., between Janesville Road and 45th Street in the city of Milwaukee will be reduced to one lane of travel in each direction for the duration of the project. Overnight or short-term closures on various ramps are anticipated.

This project is scheduled to begin in late March 2025 and be completed late fall 2025.

Learn more at projects.511wi.gov/24resurf/

WED 12

THU 13

FRI 14

9:30 am Communion Service Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group Hall BC
6:30 pm GIFT Core Team Virtual
6:30 pm Women's Spirituality Rm 7
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg. Rm 4
7:00 pm GASIC Virtual
7:00 pm Liturgy Team Mtg. Rm 3

1:00 pm Green Corners
Ecumenical Group Rm 10
3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Choir Church
6:30 pm Social Justice Cmte. Rm 3
6:30 pm Lenten Hope:
An Evening Prayer
Service Church

Office Closed

WORSHIP

You Are Extraordinary!

OLOL is an active and vibrant community full of caring individuals who offer their time and support in more ways than can be counted! One of these areas of involvement is our Eucharistic Ministers! Each weekend, our community needs between 8 and 10 ministers at each Mass to assist with the distribution of Communion. These “extraordinary” ministers, as they used to be called, are the family members sitting next to you, in front of you, or across the aisle from you at church. In fact, they might even be **you**. Do you think you can step up and become one of our ‘extraordinary’ ministers at one of our weekend liturgies?

If you're interested, reach out to Nancy Short for more information and to answer any questions.

Music Meets Faith: A Praise and Worship Concert

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend a special night of praise and worship music. This debut performance by Blessed Acclaim—a new group including two of our own parishioners, Meg Doering and Jim Van Deusen—will take place in church on Friday, March 21, at 7:00 pm. Attendance is free.

Easter Vigil Choir

It's been wonderful having seasonal choirs throughout the year. In case you don't know, these groups give you the opportunity to sing for special services, with a **very** short-term commitment. Here are the important dates for this year's Easter Vigil Choir:

Rehearsals – Please attend all three if possible. If you need to miss one, it cannot be the last one.

March 31 and April 7, 6:00 pm–7:15 pm

April 14, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Vigil Mass —April 19, 7:00 pm (meet at 6:00 pm)

Lent 2 Questions for Reflection:

In what way has my faith transformed and helped me to be a better person? Where am I in need of transformation in my life?

Scripture Readings for March 15/16

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 | Psalm 27 | Philippians 3:17-4:1 | Luke 9:28b-36

OUTREACH

From St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: March 11 and 25

Most needed items: canned vegetables (all varieties), Knorr sides (both rice and pasta), and canned ready to serve soup. 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

No St. Ben's in March

Our Lady of Lourdes will not be preparing, collecting, or serving food for St. Ben's Meal Program on March 12. The downtown St. Ben's Meal Program staff will prepare and serve the meal on that Wednesday. This is just for March only. OLOL will resume the St. Ben's ministry on April 9.

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 March 13, at 6:30 pm, in Room 3. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.

Save the Date!

Our next blood drive is Tuesday, April 22. Sign-up will begin April 5. Give blood. Save a life.



SAT 15

SUN 16

11:00 am Walking Through Grief Together Rm 3 Church
4:00 pm Liturgy (Abert) Church

8:00 am Liturgy (Drenzek) Church
9:00 am GIFT Hall
10:30 am Liturgy (Marco) Church
10:30 am OCIA Mtg. Rm 6

SPOTLIGHT

Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day.

Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or “giving something up” for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, “and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10).



What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits?

If you're struggling with ideas for how to “fill your basket,” it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side.

What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you'll hear it more than once.

What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?

What keeps you from being grateful—especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?

What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away?

What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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DISCIPLESHIP

Covenant Love

Tuesday, April 1

7:00 pm

Room 10

Facilitated by: Dr. Harry Fleddermann

The Bible reflects constantly on our relationship with God, and the most profound of these reflections center on God's love for us. This session will explore a central term “covenant love” that the Bible returns to repeatedly to describe God's love for us and the response God seeks from us. Reflecting on “covenant love” will allow us to probe what we can call the deep structure of love.

Online Rosary—The Sorrowful Mysteries

Tuesday, April 8

Zoom

7:00 pm

Join with other members of our faith community to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary from the comfort of your own home. Connect with Jesus in his sufferings as never experienced before. Join us for this unique Lenten experience.

Registration is required for either event and can be done on the Discipleship Institute web page at ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/ or through the Parish Office.

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