

APR 6, 2025

5th Sunday of Lent



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church

... a pilgrim church
coming to know
the kingdom of God
by being Christ
to the world.



HAS NO ONE
CONDEMNED
YOU?

— JOHN 8:10 —

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

3722 S. 58th Street | Milwaukee, WI 53220-2053 | (414) 545-4316

EUCCHARIST:

SAT 4:00 PM

SUN 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

WED 9:30 AM

PARISH DIRECTOR

DEB STEPPE

Office: (414) 545-4316 x113

CONNECT:

WEBSITE ololmke.org

EMAIL office@ololmke.org

FACEBOOK /ololmke

INSTAGRAM /ololmke

YOUTUBE @ololmke

JOIN THE PARISH: ololmke.org/become-a-member



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Parish Support - March 2025

| | ACTUAL | BUDGETED |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | <u>As of 3/21/25</u> | <u>for March</u> |
| Reg. Envelopes | \$49,867.00 | \$65,416.67 |
| Offertory | \$2,312.96 | \$3,333.37 |

Budget Updates Fiscal Year: March 2025

| | ACTUAL | BUDGETED |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Operating Income | \$760,206.44 | \$717,724.98 |
| Operating Expense | \$673,233.62 | \$689,429.46 |

Improvement Fund Updates

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Beg. Balance 7/1/24... | \$169,666.89 |
| Donations | \$250,379.64 |
| Expenses | \$140,951.91 |
| Balance (3/26/25) | \$279,094.62 |

THANK YOU!

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

Love One Another

(Quarter Ending 2/27/25)

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

Holy Week

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to participate in our Holy Week liturgies beginning next Sunday. Please consider being a part of this most sacred time of our religious year. Our prayer will be made more full and more vibrant with your presence.

Our Palm Sunday liturgies begin with our joyful hosannas and our procession of palms. The somberness of hearing the Passion of Jesus in the Gospel sets us on our Holy Week spiritual journey.

Holy Thursday – April 17

7:00 pm—Mass of the Lord’s Supper in church.

Good Friday – April 18

12:00 pm—Guided meditation on the Stations of the Cross in Church
2:00 pm—Green Corners Ecumenical group carries the cross through Greendale
3:00 pm—Green Corners Good Friday service at St. Alphonsus
7:00 pm—Friday of the Passion of the Lord—service in church including a presentation of the Passion and an opportunity to venerate the cross.

Holy Saturday – April 19

11:00 am—Blessing of the Easter foods in church
7:00 pm—The Vigil of Easter—we tell the story of our faith, we light the Easter fire, and six people receive the Sacraments of Initiation. We celebrate the Paschal Mystery—the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Easter Sunday – April 20

8:00 am—Easter Sunday liturgy
10:30 am—Easter Sunday liturgy with a special gathering for young children.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Decisiveness

Decisiveness is firmness of mind in taking a stand or making a decision. It requires us to be both courageous and discerning. At times, a choice appears and we must make it instantly, without hesitation, prompted by a deep knowing that it is right and timely. We seek a pure intent, which guides us to a conclusion we can trust. Then we know it is time to act. We move forward with resolve and confidence. We are content with our decisions and do not second guess ourselves.

In the Gospel, the woman receives the call to transform her life. She must recall and cast off her past ways and consider living without sin and follow Jesus. We are left to wonder what the woman decides to do and reflect on what our own response will be.

Can you think of a decision that you need to have the courage to make?

SUN 6

Blood Drive Sign-up
 8:00 am Liturgy (Marco) Church
 9:00 am GIFT Hall
 10:00 am OCIA Mtg. Rm 6
 10:30 am Liturgy (Drenzek) Church
 11:30 am Environment Change Church

MON 7

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group Rm 10
 6:00 pm Easter Vigil Choir Rehearsal Church
 6:30 pm Lazarus Planning Mtg. Rm 10

TUE 8

1:00 pm Art Guild
 Open Studio Rm 4
 5:30 pm Triduum Movement Ministry Rehearsal Church
 7:00 pm Sorrowful Mysteries Online Rosary Virtual

COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Robert R. Wasielewski, Peter Majchrzak, 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 May 7 for the 9:30 am Mass followed by snacks and fellowship in the Hall. At 10:45 am, Officer Ward from the District 6 police station will present "How to Stay Safe in Our Homes and Community. Please call Parish Office if you plan to attend.

Oktoberfest Meeting

Wednesday, April 9
7:00 pm
Room 3
Topic: Beverages, Popcorn, and Black Forest

All are welcome as we make plans for the beverages, Black Forest Café, popcorn, and pretzels at Oktoberfest!

Women's Spirituality Group Meeting

Wednesday, April 9
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

Good Friday Guided Meditation Service

Experience the Stations of the Cross in a unique way on Friday, April 18, at 12:00 pm, using the medium of sand to deepen your reflection. Join us for a time of prayer and meditation as we journey with Christ. All are welcome to participate in this meaningful service.

Safe Environment Week

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes March 30–April 6 as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in the month of April, which is recognized around the country as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church's efforts to keep our children safe. We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training for children in each grade level; and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws.

Children's Easter Service

Our Easter Service for children ages 3-6 will take place during the 10:30 am liturgy on Easter Sunday, April 20. Volunteers, aged 14 and older, are needed. Justine Schwanz will lead the event again this year. Call or e-mail Steve Szymanski if you are interested in helping out.

HALLWAY ART SHOW

Poetry Reading—April 8, 1:00 pm

Just a reminder, you are invited to attend the "Poetry Reading" for the Exphraisis Writing Exhibition. We will take to the halls, and poets will read their poems, inspired by artwork chosen from, "The Rainbow Connection," the 2025 Hallway Art Gallery Exhibition. Listeners will have a chance to engage in dialogue with the poets and artists whose work was chosen to be featured with a poem.

There is still time to submit a poem, essay, short story, or a personal journal entry to share from a work that inspires you. You may continue sending submissions to Mary Beth at jrjavorek@yahoo.com for display throughout the entire run of the expedition.

WED 9

THU 10

FRI 11

7:00 am St. Ben's Meal Prep Kitchen
9:30 am Communion Service Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group Hall BC
5:30 pm Triduum Movement
Ministry Rehearsal Church
6:30 pm Women's Spirituality
Group Rm 7
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Mtg. Rm 3
7:00 pm GASIC Virtual

9:00 am Stewardship Mailing
Prep Rm 4
3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Choir Church
6:30 pm Social Justice Cmte. Rm 3
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross Church

Office Closed

WORSHIP

Holy Thursday?
April 17, 7:00 pm

Why do we strip the Sanctuary on Holy Thursday?

This is a wonderful question to ask. It reminds us of the power and meaning of the symbols and rituals we celebrate during the “High Holy Days of the Triduum”.

Scripturally, after celebrating the Passover Meal, we find Jesus retreating to a prayerful spot known to him as the Garden of Gethsemane. It is here that he agonizingly prays and meditates on what he is called to do and experience the following day.

Liturgically, we strip away all remnants of the meal we just shared and are called to follow Jesus, as his disciples did, to a place of silence. Whether in the chapel of repose, or in our homes, we are called to ponder the redemptive love and suffering Jesus was willing to sacrifice on our account.

Let us join with Christ in silent deep reflection as we journey these final days to Easter!

Why is the Eucharist moved to a “place of repose” at the end of this liturgy?

This liturgical movement or procession is a commemoration of Jesus’ withdrawal to the prayerful garden of Gethsemane, where he asked his closest friends to pray with him for strength and courage to face what is to come. Instead, we know that these followers fall asleep with fear and confusion in their hearts.

We are tasked, at this period in our Lenten Journey, to stay awake and ask for the ability and stoutheartedness to face the challenges within our own lives. These challenges could be health issues, financial dread, painful relationships or generalized anxiety about the future.

The Chapel of Repose will be in Room 3 again this year and will be open for one hour following the Holy Thursday and Good Friday services. Whether in the chapel, in our homes or out of doors, let us take time to be united in hope-filled reflection and prayer.

Scripture Readings for April 12/13

Passion Sunday

Luke 19:28-40 | Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm 22 | Philippians 2:6-11 |
Luke 22:14-23:56

OUTREACH

St. Ben’s Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor’s meal program on Wednesday, April 9. 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 April 10, at 6:30 pm, in Room 3. We invite you to be our guest to learn more about our mission and activities.

Thank You from the Human Concerns Committee

Your donations to the La Causa Crisis Nursery and Respite Center were **amazing!** The Center was truly overwhelmed with your abundant generosity! For over 30 years, they have worked to keep children safe from abuse and neglect and your donations will support these efforts. You truly are disciples helping those in need. **Thank you!**

Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: April 22, May 6 and 20

Most needed items: jelly, boxed potatoes, Hamburger Helper, and spaghetti sauce. 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

SAT 12

SUN 13

Blood Drive Sign-up
4:00 pm Liturgy (Burkert) Church

Blood Drive Sign-up
8:00 am Liturgy (Marco) Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Drenzek) Church
11:30 am Environment Change Church
2:00 pm Movement Ministry
Rehearsal Church

SPOTLIGHT

My Spiritual Home

I was reflecting on how I came to join Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. When living in Massachusetts, some 30 years ago, I came back to visit my family. My dear sister Ramona brought me to OLOL for Mass. I believe she knew I would feel at home and be welcomed in this faith community. When I moved back to Wisconsin, I church hopped but continued returning to OLOL. It felt God was guiding me and continues to guide me.

Why do I continue choosing OLOL?

Leadership: Pastor Deb, Fr. Bill, Deacon Bill influence the spirit of a home and helps make OLOL what it is. Our spiritual leaders guiding us in our faith.

Music feeds the soul; Anne knows exactly how to help us pray with music. Influenced by **example**, I observed over the years, a young lad, serving as an altar boy. Now years later, he is a pediatric Doctor continuing to attend OLOL with his father.

Fr. Bill's **belief**, he alone does not have the only wisdom of Mass readings, so calls on parishioners to share their wisdom.

The **greeters** Jenny and Linda (the Mass I attend) welcome us by name as we enter the church. One knows we are in the House of a Loving God.

The various **parishioners** that make up OLOL: young families with their children, teaching them at a young age, family prayers together.

OLOL is made up of **incredible human beings**, no one is perfect but striving to be our best self by supporting one another. Because of all of this I keep coming back to OLOL.

Jacqueline Dombrowski
Member of the Pastoral Council

Join us this
Holy Week!

Holy Thursday – April 17
7:00 pm

Good Friday
Guided Meditation – April 18
12:00 pm

Good Friday – April 18
7:00 pm

Easter Vigil – April 19
7:00 pm

Easter Sunday – April 20
8:00 am & 10:30 am

DISCIPLESHIP

The Art of Listening – A Listening Workshop

Tuesday, April 22

6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Room 10

Facilitated by: Jean Groshek – Alverno College

Do you feel like nobody listens anymore?

Listening is an art that requires practice, skill, spirit, and inspiration. Listening builds trust and understanding. Join us for this opportunity to improve or sharpen your listening skills as a disciple of Christ. The evening will feature exercises to strengthen listening skills with ample time for discussion and reflection.

Activating the Body of Christ

Tuesdays – April 29, May 6, and 13

6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Online on Zoom

Facilitated by: Anita Hallman-Kowalski

Activating the Body of Christ invites us to look at “how” we can make a difference. Through panel and individual presentations, we will discuss how to respond to social justice issues; respectful dissenting; and what am I willing to do. Conversation and questions are a must!

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

STAFF EMAIL

Patricia Fabian (Administration)
fabianp@ololmke.org

Bill Goulding (Deacon)
office@ololmke.org

Paul Kuenzi (Maintenance)
kuenzip@ololmke.org

Ken Marshman (Maintenance)
marshmank@ololmke.org

Julie Petri (Admin. Asst.)
petrij@ololmke.org

Marc Puechner (Communications)
puechnerm@ololmke.org

Cindi Roark (Finance)
roarkc@ololmke.org

Maggie Russell (Formation Ministry)
russellm@ololmke.org

Nancy Short (Liturgy Asst.)
shortn@ololmke.org

Deb Steppe (Parish Director)
stepped@ololmke.org

Steve Szymanski (Child Ministry)
szymanskis@ololmke.org

Anne Van Deusen (Music Ministry)
vandeusena@ololmke.org

YOUR ONE STOP AUTO REPAIR SHOP
DAVE'S GARAGE
 Transmissions
 Tune-Up
 Brakes • A/C
 Alignment - Engines-Repair/Rebuild
 Brakes & Computer Diagnostics
 Maintenance Service
 5454 W. Forest Home Ave.
 321-5450

Kathy's Shade Shop LLC
 Full line of Custom Window Treatments
 Professional Installation & Repairs
 9034 W. National Ave • West Allis, WI 53227
 414-321-1850 • www.kathysshadeshop.com

BAYCHAR AUTO SERVICE
 Auto and Light Truck Repair
 Trustworthy since 1954
 414-543-4111 • baycharauto.com
 6733 W Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee

RAY'S BUTCHER SHOPPE
 SUNDAY SPECIAL
 6 ROLLS FREE WITH THE PURCHASE OF 1 # HOT HAM
 4640 W. Loomis Rd., Greenfield 423-1322

Schaff Funeral Home
 Family Owned & Operated
 5920 W. Lincoln Ave.
 414-541-7533
 www.schafffuneralhome.com

HENRY P. FONS
Attorney At Law
 Estate Planning
 Wills • Probate • Trusts
 Real Estate • General Practice
 Personal Injury
 7115 W. Forest Home Ave.
 414-327-2323

ADT-Monitored Home Security
 Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust
 • Burglary • Flood Detection
 • Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide
 ADT Authorized Provider SafeStreets
 833-287-3502

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

ANCHOR PRINTING, INC.
 For ALL Your PRINTING NEEDS!
 Mon. - Fri. 9-5
 Sat. Eves. By Appt.
 (414) 321-9421 **15% OFF** Your First Order
 6211 W. Forest Home Ave. • Milwaukee, WI 53220

BRUSKIEWITZ FUNERAL HOME
 Bruskiewitz Family Owned and Operated
 Dan Bruskiewitz, Director
 5355 W. Forest Home Ave.
 414-321-1700 ForestHomeFunerals.com



FREE AD DESIGN
 with purchase of this space
 CALL 800-950-9952

TROUBLE HEARING? LET US HELP!
 Free Hearing Test by a Licensed Hearing Specialist
 Call Now - 414-533-0036 or visit bswhearing.com
 B. S. Wisniewski Hearing Centers, 60th & Coldspring
 Parishioner Discounts • Catholic owned • Call Today
 Jordan Wisniewski HIS

Discount LIQUOR INC.
 Beer - Soda - Wine - Liquor
 Daily 9 - 9 • Sunday 10 - 2
 5031 W. Oklahoma 545-2175
 WWW.DISCOUNTLIQUORINC.COM

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

MAX A. SASS & SONS
 FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICE
 Pre-Need Lunch & Learn Seminars Held Monthly
 Call 414-649-1739 for more info
 www.maxsass.com

Gene Wagner
PLUMBING CO., INC.
 A COMPANY YOU CAN TRUST
 414-541-9217
 www.genewagnerplumbing.com

Compliments of
Zaganczyk Family
 Parish Members Since 1964

THREE CORNERS DENTAL
 4410 W. Oklahoma Ave.
 Milwaukee, WI 53219
 414-545-0770
 Accepting New Patients

Tower Chicken Farm, Inc.
 Fresh Turkeys, Chickens, Duck, Geese
 • Kielbasa Polish Sausage
 • Great Variety of Chicken Sausages
 Summer Sausage • Beef Sticks
 Chicken Burgers • Pierogi
 4111 S. 6th St. • 744-7151

AM Accounting and Tax Services LLC
ALICE ZAGANCZYK
 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
 INDIVIDUAL AND BUSINESS TAX RETURN PREPARATION
 Starting at \$100
 1123 N Water St., Ste 300 Milwaukee, WI 53202
 414-231-9138
 www.amaccountingonline.com

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?
 Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.
 Visit lpicommunities.com

ALLIS
 AUTOMOTIVE CENTER
 6205 W Lincoln Ave | West Allis, WI 53219
 414-541-3648
 Count on our over 30 years of repair experience

NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!
SUBSCRIBE
 Have our bulletin emailed to you every week.
 Visit www.parishesonline.com



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

SHORT STAFFED?
 Place an ad here to find new local talent for your business.
 CALL 800-950-9952

catholicmatch® Wisconsin
 CatholicMatch.com/WI

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
 Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!
CONTACT ME Timothy Brinckerhoff
 tbrinckerhoff@4LPi.com or
 (800) 477-4574 x6424

Become the **AMAZING**
DONOR

*Unlock Your
Superpower!*



DONATE BLOOD

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH BLOOD DRIVE!

Blood transfusions are a lifeline for countless individuals. From accident victims to cancer patients, those who need blood transfusions often face life-threatening situations. Every donation has the potential to save multiple lives. Whether you're battling a chronic illness, recovering from surgery, or simply helping a neighbor in need, blood transfusions can be the difference between life and death.

Tuesday
April 22
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Church Hall
3722 S 58th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53220

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT: Visit the link below or call
877.232.4376 to secure your spot today:



tinyurl.com/ourlady422



 **versiti**
Blood Center of Wisconsin