



The Angelus

June 2024

From the Rector's Desk

I am deeply affected in my soul by the created world. These days, I see so much green, so many birds, fingerling fish near the shoals of the lake, vegetables sprouting in my backyard, chickens laying eggs, bees building comb and hatching more bees, irises standing tall and spreading in so many colors....

We Christians have a crucial role to play in the eternal life of the creation itself. That's what the Apostle tells us in his letter to the Romans. "Because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." Can you believe it? Our resurrection life as the baptized is the beginning of setting the created universe free from death!

Let's remember that the next time we see the beautiful grounds and columbarium at Grace, when we walk along the lake, when the wind fills a sail, when we wake up in the morning and have another day of life.

Peace,
WLB+

Update on Fond du Lac, Milwaukee, and Eau Claire Dioceses



On Saturday, May 4th in a historical event the three Episcopal dioceses in Wisconsin voted overwhelmingly to reunite as the Diocese of Wisconsin.

The Stones We Carry

On May 18th, eleven faithful pilgrims set out from St. Peter's in Sheboygan Falls towards the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on a walking pilgrimage. The group represented Grace, St. Peter's in Falls, and St. Peter's in Ripon. The sky was blue and the sun shining throughout the journey. The overall walk took four hours that journeyed through downtown Sheboygan Falls, past local farms before intersecting with the Old Plank Trail, past Kohler, and then into Sheboygan along Erie Avenue all the way to Grace. Many thanks To Bill and Deb Gagin who stepped in as trail angels by providing emergency transportation and snacks at various stops along the way.

We stopped at five points on the trail to participate in a walking Rosary where each point offered the opportunity to focus on the Joyful Mysteries of Our Lord. This was accompanied by penitential prayer offerings and lifting up the prayer requests that are submitted to the Shrine. When we arrived, we each placed stones on the Altar which Our Lady sits in offering for her to pray for the burdens we each have.

Personally, I noticed a couple of things that caught my attention. The first was the immersion of where we were. As we said our prayers, we would have sounds of cars travelling by and birds chirping away. In the midst of our devotion that day, the world kept turning and God's creation was active. At times this was distracting but for me a good reminder of how intentional I need to be with my prayer life when the world often wants to get in the way and interrupt that sacred time. The second was the variety of travel each pilgrim had. Some were out front most of the way, eager to press on in their journey but would pause from time to time to let others catch up. Others would hang back at a slower pace but would keep moving so not to slow down the group too much. Both sets included rich conversation and fellowship. I couldn't help but see symbolism of all the faithful in that we all are on different steps of our own journey in life. Some are further down the path and some are a little further behind us. Even with this variety we continue in relationship with each other. Sometimes we are aware of it and sometimes not. The third was what was seen, heard, smelled, and witnessed on the path that was different than driving by. When walking through Sheboygan, we passed neighborhoods that historically have lower income families with lots of rental units. It is too easy for us to drive by every day and ignore the people that live there. Walking past these homes offers a different perspective than from a car window and perhaps brings light to how we can reach out to the strangers in our midst. I am thankful that this first walking pilgrimage was a success and look forward to future opportunities to witness God's presence out in the world!

Dcn. Paul Aparic



Guild of Saint Alban – Documentary Screening

On June 20th, we will celebrate two occasions. One is the Feast of Saint Alban, who is the patron saint of our refugee ministry. A short prayer service will be held in the doorway of the Church, where a devoted carving exists of this saint. The second is World Refugee Day.

In honor of this, we will be watching Human Flow, directed by Ai Weiwei, which examines the staggering scale of the refugee crisis and its profoundly personal human impact. If you have any questions then please contact Dcn. Paul Aparicio.



BRAT FRY SUMMARY 2024

The thought of Grace Church as a tapestry came to mind as I began writing this article on our fifth Miesfeld's brat fry fundraiser. We had stopped when the pandemic hit and this was the first opportunity to get back on the schedule. As you may or may not be aware, brat fries at Miesfeld's for non-profits are very popular and are booked at least 18 months out. Our parishioners could be thought of as a tapestry composed of interwoven threads, some us are wool or cotton, or even silk, gold or silver! We work a weave together to form pictures (or glimpses) of what it can be like to live in and be a part of a Christian community. In subtle ways, even at a brat fry we reach out in joy to others, weaving together (as we sit on a picnic bench and talk, or fry



brats, or work in the brat stand or assist elderly attendees), getting to know each other better and to show the community our love and concern for each other.

And isn't Grace Church a colorful tapestry; not yet finished but continuously weaving patterns of love, charity, hospitality, prayers and joy to others in this world and to each other?

Congratulations and many thanks for all the hard work the following parishioners did to make the brat fry on May 25, 2024 a smashing success! **Net total of \$2,500 (\$347 from the bake sale - leftovers were donated to the well deserving Coast Guard] was raised to help fund outreach programs. It also translates into grilling and selling 470 brats and 205 hamburgers!**

Please thank the following parishioners who volunteered their time and baked goods to make it such a success. A special thank you to Robert McMillan who chaired the event.

Our fabulous bakers:

Deb Gagin, Danie Wilson, Sarah Clabots Kim, Andrea and Leona Aparicio, Nancy Imig, Maya McMillan, Barb MacEwen, Jessica Ambelang, Mary Clabots, Jane Hanson, Anne Hanlon, Pat Sather, Pat Miller.

Brat Hut Staff:

Bob Wood, Fr. William, Bob MacEwen, Mary Snyder, Tom Wright, Tim Miller, Pat Miller, Dcn Paul Aparicio, Barb MacEwen

Bake Sale Table:

Tomomi Kanemaru, Deb Gagin, Andrea Aparicio, Leona Aparicio, Maya McMillan, Mary Snyder.

And the Brat Boys of Grace Fryers that made it happen:

Art Imig, Bill Gagin, Robert McMillan, Jostin McMillan, Jack Britton, John Davis, Fr. William, Tim Miller, Tom Wright, Dcn Paul Aparicio.

Many thanks to parishioners and friends who came to eat and buy goodies!





VETERANS IN THE GRACE CHURCH COLUMBARIUM

- Palmer Beebe (1933-2014)** Army 1956
Palmer was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant.
- Curtis Bawden (1935-2021)** Army 3yrs
- Wendall Davis (1920-2004)** Army 1943-1946
Wendall attended officer school, then served in the Pacific w/43rdDivision, Combat Engineers in New Guinea, the Philippines, & Japan
- Earl Hammett (1928—1996)** Army
- Robert Hansen (1927-1999)** Army 1946-1948
- Gerald Johnson (1933-2012)** Army 1953-1955
Gerald served in Seoul, South Korea.
- John Keller (1915-2005)** Army 1942-1945
John served in The Aleutian Campaign and in Europe in WW II.
- Henry Kunsman (1936-2000)** Army
Henry served during the Korean Conflict.
- Crawford Smith Jr. (1927-2019)** Navy 1946
Crawford served as a pharmacist mate on the USS Catocin
- Gordon Utes (1909-1969)** Army 1942-1945
Gordon was a staff sergeant in the 9301st Technical Service Unit during WW II
- F. Harrison Whaley (1920-1987)** Army 1945
Bud was a Lieutenant in the US Army Band & Orchestra during WW II
- Nancy Yurk (1938-2020)** Marines 4yrs
Nancy served as a communications specialist in South Carolina



April Financial Focus

April Income

\$ 48,729

YTD Income

\$ 157,140

Annual Budget 2024

\$ 309,321

April Expenses

\$ 26,700

YTD Expenses

\$ 112,237

Annual Budget 2024

\$ 332,298

April Vestry Highlights

- John Davis will schedule a spring clean up date
- Jeff Krueger has volunteered to cut the grass this summer.
- Fire suppression system was checked, good for another year.
- Kitchen hood inspection to be checked.
- Elevator phone to be installed and inspection and permit to be scheduled.
- Finance committee will meet to review restricted and unrestricted funds.
- Motion passed to disburse budgeted funds to Love, INC in support of the refugee ministry.



Mark Your Calendars

- June 2nd & 9th Fr. John Throop as Celebrant at Grace
- June 20 Guild of St. Alban: Documentary Screening at 6:30 p.m. at Nicholus Hall
- *The Angelus will be on vacation in the month of July, but we'll be back in print in August.*

June Birthdays

Tom Crouser	6/2
Leslie Kohler	6/4
Presley Norwick	6/4
Neng Yang	6/5
Jennifer Pawlus	6/6
Jay Gosse	6/8
John Throop	6/10
Crystal Lopez	6/11
MaryAnn Portz	6/12
Nicci Beeck	6/16
Ber May Htoo	6/16
Sadie Kim	6/19
Bea Kim	6/19
Jennie Bei	6/22
Mike Burg	6/28
Jostin McMillan	6/30

June Anniversaries

Bob & Barb MacEwen	6/15
Don & Nicci Beeck	6/16
Tony Fessler	6/19

July Birthdays

Douglas Jenkins	7/9
Konrad Testwuide	7/13
Debbie Imig	7/14
Greg Burgett	7/18
Claudia Fischer	7/20
Mia McMillan	7/22
Mary Snyder	7/24
Dustin Yang	7/25
Tomomi Kanemaru	7/29
Denise Yang	7/30
Mary Gallimore	7/31

July Anniversaries

Art & Nancy Imig	7/3
Steve & Alison Weinert	7/5
Keun Hwan Kim & Sarah Clabots-Kim	7/15
Bob & Debbie Imig	7/17
Cal & Betty Potter	7/19
Konrad & MaryJo Testwuide	7/28

Parish Staff

The Rt. Rev. Matthew A Gunter, *Bishop*
The Reverend William L. Bulson, *Rector*
The Reverend Paul D. Aparicio, *Deacon*
Clayton Logue, *Interim Organist-Choirmaster*
Crystal Lopez, *Parish Administrator*
Wally Martinez, *Sexton*

The Vestry

The Reverend William L. Bulson, *Chair*
Mary Snyder, *Senior Warden*
John Davis, *Junior Warden*
Brian Heck, *Treasurer*
Helen Mullison, *Chancellor*
Vestry: Jean-Margret Merrell-Beech, Jack Britton, Fr. Jack Connelly, Jane Hanson, Mary Gallimore, Shannon Luckey-Mueller, Robert McMillan, Connie Schneider, and Steve Weinert

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