

# The Angelus October 2023

#### From the Rector's Desk

Our annual Walsingham pilgrimage at Grace is this month, October 13 and 14! Thanks be to God! Please see the schedule in our bulletins, in this newsletter, on our website, and in the various advertisements we've put out in the region. It would be wonderful to have a big turnout from us Grace parishioners.

As I've written elsewhere, I've been asked some very good, fundamental questions by you as to what this pilgrimage, the Shrine to Our Lady of Walsingham, etc., are really about. The most helpful answer I can give is a classic Anglican one: Come and see. In our form of Christianity, faith and belief come in large measure from what we DO. So, the best way to find out what this pilgrimage and Mary stuff is all about, give it a try. Praying shapes believing.

But here's a bit more to consider about what the pilgrimage to our shrine can be about for us:

- 1. Pilgrimage—Christians have been going on pilgrimages to holy sites for centuries out of a sense of deep longing for something. What is the deepest longing we humans have? It's for God. And we know that making the effort to go someplace to fulfill that longing is transformative. What will God open us up to if we knock on the door, seek, ask?
- 2. Healing—The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in England and our Shrine at Grace are associated with healing. Healing is finally about wholeness: wholeness between my soul and body, wholeness and peace deep within, wholeness from physical or emotional damage. All these forms of healings flow from the knitting back together God and all of us human beings who are caught up in death and sin and all that separates us from God. What kind of healing and wholeness do you yearn for?
- 3. Mary—We rightly strive to get close to God. But the fact is that God first of all seeks after us. That's why God approached Mary so God could not only help us human beings, but rather change everything by becoming one of us. To approach Mary to know God in Christ more deeply is not a distraction with a faux goddess figure. Approaching her to dwell with her in the house at Nazareth is to be formed by her who formed the humanity of Jesus himself. If we are to become like Christ—and not just some "nice person"—we will offer ourselves to the same formative love that Jesus Himself had—with Mary.

I have loved growing in my faith with you at this shrine since I started living with you all. I know what a gift it is to me and to so many. And I look forward to seeing you on October 13 and 14.

Peace,

## **Anglican Quote**

Mother Mary Clare, Society of the Love of God, was a 20<sup>th</sup> century contemplative in England. She was a very important spiritual guide inside her monastery and outside it for decades.

"The essential heart of prayer is the throwing away of ourselves in self-oblation to God, so that he can do with us what he wills. Any form of prayer which does not incite a costing giving in love soon becomes sterile, dry, and a formal duty."

## Grace Gathering at Der Sheboygan Biergarten



A gathering of 19 parishioners and guests braved the hot and humid weather for the Grace Gathering at Der Sheboygan Biergarten September 3, 2023. Several people gathered at Grace for the group bicycle ride to the gathering. Der Sheboygan Biergarten tables were set with beverages, giant pretzels, sausages, cheese, chips & salsa and a multitude of other snack goodness. Some corn hole was played, lots of good conversations were had, boaters on the Sheboygan River

were waved to, and geese were watched promenading, resulting in a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon.





## **August Financial Focus**

August Income YTD Income Annual Budget 2023

\$ 14,723 \$ 208,601 \$ 311,941

August Expenses YTD Expenses Annual Budget 2023

\$ 33,625 \$ 228,688 \$ 337,664

## **Vestry Notes for August**

- 1. Credit card processing is being set up for the Walsingham Pilgrimage.
- 2. Overall Financial statements is healthy. Faithful pledging by members is helping to keep budget on track. Treasurer Brian Heck projects a budget deficit at year end of \$1,000 due to the loss of Ben Dobey as music director and resignation of Dcn Nicci Beeck. Also a sexton has yet to be paid in 2023.
- 3. A sexton has been hired, Jorge Gonzalez, and he will start in September.
- 4. Four parishioners are in training for healing ministry and it is planned they will be ready at the Walsingham Pilgrimage.
- 5. All Saints Chapel continues to have an average attendance of 45 and one Sunday as high as 58. An expanded schedule will be considered for next year.
- 6. Safety doors are here and John Davis is in process of scheduling installation.
- 7. John Davis recommends a camera for the Columbaria be installed to stream Easter and funerals. Cost is estimated at \$3,400 and could be taken from the Grace Abounds funds. Motion passed.
- 8. A training schedule is in process by John Davis for use of AED system (defibrillator.) NARCAN procurement and training is also in the schedule.
- 9. Elkhart Lake Brat Fry at Downtown night organized by Robert McMillan brought in a net profit of \$1,542.
- 10. Robert McMillan is chairing this year's stewardship committee.
- 11. Commemorative apparel for our 175 anniversary was displayed and pricing discussed. It is anticipated that some of merchandise will be available at Walsingham Pilgrimage.

## We are happy to share with you that Grace Gear is here!

In celebration of our 175th Anniversary, commemorative embroidered and screen printed wearables and more were created and unveiled at Mass on the Grass. Monies made from this project will be matched by a donation from the Grace Walsingham Foundation.

Our online store is now live at grace175.itemorder.com. Individuals can order goods with a credit card from this secure site; the preferred method of purchasing so no one has to handle cash. A nominal credit card fee will be applied at checkout. You will be notified when your order is ready for you to pick up at church. There is not an option to ship so we will address that on a case-by-case basis.

Finished samples are currently at church and we have them on display. Items available to order are shown unfinished with embroidery or screenprint placement detailed in writing for each item. Please direct questions to Mary Gallimore at <a href="migallimore@icloud.com">migallimore@icloud.com</a> or 920-946-2653. We look forward to seeing you in your new duds!



# The 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Pilgrimage to the Proto-Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

#### Friday, October 13, 2023

Quiet Day of Prayer and Meditation

• Led by Mother Hilary Crupi, Order of Julian of Norwich

7:30 A.M. Morning Prayer

12:00 P.M. Service for Noonday and Meditation

1:00 P.M. Confessions heard until 2:30 P.M.

3:00 P.M. Service of Prayer and Meditation

5:00 P.M. Holy Rosary

6:00 P.M. Solemn Evensong and Meditation

#### Saturday, October 14, 2023

7:30 A.M. Morning Prayer

10:30 A.M. Solemn Pontifical Mass with procession of Our Lady of Walsingham

- Celebrant: The Right Reverend Matthew A. Gunter,
   Eighth Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac.
- Preacher: The Reverend Christopher Arnold,
   The Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac

12:00 P.M. Luncheon in St. Nicholas Hall.

• \$20 per person. Reservations may be made at the link below until October 1. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C45A8AB22A5FA7-2023

2:00 P.M. Anointing with Walsingham water and Healing Prayer, musical offering, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## **Guardians of the Walsingham Shrine**

The Guardians of the Walsingham Shrine maintain and develop devotion at the shrine as part of Grace Church's ministry. Master of the Guardians is Fr William Bulson. He has appointed the following clergy to serve: Fr Coey of St Peter's (Sheboygan Falls), Dcn Nicci Beeck, Dn Paul Aparicio (Paul will conduct the Pilgrimage rehearsal service). Lay guardians are: Pat Ford Smith, Dr John Keller, and Sarah Pinno-Davis (St Peter's, Ripon). They have been charged with overall planning and executing of the Walsingham Pilgrimage.

## **Meals Ministry**

Cesar Chavez has been reported to have said, "The people who give you their food give you their heart." If you would like to be part of a group that offers food to people in the time of illness or other tough times, please call Pat Sather at (920) 980-3247. Also, please call the same number if you know of a parishioner who would appreciate a meal after surgery, at the time of illness or of loss



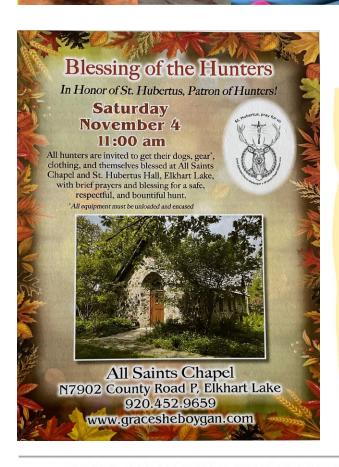
of a loved one, or just because. Let's offer our hearts.



### **Diocesan Convention is October 21, 2023**

The 149th Convention of the Diocese of Fond du Lac will take place on Saturday, October 21 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Menasha. All delegates - clergy canonically resident and laity elected from their congregations - are called to attend the convention to participate in a time of worship, fellowship, and diocesan business. The primary purpose is to elect members to diocesan bodies and to consider the presented proposal on the question of the reunification of the three Wisconsin dioceses. Our delegates are Fr William Bulson, Dr John Keller, Jack Britton, and Steve Larson. The alternate is Robert McMillan.





## Mark Your Calendars



- Oct. 4 Blessing of the Animals, 6:00 PM
- Oct. 7 Clean up day, 8:00 AM-noon
- Oct. 8 Grace Gathering, 3 Sheeps, 2:30
- Oct. 13-14 72nd Annual Walsingham Pilgrimage
- Oct. 21 Diocese of Fond du Lac 149th Convention, St. Thomas, Menasha
- Oct. 21 Love INC fundraising banquet
- Nov 1. All Saints, Wednesday, 6:00 PM
- Nov 2. All Souls, Thursday, 6:00 PM
- Nov. 4 Blessing of the Hunters, All Saints' Chapel
- Dec. 8 Holy Hour and Benediction, 6:00 PM

	Tom Ambelang	10/19
10/1	Flower Shine Lin	10/22
10/1	Peggy Montgomery	10/23
10/5	Doug Hamilton	10/25
10/8	Stuart Schmidt	10/28
10/10	Kathy Jenkins	10/29
10/12	Jill Stagner	10/30
10/13	October Anniversaries	
10/13	Mia & Robert McMillan	10/3
10/14	Brenda & Greg Burgett	10/7
10/14	Mary & Steve Gallimore	10/20
10/16	Katie & Jay Maki	10/24
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#### **Parish Staff**

The Right Reverend Matthew Gunter, *Bishop*The Reverend William Bulson, *Rector*The Reverend Paul Aparicio, *Deacon*Sandie Palmer, Karen Christopherson, *Interim Music Leaders* 

#### The Vestry

Jorge Gonzalez, Sexton

The Reverend William Bulson, *Chair*Mary Snyder, *Senior Warden*John Davis, *Junior Warden*Brian Heck, *Treasurer* 

Helen Mullison, Chancellor

Vestry: Jack Britton, Tasha Crouse, Mary Gallimore, Jane Hanson, Shannon Luckey-Mueller, Robert McMillan, Jean-Margaret Merrell-Beech, Pat Sather, Connie Schneider

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