



## The Angelus

June 2026

### From the Rector's Desk

I've recently been asked what the church service "Benediction" is.

The past couple of years, I've tried to make sure we have **Holy Hour** and **Benediction** about once a quarter. It doesn't always work out that way, but it's still offered some times throughout the year.

Benediction—with Holy Hour along with it—is centered on Christ fully present to us in His Body, the bread of life in the Eucharist. The Body of Christ is put in a special vessel that looks like a fancy cross, and it has a circular glass opening in the cross so the round host, or communion bread, is visible. This special cross is sometimes called a "monstrance."

During Holy Hour, the only thing we "do" is gaze upon the presence of Christ as we know Him in the bread of life, which He Himself calls His Body. No required emotions, no required insights, no required resolution to improve morally. Just beholding the One Who comes to us, in exactly the way He Himself has said he is with us.

Benediction is when the people in the pews are blessed as the priest lifts up the monstrance, makes the sign of the cross over the people, and blesses them with it. There are some traditional, brief hymns and psalms that are sung along with this blessing, too. But the point of it all is the blessing—the benediction—of those present with the full Presence of Christ Himself, in His full human flesh and soul and in His full divinity.

This brief explanation of what Benediction is can hardly communicate the full impact of gazing upon Christ Himself and being blessed by His presence is like. It's very easy to talk about being in love, but it's quite another thing to actually know Love by experiencing it. To know Christ more deeply through Benediction comes from making it a regular practice. You are humbly and sincerely invited.

Benediction will be offered next on Thursday, June 4, the feast of Corpus Christi; and after that during our Walsingham pilgrimage in October.

Stay tuned for other opportunities to be with Christ and thereby transformed in love, through Benediction.

Peace,  
WLB+

## “La Negrita” Liturgical Drama(May 5)

On Sunday, May 3, we enjoyed a special presentation of “**La Negrita**” Liturgical Drama following both Masses. Set in Costa Rica in the mid-1600s, the short play told the story of young children who discover a statue of Mary and her son, Jesus, in the wilderness of the Costa Rican jungle. As they try to bring the statue to their local church, the story unfolds with wonder, faith, and unexpected moments that remind us of God’s presence in surprising places.

We are grateful to **Addison and Clayton Spray**, who wrote and performed the music, and to **Vicky Nelson** and **Fr. Jack Connelly** for their leadership and support. We also give thanks to the performers: our **Sunday School children**, **Pat Ford Smith**, **Jack Britton**, **Shannon Luckey-Mueller** and **Fr. William Bulson**.

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, perform, and support this meaningful presentation, and to all who watched and shared in this special moment of faith, culture, and community.



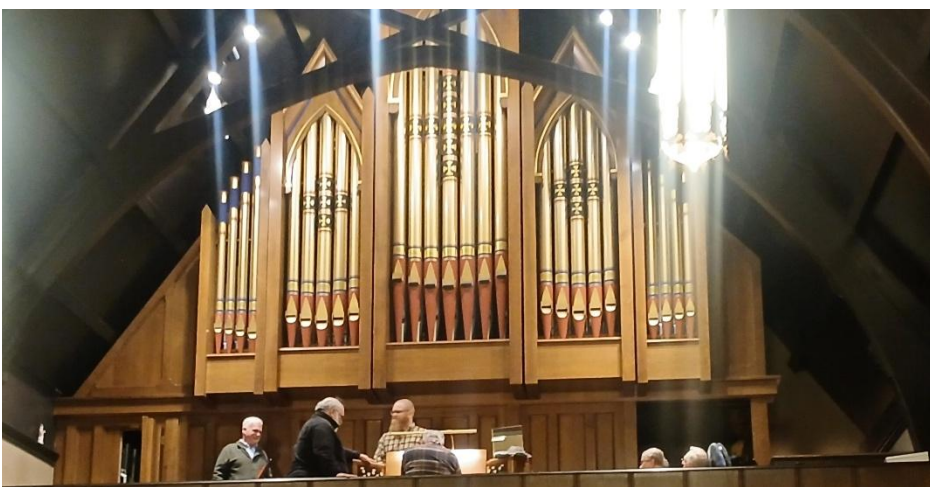
## Organ Historical Society Visit to Grace Church

On Friday, May 1, the Wisconsin Chapter of the Organ Historical Society held a tour of organs and churches in Sheboygan, and Grace Episcopal Church was pleased to be part of this special event with its Schoenstein organ.

During the visit, Grace's pipe organ was demonstrated by **Dr. Sheri Masiakowski** and several other organists. Following the demonstration, attendees were invited to participate in a time of **"open console,"** giving them the opportunity to try out the organ themselves and experience the instrument more closely.

The event concluded with attendees singing **Hymn 657, "The Christian Life,"** accompanied by the organ. It was a meaningful opportunity to share the beauty and sound of Grace's organ with visitors and members of the community.

We are grateful to the Wisconsin Chapter of the Organ Historical Society, Dr. Sheri Masiakowski, the participating organists, and all who attended this memorable organ demonstration.



## Spring Cheer to the Coast Guard

In March, spring cheer was delivered to the Coast Guard. Thank you for your contribution to the Coast Guard. (Tony is holding the gift bag of fuel cards) it was much appreciated and they were happy to also get cookies, cupcakes and candy. Please thank **Bill and Deb Gagin, Tony Fessler, Tom Wright and Mary Snyder, Bob and Barb MacEwen, Andrea and Leona Aparicio, and Addison Spray** for their contributions.



## Fr Twomey finished his hike to be ready for All Saints Chapel services on May 24<sup>th</sup>

After 521.33 miles of hiking, I've arrived in Santiago. It's been an incredible experience!



## Historic Church Architecture of Sheboygan

Erin Brehmer, an art historian and volunteer coordinator at The Sheboygan County Museum, presented a program titled Historic Church Architecture of Sheboygan on May 16 at the museum. The material Erin presented was part of research she did for her master's degree thesis. She focused on the architecture of:

Jake's Café: A Lakeland Community (formerly First Baptist Church)

Grace Episcopal Church

St. Luke United Methodist Church

Hope Church

St. Clement Catholic Church

St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church

Erin provided interesting information about architectural features of each church and about the history of the construction of each church. In addition to details presented about the High Victorian Gothic architecture of Grace Church, Erin mentioned that Grace Church is the oldest church in Sheboygan still in use by the original founding congregation. Grace Church has continuously occupied the same plot of land since its frame chapel was established there in 1847, later replaced with a permanent stone structure in 1871.

A walking tour of the named churches is scheduled for the afternoon of June 13. Unfortunately, at the time of Erin's presentation, the tour was already sold out. No answer was available to the request of an audience member that another tour be added.

Additional fascinating details about the building construction and about the activities in the early life of Grace Church can be found in *Amazing Grace: A Sesquicentennial Remembrance*. The book, published in 1997, was written to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Grace Church and is available in the church library or from parishioners who have copies of the book.

Father William, along with representatives from the other cited churches, participated in the panel discussion after the presentation.

Thanks be to God for the founders who were inspired to create the buildings and for all those who have carried on the missions of the churches to this day.

Pat Sather



Erin Brehmer

## THE MYSTERY OF THE RED CHASUBLE

On Tuesday of Holy Week I attended evening mass. Fr William wore a very old and beautiful red chasuble. I've been at Grace since 1974 and did not remember ever seeing it. I was intrigued: besides being an example of a beautiful old textile, I thought about all the masses it may have been a part of. Fr William knew nothing of its history or origin, believing it was here when he came. Hmm. A challenge!

First, the chasuble itself: It is what is termed a "roman" shape. The front is plain (picture 1), but the back (2) is special,

but not unique. The motif is termed the Agnus Dei, or Lamb of God. The lamb is sometimes shown standing: the triumphant lamb. This one, lying down on the book, is 'the lamb that was slain', but it is a victorious lamb, as it holds the cross. Often it is also shown with a banner. What looks like seven bookmarks, represent the seven seals of the book in Revelations. The rays are chains of silver sequins and the lamb is made from tiny coiled silver wire, (think Brillo pad) (Close up/3). One can buy a premade motif similar to this one (4). I think this chasuble was individually made, although the lamb could have been purchased.

When I next saw Deacon Mike, I asked what he knew about it. He said Bernie had 'obtained' two chasubles from churches who no longer needed them and this could have come at the same time, possibly from one of the local Roman Catholic churches. After Easter I could look more closely at it and take a picture. There was no label, which was discouraging, but that might point at being made by a single artist, not a company.

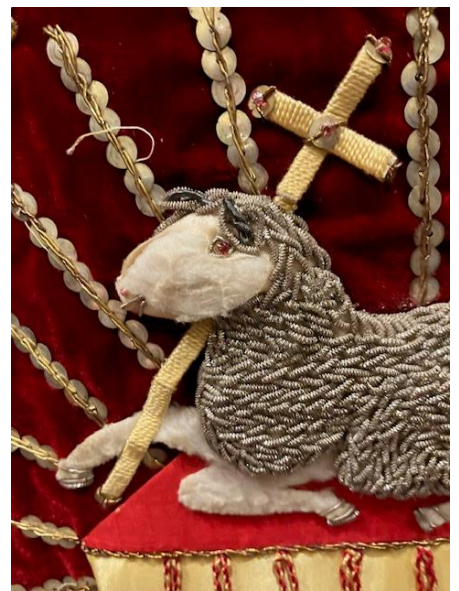
I checked with Claudia, who as altar guild head would know something if anyone did. She said we got a green one from a closed church, but this one "just appeared". Thinking it might have come to Grace when the Convent of the Holy Nativity closed and the remaining sisters moved, I asked Sr Barbara Jean, who did not remember it and didn't think they had any of that shape.



Picture (1)



Picture (2)



Picture (3)



Picture (4)

Next, I tried Betty, our long-time parish historian. She did a search on ‘chasuble’ in the digitalized newsletters. She had a few hits (from 1935 and 1951-52), but this one wasn’t mentioned. The lack of mention also provided information; it reminded me of the Sherlock Holmes story of the dog that did not bark (in The Adventure of Silver Blaze). Since the chasubles mentioned in the old newsletters were described and praised, the uniqueness of this one surely would have been mentioned had it been there.



Absolutely stunning 19<sup>th</sup> century Velvet and Silk Embroidery Ecclesiastic Vestment. A Sumptuous and symbolic work, the Agnus Dei (Risen Lamb) on the back panel is expertly worked in silver metallic coils.

By now, I was sure it had not spent its life in our parish. I contacted Fr Karl, but he did not recognize it, which narrowed the time frame to after he left and before Fr William came. I have checked with the diocesan historian to see if there are records of the diocese facilitating re-homing vestments from parishes closed during that period. At this point, my best guess is that Deacon Mike may be correct with his first reply—Bernie ‘obtained’ it, but during the time between Fr Karl and Fr William (spring of 2019 to fall of 2020). This was during the Covid lockdown, and information may well have been lost. Since Bernie died near the time Fr William arrived, it may remain a mystery. If you have any clues, please let me know. Stay tuned!

Mary Clabots

## Love INC update

*Upcoming events*---check out the details on the website. [loveincsheboygancounty.org](http://loveincsheboygancounty.org)

**June 27**      **Putt for Love Fundraising Event**

**August 3**      **New Way Registration Opens**

**Congratulations to** the Love In the Name of Christ Connection Center volunteers who were recently honored by United Way with the **Volunteer Group of the Year** Spirit Award! This recognition celebrates a team of incredible volunteers who faithfully serve as the compassionate first point of contact for neighbors seeking help, hope, prayer, and connection. Together, they contributed more than 1,200 volunteer hours this past year and responded to over 4,000 calls, emails, and messages from people throughout our community. The Connection Center is led by **Jocelyn Gartman** (First Christian Reformed Church – Oostburg) and staffed by dedicated volunteers: **Pat Sather** (Grace Episcopal - Sheboygan), **Barb Wolfert** (Trinity Lutheran – Howards Grove), **Vicki Ritchie** (St. Paul Lutheran – Sheboygan Falls), **Mary Lavey**, **Dee McCoy**, **Pam Bennin** (Zion Covenant - Sheboygan), and **Marianne Webers** (St. Paul Lutheran – Sheboygan Falls).



Putt Fore Love is the second-largest fundraiser of the year and is just around the corner. We invite all our supporters to help us spread the word and build support within our local churches and community. There is a fundraising goal of \$25,000 this year to support ongoing ministry in our community—and every sponsorship, ticket, and partnership helps us get there.

Be a part of it! Contact **Margaret Hand** ([margaret@loveincsheboygancounty.org](mailto:margaret@loveincsheboygancounty.org)) for Church or Business sponsorship information

**Communications Team** : Love INC is looking for individuals with experience or interest in social media, Mailchimp/email communications, website design and maintenance, Canva/ graphic design, photography, video production, and strategy. Upcoming projects include enhancing outreach and messaging for New Way and COPE, developing unified themes, marketing materials, and preparing an engaging event slideshow for our Annual Celebration Gala. If you're interested in contributing your talents—or learning alongside others in a creative, collaborative environment—contact Love INC.

Connie Schneider

Church Ministry Coordinator for Love INC

## Summer Sundays at All Saints Chapel-Elkhart Lake

Summer season at All Saints Chapel will be celebrated every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. from Memorial Day weekend through the end of September (Sept. 27th). Visiting All Saints Chapel is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a historical, countryside service, and meet new and old friends.



## Confirmation at All Saints Chapel on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Bishop Matter Gunther, 12th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Wisconsin, will confirm and receive candidates at the All Saints Chapel to be held on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

To be confirmed: **Steven Schmeiser, Clayton Spray, Adison Spray, Amelia Dulmes**

To be received: **Marianne Watts**

**Everyone is invited to attend this service to witness our new members.**

## Ladies of Grace Gathering! Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

The next gathering is scheduled for **June 9<sup>th</sup>** and will be hosted by Ellen Aparicio in St. Nicholas Hall. Ladies of Grace meet once a month, on the 2nd Tuesday at 2pm, for Rosary prayer, singing, a bible reading, and to share needs of family/friends, and the sick. Please see details in the e-bulletin attached.



## Parish Administrator Summer Hours

Beginning the week of June 7th, the Parish Admin hours will be 9am to 1pm – Tuesday through Thursday, and Friday – 9am to 12pm. A copy of the schedule will be on the Parish office corkboard.

## Graduates



Meet the newest graduates from Grace Church in 2026: the proud parents are Greg and Brenda Burgett.

## April Vestry highlights:

1. Wedding applications and information to be more accessible on website.
2. Fr. Bulson working with Sheboygan Historical Society on presentation of the architecture of Grace Church
3. GWF grants given to fund music programs and replace rectory refrigerator
4. Grant submitted to GWF for security cameras for the rectory.
5. Administrative committee (focusing on finances, budget, and buildings and ground) and Congregation/mission Committee (focuses on congregational life, membership growth, stewardship, fundraising, mission) have been formed
6. Change in mass booklets to start in May. Inserts will have Collect, Readings, Gospel and Hymn numbers. Announcements will be on display in Narthex and St Nicholas
7. Deacon Paul gave a recap on the unhoused project at Grace church in March-April. No decision at this time whether it will be continued.
8. We continue to have a budget deficit and past accounting practices are in review

## April Financial Focus

<u>April Income</u>	<u>YTD Income</u>	<u>Annual Budget 2026</u>
\$ 47,751	\$ 133,740	\$ 303,870
<u>April Expenses</u>	<u>YTD Expenses</u>	<u>Annual Budget 2026</u>
\$ 28,711	\$ 125,234	\$ 366,021



- **June 7<sup>th</sup>** Fr. William Bulson at All Saints/Fr. Connelly at Grace
- **June 9<sup>th</sup>** Ladies of Grace Gathering
- **June 9<sup>th</sup>** Parish Admin Summer Hours begin
- **June 27<sup>th</sup>** Oblate Saturday (8am-5pm)
- **August 2<sup>nd</sup>** Bishop's Visitation to All Saints Chapel w/Confirmation & Reception – 9am

## June Birthdays

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

## June Anniversary

Bob & Barb MacEwen 6/15  
Don & Nicci Beeck 6/16  
Tony Fessler 6/19  
Jairus & Erika Gallimore 6/22

## Parish Staff

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

## The Vestry

The Reverend William L. Bulson, *Chair*  
Robert McMillan, *Senior Warden*  
Tom Wright, *Junior Warden*  
Brian Heck, *Treasurer*  
Crystal Lopez, *Secretary*  
*Vestry:* Sarah Bernhardt, Jack Britton,  
Fr. Jack Connelly, Doug Jenkins,  
Leslie Kohler, Clayton Spray,  
and Steve Weinert



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