



The Angelus

May 2024

From the Rector's Desk

On May 4, representatives from the dioceses of Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Milwaukee, vote on whether or not to reunify into one diocese—the Diocese of Wisconsin. This vote comes after at least a couple of years of formal discussions, planning, feedback, etc., and an initial vote by each diocese to have all three dioceses meet to make the formal decision on May 4 about reunifying.

Some have thought reunification is a good idea, some a not so good idea, some a decent idea with good or not so good structure and planning. People of good faith have worked hard and shared their thoughts, hopes, and ideas. Many thanks to our fine representation from Grace at so many levels of discernment and feedback in this process: Dcn Paul Aparicio, Jack Britton, Fr Jack Connely, Steve Larson, Robert Mc Millan, and Helen Mullison. Stay tuned!

Peace,
WLB+

Congregation Will Read the Gospel in Various Languages on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

If you can read a language other than English—and no need to be fluent!—let's jump in and read together the following Gospel passage simultaneously: **John 15:26-26, 16:4b-15**. Please prep the above passage, and when Dcn Paul starts to read the Gospel in English, begin reading in your language at the same time with Dcn Paul and others, nice and loud, and not too fast. It will be a holy ruckus like on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2!

Questions? Contact Fr William:
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Guild of Saint Alban

As many of you heard in my Sunday updates, the refugee office has been off and running since we concluded staff training. The State Department is eager to resettle 150,000 refugees this year across the country. Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) is 1 of 10 agencies approved to perform this work and Love INC of Sheboygan County is 1 of 14 EMM affiliates approved to receive and place refugees. Our annual target, for now, is to aim for 100 people. The calendar year for this process is October to September. With our training concluding in March, we are planning to receive 50 between now and September. To date, we have received 11 refugees, from three families and from three different countries (Myanmar, Colombia, and Venezuela). We currently have 17 more from 4 other families on deck for approval. One family of 4 was waived though due to the incompatibility of our community. Sometimes this happens when another community in America would be better suited that has an existing population of people from the same country either from refugee work or general immigration.



At the end of day, the goal is to plan and prepare a case for the best chance for successful resettlement where they can grow and thrive.

The last month has been intense, to say the least, and one of the biggest obstacles we have begun to learn more about is the process of finding housing. It's not so much the availability but the lengthy process of paperwork and approval of leases that has been the bottleneck. We are continuing to learn and build relationships with landlords who are new to this type of tenant relationship. As we continue this effort, continue to learn, and build up our operational processes we are going to hold as long as we can before accepting more cases. The process allows some time for us to accept or waive. As much as Love INC wants to jump in and help all that come our way, we also have to be mindful of all that

it takes to ensure that staff remain healthy and most of all the refugees are taken care of in the best way possible.

One of the families, from Myanmar, was a family-reunification case. Half of the family arrived in 2017 and it wasn't until 2024 that the other half was finally able to come. Can you imagine being split from your spouse, your parents, or your children for 7 years? I don't really know how I would handle myself. Thanks be to God for this reunification! The Guild has not been involved with this case since the existing family has been able to take up most of the work that is needed when they first arrive.

The other two families have been the more typical case where there is no existing family connection in the new community. The Guild has been wonderful in stepping up and assisting with transportation from the airport, preparing the new home (although temporary but still a safe and warm place for now), cooking their first meal when arriving, and checking in to ensure the second family is doing well. The third family was assisted by another congregation in Sheboygan and are also doing well.

As you can imagine, the work is not over. We have many opportunities for further engagement with these families so the Guild will continue this loving service. This engagement will look like:

- Teaching how to ride the bus with use of bus passes from the Food Bank
- Setting up checking accounts at a bank
- Introducing to grocery stores and Hispanic markets
- Taking them clothing shopping
- School shopping for the children
- Teaching them to use the laundromat, if needed
- Babysitting while the parents go to English classes
- Providing transportation to medical appointments and helping them get checked in
- And most of all....saying hello, breaking bread together, and being friendly

I ask that you pray for the Guild of Saint Alban and your willingness to join this ministry. If you have any questions then please reach out to Deacon Paul Aparicio at pdaparicio@gmail.com. Love INC is still preparing a more formal training for volunteers so more to come on that front but as you can see in the list above this work doesn't take a lot of skills or experience. All that is needed is the grace that God has bestowed on all of us in our baptism and the willingness to shine the light of Christ we have received.

In Christ,
Deacon Paul Aparicio

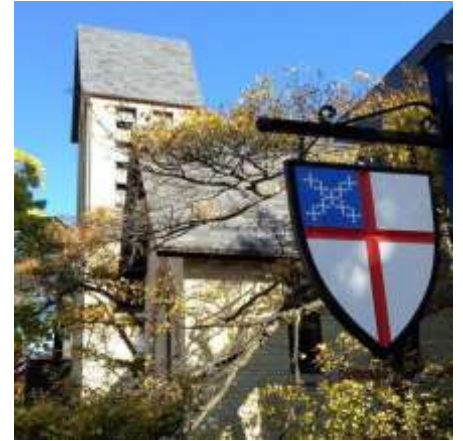
Join the Ministry of Acolytes

Please consider learning how to serve as an acolyte. “Acolyte” derives from a Greek term, *akolouthos*, which means “server” or “companion”. This ancient role is vital for living out the sacred act of Holy Communion. Acolytes represent many aspects of scripture, our faith, and the traditions of the Church. From thurifer, crucifer, and torch bearer, they all have their reflective meaning of God's presence in the world. Many generations before you have served in this role and have found their faith shaped similar to what happens when we engage in daily prayer. We often say “Prayer shapes believing”. I would say serving at the altar does the same. One role in particular is the Subdeacon. The three ministers (Celebrant, Deacon, and Subdeacon) mirror the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). This is why when the three are active in the Mass they try their best to move together as three persons in unity with each other. They each have their distinct ministry in the Mass but will often come together to represent our belief in God as three-fold. Please pray about your willingness to engage in worship by serving at the altar. If you have more questions and want to learn more then please contact Deacon Paul at pdaparicio@gmail.com



The Stones We Carry – Saturday, May 18, 2024

Sign up in the Narthex Hall for a walking pilgrimage from St. Peters Church to Grace. A gentle 6 3/4 mile walk towards the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Starting at 9am, Saturday, May 18th. Email Deacon Paul at pdaparicio@gmail.com by May 12th



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SPRING CHEER was held on April 16. Daffodils were in their glory so volunteers gathered to assemble flowers and package cookies for parishioners who are elderly, home bound or recovering from illness or surgery. Many thanks to Jessica Ambelang, Mary Snyder, Anne Hanlon, Bill and Deb Gagin, Pat Miller, Claudia Fischer, Dr. John and Dianna Keller, Mary Clabots, Andrea Aparicio, Pat Sather and Bob and Barb MacEwen. A huge thank you to Leslie Kohler for the daffodil donation. The recipients appreciated the spring cheer.

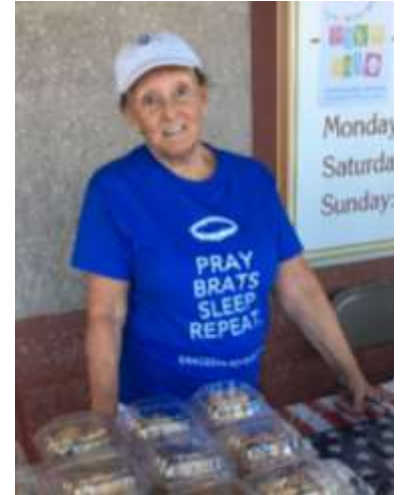


*To those at church who
loved cookies, gathered
flowers, and put it
all together,
Thank you for
spring cheer. The
daffodils lasted a
week.*
Joyce



IT'S BACK!

Yes, Grace Church is once again holding a fantastic brat fry at Miesfelds. This will be one of our largest fundraisers for mission outreach. **SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY MAY 25th.** Sign up sheets to fry, work in the hut, or bake are on the foyer table. Can't bake or fry? No problem there is a donation jar to help cover the cost of supplies such as charcoal, condiments, and paper products. And of course we expect to see you and your friends at the brat fry.



All Saints Chapel

All Saints Chapel, Elkhart Lake will open on Sunday, May 26th(Memorial Day weekend) and continue through the month of September, last Sunday will be September 29th. Service begins at 9:00 AM. Fr William Bulson will be the celebrant on the first Sundays in June, July, August, and September. Fr Patrick Twomey will once again be the celebrant on the other Sundays. This spring Robert and Mia McMillan have rebuilt the split rail fence and overseen the laying of a new gravel road. The Hayssen Foundation paid for the fence and The Grace Walsingham Foundation paid for the limestone gravel. The parish is thankful for all the hard work done at the chapel. Visiting there is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a countryside service and meet new and old friends.



Love INC update

Grateful thanks and appreciation to our Grace Church family volunteer who hosted the April 11 th New Way Love INC meal at Calvin Christian Reformed church in Sheboygan with approximately 40 persons in attendance.

The entree was provided by Anne and Bob Hanlon, the salad by Andrea Apparicio and the multiplicity of desserts by Jessica Ambelang with 4 kinds of brownies, (including mint) and Deb and Bill's lemon bars.

There were French bread loaves also and they did not stay long. Assisting these cooks were the volunteers providing kitchen supplies like paper plates and a monetary donation for Love INC: John Davis, Jack Connelly and Mary Clabots.

At the Vestry meeting on April 15 th the Vestry voted to release the funds to pay our \$1000 annual pledge to Love INC.

On April 27 th Love INC held its annual brat fry and bake sale at Mentink's Piggly Wiggle in Oostburg. It was hosted by 6 Love INC partner churches in Oostburg, Hingham and Cedar Grove. Please check out the Love INC bulletin board for more information about the GAP ministries, especially the moving ministry, the furniture and the bedding and linen ministries. There are now many more ministries through the Refugee Resettlement program and you may find a calling to any one of them. No experience required, just a willingness to listen.



Welcome Mr Gilberto “Wally” Martinez, Our New Sexton!

Wally has lived in Sheboygan for several years after growing up in Texas. He will start at Grace on Wednesday, April 3. He will work with us twelve hours each week. He will be around mostly during the day, during the middle of the week. His vital ministry will keep us ready to worship and welcome parishioners and guests throughout our building. Welcome, Wally!

March Financial Focus

<u>March Income</u>	<u>YTD Income</u>	<u>Annual Budget 2024</u>
\$ 11,037	\$ 108,411	\$ 309,321
<u>March Expenses</u>	<u>YTD Expenses</u>	<u>Annual Budget 2024</u>
\$ 23, 560	\$ 85,537	\$ 332,298

March Vestry Highlights

- All Saints Chapel services will be from May 26th (Memorial Day weekend) to September 29th. At the request of parishioners Fr. William has agreed to extend the season. Fr. Twomey continues as supply priest and Fr William will be the celebrant the first Sunday of each month. The liturgy will be Rite 1 as it is easier for visitors to follow in Book of Common Prayer. Attendance has been between 40-60, with overflow seating outside.
- Crystal Lopez starts as the new parish administrator April 2, 2024. Her hours will be Tuesday through Thursday 9:00AM to 1:00PM and Friday 9:00AM to noon.
- Updated Vestry Ownership Guidelines have been emailed to vestry detailing opening and closing procedures and making announcements at both services.
- Goals for 2024 include maintaining an open door policy, continuing a traditional worship service, continuing to explore a treble youth choir, and training for CPR.
- The following committees are in the process of being formed: stewardship, annual meeting, ad hoc financial, fundraising, recruiting for Love INC New Beginnings.

Mark Your Calendars

- May 4 Special Joint Convention, Ho-Chunk Gaming, Baraboo
- May 9 Ascension Day, Mass at 6:00 P.M.
- May 10-11 Eucharistic Festival at St. Paul's Cathedral in Fond du Lac
- May 18 The Stones We Carry
- May 26 All Saints Chapel opens for the Summer Season

May Birthdays

Grafton Smith 5/1
Michael Boland 5/2
Art Imig 5/9
Lisa Masbruch 5/9
Angel Klinzing 5/11
Brenda Burgett 5/14
Sarah Clabots-Kim 5/22
LeRoy Schneider 5/23
Dale Massey 5/29
Leona Aparicio 5/30
Jack Britton 5/30
Jeff Krueger 5/30
Tasha Crouser 5/31

May Anniversaries

Bob Wood 5/12
Mary Tasche 5/14
John & Louise Davis 5/16
Robert Beech &
Jean-Margret Merrell-Beech 5/25
William Bulson &
Tomomi Kanemaru 5/31

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, Connie Schneider, and Steve Weinert

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