



The Angelus

May 2026

From the Rector's Desk

This Sunday, **May 3**, we will have a liturgical drama—a play—in place of the sermon at both our 8 am and 10:15 am Masses. The title is “**La Negrita**,” which means something like “little black one,” and is about some young kids in Costa Rica who come across a miraculous wooden statue of the Mother of God. Our own **Adi Spray** has written and produced her play and the stars, besides the Virgin Mary, are our own Grace kids. Be sure and thank them for their beautiful witness and ministry.

But why a play instead of a sermon? Isn't it terribly modern and irreverent? Truth is, the Church in England in the Middle Ages had what we call “liturgical drama” all the time! It was done at Masses, saints' festivals, instruction of monastic novices and on and on. Just like the fantastic statues, paintings, music, and windows we have at Grace, liturgical drama is one of the most powerful ways for the living Christ and His Saints to come near to us and be real for us. What could holier or more reverent than that?

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Peace,
WLB+



Meet Your Wardens

Once again, congratulations to our new church wardens. To give some insight the following questions were asked.

Robert McMillan, Senior Warden

1. *How long have you been a member of Grace Church?* - I have been a member of Grace Church since 2004.
2. *What activities or ministries have you been involved with at Grace Church?* - I have been a delegate for Grace Church at the Diocesan Convention. Two years ago, I was a delegate at the meetings for merging the three Dioceses of Wisconsin. I was involved in the stewardship campaigns for 2022 & 2023. I have overseen the Brat Fry fundraisers for the past couple of years. I also help with various needs at All Saints Chapel in Elkhart Lake during the summer months.
3. *What are some of your favorite things about Grace Church?* - Some of my favorite things are All Saints Chapel, prayers of healing that take place in Our Lady of Walsingham Shrine, and the inclusion of the youth in the celebration of our Mass.
4. *What are your hopes for the parish?* - I hope that our parish will always live by our mission statement: "To love God, to love others, and to serve God's world." It has kept this parish vibrant for 175 years now. May it continue to guide us in all our discernment.
5. *What are your hobbies?* - I enjoy spending time at Elkhart Lake with my family, going to the races at Road America, and doing some metalwork when time permits.
6. *What is your favorite hymn?* - My favorite hymn is Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.
7. *Is there anything else you want us to know about you?* - Mia and I were married in October 2003 at All Saints Chapel in Elkhart Lake. Going to Mass at the Chapel is what brought our family to Grace Church. Both of my kids (Maya & Jostin) were baptized and confirmed through Grace Church at All Saints Chapel.



Tom Wright, Junior Warden



1. *How long have you been a member of Grace Church?* - Since 2004.
2. *What activities or ministries have you been involved with at Grace Church?* - Vestry including Senior Warden, Finance Committee, Refugee Settlement, Unhoused warming center and bag lunches.
3. *What are some of your favorite things about Grace Church?* - The music and the liturgy.
4. *What are your hopes for the parish?* - That we continue to grow in faith and service.
5. *What are your hobbies?* - Skiing, sailing, hiking with our dog, NCAA Basketball, and bird watching.
6. *What is your favorite hymn?* - "All Things Bright and Beautiful."
7. *Is there anything else you want us to know about you?* - I look forward to serving on the Vestry as the Junior Warden this year.

Sunday School activities in Lent

We did our annual “Last supper” as a class on March 29th followed by assembling treat bags for the unhoused which Jessica Ambelang supplied the goodies and great instructions.



This Old Stove Gets An Upgrade

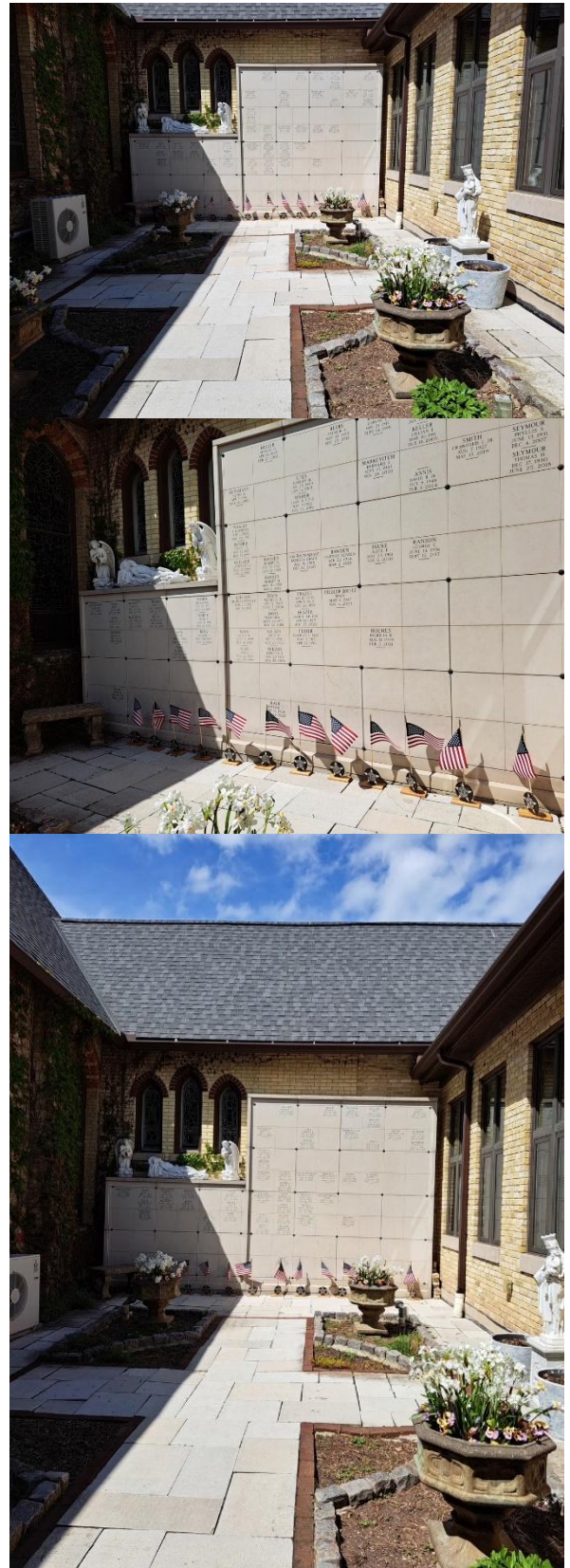
The kitchen grill got an awesome cleaning from Marianne Watts. She spent 5 and a half hours cleaning layer by layer on the grill. More work to be done, but she’s determined!



Memorial Day Salute

Mary Clabots and Pat Ford Smith put the plaques out in Columbarium. Mary's late husband made the wooden stands and ordered the metal plaques that hold the flags. We have 12 veterans in our columbarium.

- Palmer Beebe (1933-2014)** Army 1956
Palmer was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant.
- Curtis Bawden (1935-2021)** Army 3 yrs
- Wendall Davis (1920-2004)** Army 1943-1946
Wendall attended officer school, then served in the Pacific w/43rd Division, 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 4 yrs
Nancy served as a communications specialist in South Carolina



Liturgical Drama – ‘La Negrita’ at both Masses– May 3rd

La Negrita’...a short play set in Costa Rica in the mid-1600s. A group of young children finds a statue of Mary and her son, Jesus, in the wilderness of the Costa Rican jungle. They attempt to bring the statue to their local church, but not everything goes according to plan. Set your calendar to see the play in action on **May 3rd** at **both the 8:00 and 10:15 masses!**

Ladies of Grace Gathering! Tuesday, May 12th



The next Ladies of Grace Gathering is set for **Tuesday, May 12** and will be hosted by Pat Ford Smith in St. Nicholas Hall. Ladies of Grace meet once a month for Rosary prayer, singing, a bible reading, and to share needs of family/friends, and the sick. Tea, coffee, & bites to follow. If you have not attended before, please know all ladies are welcome each month.

Summer Sundays at All Saints Chapel-Elkhart Lake

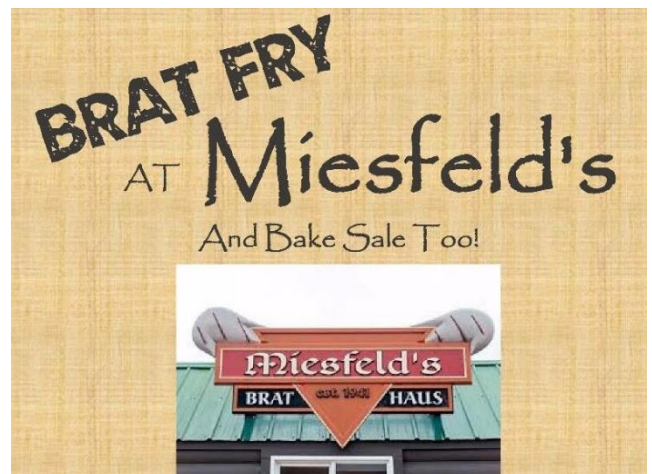
The first Mass of the 2026 Summer season at All Saints Chapel will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 24th**. Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend (September 6) Visiting All Saints Chapel is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a historical, countryside service, and meet new and old friends.

Currently, Fr Patrick Twomey is hiking the Camino del Norte in northern Spain and has sent us this greeting:
Just past the halfway point on the Camino del Norte.
I'm thinking of my chapel friends, and looking forward to another summer season of happy times together.
Love to all,
Fr. Twomey



MIESFELD'S BRAT FRY!

Our annual brat fry, at Miesfeld's, will be **May 30th, 2026**. Sign-up sheets to volunteer and bake goodies for the brat fry are now on the Narthex table.



Lakeshore Regional Confirmation set for June 6th, 2026

Bishop Matter Gunther, 12th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Wisconsin, will confirm and receive candidates at the Lakeshore Regional service to be held on Saturday, June 6th at Christ Church, White Fish Bay (Milwaukee) at 6:00 PM:

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.

February Vestry highlights:

- Deacon Paul addressed the vestry regarding a proposal to provide shelter in St Nicholas Hall for the unhoused from February 28 to April 15. Coffee, tea, and hot coffee will be provided. Hours on Saturday and Sunday 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM. It is hoped that volunteers will come forward. Funding for a paid support person and beverages will be out of a restricted fund. Jr. Warden will oversee security precautions for the church. A parish email to be sent notifying congregation of this event. Motion unanimously approved.
- GWF paid for security cameras and fencing at the rectory.
- Sr Warden has asked for a documentation of church processes and listing of staff and volunteer responsibilities/tasks/duties.
- Jr. Warden looking into cutting off basement access for security and what that entails.

February Financial Focus

<u>February Income</u>	<u>YTD Income</u>	<u>Annual Budget 2026</u>
\$ 30,411	\$ 70,694	\$ 303,870

<u>February Expenses</u>	<u>YTD Expenses</u>	<u>Annual Budget 2026</u>
\$ 29,591	\$ 59,984	\$ 366,021



- **May 3rd** Liturgical Drama – ‘La Negrita’ at both Masses
- **May 3rd** Scout Pancake Breakfast after both services
- **May 7th** National Day of Prayer
- **May 12th** Ladies of Grace Gathering!
- **May 14th** Ascension Day
- **May 24th** Day of Pentecost
- **May 30th** Brat Fry fundraiser at Miesfeld’s
- **May 31st** Trinity Sunday
- **May 31st** Summer Sundays at All Saints Chapel
- **June 6th** Lakeshore Regional Confirmation

Sharing our Trip to Europe in 2025

Check out the videos!

These videos share glimpses of Europe's scenery, especially its beautiful churches and rich spiritual heritage—places where generations have gathered in prayer and worship. As part of our church community, I am grateful for the opportunity to share these moments of faith, history, and beauty with you.

William and I traveled through Europe from mid-April to May 2025, visiting Germany, Vienna, Austria, Budapest, Hungary, and Serbia on our pilgrimage.

In this month's videos, I am sharing highlights from Germany, Austria, and Hungary, and I will share our visit to Serbia in next month's newsletter. May these scenes of sacred art and architecture bring encouragement and a sense of connection to the wider Christian tradition. Tomomi Kanemaru



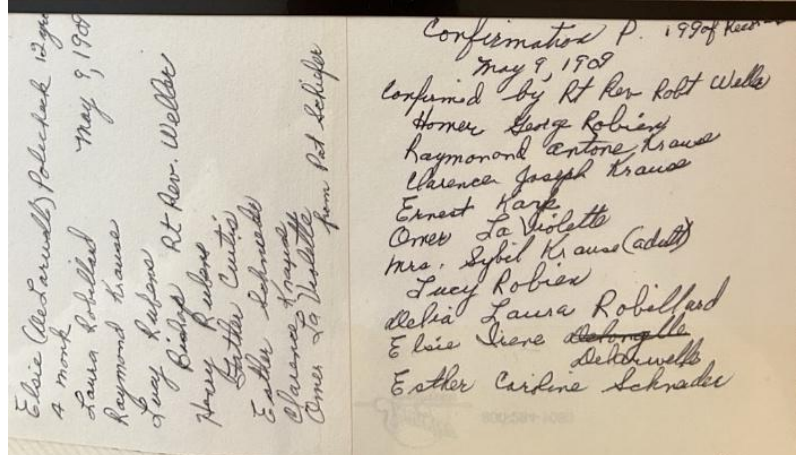
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A visit to Church of the Precious Blood, Gardner, Wisconsin (in Door County)

I would like to share this historic photograph I found at **Church of the Precious Blood**. It captures a confirmation class from May 9, 1909, with clergy and young members of the church gathered together.

The image is especially meaningful to us Grace because our former Rector, **Fr Curtis**, is part of this wider history. It reminds us that our parish, Grace Episcopal Church, is connected to a larger story of faith across generations throughout Wisconsin.

Tomomi Kanemaru



May Birthdays

Art Imig 5/9
Lisa Masbruch 5/9
Angel Kilizing 5/11
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

May Anniversary

Bob Wood 5/12
Mary Tasche 5/14
John & Louise Davis 5/16
Robert Beech
& Jean-Margret Marrell-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, *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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