

Last LFFC meeting December 5, 2023. Next meeting February 6, 2024

The Waukesha Deaneries are sponsoring a Catechist Enrichment night on February 1 at St. Dominic with 6:00 pm dinner and 6:30 pm speaker Fr. John LoCoco.

Currently several QOA people are evaluating the video streaming service "Formed" on a free 2 week trial basis to determine if this is something QOA would like to purchase as a subscription at a price of \$2000/year.

Elementary School (K4-5<sup>th</sup>/First Reconciliation and Eucharist)

First Reconciliation was held on December 9 and it went well. 13 second graders and 6 older children participated. 1 second grader and 2 older children are yet to celebrate.

First Communion preparation starts with a Parent Meeting on January 23.

Monday night dinner with instruction on December 18 went well. Liz was out with Covid and volunteers stepped up to help. The next Monday night dinner with instruction is February 19.

Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)/High School (9<sup>th</sup>-Confirmation)

The Thanksgiving Food Box Drive to benefit the Capuchin Community Services was very successful. 100 boxes were filled, plus many leftovers for their food pantry.

Middle School/High School Reconciliation service was held on December 17.

Christmas cards for the St. Vincent de Paul foster teens.

Retreats – Upcoming movie retreat on February 3 and an Easter Vigil Encounter.

Confirmation – Candidate/Sponsor night was December 9 at 5pm Mass with dinner and activities to follow. Taylor Baar from St Anthony on the Lake and Liz are working together on a Confirmation Retreat in February.

Adult Ministry

Confirmation for an adult Confirmation candidate is scheduled for January 20 at the 5pm Mass.

RCIA – The Rites for the Period of the Catechumenate will be celebrated on February 4 at the 10:30 Mass for the adult catechumen and privately for the child catechumen. The Rite of Sending will be celebrated on February 18 at the 10:30 Mass with the Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion following at the Cathedral at 3:30

Adult Bible Study – "When You Pray: A Clearer Path to a Deeper Relationship with God" was delayed a week due to snow. Will run January 17-February 28. No Thursday offering yet.

School of Discipleship flyer, for the next semester of offerings, was available at the end of December in the bulletin. Next meeting is February 7.

Eucharist Revival – For Emmaus 90, we have one micro group (3-4 people) from QOA, one micro group from St. Dominics/SMV, and one micro group from QOA still forming. All are meeting on Mondays at 10am to watch the formation video and hold weekly discussion.

Prayer and Worship is planning a special Holy Hour on January 31 from 6pm-7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Klopp

# Human Concerns Report

January 2024

The Human Concerns Commission met on 1/16/24. We hosted the Meet & Eat after Masses this weekend. Recent highlights:

- **Pewaukee Food Pantry Ministry**— Tremendous response/donations at Thanksgiving Day Mass. “Thank you” to parishioners was in bulletin.
- **Bereavement Ministry**—Nancy continues to work with the same people. One woman she has been working with wasn't a parishioner but now she and her son have been attending Mass here.
- **Funeral Luncheons**— No update.
- **Prayer Shawl**— Enjoyed taking on the new project knitting hats, scarves and mittens for children for the **North Pole Flight** and plan to do annually now. They received a donation of fleece fabric that they will use to make blankets for the kids on next year's North Pole trip. Sold teddy bears and this was a successful fundraiser that brought in \$500. The continue to make all the items that go to various organizations. Will be touring Life's Connection at 10:30 on Wednesday 1/24.
- **Mercy Mats**—Have donated over 218 Mercy mats in the past 3 years. On Monday December 11 Sr. McKennan Brown came to Queen of Apostles to talk about her ministry and where the mercy mats go.
- **Home Outreach**—Bulletin article this past week. Gathering names/numbers for interested parishioners and Mike Szocs will start calling to determine type of outreach desired.
- **Christian Women**—The Poinsettia sale brought in a \$651 profit. CW gave out books to parishioners in December, *Wisdom of the Saints*. Had their Christmas party in December. Held the Three Kings Luncheon at 5 O'clock Club January 4. No one has stepped forward to take on the role of President, so the current leadership is coordinating activities for the year. Mic is forming a nominating committee and they hope to have candidates for the May meeting.
- **Prayer Line**—Mic has taken over the coordination for the prayer line and this is an active ministry serving many prayer needs.
- **Respect-Life**—Several Respect Life activities this month including bulletin article on the *9 Days for Life Novena*, Mass intercessions, and an article about the Spiritual Adoption

program as we'll be handing out the Spiritual Adoption cards after Masses the last weekend in January. We decided to move the Baby Bottle Campaign, which raises funds for Life's Connection, to the Fall so it aligns with the Baby Shower and doesn't conflict with the Parish Lenten Outreach project or other fundraisers in the spring. Also discussed Human Trafficking as a Respect Life issue and we plan to show the movie Sound of Freedom in April.

- **The Band**— Sang at Heritage on December 6, and at Courtyard on December 11. Working on a date in February for the retired School Sisters of St. Francis.
- **St. Dismas Jail Ministry**—no update.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**— The Christmas Giving Trees were very successful. They helped 6 prisoners with gifts for their children. Helped 5 families with gifts for their children. Provided gifts for 20 foster kids, including notes from our high schoolers. 14 Children were provided clothing. Additional donated items went to Life's Connection.
- **St. Vincent de Paul – Bingo**—Continues every third Monday at Gina's Sports Dock. Total raised in 2023 was \$6,484. \$21,770 total since it began.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program**—The new schedule came out and the first meal of the year is this Thursday January 18. Will be serving chili. Approximately 100 – 150 people served each time.
- **Parish Lenten Outreach Project: Sacred Heart Church in El Paso, Texas**—will update at the January Pastoral Council meeting.
- **NEW Potential Ministry:** Bill Ryan will be attending the HC meeting next month to talk about doing a Habitat for Humanity building.

Prayer and Worship meeting Tuesday December 12, 2023 - 4:00 pm

Attendees: Stephanie Fong, Mary Weinlein, Ellen Donley, Jill Teske, Gary Mathis, Bernadette Golden, Grace Majewski and Mary Tannis.

Opening prayer: Mary Weinlein

An Hour of Adoration - Gary and Grace Update: Queen of Apostles is hosting a Holy Hour on January 31, 2024 from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Fr. Chuck will preside and Grace and Meg Aspinwall will lead the vocal and piano music.

Update on our website: Stephanie will meet with the students who will help update our website in April.

Christmas 2023 - Christmas Eve masses are at 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm. Christmas Day at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. The masked area will be cut in half starting with our Christmas masses.

E - Team set up: John Luke will set up the trees and bring down the Holy Family statues so they are ready for set up by 12/22. Brian will come and assemble the Stable. E Team set up on 12/22 what we are able to do ahead of time. We will cover the Nativity scene until 12/24. After the 10:30 mass on 12/24 the E- Team will come back and finish the set up. Father has asked us to move the Advent Wreath down to a lower step.

Friday night the Simbang Gabi Group will be using our church for their celebration. We were told it would not interfere with our set up.

Change back to Ordinary time on Monday January 8, 2024.

Next Prayer and Worship is Tuesday January 16 at 4:00 pm.

Stewardship Commission Meeting notes  
January 9, 2024  
Via zoom

Attendees: Judy Huschka, Mary Ann Moquin, Debbie Esser, Pat Quinn-Casper, Stephanie Fong

**Meet & Eat** will be this weekend (Jan 13/14), hosted by Human Concerns. A new poster is ready and Judy is set for all preparations.

**Our 2nd Annual Souperbowl** will be the weekend of February 10/11. We are increasing the amount of soup to be prepared. Looking into donations of bread from Kwik Trip (they provide our donuts) and Panera. We will firm up our plans via email as we get closer to the event since there is not another meeting for Stewardship prior to this event.

**New Parishioner Welcome** is April 14. There are 13 registrations to date. One month prior, Pat does a "Save the Date" contact and a formal invite will go out.

**Stewardship Campaign** 858 envelopes prepared, 276 (32%) were picked up. 582 (68%) mailed, 187 returned. Many more people contribute than what shows up in these numbers. John S does use these numbers to make budgetary decisions.

At the Staff meeting November 28, the names of people who are volunteering to new ministries and recommitting to current ministries were given to staff members to share with their commissions. Please make sure these people are contacted.

**Re-envisioning Stewardship.** We also talked about other ways to "donate" that are not monetary. At a parish in Scottsdale, AZ, Stephanie observed that parishioners were invited to the altar to bring their gifts, which could be monetary, physical (ex: socks for sock drive), or spiritual (ex: write down a good deed you did for someone and place that in the basket). This parish also had large screens around the worship space that, prior to Mass, had a QR code on it where you could be connected to info about their parish, and donate. Other churches place their collection baskets at the back of church instead of passing out during Mass. A comment was made that it can feel uncomfortable to have the baskets come out, knowing a donation was made electronically, and not putting something into the basket.

Pat QC shared a "brain dump" of words and concepts that define Stewardship. We will discuss these ideas more in the next meeting.

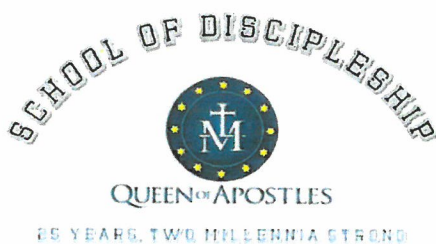
**Homebound Ministry** Our Stewardship talents form indicates many ministries where people who are homebound can participate. Mike Szocs is particularly interested in working with individuals who want to participate. Debbie Bisswurm of HC plans to include an announcement in the Bulletin to collect names of parishioners who are interested in home visits, and calls.

**Communications / Website** Project with Brookfield Central Launch program scheduled for April

**Fish Fries:** Feb 2 and 16, March 1, possibly March 15

**Confirmation Reception:** Thursday April 25 with SAL





#### Prayer for QOA School of Discipleship and Small Group Initiatives

Living God, we come to You with open hands and hearts as we give thanks for all You have given us.

We place our trust in You as we ask for more: help for our parish, Queen of Apostles, to accomplish Your will in our School of Discipleship, specifically in its Small Group initiative.

Please give all parishioners Your love, strength, and understanding to accomplish goals of this endeavor, which are: to become more aware of who You are in our lives and to share that with each other.

We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, and in the power of Your Holy Spirit. Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us. Amen.

**Queen of Apostles School of Discipleship** - Queen of Apostles invites you to continue the journey of exploring Discipleship - what it means individually and as a parish. Here are the next group of offerings in our **School of Discipleship**, and we hope you will take part in one or multiple options. **Please join us!**

### Winter/Spring 2024

#### QOA Holy Hour (January)

*The U.S. Bishops called for us to take part in a Eucharistic Revival! Join us for a night of worship, music, and Eucharistic Adoration, with refreshments to follow.*

Wed., Jan. 31, at QOA; 6-7 p.m.; no registration; **FREE!** Contact Grace Majewski ([gracem@queenofapostles.net](mailto:gracem@queenofapostles.net) / 262-691-1535 x103).

#### Walking With Mary Group (January, March, May, July)

*A group with the mission to: 1) encourage one another in our Catholic faith; 2) discuss ways to encourage others in their faith and understanding of growing closer to Jesus through Mary; and 3) promote Marian devotion. Enjoy refreshments, pray, and have interesting discussions in a comfortable, non-judgmental setting.*

Meets Every Other Month, 2nd Wed. (Jan. 10, Mar. 13, May 8, Jul. 10); 6:30-8 p.m., QOA parish hall; facilitated by Debbie Bisswurm ([bisswurm6@gmail.com](mailto:bisswurm6@gmail.com)).

#### Bible Study - When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship With God (January/February)

*This study, presented by Dr. Edward Sri, is about the journey of prayer that God wants to take us on. What God did in the lives of countless saints, He wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us.*

Wed., Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7, 14, 21; 9:45-11 a.m., QOA parish hall; facilitated by Heather Druley ([hdruley@gmail.com](mailto:hdruley@gmail.com)).

\$30 for materials (book, workbook, online videos); self-study available upon request.

#### Catechist Enrichment Night - "Instilling a Culture of Discernment in Faith Formation" (February)

*Fr. John LoCoco, Vocations Director, will share the "common threads" present in families and individuals who are actively seeking God in their lives and how to build some of these threads into our parish offerings. Sponsored by the Waukesha Deanery, which includes QOA.*

Thur., Feb. 1; Dinner 6 p.m., Presentation 6:30-8 p.m., St. Dominic, Brookfield; Cost covered by QOA.

Register at: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc517IASjSk7oISqsY3c0Op1aOXLuw2xGrzBHjpnj\\_nLlvbw/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc517IASjSk7oISqsY3c0Op1aOXLuw2xGrzBHjpnj_nLlvbw/viewform?pli=1)

or contact Liz Kuhn ([lizk@queenofapostles.net](mailto:lizk@queenofapostles.net) / 262-691-1535 x108).

#### Winter Weekend Young Adult Retreat - "Be Refreshed and Renewed" (February)

*Keynotes, breakouts to process with a smaller group, and space for prayer to encounter and talk with God. Moments of rest and silence, but also opportunities to connect with other amazing young adults.*

Fri. (6 p.m.) to Sun. (Noon), Feb. 2-4, Schoenstatt Retreat Center, Waukesha. Cost range of \$90-\$250, depending on lodging options.

Register by Jan. 18 at <https://www.brewcitycatholic.com/winter-weekend.html> or contact Liz Kuhn ([lizk@queenofapostles.net](mailto:lizk@queenofapostles.net) / 262-691-1535 x108).

#### Archdiocese of Milwaukee Pallium Lecture: "How Catholic Art Saved Faith - The Triumph of Beauty and Truth"

##### Dr. Elizabeth Lev (February)

*An annual event to foster conversation and engage the broader culture through the Catholic intellectual tradition. Dr. Lev, an art historian, author, and tour guide, states that "...when we encounter something beautiful, we are made vulnerable and opened to the truth."*

Thur., Feb. 15, 7 p.m., Brookfield Conference Center (325 Moorland Rd./Brookfield Square, Brookfield); **Free!**

Register at: [www.archmil.org/bishops/Pallium-Lecture-Series.htm](http://www.archmil.org/bishops/Pallium-Lecture-Series.htm).

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**Bible Study - Lent Retreat: 1) The Jewish Roots of Jesus' Death and Resurrection; 2) The Last Supper and the Lost Tribes of Israel; and 3) Holy Week (February/March)**

*In this lecture series, Catholic Productions explores the biblical foundations of Catholic faith and theology regarding the events of Holy Week. Presented by Dr. Brant Pitre of the Augustine Institute and a Catholic author.*

Wed., Feb. 28 and Mar. 6, 13, 20; 9:45-11:15 a.m., QOA parish hall; facilitated by Heather Druley ([hdruley@gmail.com](mailto:hdruley@gmail.com)).

\$5 for materials (handouts) by Jan. 31, \$10 after Jan. 31; self-study available upon request.

**GalileeU Sessions (April)**

**Praying the Mass - Fully, Actively, & Consciously.** Facilitated by Dr. Mike Brummond. - OR -  
**School of Daily Prayer.** Facilitated by Margaret Rhody.

Tue., Apr. 18, 7-8:30 p.m. (registration 6:30 p.m.), St. John the Evangelist, Greenfield.

**Evangelizing Apologetics.** Facilitated by Doug Ulaszek.

Thur., Apr. 27, 7-8:30 p.m. (registration 6:30 p.m.), St. Mary's, Menomonee Falls.

Register online at <https://www.archmil.org/GalileeU> or contact Liz Kuhn at [lizk@queenofapostles.net](mailto:lizk@queenofapostles.net) / (262) 691-1535 x108.

**GalileeU: Healing the Whole Person Conference (April)**

*Understand the roots of our struggles and how to bring those wounds to the Lord to receive the insight, healing, and freedom He wishes to give, especially through the sacraments and prayer.*

Thur., Fri., and Sat., April 11-13 at St. William, Waukesha; facilitated by Dr. Bob Schuchts, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, and Bart Schuchts.

In-person (\$165/person) or livestream (\$119/person). More information at [www.archmil.org/Healing-the-Whole-Person/Conference.htm](http://www.archmil.org/Healing-the-Whole-Person/Conference.htm) or contact Liz Kuhn ([lizk@queenofapostles.net](mailto:lizk@queenofapostles.net) / 262-691-1535 x108).

**Bible Study - The Turning Point: Eight Encounters With Jesus That Will Change Your Life (April/May)**

*In this traditional study, Dynamic Catholic explores eight miraculous encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John that will help you encounter Jesus in a new and personal way. Presented by Dr. Allen Hunt, national speaker, best-selling Catholic author, and former Evangelical pastor who converted to Catholicism.*

Wed., Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 9:45-11:15 a.m., QOA parish hall; facilitated by Heather Druley ([hdruley@gmail.com](mailto:hdruley@gmail.com)).

\$15 for materials (workbook, DVDs, Gospel of John, bonus CD) by Mar. 6, \$20 after Mar. 6; self-study available upon request.

**National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (June)**

*The northern Marian Route will pass through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from north to south. It will stop at various parishes en route to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Everyone is welcome to join the pilgrimage.*

June 19-26 the route will come through Milwaukee. Stay tuned for more information as it gets closer to June. More information will be posted at:

<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/> (national) or <https://www.archmil.org/evangelization/Eucharistic-Revival/Central> (local).

**Arise Milwaukee (multiple opportunities in multiple locations; independent)**

*Arise Milwaukee exists to inspire people to fall in love with Christ in the Catholic Church. As a community, we live to share the joy of the Gospel and wish to see it bear transformative fruit in the world around us.*

Arise Youth Rally - Mar. 15-16, Carroll University - Prayerful worship experience for Catholic high school and middle school students.

Arise Worship Nights - Apr. 6, 7-9 p.m., St. Robert Bellarmine, Union Grove, and Jul. 13, following Family Day, Menomonee Falls Village Park

Arise Family Adoration - Jan. 5, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. William, Waukesha.

Additional details, see website: [www.arisemke.org](http://www.arisemke.org).

**Brewing the Faith/Brew City Catholic (multiple opportunities in Waukesha/Milwaukee; independent)**

*An evening designed to help you connect with other adults in their 20s/30s. Open to all; registration not required.*

Waukesha: Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14 (Raised Grain Brewing, 1725 Dolphin Dr., Ste. B, 7 p.m.)

Milwaukee: Jan. 2, Feb. 6, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7 (Broken Bat Brewing, 135 E Pittsburgh Ave., 7 p.m.)

Additional details, see website: [www.brewcitycatholic.com/brewing-the-faith.html](http://www.brewcitycatholic.com/brewing-the-faith.html)

**Several small groups are underway at Queen of Apostles. Mike Szocs is interested in leading a small group. Have you thought about joining? Do you have questions? Are you interested in leading? Please feel free to contact Mike at [mmszocs1@gmail.com](mailto:mmszocs1@gmail.com) / (262) 443-5500 and she'll be happy to help.**

*"By this all people will know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another." – John 13:35*

## **November Month End Statements Summary**

### **Balance Sheet**

- Cash increased \$42,558 for the month of November. \$13,560 came from the Love One Another Campaign.
- Current Liabilities increased \$16,969 primarily for the LOA project.

### **Income Statement**

- Revenue for the month of November came in \$1,076 unfavorable to budget. Y-T-D revenue is favorable to the budget by \$43,226. This does not include the \$44,034 we received from the Love one Another campaign.

- Expenses continue to be in control. We came in \$7,399 favorable to the budget of \$63,576.

Y-T-D expenses are favorable to the budget of \$322,199 by \$46,355.

- Net Income for the month came in \$6,323 favorable to the budget. Y-T-D net income is favorable to the budget of (\$28,529) by \$89,581. This does not include the revenue from the Love One Another campaign.

Even with the little shortfall in revenue, November was a very good month.  
See you in January.

John