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*How is what
I AM DOING
going to help a
parish or school?*



FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND LUNCH MAY 2 | NOON

Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob will be Presider and a boxed lunch will be served in B118/119 for those who RSVP'd.



A MESSAGE FROM KIM KASTEN

To my work family,
Mere words are not adequate to thank you all for the wonderful send-off reception! I am humbled and overwhelmed by the turnout and all the well wishes. To everyone who had a hand in it, and I know how many hands and cooks it takes to make something like that happen, a heartfelt "thank you!"
As I step into retirement after 33+ years at the archdiocese, I am filled with nostalgia and gratitude for the lessons learned and the friendships made over the years. This has been more than a job; it is part of my identity and a community that's as familiar as family. As the page turns from the work chapter of my life, Dennis and I look forward to the next chapter: spending more time with family (and yes, the bees too), traveling and whatever else the Good Lord has in store for us. Thank you all for being part of my story. I hope our paths continue to cross.

Kim Kasten



L-WING UPDATES

There have been a couple of changes in the L-Wing over the past weeks.

First, congratulations to Nancy Kerns, who was promoted to Executive Assistant to the Archbishop. Nancy was asked to serve in that role on an interim basis, during the installation and arrival of Archbishop Grob. Archbishop Grob has now asked Nancy to serve in that role officially. Nancy will continue to serve as Executive Assistant to both auxiliary bishops, Bishop Jim Schuerman and Bishop Jeff Haines. So, if you need something from a bishop, Nancy is the person to ask! Jerry Topczewski will continue to handle scheduling for Archbishop Grob. Fr. Phillip Bogacki, who serves as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, while continuing to serve as pastor of Christ King Parish in Wauwatosa, recently relocated his office to the L-Wing. His phone extension remains the same: 3301.



DEPARTURES

James Feffer – Archives

Trent Ratkowski – Cemeteries

Congratulations to Trent on his retirement after serving the archdiocese for 23 years!



ANNIVERSARIES

**Happy Anniversary To Those Celebrating
Milestones In May!**

John Barker, HR, 1 year

Anthony Hansen, Cemeteries, 1 year

Melissa Kozlowski, Cemeteries, 1 year

Hugo Rodriguez, Cemeteries, 1 year

Our Mission

Proclaim Christ and Make Disciples through the Sacramental Life of the Church.



A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP GROB

Dear Colleagues,

Joyous Easter!

In three weeks, I am excited to gather with all of you for my first Staff Meet and Greet. To prepare for the meeting, I have put together a short questionnaire for staff to provide input directly and confidentially to me. The questionnaire is anonymous and is intended simply to give me a snapshot of how you feel about your work and workplace. It is also a way for you to ask me questions or share something you feel I should know. As previously stated, the results of the survey will go anonymously, directly, and confidentially to me. You will find the survey [here](#). Please complete the survey by April 30.

The Staff Meet and Greet is Tuesday, May 13, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., in B118-119. If you haven't already registered, please do so [here](#). If you are unable to attend, please notify your supervisor.

Most grateful for who you are,

+Jeffrey S. Grob

Archbishop of Milwaukee



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE CELEBRATING THIS MONTH!

Justin Mann	Cemeteries	May 1
John Marek	FIOF	May 2
Nicholas Castro	Cemeteries	May 3
Meg Aspinwall	Evangelization	May 4
Cynthia Garcia	Safe Environment	May 9
Fr. Robert Kroll	Seminary	May 11
Fr. Michael Malucha	Vocations	May 16
Jill Dreist-Dombrowski	Cemeteries	May 17
Gaby Cabrera Sandoval	C.S.R.	May 18
Greg Churchill	Seminary	May 18
Marie Hofmann	Safe Environment	May 19
Jay Weber	Cemeteries	May 19
Andrew Gass	Tribunal	May 20
Timothy Gall	Cemeteries	May 22
Dan Kowalsky	Development	May 22
Sharon Hanson	In-House Counsel	May 23
Fr. Glen Powers	Seminary	May 24
Mario Vallejo	Cemeteries	May 24
Deborah Denk	Development	May 28



WELCOME



Mario Ortiz

Welcome Mario Ortiz! Mario started with us Monday, April 21, as the Office and Events Coordinator for the Office for World Mission. Here is a little bit about Mario:

Kids: I have three kids.

Prior Position: Event Manager and Producer

Hobbies: Podcasting and basketball

Favorite Food: Italian



The Good News
A weekly encouraging message from Archbishop Grob!

The Good News is being spread in a new way! Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob is offering a brief weekly video message called "The Good News." Follow the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on Facebook or Instagram and look for "The Good News" in your feed every Wednesday. Please share it!

Please share it! [f](#) [@](#) www.archmil.org/Good-News

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April Wellness Newsletter

National Health Observances:

Alcohol & Substance Abuse and Stress Awareness Month



April's health observances are Alcohol & Substance Abuse and Stress Awareness Month.

Check out the following UnitedHealthcare educational resources to learn more about these topics:

- [Alcohol use disorder](#)
- [Substance use disorder](#)
- [Substance use help line](#)
- [Living with stress](#)

Health Tip Flier of the Month:

Soothing Stress

Learning about common health topics is one way to help support your health and wellness.

Check out this month's Health Tip Flier on Soothing Stress.

([English](#) & [Spanish](#)).



United at Work Presentation of the Month:

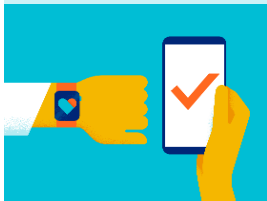
Breathing for Better Health

The Breathing for Better Health presentation is available to view in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Something as simple as conscious breathing may lead to many health benefits, calming the mind and reducing stress.

During this presentation, you will define diaphragmatic breathing and discuss benefits of breathing techniques and its impact on health. We will also review breathing strategies, as well as good breathing practices.

Health action of the month



- Avoid alcohol near bedtime
- Take brisk 10-minute outdoor walks



[Click here](#) for the entire United at Work catalog.

Next Month's Preview...



Health Observance

- Mental Health Awareness
- Physical Fitness & Sports Month



Health Tip Flier of the Month

Strength for Health



United at Work Presentation

Strength for Health