

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of March 12: As you take "steps forward," your faith in Jesus's true Presence in the Eucharist will grow. We cannot simply convince ourselves through reason that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. One of the best ways to grow in this faith is to spend some time in conversation with Jesus, truly present in a Catholic Church. Go there and share something with the Lord that is on your heart. You will notice that probably without saying or feeling anything special, you will leave with a quieted heart. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me commit to spending some time in conversation with you in Church. This week, read about how we can always find Jesus in His Father's house in Luke 2:41-51.

Caregiver Opportunities: The Villa St. Joseph is seeking applicants for part-time help on all shifts for LPN or RN and part time evening caregivers. Includes every other weekend. Starting wage is \$18.95 and training provided. Apply at fspa.org/careers.

Pork Chop Dinner: St. Michael Parish (Junction City) March 26 Grilled Pork Chop Dinner DRIVE-THRU serving from 10:30am to 1pm. Double Chop meal for \$12 includes Baked Potato, Green Bean Casserole, Garden Salad, Bread & Desert.

Project Seed Sales 2023 coming soon: A Forage & Seed Corn sale is coming soon to several locations, supported by the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, offering high quality, low cost seed in the midst of a challenging economy. Seed corn is offered in both conventional and glyphosate tolerant varieties. There will be alfalfa and clover ready for sale and non-GMO seed can be ordered. Sale dates and locations: March 18 in Stanley, March 25 in Colby and April 1 in Cassel. Full details and the 2023 Project Seed brochure can be found at diolc.org/project-seed.

Fish Fry: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 24, from 4:00-7:00 PM, dine-in or carry-out. The price is \$12 for 2-piece and \$14 for 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried cod, baked potato or fries, coleslaw and roll. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk. Beer, wine and desserts available at dine-in for additional cost.

Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner: The St. Mary's Men's Club is hosting a Spaghetti and Pasta dinner on Saturday, March 25. Serving from 4-7 PM. Adults \$12, kids under 12 \$5, children under 3 free. Serving spaghetti/pasta (gluten free option available), sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, beverage, and ice cream with toppings. Beer and wine available for purchase. Carry outs available. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and tip boards. Join us for some great food and fun at St. Mary's Church, Coon Valley.

Founder's Day: The Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation is celebrating Founder's Day on Sunday, April 23, with an award dinner at the Radisson Hotel Ballroom. Mrs. Julie Wagner, Mark Hansen, Phil (PJ) Esten, and The Weber Group will all be honored at the event. If you would like additional information about this event or to RSVP, please visit aquinascatholicschools.org/founders-day.

Kids Korner

Water...



In today's first reading, the Israelites in the desert are thirsty and ask Moses for water. So God tells him to strike a big rock with his staff and water comes out. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty.

Water is a symbol of life. In the first story the people in the desert would have died if they didn't get water. Now Jesus gives us His life, which is grace. We receive it especially in Holy Communion. This is the living water that He is talking about. Our souls need His grace to stay alive.



When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive, and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!



Answer to puzzle on front will never thirst. Answer to puzzle inside: because hearts, spirit, given, still, time.

Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the words in the box. Use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

And hope does not disappoint,
 1. _____ the love of God has
 been poured into our 2. _____
 through the Holy 3. _____ who
 has been 4. _____ to us. For
 Christ, while we were 5. _____
 helpless, died at the appointed
 6. _____ for the ungodly. Indeed,
 only with 7. _____
 does one die for a just person, though
 perhaps for a good person one
 8. _____ even find
 9. _____ to die. But
 10. _____ proves his love for us in that...
 ...WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS

_____ FOR US.
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

COURAGE	DIFFICULTY	HEARTS
GOD	TIME	GIVEN
SPIRIT	MIGHT	BECAUSE

PASTOR

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....8:00 PM
 Sunday.....10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Friday.....8:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesday.....7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Adoration
 & By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 Friday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary Hundt, Coordinator.....(608) 780-6172

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Gary Flock, Michael Hundt, Rachel Persson, Brandon Flock, Mark Nicolai (Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery, Peter Benzing, Chris Pundzak, Kathy Flock

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla, LaVonne Hundt

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus, Jared Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

CEMETERY SEXTON Tom Schaub...(608) 486-4012

FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Debra Leis.....(608) 632-7830

MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605
 Leland Gregorich, Organist

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 12, 2023



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish • Weddings • Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (Please call Father Biju's cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Parish Intentions

3/15 Wed. 7:00 PM –
(No morning mass)
† Dave & Marcie Hundt (EC)
3/17 Fri. 8:00 AM –
† Stanley B Hundt (AH)
3/18 Sat. 8:00 PM –
† Jerry Hundt (AMH)
3/19 Sun. 10:00 AM –
St. Peter’s Parish Family



This year our Diocesan Annual Appeal will be held in conjunction with the Inspired by the Spirit campaign and will benefit our own parish and the larger Church of La Crosse for years to come. The Diocese plans to raise \$40,000,000. Our parish goal over a 5 year time period is \$85,000 with \$55,250 coming back to our parish for our own needs and projects.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,548.35
	-\$151.65
Year to Date Target -	\$61,200.00
Year to Date Total -	\$60,085.53
	-\$1,114.47

Readings for March 19, 2023

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel Reading: John 9: 1-38

Prayer for Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.

Ministry Servers

Saturday March 18 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Andrew Schaub & Volunteer
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Ron Hurtz
Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday March 19 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Kate & Allis Gronemus
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Leo Leis
Lector: John Hundt

Reminder We understand everybody's schedules get busy. If you are not able to make it on a day you are scheduled PLEASE make the effort to find a replacement or at least let somebody know ahead of time!!

Stations of the Cross & Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday @ 7:30 with Adoration to follow until 9 PM
Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. March 15 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Wed. March 15 – Lenten mass @ 7:00 PM with Stations of the Cross to follow
Sun. March 19 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45AM
Wed. March 22 – Confessions available @ 6:30 PM
Wed. March 22 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. March 26 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45AM
Tues. March 28 – Cemetery Committee mtg@ 7:30PM
Sun. April 2 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Fri. April 7 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule



***NOTE*:** When sending money for flowers, mass intentions, church support or special collections PLEASE make out separate checks or cash as these things go into different accounts and it is easier for bookkeeping purposes. Thank you.

St. Joseph’s Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.
First Saturday Mass.....8:30am
Confession time available after Mass
Monday5:30pm
Tuesday..... 5:30pm
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)
Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor’s Pen

The Woman at the Well

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John’s Gospel. In the Gospel this week, we encounter the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria. Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. The Gospel says Jews used nothing in common with Samaritans (*John 4: 10*). But Jesus enters into conversation with the woman. He asks her “Give me a drink.” What starts as small talk ends up coming up with a deep discussion about questions of morals and faith. The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah.

She was transformed by the encounter. There’s a difference between listening to someone describe a sunset and seeing the colors for yourself. There’s also a big difference between hearing about Jesus and hearing Jesus speak directly to our hearts. The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah.

Having known Him the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The Samaritan woman leaves the well and returns to the city. She tells the people everything that has happened between her and Jesus. She is describing the most beautiful sunset she has ever seen. Then she is extending her invitation for them to “come and see” Jesus for themselves. The more we grow in faith if we allow that personal encounter with the Lord

A few days back we had a meeting with the core committee members of the Inspired by the Spirit campaign you had seen about in the previous bulletins. The dates for reception are finalized and you will be receiving invitation letters to participate in the meetings. I request all of you to respond to the available dates given in the invitation letter which you will receive in the coming days. Stay tuned for more information. I like to thank all those who are helping me with the campaign.

Have a blessed Lent.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Please pray for Matthew Alan Muenzenberger, son of Robin & Kaylee, who will be baptized today. Our sympathies are extended to the Muenzenberger family for the loss of their matriarch, Susan Muenzenberger.

Parish News

Lent schedule: There will be Stations of the Cross every Wednesday during Lent at 7:30 PM with Adoration to follow until 9:00 PM. On Wednesday March 15th there will be mass at 7:00 PM with Stations of the Cross to follow.

Dispensation: With the Feast of St. Patrick falling on a Friday this lent the Bishop of the La Crosse Diocese has issued a dispensation from the abstinence from meat on March 17th. He encourages all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.

Important Information: Please note that we have a new email address! parishoffice@stpmr.diocparish.org

First Confession: Please pray for the students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week: Henry Kadrmas, Hadlee Leis, Adeline Nicolai, Avin Stephenson, Sawyer Tollefson, Conrad Weber & Abel Slattery. May God bless and guide them.

Eucharistic Revival: On Thursday March 30th, Father Robert Redfern, currently pastor at Colby WI, will join us for food & fellowship. While we enjoy Pheasant pie & fresh baked bread, he’ll give us food for thought regarding the power and beauty of the Eucharist. Adoration will begin at 6:30 PM with fellowship and the presentation to follow at 7:30 PM. Please RSVP to Andrew Persson at 608-386-8283. This is open to everyone!

Lenten Series: All are welcome to join St. Joseph Parish for the Eucharist Lectio series with Brant Pitre. It’s free. It is Tuesday evenings at 6:15 PM in the school hall. This will follow the regular Adoration (5:00 pm) and Mass (5:30 pm). There will be 10 sessions (one per week) that explore Scripture, history, and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and the MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST. Please call Stacy Burns @ 608-769-8828 to register or with any questions.

Anointing of the Sick: Fr. Biju will be available to perform this Sacrament on the first Friday of the month after daily mass. Please contact him directly if you or a family member would like to receive. **This is available Friday April 7th.**

First Sunday Rosary: We pray the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at **7:30 PM**. The next one will be **April 2nd**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Seeking Babysitters: If you are willing to babysit, please send your name and phone number to Rachel Persson at 608-386-9543. She is compiling a list of babysitter-aged women from our parish. The information will be posted in the back of the church so that families in need of babysitting may contact you directly. Note: rate of pay, number of children, etc, is all to be determined by the babysitter individually. The church is merely providing a list of potential babysitters, nothing more.