

## Diocesan and Community News

### Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) for more information.

### Message for the week of April 16 – Divine Mercy:

#### The Eucharist is the Great Miracle of Mercy

In His great love for us, Jesus gave us a great miracle of mercy: The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. God did not only become man in the Incarnation to give His life for us on the cross and to rise again in glory for our salvation. The Incarnation also looked forward to Jesus remaining physically with us in the Eucharist as we journey through this life. The Divine Mercy Image of Jesus with the white and red rays represents our Eucharistic Lord, whose Heart has been pierced and now pours forth the water of Baptism and the Precious Blood of the Eucharist as a fountain of mercy for us. This week, as we continue the Easter Season and celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, let's pray right now 3 times the words that Jesus gave St. Faustina: "Jesus, I trust in You!" This week, read how Jesus appears to Thomas who was not present when He first appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection. Thomas, when He does see Jesus, falls before Him and says "My Lord and My God." John 20:19-29

**Caregiver Opportunities:** The Villa St. Joseph is seeking applicants for part-time help on all shifts for LPN or RN & CNA's on all shifts. Includes every other weekend. Training provided. Apply at [fspa.org/careers](http://fspa.org/careers) and look under Villa tab.

**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.

**Rummage Sale:** Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 21, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 22, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

**Spring Luncheon:** Saturday, April 29th, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Coon Valley. Only \$7 per person. Open to the general public. Invite your family and friends and join us for lunch and door prizes. Lisa Olson, a children's book author, will present her latest book starting at 11:30 AM. For more information call 608-452-3841.

**Chicken Que:** Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, May 11, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

### Kids Korner

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, besides being the second Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. It is the special day when we remember the mercy of God.



Mercy is when a person treats another better than they deserve. God does not owe us anything, since everything we have comes from Him. When we sin we offend God, but because He is merciful He forgives us when we are sorry.

Jesus' dying on the cross was the biggest act of mercy. He gave up His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and go to Heaven! Thank God today for all He has given you, especially giving up His life so that you can go to Heaven!



Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Have mercy on us!*

*Jesus, I trust in You!*

### Congratulations on your Confirmation!!

Max Christensen, Andrew Schaub, Austin Olson,  
Isabell Korn & Madelyn Klinkner



### PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

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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

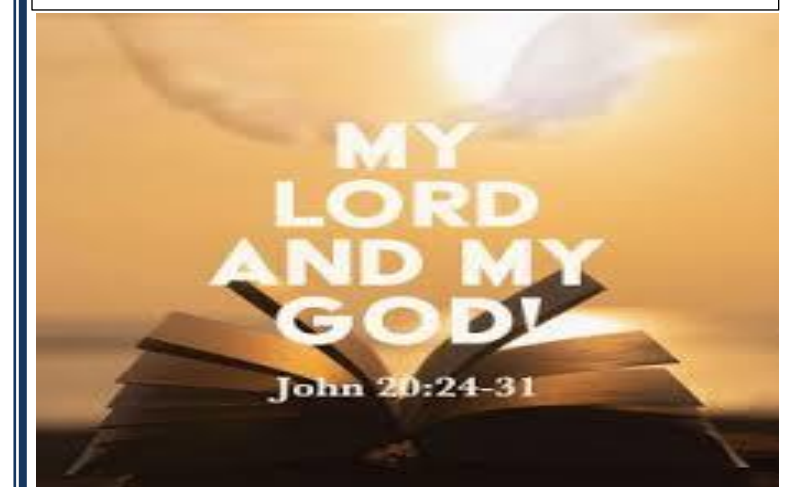
**St. Peters Catholic  
Church  
Middle Ridge, WI  
W697 State Hwy 33  
Rockland, WI 54653**



Parish website: [www.saintpetersparish.net](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**APRIL 16, 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

4/19 Wed. 8:00 AM –  
† **Stanley B Hundt (AH)**  
4/21 Fri. 8:00 AM –  
† **Peggy Arentz (SSM)**  
4/22 Sat. 8:00 PM –  
† **David Cummings (PTS)**  
4/23 Sun. 10:00 AM –  
† **Donna Leis (LF)**



Please join us for an informational reception in the church basement on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 10 AM mass. There is also the opportunity to attend on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the St. Joseph Parish school basement. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$4,640.75
	\$2,940.75
Year to Date Target -	\$69,700.00
Year to Date Total -	\$82,063.59
	\$12,363.59

Readings for April 23, 2023

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14,23-33  
**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21  
**Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:13-35

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 April 22 – 8:00 PM**  
Servers: Matthew & Andrew Schaub  
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Mike Schaub  
Lector: Melissa Schaub

**Sunday April 23 – 10:00 AM**  
Servers: Kate Gronemus & Jake Peterson  
Ushers: Leo Leis & Mark Stephenson  
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!!

Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday @ 7:30 until 8:30 PM**  
Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. April 19 – Grades 7-9 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM  
Sun. April 23 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM  
Sun. April 23 – Inspired by the Spirit Reception after 10 AM Mass in St. Peter's basement  
Wed. April 26 – Grades 7-9 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM  
Sun. April 30 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM  
Sun. April 30 - Inspired by the Spirit Reception @ 7 PM in the St. Joseph school basement  
Fri. May 5 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule  
Sun. May 7 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM  
Sun. May 7 – First Holy Communion @ 10 AM Mass  
Sun. May 21 – Graduation & Confirmation Mass @ 10



**\*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

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  
Monday .....5:30pm  
Tuesday..... 5:30pm  
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)  
Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday. "Jesus said to Sr. Faustina one day: 'Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy' (Diary, p. 132). Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium." - St. Pope John Paul II, Divine Mercy Sunday Homily, April 22, 2001.

St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy be observed. One of the instances is mentioned here: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. *Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.* (Diary, no. 699)

The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. Please check the website of the Shrine for more information.

Along with the Divine Mercy Sunday today we also celebrate the transforming power of resurrection. In the Gospel, risen Christ enters the room in which apostles are hiding. He blesses them with peace. The Apostle Thomas is not present on this occasion and refuses to believe the witness of the other disciples. He did not believe the words of his companions about the Lord's appearance. "Unless I see the mark...put my finger into the nail marks...my hand into his side, I will not believe." It would appear that even among the earliest Christians there was some disagreement about the need to see solid evidence before believing. No one should feel guilty or ashamed of doubt. Its ok to have doubts. It is part of being human. Like Thomas we often doubt what we cannot see and though yet Jesus does not reject Thomas because of his unbelief. He comes back for him. Jesus continually comes back to us. He never stops believing in us. A week later Thomas is present when the Risen Lord appears again. There, Thomas makes a profession of faith as he says, "My Lord and my God!"

Congratulations to all those CCD Students who were confirmed this week. May your faith be strong.  
Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

**Easter Flowers:** If you would like to donate towards the flowers that decorate our church please place it in a marked envelope. Thank you to those who have donated: from Pat & Darla Lucey, from Gary & Sarah Gronemus, in memory of Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS), in memory of deceased members of the Lee family (ML), in memory of Arlene & Alfred Bahr (DW), in remembrance of Stanley & Steven Hundt (AH), from Gary & Deb Flock and in memory of Eugene Flock, Kylie VonRuden & Chad MIsna (LF).

**Confirmation:** Please keep in your prayers these students that were Confirmed this past Wednesday: Isabell Korn, Austin Olson, Andrew Schaub, Madelyn Klinkner & Max Christensen. Special thanks to Tom Schaub who has helped prepare them for this Sacrament. May God watch over and lead them in their walk of faith.

**Council Sunday Collection:** The PCCW historically takes up a collection on the first Sunday after Easter for the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. This collection helps with Diocesan workshops, attend NCCW national conventions, support the Milwaukee Providence, Casa Hogar, special needs ministries, human trafficking ministries, Books for Kids, Catholic Charities, summer camps for kids, Priests for Tomorrow, Deacon Formation, Retrouvaille, parish kitchen reawakening after COVID, Project Milk, Cathedral reconstruction, Water for Life, Refugee Women, Students for Life, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Catholic College Scholarships, short term Mission work grants, Focus Campus Ministry, Relevant Radio, Catechist and much more! Please be prayerfully generous in donating.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16. The schedule for the day is as follows: 9:00 AM Latin Mass, 11:00 AM Spanish Mass, 1:00 PM English Mass, 2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2:45 PM Divine Mercy Reflection and Family Consecration to the Divine Mercy, 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:15 PM Benediction, 3:30 PM Blessing with the relic of St. Faustina. Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059. "On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." – Diary of St. Faustina #699