

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of April 30:

Why does Jesus give us Living Bread
 Jesus loves us more than anyone, and He wants to dwell within us. Through Baptism, we become children of God. As part of His Family, Jesus wants to guide us on the right path – to live a life with joy and peace. He knows we need His help and this is how He strengthens us to follow Him, giving us the spiritual food that we need to have the power in order to follow His Way. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, I believe that You are the “living Bread” come down from Heaven. Please strengthen my belief. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: In your own words thank God for the gift of your Baptism in which you became a child of God and are privileged to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. This week, read how Peter addressed the great crowd of people, encouraging them to repent and be baptized in Acts 2:14a, 36-41.

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 and look under Villa tab .

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.

Parents - Protect Your Children: The culture is bombarding your children and young people with lies about their identity. The stark reality is that the “gender revolution” is being streamed into your children’s daily lives, offering a seductive vision that is deeply disturbing and untrue. The work of Person and Identity Project is an excellent service to parents navigating urgent issues around ‘gender identity’ and ‘gender transition.’ The information on their website is objective and up to date. personandidentity.com

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.

Kids Korner

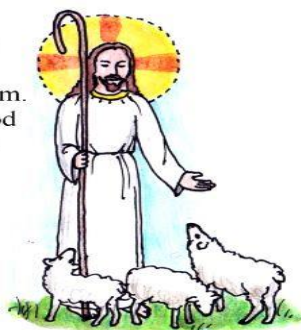
The Good Shepherd



The readings in today’s Mass talk about Jesus the Good Shepherd. In Jesus’ time, and still in some parts of the world today, there would be flocks of sheep grazing in the pastures. The shepherds were the people who looked after the flocks and made sure none of the sheep got lost or hurt or attacked by wild animals.

The Church is the flock of Jesus, and He is the Good Shepherd. He guides the people in the Church so that their souls will not be hungry- He gives us grace, just like a shepherd makes sure his sheep have lots of grass to eat!

Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the “Our Father” we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.



Answer to puzzle on front page:
 I am the gate.
 Answer to Fill-in-the-blanks:
 know his voice.

Fill-in-the-Blanks

The letters in squares fit into the spaces at the bottom.

GATEKEEPER	HIS	THIEF	
REALIZE	WILL	DRIVEN	
SPEECH	YOU	CLIMBS	
ENTERS	AMEN	VOICE	

Jesus said: “Amen, _____¹²_____, I say to _____⁹_____, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but _____¹¹_____ over elsewhere is a _____⁵_____ and a robber. But whoever _____²_____ through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The _____¹_____ opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls _____¹⁰_____ own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has _____⁸_____ out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his _____³_____. But they will not follow a stranger; they _____⁴_____ run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.”
 Although Jesus used this figure of _____⁷_____, the Pharisees did not _____⁶_____ what he was trying to tell them.

The sheep 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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

Office Phone: (608) 486-2180

Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.org

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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 & Louisa Peterson (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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 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

5/3 Wed. 8:00 AM –

† **Kathy Doyle (ANN)**

5/5 Fri. 8:00 AM –

† **Joyce DeFlorian (BDF)**

5/6 Sat. 8:00 PM –

St. Peters Parish family

5/7 Sun. 10:00 AM –

† **Thomas Chennala (BCK)**



Please join us for an informational reception on Sunday
April 30th at 7 PM in the St. Joseph Parish school hall.
Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,705.64
	\$5.64
Year to Date Target -	\$73,100.00
Year to Date Total -	\$84,546.98
	+\$11,446.98

Readings for May 7, 2023

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-12

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 May 6 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Matthew & Andrew Schaub

Ushers: Don Halderson & Phil Gronemus

Lector: Dan Korn

Sunday May 7 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Madi & Allis Gronemus

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Leo Leis

Lector: Kathy Flock

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

Sun. April 30 - Inspired by the Spirit Reception @ 7 PM in the St. Joseph school hall

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

Wed. May 10 - Parish office closed

May 13 & 14 - Mother's Day Rose sale

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 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 Fourth Sunday of the Easter

The Fourth Sunday of Easter marks the midpoint of the 50 days of Easter season. Every year on this day we read from John chapter 10. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd. "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10). On this Sunday we stop reading Gospels about the post-Resurrection appearances of Our Lord, and beginning next week we start meditating on Jesus' teaching on the Holy Spirit. In other words, this day marks a shift from remembering Easter to looking forward to Pentecost. This weekend Jesus tells us "I am the gate for the sheep." As the gate, Jesus offers safety as well as freedom on the path to salvation. As the gate, Jesus offers access to what nourishes and protects from harm. The Risen Lord sustains us in our journey as we move toward the Father. He tells us clearly "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

The fourth Sunday of Easter has been also designated as "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." I invite you to pray that young people may receive the grace to respond to God's call to consecrated life and priesthood. The Church needs priests and consecrated women and men. Please keep me and other priests, religious and bishops too in your prayers.

Capital Campaign: I like to thank all those who took part in the reception of Inspired by the Spirit campaign in both parishes. This weekend on Sunday we have the final combined reception. All those who have not come for the campaign please join us at the St Joseph school hall at 7pm on Sunday. Thanks to all the campaign chairs from both parishes. Terese Slattery and Mark Stephenson from St Peter. Special thanks to Gary Flock for being the resource person from the finance council.

Gary Hess and David Brown are the campaign chairs from St Joseph. Thanks to all of them. For your time and support. This campaign will also include 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Once this goal is met whatever is contributed to the campaign 80% will come back to us for various projects. Please take a few moments to review the brochure which you have received and share in the vision for the future of our Church. Along with the brochure you may have received your letter with an asking amount. Do what you can. Your prayerful discernment of a sacrificial pledge commitment is greatly appreciated.

May the good Lord bless you all.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Thank You!! Many thanks to our teachers at the end of our CCD year: Duane & Abigail Leis, Erin & Mike Klinkner, Carol Gronemus, Kristen Schaub, Laura & Mark Nicolai, Mike & LaVonne Hundt and Tom Schaub. Special thanks to Mary Hundt, our DRE.

First Communion: Please pray for these students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion next Sunday: Henry Kadrmas, Hadlee Leis, Adeline Nicolai, Abel Slattery, Avin Stephenson & Conrad Weber. May God bless & protect them.

Finance Council: Thank you and Welcome to the newest members of our finance council; Rachel Persson, Brandon Flock, Mark Nicolai & Louisa Peterson.

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 May 5th.**

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 **May 7th**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Prayers for Farming and Rural Life: As spring and planting season arrives, remember to support those who grow our food and fulfill God's command to "till the earth and keep it." As a farming community please pray for the following:

-For favorable weather during planting season: that the fruits of the earth may provide food enough for all people and provide for the livelihoods of farmers and growers. Let us pray to the Lord.

-For farmers and their families, and for those who work in agriculture: that they be good stewards of the goods of the earth and receive what they need for their spiritual and material well being. Let us pray to the Lord.

-For farmers who are struggling to make ends meet: that they may be encouraged by the support of their neighbors, their parish and all of God's people. Let us pray to the Lord.

-For a greater knowledge and love of rural life: that its values, traditions and faith be nurtured in our communities. Let us pray to the Lord.