

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival: Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more info.

Message for the week of March 10: A Minute with Jesus:

As you take “steps forward,” your faith in Jesus’ 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.

The Shroud of Turin replica exhibit returns to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe:

March 13, 2024 @ 12:00 am - March 20, 2024 @ 5:00 pm. View a life-size replica of the original Shroud of Turin, which is believed to be the burial cloth Jesus was wrapped in after His crucifixion. The Shroud is credited as the most studied object in history. “It contains all of the information in the gospels, and then even more information that science has been able to extract from the shroud, showing the evidence that Jesus was a real person.” Tony Cherniawski, Expert

“the ANSWER” Eucharistic Rally | June 7th at the La Crosse Center:

“The Answer” Eucharistic Rally on Friday, June 7, 2024, is for catechetical leaders, catechists, interested adults, families, parents and their 7-12 grade students. Please encourage the people of the parish to join us for a Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Barron and Bishop Callahan, excellent speakers, music, vendors, and, of course, Mass, adoration and confession.

For the first time in 83 years, our nation will celebrate a National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024. National Eucharistic pilgrims will travel along four routes that originate in California, Texas, Connecticut and Minnesota. After traveling across the Golden Gate Bridge, through Manhattan and across our country, all four routes will converge on Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the National Eucharistic Congress. Over 25,000 people have already registered for the event.

The Marian Route originates in Lake Itasca, Minnesota, and will travel through the Diocese of La Crosse. On June 7, 2024, Bishop Robert Barron, the National Eucharistic Pilgrims and the pilgrims from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester will meet Bishop William Patrick Callahan and our diocese on the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse, Wisconsin, to transfer the Blessed Sacrament to the Diocese of La Crosse.

The procession will then walk to the La Crosse Center for “the ANSWER”—a Eucharistic Rally that features nationally and internationally known speakers and musicians. National Catholic media, Catholics from across our 19 counties and many more people who simply want to encounter Christ will attend. Registration for “the ANSWER” opened December 15 2023.

Pilgrims will accompany Jesus through the Diocese of La Crosse with stops at La Crosse (La Crosse Center, Viterbo, The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe), Sparta, Wisconsin Rapids, Ellis, Marshfield, Colby, Abbotsford and Wausau before traveling to the Diocese of Green Bay. The pilgrimage will touch all corners of our diocese and allow people from across Wisconsin to encounter Jesus Christ through adoration, Mass, prayer, fellowship, presentations on Eucharistic miracles and features on our Wisconsin natives on the path to sainthood. ➡

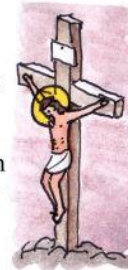
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For God so Loved the World



When God made the world He wanted the people to be His friends and always live in happiness. But instead of choosing to love God completely, the people sinned. They were cut off from the happiness of God because they chose to love themselves more than they loved God.

But God still loved the people so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to save the people from their sins. Now we just need to choose to believe in Jesus, and to love Him. As today's Gospel reading says, "...so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."

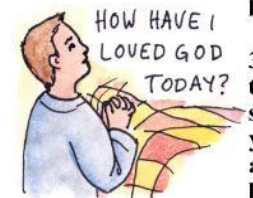


How can we turn to Jesus so that we can be saved from our sins?

Here are a few things that can help you a lot:

1. When you wake up in the morning, tell Jesus that you are offering everything that happens today to Him.

2. Every day look at a crucifix (a cross with Jesus on it.) Think about how much Jesus loves us. How much do we love Him back?



3. Each night before you go to sleep, think about your day. Did you show your love for God today? If you did something bad, be sorry and think about how can you do better tomorrow.

Look for information for the Eucharistic Rally in the back of church. Below is the event order:

Gathering at La Crosse Center

10-11 a.m. Eucharistic Procession - pilgrimage from Cameron Street Bridge to the La Crosse Center

11 a.m. Mass

1 p.m. Opening, Bishop's welcome

1:25 p.m. Chris Stefanick

3-4:15 p.m. Immaculee Ilibagiza

4:45-5:30 p.m. Luke Spehar Concert

5:30 p.m. Josh Rosa

7-7:30 p.m. Father Justin Kizewski

7:30-8:30 p.m. Holy Hour of Adoration

You can find more information about the event by visiting: <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>.

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

Office Phone: (608) 452-4680

Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.org

PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mark Nicolai (Chairman), Rachel Persson, Brandon Flock & Louisa Peterson
(Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery, Peter Benzing, Kathy Flock, Sarah Gronemus

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla

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
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2024



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

3/13 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

† Leonard Kick (MAS)

3/15 Friday 8:00 AM –

† Wilfred & Alice Kotek (SMF)

3/16 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† Madonna Hundt (AH)

3/17 Sunday 10:00 AM –

St. Peter’s Parish Family

Ministry Servers

Saturday March 16 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Tim Leis

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday March 17 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Madi & Allis Gronemus

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Stephenson

Lector: Ann 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

Wednesdays during Lent @ 7:30 PM

Adoration to follow

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. March 13 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

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Sun. March 17 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Mon. March 18 – St. Peter’s Soup Supper @ 7:00 PM

Mon. March 18 – Cemetery Committee meeting @ 7:30 PM

Wed. March 20 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Wed. March 20 – Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 PM

Sun. March 24 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Mon. March 25 – Confessions at Cathedral 9 AM- 6 PM

Wed. March 27 – CCD/Confirmation mass @ 7:30 PM

Mon. April 1 – PCCW meeting at 7:30 PM

Fri. April 5 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. April 7 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare): Year B - John 3:14-21

This weekend we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Lent. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare* (Rejoice) Sunday. Since this Sunday occurs in the middle of Lent, as *Gaudete* Sunday is celebrated midway through Advent, *Laetare* Sunday reminds us of the event we look forward to at the end of the penitential season. As on *Gaudete* Sunday, rose-colored vestments may replace violet, with flowers on the altar. These outward signs symbolize the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection, a joy which cannot be contained even in Lent.

The Gospel of John tells us about a night time call Jesus received from a prestigious Jew named Nicodemus. He was a wealthy Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin. He meets Jesus by night and begins a long religious discussion. Jesus tells him “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” This is the first of three references in John’s Gospel to Jesus being “lifted up” (cf. 8:28, 12:32-34).

Here John refers to an Old Testament story given in Numbers 21:4-9. On their journey through the wilderness, the people of Israel murmured and complained, regretting that they had ever left Egypt. To punish them, God sent a plague of deadly serpents. When the people repented and cried for mercy, God instructed Moses to make an image of a serpent in bronze and to hold it up in the midst of the camp so that those who looked upon the serpent might be healed through the power of God.

Jesus thus explains through it, God’s plan of salvation by referring to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent. He reveals the Good News that God will show His love for mankind by subjecting His own Son to suffering and death as ransom for the sins of the world. The only reason for that is John 3:16 says “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” This is the summary of the Gospel message of salvation through Christ Jesus. God's motive is love and God's objective is salvation. Remember He died for us.

Have a blessed Lent.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Children’s Choir: The children’s choir will have practice Saturday, March 23rd from 3-4 PM. They will be singing at the 10:00 AM Easter morning mass.

Cabin Feverfest: Our annual Euchre tournament and luncheon was a huge success! We had 17 tables of players, a record since starting this gathering! Thank you to all who helped in any way with this function. We raised just under \$600 dollars.

Banner Mass: This weekend the 3rd grade class will present their banners at mass. They will then be hung around the church to remind parishioners to pray for those receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please keep in your prayers: Evelyn Flock, Luke Geier, Sadie Gronemus, Mason Leis, Marlayna O’Heron & Brynn Stephenson as they prepare for this sacrament.

Soup Supper & Fellowship: There will be a Lenten gathering in the church basement on Monday March 18th at 7:00 pm that will include a light meal, speaker & fellowship. Please plan to attend and spend some time with our parish family!

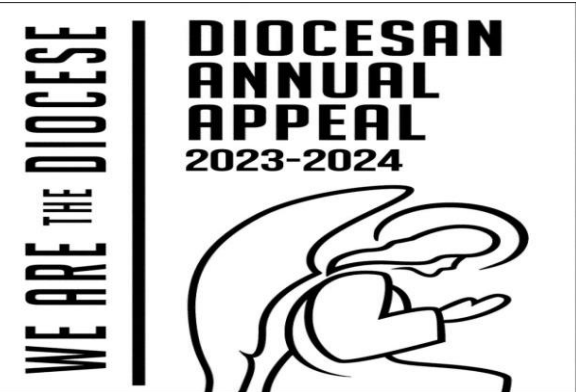
Special Mass: There will be a mass on Wednesday March 27th at 7:30 pm for the students receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. The parents and sponsors of these students are asked to attend and any other parishioners are welcome also. Please keep in your prayers: Drew Butzler, Violet Hundt, Parker Mlsna, Matthew Schaub, Kate Wall & Audrey Weber. Special thanks to Tom Schaub, their teacher, for helping to prepare them for this sacrament. There will be no morning weekday mass on this date.

All Night Adoration: There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for all night adoration which begins immediately after Holy Thursday’s mass. Jesus asks each of us “Could you not watch one hour with me?” Perhaps even half an hour?

Diocesan Annual Appeal: As you can see from the chart to the left, we are getting close to reaching our goal for our annual collection. If these monies are not collected, the parish is billed for the remainder. If we surpass our goal the extra comes back to our parish. Please consider donating. The deadline for funds to reach the Appeal office is June 30th.

LDCCW Biennial Convention: The convention will take place April 13th at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse. Our guest speaker is Abby Johnson, author of *Unplanned*, which was made into a movie of the same name. Ms. Johnson was a Planned Parenthood Director for many years. After witnessing an abortion on ultrasound Abby changed her position on abortion. Horrified by what she witnessed she became an outspoken pro-life advocate against Planned Parenthood and abortion. Her testimony is powerful and her message must be heard; abortion is the killing of innocent life and not simply a women’s reproductive health issue. The event will be from 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM. The cost is \$65 and includes lunch. **Look for information & registration forms for this in the back of church.**

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



Goal: \$11,760.00

Total Pledged: \$9,260.00

Total Received: \$9,260.00

Under Goal: \$2,500.00

Participation: 79%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target - \$1,870.00

Last Week’s Total - \$2,118.00

\$248.00

Year to Date Target - \$65,450.00

Year to Date Total - \$73,723.94

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Readings for March 17, 2024

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33