

Diocesan and Community News

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

Message for the week of March 24: A Minute with Jesus: Jesus Wants to Live in Our Heart Always

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave His Apostles – the first priests – the command to repeat His actions and words: to “do this in memory of Me.” The presence of Christ, by the change of bread and wine in becoming His Body and Blood, takes place by the power of Jesus’ Word and the Holy Spirit. The priest, in the role of Christ through his ordination, pronounces the words of Jesus, but their power and grace are God’s. At Mass, as the priest speaks the words of Jesus, the bread and wine become His Body and Blood by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants us to receive Him at Mass every Sunday because He wants to live in our hearts. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Thank you, Jesus, for Father Biju, who stands in for You, and thereby, we are able to receive You in Holy Communion at Mass. This week, read the passage of Jesus instituting the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper in Matthew 26:26-28.

Divine Mercy All Day Celebration April 7: Come to the Shrine on the Feast of Divine Mercy. It will be a day of approaching the Sacred Heart of Jesus with great faith, trust, and appreciation. The day includes: Holy Mass (Latin, Spanish, and English options), The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Exposition, Benediction & Reposition, and Relic Veneration of St. Faustina. Learn more at GuadalupeShrine.org/events! Offer your prayers, and rejoice in Our Lord’s unfathomable mercy!

“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. **Below is the event order.**

Look for information for the Eucharistic Rally in the back of church.
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/>.

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Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



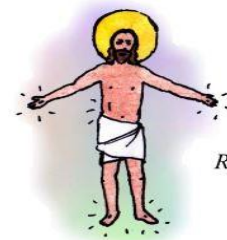
Easter is the time when we celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead.



Early in the morning the day after the Sabbath, the women went to the tomb and found it empty! They went and told the disciples, who went and saw it was true. Jesus' body was gone! He had risen from the dead!



Imagine the joy of Our Lady that her Son was alive again! Here is a special Easter prayer to Our Lady:



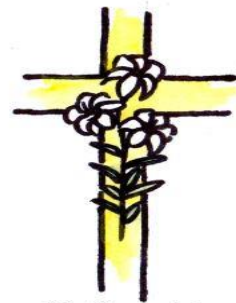
*Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia!
For the Son Whom you were privileged to bear, Alleluia!
Has risen as He said. Alleluia!*

*Pray to God for us, Alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad, Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
For the Lord has truly risen! Alleluia!*

Answer to the Word-Find: Jesus is risen!

Easter Word-Find

J E L O V E D S T U
C L O T H S I M O N
F I R S T C S A M A
B N I T D R C G B P
E E S O A I I D E K
L N E N R P P A M I
I W E E K T L L P N
E D E A D U E E T S
V I S M A R Y N Y R
E I S E P E T E R N



Find the words in CAPITALS and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Early on the FIRST day of the WEEK, when it was still DARK, MARY and Mary MAGDALEN and some other women went to bring spices to Jesus' TOMB. They wondered who would roll away the STONE. But when they got there, they saw it was already moved, and the tomb was EMPTY! They ran and told the disciples. SIMON PETER and the other DISCIPLE, whom Jesus LOVED, ran to the tomb and found it as the women had said. The LINEN CLOTHS were lying there, and the NAPKIN that had been on Jesus' head was folded up. Then they began to BELIEVE, because they hadn't known the SCRIPTURE that said that Jesus must RISE from the DEAD.

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,
Pat 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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Middle Ridge, WI
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
MARCH 24, 2024

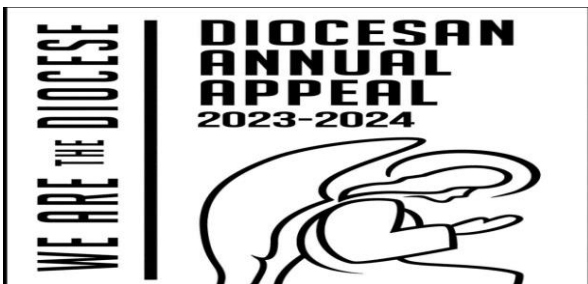


CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- 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

3/27 Wednesday (No morning mass) 7:30 PM – For the intentions of the 2023-24 Confirmation class (PF)
3/28 Thursday 8:00 PM – † Michael Grelle (MLH)
3/29 Friday - Stations of the Cross 12:30 PM
Good Friday service 1:00 PM
3/30 Saturday 8:30 PM – † Madonna Hundt (AH)
3/31 Sunday 10:00 AM – † Harold & Susan Muenzenberger (RBM)



Goal: \$11,760.00
 Total Pledged: \$9,260.00
 Total Received: \$9,260.00
 Under Goal: \$2,500.00
 Participation: 79%

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,463.25
	-\$406.75
Year to Date Target -	\$69,190.00
Year to Date Total -	\$76,415.19
	+\$7,225.19

Readings for March 31, 2024

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

Ministry Servers

Thursday March 28 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Mike Schaub & Duane Leis
Lector: Dan Korn
Friday March 29 – 1:00 PM
Servers: Arnie Nicolai & Kate Gronemus
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Peter Benzing
Lector: Pam Benzing
Saturday March 30 – 8:30 PM
Servers: Isabell Korn, Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Ron Hurtz
Lector: Lynda Hurtz & Melissa Schaub
Sunday March 31 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson
Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Leo Leis
Lector: Joseph Peterson

Parish Calendar of Events

Mon. March 25 – Confessions at Cathedral 9 AM- 6 PM
Wed. March 27 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Wed. March 27 – NO MORNING MASS
Wed. March 27 – CCD/Confirmation mass @ 7:30 PM
Sun. March 31 - Grades 1-6 NO CCD Class / Easter
Mon. April 1 – PCCW meeting at 7:30 PM
Wed. April 3 – Confirmation at the Cathedral – La Crosse
Wed. April 3 - Grades 7-9 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Fri. April 5 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule
Sun. April 7 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
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

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD!"

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. Through participation in the whole sequence of services, we share in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning. The procession with palms and accompanied by the Passion narrative we enter into this holy season. It is followed by the Paschal Triduum -Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil - three days that are the highlight of the Church year. Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, 'commandment' John 13:34) contains a rich complex of themes: we remember institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, as well as Jesus' commandment to love and serve Christ in one another. We also meditate on the washing of the Apostle's Feet by Jesus besides Christ's agony and prayer in Gethsemane with the arrest of Jesus. After keeping vigil ('Could you not watch with me one hour?') Thursday passes into Good Friday.

Good Friday is a day of penance and abstinence to be observed as an obligation in the whole Church. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion includes: A liturgy of the word, The adoration of the Cross and Communion service. Good Friday is the only day of the year on which the celebration of Mass is forbidden. The church remains stripped of all decoration. It continues bare and empty through the following day, which is a day without a liturgy. We remember him dying on a cross. We remember the cross, a sign of shame and punishment, becoming the symbol of sacrifice, healing, unconditional love, total giving, redemption and salvation.

Then within the deep silence there grows a sense of peace and completion, and then rising excitement as the Easter Vigil draws near. Holy Saturday, ends the Lenten season. At Easter, we rejoice in the empty tomb—Jesus' resurrection. On this most holy night we celebrate the service of light, Easter Proclamation, liturgy of the Word, renewal of our own baptismal promises and liturgy of the eucharist. Easter vigil is called the 'Mother of all vigils' says St Augustine.

As we begin our journey in holy week with Christ, I encourage everyone to attend as many services as possible this week. On Monday of holy week, we have all day confessions at the Cathedral. Also on Holy Tuesday we have the Chrism mass. Bishop will bless the oil of the sick and oil of catechumens and consecrate the oil of Chrism. Priests will renew their priestly promises. Let's enter into this week with devotion and love. Wishing a blessed Holy Week to everyone.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

DRE Needed: Position open for parish director of religious education. The DRE is responsible for implementing the parish religious education program that occurs on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during the school year. Duties include managing student registrations, the religious education schedule, the program content, staff and budget. The DRE also serves as the parish safe environment coordinator. Salary is paid bi-annually. Please contact Fr. Biju or the parish office if interested.

Confession Opportunity: There will be all day confessions on Monday March 25th from 9 AM – 6 PM with several priests available at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse.

Easter Flowers: Anyone wishing to donate towards our Easter flowers in the name of a loved one may place the donation in a marked envelope in the collection basket.

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?

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday - St. Peter's: 8 PM with adoration following all night to 9 AM Fri. St. Joseph's: 7 PM with adoration following until midnight
Good Friday – St. Peter's: 1:00 PM with Stations of the Cross @ 12:30 PM St. Joseph's: 3:00 PM with Stations of the Cross @ 2:30 PM
Easter Vigil – St. Peter's: 8:30 PM (after sunset) St. Joseph's: 8:30 PM (after sunset)
Easter Sunday – St. Peter's: 10:00 AM St. Joseph's: 8:30 AM

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.**