

Diocesan and Community News

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

Message for the week of May 5: A Minute with Jesus:

Eucharist means thanksgiving When we receive Jesus, we want to receive Him sincerely and thank Him for the total gift of Himself to us - the greatest gift possible. After receiving holy Communion, we want to give heartfelt thanks to Jesus for this tremendous blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of Himself in the celebration of the Eucharist our union with Jesus is augmented, our charity toward others is revived and more merciful, and we are strengthened to avoid future mortal sins. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to have a grateful heart, most especially to our Heavenly Father, to You and to the Holy Spirit. This week read how St. Peter speaks words of thanksgiving for all that God our Father has done for us through Jesus Christ in 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Holy Trinity Chicken-Q and Bake Sale: Located at 13th and Park Streets, La Crosse on Wednesday May 15th Serving 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Menu includes: ½ Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw & Roll for \$11.00 Pick Up, Drive-Through, and Delivery. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE for purchase. Pre-Sales Preferred. Chicken-Q Phone: 608-782-2028 Ext.2 Bake Sale will feature homemade breads, pies, bars, cookies and more!!

Organ Concert: Visit the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe on May 11, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm to hear the young and talented organist, Henry Dangerfield. His concert is free and open to the public. More information at guadalupe Shrine.org/events.

Bishop Callahan's Blog: My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as you know, May 1st is the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman. We turn to him for his example and intercession in the context of this great month. The beautiful month of May honors, in splendid ways, humanity's goodness and virtue. Significantly, we express our esteem for mothers. First Holy Communion and graduations are also milestones celebrated with sacred pomp and procession in May.

This May, we have the particular grace of welcoming a new bishop to the Diocese of La Crosse. I will celebrate my final Mass as your Bishop on Pentecost. With gratitude and joy, I will remain in service to you and our diocese as Bishop Emeritus. When I reflect on the past 14 years, the memories of our farmers at so many Rural Life Masses, my brother priests teaching, sanctifying and connecting their flock with Jesus, the hundreds of holy Catholic School teachers and their joyous wards, and so many more wash over me. I clearly see such blessings bestowed by the hand of God. We have accomplished much together in the vineyard, and I am so grateful. At the installation Mass on May 20th, 2024, just days away, we will welcome the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse, Bishop Gerard Battersby. He arrives with a wealth of experience as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Detroit, having been in that role since 2017. We await his arrival with eager anticipation. The day of installation was appropriately and properly selected because it is the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

May God watch over us and take care of us in the Diocese of La Crosse during all the years to come.

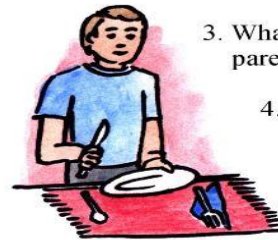
Kids Korner

Love One Another

Jesus wants us to love each other just like God the Father loves us. Can you think of some ways to show you love the people around you?



1. What can you do to show you love your parents?
2. How can you be loving to your brothers and sisters?
3. What can you do for your grand-parents to show you love them?
4. How do you show your friends you love them?
5. What can you do to love someone that doesn't like you?



When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!

Love One Another Word Find

Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks.

As the FATHER has loved me, so have I loved you; REMAIN in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be COMPLETE. "This is my COMMANDMENT, that you love one another as I have loved you. GREATER love has no man than this, that a man lay DOWN his LIFE for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No LONGER do I call you SLAVES, for the slave does NOT KNOW what his MASTER is DOING; but I have CALLED you FRIENDS, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I CHOSE you and appointed you that you should go and bear FRUIT and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ASK the Father in my NAME, he may GIVE it to you. This I command you, to love one ANOTHER.

No one has greater love than this:

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

for one's friends.



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

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Leland Gregorich, Organist

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 5, 2024

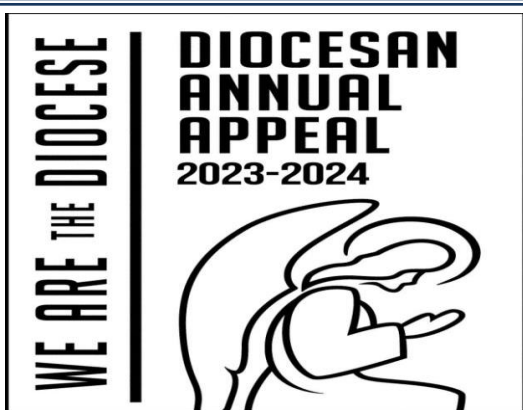


CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- 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

5/8 Wednesday 8:00 AM – † **John, Robert & Linda Mashak (JM)**
5/10 Friday 8:00 AM –
 † **Leo & Shirley Servais (SF)**
5/11 Saturday 8:00 PM –
 † **Mary Weber & family (BJL)**
5/12 Sunday 10:00 AM –
 † **Madonna Hundt (AH)**



Goal: \$11,760.00
Total Pledged: \$9,830.00
Total Received: \$9,830.00
Under Goal: \$1,930.00
Participation: 84%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$965.17
	-\$904.83
Year to Date Target -	\$80,410.00
Year to Date Total -	\$89,529.84
	+\$9,119.84

Readings for May 12, 2024

First Reading: Acts 1: 15-26
Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16
Gospel Reading: John 17:11-19

Ministry Servers

Saturday May 11 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Isabell Korn & volunteer
Ushers: Bill Korn & Tim Leis
Lector: Julie Lundeen

Sunday May 12 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Madi & Allis Gronemus
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Leo Leis
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!!

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday @ 7:30 until 8:30 PM

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus.

Confessions available.

8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~

- Read Spiritual Books - Ask for Intercession - Meditate
- Offer a Holy Hour - Write a Prayer Journal - Read the
- Pray Spontaneously - Ask the Saints for help Scriptures

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. May 5 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Sun. May 5 – First Communion & May Crowning
Mon. May 6 – PCCW Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Sat. May 11 & Sun. May 12 – Mother's Day Rose sale
Sun. May 19 – Graduation/Confirmation recognition mass
Fri. June 7 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, the beloved apostle of Christ, John, reminds us in his letter and the Gospel of the essence of love: "Love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God." He also reminds us, "not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins."

Jesus gathers a community of followers not based on a certain set of rules, but founded on friendship, on self-sacrificing love, on total giving. He says "love one another as I have loved you." St. John's words should be seen not only as the guide to eternal life but also as the recipe for a life of peace and harmony here on earth.

The secret of the life of Jesus was his contact with the Father. Again, and again, he withdrew to quiet places to be alone with the Father. He knew what it meant to "abide" in the Father's Love. His disciples must do the same. Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." It is a challenge to reach out to others in love - "not to withhold" our love from others. We are called to give what we have received as gifts from the Lord. Let's learn to love as Jesus loves us.

Last week with mass we have concluded the CCD academic year 2023-24. I like to thank all the teachers for their commitment and love with which they carried out their responsibility. Once again congratulations to the First Communicants. May you grow in love.

Have a great weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

First Communion: Congratulations to all of the students receiving their First Communion this weekend. Please keep in your prayers; Evelyn Flock, Luke Geier, Sadie Gronemus, Mason Leis, Marlayna O'Heron & Brynn Stephenson. Special thanks to Carol Gronemus for preparing them for this sacrament.

Special Thank You: We have wrapped up another year of Catholic education. We are so grateful to our teachers: Duane & Abigail Leis, Erin & Mike Klinkner, Carol Gronemus, Stephanie & Maddie Klinkner, Laura & Mark Nicolai & Tom Schaub. **A HUGE thank you goes out to Mary Hundt, who has been our DRE and teacher, for her MANY years of service. Congratulations on your retirement!**

PCCW Meeting: There will be a meeting of the Parish Council of Catholic Women on Monday May 6th at 7:00 PM.

Mother's Day Rose sale: On Saturday May 11th & Sunday May 12th we will have roses for sale after mass. A \$2 per rose donation is requested. Money raised will go to the local Wisconsin Right to Life chapter to help with things like pro-life billboards, fair booths and sending teens to the March for Life & similar conferences.

Graduation/Confirmation Mass: At the May 19th mass we will recognize the 2024 Confirmation class & the 2024 High School Graduates. Please mark your calendars. Graduates are asked to wear their caps & gowns. All should meet in the back of church before mass to process up with Fr. Biju. Congratulations goes out to all!

CCD Summer Event: There will be a sleepover & outdoor movie for our students that will include food & games at the St. Peter's ball field on June 5th into the 6th. Please watch for more details.

"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. You are encouraged to join us for a Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Barron and Bishop Callahan, excellent speakers, music, vendors, and, of course, Mass, adoration and confession. Please find information in the back of church to attend!!

Parishioners: Please remember that we have a group of ladies willing to help with meals or visit for you or a family member if needed. Please call or text LaVonne at 608-317-9541 for more information.

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.

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 5th.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

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 June 7th.**

Hearing Assistance: For anyone finding it difficult to hear during mass we now have head-sets available in the sacristy that can be used to help. They are linked into our sound system directly.