

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of April 20:

A Minute with Jesus: Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Jesus is alive! We receive the living resurrected Christ in holy Communion. Jesus holds nothing back in the holy Eucharist. He gives Himself completely to us when we receive Him at Mass every Sunday. Receiving His resurrected body and blood will raise us to Him to live forever. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to realize that You are alive, and every time I receive You, that You are alive in me. This week, as we celebrate Easter, make a practice that was common after the resurrection with the early Christians to say to family members and friends, "Jesus Christ is risen; He is alive!"

St. Mary's Parish Spring Luncheon: Join us on Saturday, April 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623. Cost is \$10 per person. Open to the general public. Invite your family and friends and join us for lunch and door prizes. Beginning at 11:30 AM, Linda Schulte will present her mission trip to Casa Hogar in Peru. For more information call 608-452-3841.

Catholic Infertility Conference: Join us for the Catholic Infertility Conference on April 25th and 26th, a supportive gathering dedicated to families navigating the complex journey of infertility. Attendees will hear from experts in reproductive health, clergy, and fellow Catholics who share their personal experiences and insights. More information at CatholicLife.org

Good Luck to Fr. Biju on his new assignment to St. Wenceslaus Parish in Milladore, St. Michael Parish in Junction City, and St. Bartholomew Parish in Mill Creek. May God bless you!



Congratulations!!

Kids Korner

Jesus is Risen!

Alleluia!



Today we celebrate the greatest feast day in the year! Jesus has come back to life! Alleluia!

Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday to take away our sins. But He didn't just die- He came back to life again so that we could come back to life one day too.

The Apostles were afraid when Jesus was killed. They were very sad and tried to comfort each other. Imagine their surprise when Mary Magdalene came rushing in and told them that the body of Jesus was gone from the tomb! Peter and John ran to see. When they saw the empty tomb they knew what had happened.

Jesus had come back to life!



Congratulations to Stetson Scharping, son of Dylan & Kayla and to Hank Steiger, son of Jacob & Mandi, on their Baptism last weekend. May God bless you all!



Baptized in Christ!

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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

Miranda Flock & Carol Gronemus (assistant)

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

FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Deborah Leis

MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator

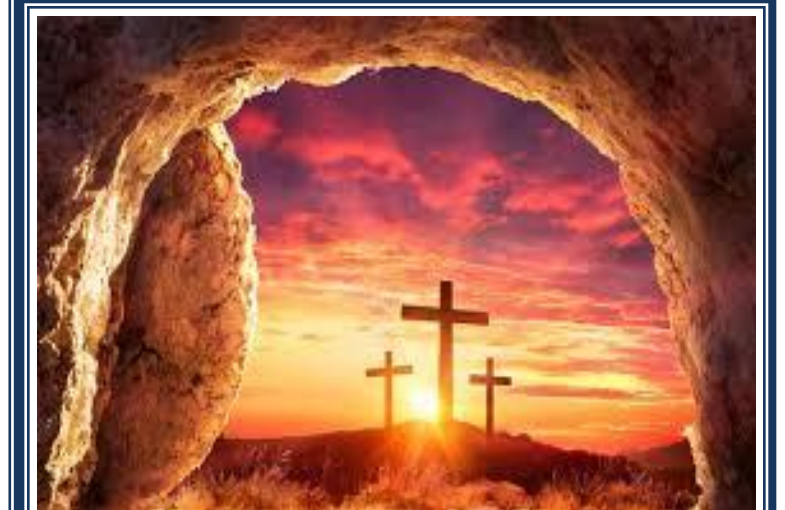
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 20, 2025



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

4/23 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
† Donna & Paul Leis (ER)
4/25 Friday - No Mass
4/26 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† Leo Bouska (AB)
4/27 Sunday 10:00 AM –
† Stanley Hundt (AH)

Thank you to those who donated towards our beautiful Easter flowers:

- Gary & Debbie Flock
- Margie Lee
- Pat & Darla Lucey
- In memory of Steven & Stan Hundt (AH)
- In memory of Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS)
- In memory of our parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, brothers & sister who have died (RJK)



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,531.35</u>
	-\$338.65
Year to Date Target -	\$76,670.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$69,846.84</u>
	-\$6,823.16

Readings for April 27, 2025

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16
Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-19
Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Ministry Servers

Saturday April 26 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Andrew Schaub & Mason Leis
Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Mike Schaub
Lector: Lynda Hurtz
Sunday April 27 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Lukas Slattery & Sawyer Tollefson
Ushers: Peter Benzing & Mark Stephenson
Lector: Pam Benzing
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.
8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~
 - Read Spiritual Books - Ask for Intercession - Meditate
 - Offer a Holy Hour - Write a Prayer Journal -
 Pray Spontaneously - Ask the Saints for help - Read the Scriptures

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. April 23 - Grades 7-9 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Wed. April 23 - Confirmation at the Cathedral @ 6:30 PM
Sun. April 27 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Wed. April 30 - Grades 7-9 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. May 4 – First Holy Communion
Sun. May 4 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Mon. May 5 – PCCW meeting @ 7:00 PM
Sun. May 18 – Graduation/Confirmation recognition mass



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.

St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.
 Tuesday (Communion Service) 5:30 p.m.
 (Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 p.m.)
 Thursday (Communion Service)8:30 a.m.

Easter Encouragement

He is risen! Risen indeed! His Resurrection is not just a past event we commemorate but a living reality that brings hope and transformation. Jesus, crucified for our sins, rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all.
 As we gather on this Easter Sunday, let's not just acknowledge the Resurrection as a historical fact, but let's feel its truth in our hearts. Do we live as witnesses to the glorious reality of the Resurrection in our daily lives?
 Of course, a witness has first-hand knowledge. Our readings today focus on the Resurrection itself and those who witnessed it.
 In the Gospel, St. John describes the very first witnesses to the empty tomb: Mary Magdalene, John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"), and Peter. Each had an individual "experience" of the empty tomb and went up close to see what Jesus' love had accomplished.
 How can we, as Christian stewards all these years later, see for ourselves and become His witnesses? We "see for ourselves" when we prayerfully read the Scriptures, knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each of us. We "see for ourselves" each time we receive our Lord's precious Body and Blood in the Eucharist. We "see for ourselves" when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we imitate our Savior.
 This Easter, resolve to live as if the saving power of the Resurrection is true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is indeed risen!

Parish News

St. Peter's Passover Soup Supper: Thank you to all who contributed food for this event and to all who attended to enjoy parish family fellowship and to wish Fr. Biju well at his new assignment. Fr. Biju thanks you all for the cards & gifts.

Confirmation: On April 23rd we will have 4 students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral in La Crosse. Please keep in your prayers: **Jack Christensen, Cameron Olson, Emery Klinkner & Evelyn Weber**. Special thanks to their teacher Tom Schaub who helped prepare them and to all the teachers they had in the past. May God bless you all!

LDCCW Collection: Divine Mercy Sunday has been the weekend to take up the collection for the La Crosse Diocesan Catholic Council of Women. Through our parishes generosity this collection helps seminarians, young people to go on a mission trip to Casa Hogar, Books for Catholic Schools (including Bibles), education for lay Catechists, summer camp, scholarships for Catholic Women to pursue religious education, Catholic Charities and their outreach to young moms, warming centers, food banks, and a whole lot of Catholic miscellaneous projects. We will take up a second collection at the end of mass.

Changes are a Comin': During our interim time without a Pastoral assignment our weekday schedule will be different. We will have a Communion service with Deacon David Allen at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays with Adoration to follow beginning April 30th through the end of June. There will be no mass or service on Friday's. The first Saturday mass at St. Joseph's will not be available.

Music Announcement: A white musical insert has been added to our missalettes. This is the Mass of St. Brigid. All of the regular mass parts are included except the verses of the Gloria, which are sung by the choir. The choir has enjoyed learning something new, and we look forward to singing this mass for Easter. We pray that all of us at St. Peter's will come to appreciate praising God with some new sounds!

Attention Parents: Please note that the bathrooms are only cleaned once per week. Please use the bags provided for soiled diapers and take them with you to dispose of at home. Thank you!

Important Cemetery Information: It has come to the attention of the Cemetery Committee that several headstones in our cemetery are in need of repair/maintenance. Following is a list of the names on those headstones. It is the family's responsibility to take care of these headstones. If you are a family member or know of a family member, please consider taking care of the necessary repairs and/or contacting family members. If interested, the Committee does have the name of a person who does this kind of work. If you have questions, please contact one of the Committee members. **Row 3** Frank Mashek **Row 3** Peter & Barb Antony **Row 4** John Schmit **Row 4** Karoline Dlask **Row 5** Peter Bell **Row 5** Aletta Arentz **Row 11** Franz Kamperschroer **Row 11** Peter Ott **Row 12** Edmund Ott **Row 13** Vaclav & Marie Silha **Row 13** Margerate

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 4th.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.