

Diocesan and Community News

Supporting your Church: In good times and bad times, Catholic faithful have supported the church generously. Your Parish needs your generous support to continue. Collections at Weekly Masses are the main source of income. We need to consider alternative options to continuing your contributions to the Church. Our bank is not able to process ACH payments. You can mail in your weekly/monthly offering to the parish office. (W697 State Hwy 33 Rockland, WI 54653)

Rummage Sale: Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 29, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 30, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 24: The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 24. The schedule for the day is as follows: 9:30 AM Latin Mass, 11:00 AM Spanish Mass, 1:00 PM English Mass, 2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2:45 PM Divine Mercy Reflection by Cardinal Burke followed by a Family Consecration to the Divine Mercy, 3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy led by Cardinal Burke, 3:15 PM Benediction, 3:30 PM Blessing with first-class relic of St. Faustina. Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish from 9:15 AM - 3:30 PM. Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059. "On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." – Diary of St. Faustina #699

From Fr. Joe Walijewski Legacy Guild/Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II: Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II orphanage in Lurin, Peru, a mission of the Diocese of La Crosse, is looking for volunteers 20 years and older for 3 to 12 month periods. Volunteers take on a variety of tasks which vary according to the duration of stay and the volunteer's interests and capabilities. Needs range from education or tutoring, nursing assistance, administrative tasks or manual labor (painting, gardening, cleaning, etc.). Duties vary, but all volunteers will work directly with the children and families. Due to volunteer restrictions regarding the number of volunteers we can accept at one time, all long-term volunteers are chosen following an application process. Additional information is available at homeajpm.org/volunteer or email Noel Furger at nfurger@frjoesguild.org

Mayoral Prayer Breakfast: The Coulee Region Prayer Consortium is once again sponsoring the Annual Mayoral Prayer Breakfast, a beautiful interfaith prayer initiative which coincides with the National Day of Prayer. The focus is on prayer for our elected officials, educators, emergency responders, military personnel and area business and professional leaders. It includes a meal, special prayers and a speaker. This year's keynote will be delivered by Tom Thibodeau, professor and founder of the M.A. in Servant Leadership at Viterbo University. The Mayoral Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Waterfront Cargill Room from 7:29-8:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 5 and is open to the public. Tickets (\$15) are available at Living Word Christian Church in La Crosse or online at www.crprayer.org.

Kids Korner
Holy Week

Today is the beginning of Holy Week, when we specially remember the last days of Jesus and His death on the cross.

The Sunday before Jesus died, He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people cheered for Him. They laid down their cloaks and palm branches on the road to honour Him. That was Palm Sunday.

On the first Holy Thursday Jesus offered the first Mass ever. He took bread and wine and changed them into His Body and Blood and gave them to His Apostles to eat and drink. The same thing happens at every Mass when the priest says Jesus' words at the Consecration. We don't see the bread or wine change, but they are still really Jesus, offering Himself to God for us.

Good Friday is the day that Jesus died on the cross. The leaders of the Jews got the people to turn against Him. After an unfair trial, Jesus was whipped harshly and made to carry a cross up a hill. Then He was nailed to the cross and hung there until He died. Only His mother and a few of His friends were with Him.

Jesus was God and could have stopped the people from killing Him, but He chose to die for you. Because we sin, we don't deserve to go to Heaven. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we could go to Heaven. That's why it's called "Good" Friday! What is something special you can do on Good Friday to make up for your sins and say "thank you" to Jesus?



Good Friday Word-Find

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

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks.



On Good Friday morning, JESUS, who had been arrested the night before, was judged by Pontius Pilate, the ROMAN governor. Pilate had him WHIPPED. Then to make fun of Him the SOLDIERS made a CROWN of THORNS and put it on His head. They threw a purple cloth on Him and beat Him with RODS, saying, "Hail, KING of the JEWS!" Then Pilate had Jesus brought out in front of the people and asked them what they wanted to do with Him. The people, who had welcomed Him into JERUSALEM a few days before with their HOSANNAS, now shouted that He should be crucified.

So Jesus was made to CARRY a heavy CROSS out of the city and up a big HILL. Because He was so weak from being beaten, a man named SIMON of Cyrene was forced to help Him. The soldiers tore off Jesus' CLOTHES and attached Him to the cross with NAILS through His hands and feet.

Jesus offered His life for our SINS. He hung on the cross for three HOURS until He DIED. Nearby were His mother MARY, JOHN the Apostle, and Mary MAGDALEN. After He died a soldier stuck a SPEAR into His side to be sure He was dead.

Did you know that at every MASS we re-offer Jesus' sacrifice on the cross in an unbloody way on the altar?

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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 9:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Adoration
& By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Dan Korn, Gary Flock, Michael Hundt

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PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 10, 2022



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

4/13 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Connie

Goodreau (SAH)

4/14 Thur. 8:00 PM – † Eugene Flock

(LF)

4/15 Fri. 1:00 PM – Good Friday

4/16 Sat. 8:30 PM – † Bobby & Arlene

Arentz (DKS)

4/17 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peters Parish Family

2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$10,765.00

Total Pledged: \$7,330.00

Total Received: \$7,250.00

Under Goal: \$3,435.00

Participation: 68%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00

Last Week's Total - \$2,097.95

\$397.95

Year to Date Target - \$68,000.00

Year to Date Total - \$63,652.75

-\$4,347.25

Readings for April 17, 2022

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

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

Thursday April 14 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Isabell Korn

Ushers: Mike Schaub & Don Halderson

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Friday April 15 – 1:00 PM

Servers: Kate & Lily Gronemus

Ushers: Peter Benzing & Gary Gronemus

Lector: Ann Hundt & Pam Benzing

Saturday April 16 – 8:30 PM

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Ron Hurtz

Lector: Melissa Schaub & Kristen Schaub

Sunday April 17 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Lukas Slattery & volunteer

Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Rob Slattery

Lector: John Hundt

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Mon. April 11 – Confessions at the Cathedral available from 9 AM - 6 PM

Wed. April 13 – CCD to attend Shadow Stations

Wed. April 13 – Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 PM

Wed. April 13 – Confessions at 6 PM until done
(Two priests available)

Sun. April 17 – Grades 1-6 No CCD Class - Easter

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

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

Sun. May 1 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Sun. May 1 – First Holy Communion @ 10 AM mass

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

Passion Sunday

Welcome to Holy Week. Palm Sunday also marks the beginning of Holy Week, a solemn week focusing on the final days of Jesus' life. Palm Sunday is the official start of Holy Week, and the commemoration color is red reminding us of the passion of Jesus. The day is now called officially Passion Sunday. The liturgy begins with a blessing and procession of palms, but prime attention is given to a lengthy reading of the Passion, with parts taken by the priest, lectors and congregation. On Palm Sunday, we recall how the large crowds welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem, palm branches swaying and folks shouting his name and greeting him loudly. But as we will hear in the Passion story that is read at Mass, the crowds quickly turned on Christ's message of love and equality for all.

The adoring fans of Jesus on Palm Sunday swiftly turned violent. Even the very men Jesus had chosen to carry on his message, run away from him when faced with following Christ and deny even knowing Jesus. On Holy Thursday we recall the gift Jesus left to his disciples and all of us who over the centuries profess the name, Catholic; that of his own life, his body and blood in the Eucharist. On Good Friday we remember God who became human like us dying on the Cross for the salvation of everyone who accepts his invitation to eternal life. On Good Friday we also take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. Since the time of Saint Francis, the Franciscans have taken care of and ministered at the Holy Places in Israel. The friars also minister to the Palestinian Catholics in the Middle East. On Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil we light the Paschal candle, hear the many stories of our ancestors in faith through the reading of scripture, renew our Baptismal Promises and celebrate Christ's resurrection and his promise that we too will rise from the dead and live forever with him and all the saints in heaven.

On Easter Sunday we proclaim to all the world that Jesus conquered the darkness of death. We will pray at Mass, "O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life".

Have a blessed holy week

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - ST PETER

Holy Thursday, April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00 pm -Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration.

Good Friday, April 15

12:30 pm -Stations of the Cross

Solemn Service 1:00 pm

The annual collection during services today is to support the shrines in the Holy Land

Holy Saturday, 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 17, 10:00 am

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - ST JOSEPH

Holy Thursday, April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm -Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration.

Good Friday, April 15

2:30 pm -Stations of the Cross

Solemn Service 3:00 pm

The annual collection during services today is to support the shrines in the Holy Land

Holy Saturday, 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 17 8:30 am

Parish News

Holy Thursday: We need volunteers to come up to get their feet washed at the Holy Thursday mass at 8:00 PM.

Confessions: Opportunities for confessions are available all day at the Cathedral from 9AM to 6 PM on Monday April 11th and here at St. Peter's on Wednesday April 13th from 6 PM until finished. There will be 2 priests available here.

Easter Flowers: Anyone who would like to donate towards our Easter flowers can do so by placing their donation in a marked envelope and dropping it in the collection basket.

First Sunday Rosary: We will be praying the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at **7:30 PM** (please note time change). The next one will be **May 1st**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: There is still time to get your pledge in. We are currently \$3,435 short of our goal. If you need a new form please contact the parish office.