

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of March 26:

Jesus wants to live in our heart always. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave His Apostles – the first priests – the power to change the bread and wine into His Body and Blood. All priests have received this same power. 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 heart.

Lenten Series: All are welcome to join St. Joseph Parish for the Eucharist Lectio series with Brant Pitre. It's free. It is Tuesday evenings at 6:15 PM in the school hall. This will follow the regular Adoration (5:00 pm) and Mass (5:30 pm). There will be 10 sessions (one per week) that explore Scripture, history, and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and the MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST. Please call Stacy Burns @ 608-769-8828 to register or with any questions.

Pork Chop Dinner: St. Michael Parish (Junction City) March 26 Grilled Pork Chop Dinner DRIVE-THRU serving from 10:30am to 1pm. Double Chop meal for \$12 includes Baked Potato, Green Bean Casserole, Garden Salad, Bread & Desert.

Founder's Day: The Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation is celebrating Founder's Day on Sunday, April 23, with an award dinner at the Radisson Hotel Ballroom. Mrs. Julie Wagner, Mark Hansen, Phil (PJ) Esten, and The Weber Group will all be honored at the event. For additional information about this event or to RSVP, please visit aquinascatholicschools.org/founders-day.

Rummage Sale: Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 21, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 22, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 16: The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16. The schedule for the day is as follows: 9:00 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 and Family Consecration to the Divine Mercy, 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:15 PM Benediction, 3:30 PM Blessing with the relic of St. Faustina. Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 8:00 AM - 5:00 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. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."* – Diary of St. Faustina #699

Kids Korner

God Raises People from the Dead!



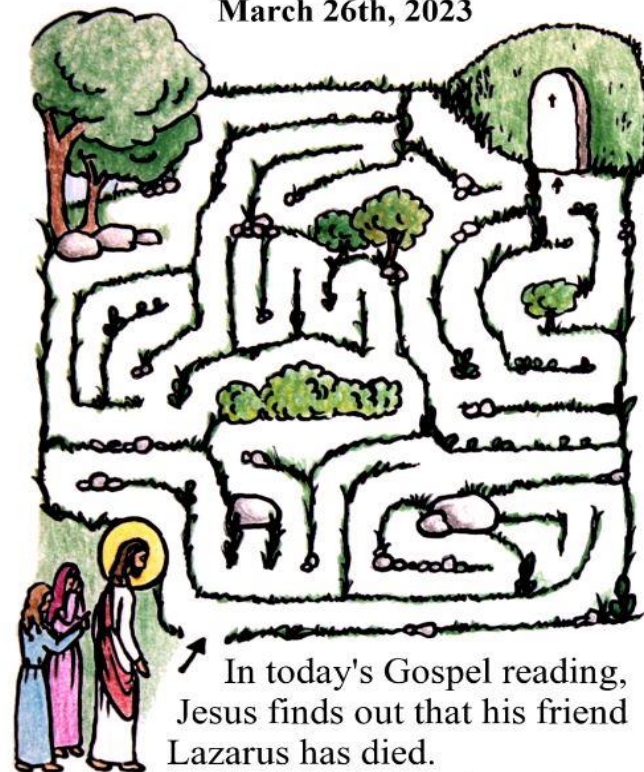
In today's Old Testament reading God promised His people that He would raise them from their graves. In the Gospel story Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from the dead. At the end of time God will raise everyone from the dead.

God does not like death. We all have to die because we are sinful, but God wants to raise us from the dead, like Lazarus.

Did you know that there is something worse than dying? Sinning is worse than dying, because when you commit a mortal sin you kill God's life in your soul. When you die you know that your body will rise again, but if you are not sorry for any serious sins then your soul will go to Hell because it doesn't have God's life in it. In Lent we should try to get rid of all the sin in our souls by going to Confession so that our souls will have God's life in them and be ready to celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter!



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 26th, 2023**



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus finds out that his friend Lazarus has died. Can you find your way through the maze to the tomb where Jesus will raise him from the dead?

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

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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

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

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Gary Flock, Michael Hundt, Rachel Persson, Brandon Flock, Mark Nicolai (Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery, Peter Benzing, Chris Pundzak, Kathy Flock

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla, LaVonne Hundt

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

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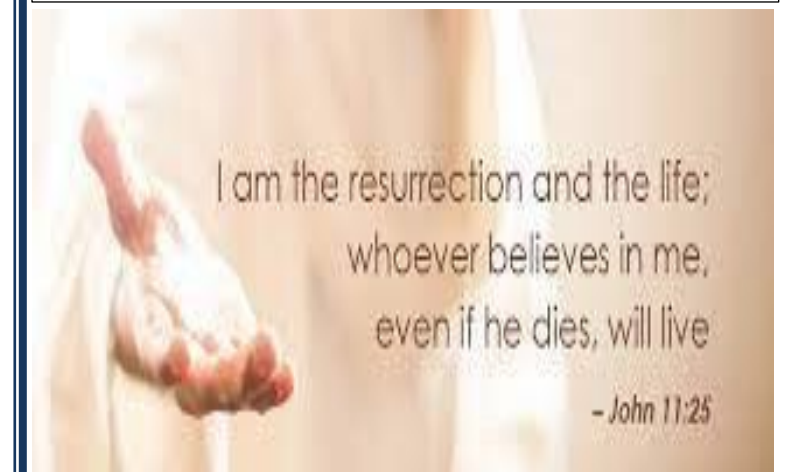
Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 26, 2023



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

3/29 Wed. 8:00 AM –

† Alois & Maude Mashak

3/31 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Clarence

& Verna Clements (AMH)

4/1 Sat. 8:00 PM –

† Richard Reget (DKS)

4/2 Sun. 10:00 AM –

St. Peters Parish Family



This year our Diocesan Annual Appeal will be held in conjunction with the Inspired by the Spirit campaign and will benefit our own parish and the larger Church of La Crosse for years to come. The Diocese plans to raise \$40,000,000. Our parish goal over a 5 year time period is \$85,000 with \$55,250 coming back to our parish for our own needs and projects.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$5,390.69
	\$3,690.69
Year to Date Target -	\$64,600.00
Year to Date Total -	\$66,901.39
	\$2,301.39

Readings for April 2, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14-27:66

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

Saturday April 1 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Matthew & Andrew Schaub

Ushers: Tom & Mike Schaub

Lector: Melissa & Kristen Schaub

Sunday April 2 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Arnie Nicolai & Jake Peterson

Ushers: Leo Leis & Mark Gronemus

Lector: Ann Hundt & 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!!*

Stations of the Cross & Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday @ 7:30 with Adoration to follow until 9 PM

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Tues. March 28 – Cemetery Committee mtg@ 7:30PM

Wed. March 29 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Thurs. March 30 – Eucharistic Revival with Fr. Redfern; Adoration, food & fellowship @ 6:30 PM

Sun. April 2 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sun. April 2 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Wed. April 5 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Thurs. April 6 – Fri. April 7 – Eucharistic Adoration

Fri. April 7 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament

available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. April 9 – Grades 1-6 NO CCD – Easter Sunday



**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. Thank you.

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

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Untie him and let him go." (John 11: 44)

Nearing the end of the season of Lent, the Church this Sunday is knocking at the door of Holy Week (which begins next Sunday, April 2, with Palm Sunday), seeking entrance to the events that together form the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the annual reminder of God's love for His people!

Today in the Gospel we hear the story of Lazarus being raised from the dead. As the story begins, we are reminded of the friendship that exists between Jesus, Lazarus, Mary and Martha. At Lazarus' death, Jesus makes His way to Bethany to console Martha and Mary. Martha and Jesus have a conversation outside the village in which Martha professes Jesus to be the Resurrection and the Life. Jesus weeps as He nears the tomb of Lazarus. He orders the stone rolled back. Having been warned of the stench of death if the stone is removed from the entrance of the tomb Jesus insists to remove them. The stone is removed. He cries out to Lazarus who came forth from the tomb wrapped in his burial cloth. "Untie him," Jesus said, "and let him go." His bindings are removed and life begins again. Free to live, Lazarus walks this earth once again.

There is hope when Jesus intervenes. His grace and power will help us to walk in the light. Does our sin, suffering and death bind us? Wallowing in the pain and helplessness, one can feel bound as Lazarus. What deaths keep us bound? What cloths must we untie? Jesus invites us to a new way of living. There is still time... "Come out!" Death will not have the final word. Lent continues to invite us to a new way of living.

Have a blessed Lent.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Lent schedule: There will be Stations of the Cross every Wednesday during Lent at 7:30 PM with Adoration to follow until 9:00 PM.

Eucharistic Revival: On Thursday March 30th, Father Robert Redfern, currently pastor at Colby WI, will join us for food & fellowship. While we enjoy Pheasant pie & fresh baked bread, he'll give us food for thought regarding the power and beauty of the Eucharist. Adoration will begin at 6:30 PM with fellowship and the presentation to follow at 7:30 PM. Please RSVP to Andrew Persson at 608-386-8283. This is open to everyone!

Holy Week Eucharistic Adoration: St. Peters Parish will hold **all night** Eucharistic adoration following Holy Thursday mass on April 6th until 11:00 AM on Good Friday. Eucharistic adorers are asked to commit to spend 1 hour or more in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament. To sign up for a prayer time call or email the parish office or sign up in the back of church. Let us try to have all of the time slots filled to adore Christ our Redeemer!

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 Friday April 7th.**

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 2nd**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Seeking Babysitters: If you are willing to babysit, please send your name and phone number to Rachel Persson at 608-386-9543. She is compiling a list of babysitter-aged women from our parish. The information will be posted in the back of the church so that families in need of babysitting may contact you directly. Note: rate of pay, number of children, etc, is all to be determined by the babysitter individually. The church is merely providing a list of potential babysitters, nothing more.

Holy Week, Abortion, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court Race: The PBS Wisconsin headline on Feb. 22 got right to the point: "National debate over abortion turns to Wisconsin Supreme Court race." It was referring to the election that will take place on Tuesday, April 4. Media coverage of the two Supreme Court candidates and their philosophies is widespread, and abortion has been the constant focal point. As we inform ourselves, and then cast our vote on April 4 – Tuesday of Holy Week – let us cherish the fact that Jesus himself took on flesh as a tiny, developing child in the womb of Mary, so that one day, on the Cross of Calvary, he might rescue us from darkness and sin. Likewise, every preborn child is in the image of the Lord who created and redeemed us.

Project Milk needs your help! As we prepare to purchase whole powdered milk for the children at Casa Hogar and their surrounding orphanages, we find ourselves short of funding to purchase a full shipping container. Presently we have the funding for 600 bags of milk, but a full container is 800 bags. We are in immediate need of \$17,000. Each 50 lb.-bag costs \$85.00. Please consider donating to Project Milk so we can send this powdered milk to Peru for the many children! You can donate online at homeajpm.org/project-milk, by clicking on the "Donate" tab and designating Project Milk as your donation.