

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Eucharistic Revival:** Visit: [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) for more info.

**Message for the week of March 17: A Minute with Jesus:**

**Jesus is the "Living Bread from Heaven."** Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." (John 6:51). Jesus gave this living bread for the first time to His Apostles at the Last Supper. Jesus gives this living Bread to us in Holy Communion. The living Bread is Jesus Himself. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are the "living Bread" received in Holy Communion. This week, read the explanation that Jesus gives that He is the "living Bread from Heaven" in John 6: 48-51

**The Shroud of Turin replica exhibit returns to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe:**

March 13, 2024 @ 12:00 am - March 20, 2024 @ 5:00 pm. View a life-size replica of the original Shroud of Turin, which is believed to be the burial cloth Jesus was wrapped in after His crucifixion. The Shroud is credited as the most studied object in history. "It contains all of the information in the gospels, and then even more information that science has been able to extract from the shroud, showing the evidence that Jesus was a real person."

**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](http://GuadalupeShrine.org/events)! Offer your prayers, and rejoice in Our Lord's unfathomable mercy!

**"the ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally | June 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Look for information for the Eucharistic Rally in the back of church. Below is the event order:**

- 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/>.

**Kids Korner**

*Unless a grain falls to the ground and dies...*



Jesus knew He was going to die soon. It made Him sad, but He knew that He had to do it. He told the apostles, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Because Jesus died, we can be freed from our sins and live!

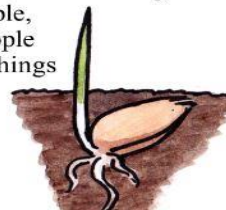
Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.



Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.

Are you ready to be a saint?

Answer to Word Find: Salvation.



**A few of our 2023/2024 Confirmation students, along with their sponsors and teacher Tom Schaub, made a retreat pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe last weekend.**



**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

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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**

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, Jared 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**  
**W697 State Hwy 33**  
**Rockland, WI 54653**



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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 17, 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

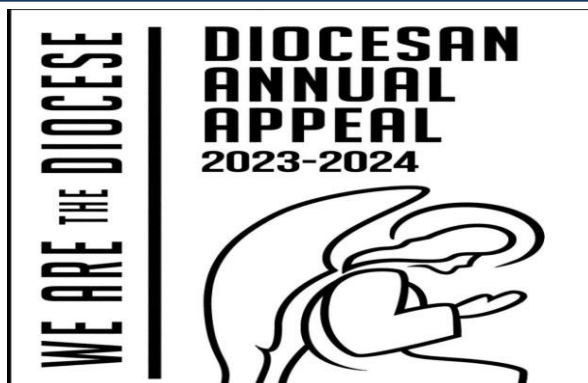
Parish Intentions

3/20 Wednesday 8:00 AM –  
**NO MASS**

3/22 Friday 8:00 AM –  
**For the priesthood of newly  
ordained Fr. Isaac Pecha**

3/23 Saturday 8:00 PM –  
**† Susan Muenzenberger (ER)**

3/24 Sunday 10:00 AM –  
**† Madonna Hundt (ACN)**



Goal: \$11,760.00

Total Pledged: \$9,260.00

Total Received: \$9,260.00

Under Goal: \$2,500.00

Participation: 79%

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,228.00
	\$642.00
Year to Date Target -	\$67,320.00
Year to Date Total -	\$74,951.94
	+\$7,631.94

Readings for March 24, 2024

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 14:1-15:47

Ministry Servers

**Saturday March 23 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Isabell Korn, Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen

Ushers: Bill Korn & Ron Hurtz

Lector: Lynda Hurtz & Julie Lundeen

**Sunday March 24 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Lukas & Max Slattery

Ushers: Rob Slattery & Leo Leis

Lector: John Hundt & Joseph Peterson

**\*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

**Wednesdays during Lent @ 7:30 PM**

**Adoration to follow**

Parish Calendar of Events

Mon. March 18 – St. Peter's Soup Supper @ 7:00 PM

Mon. March 18 – Cemetery Committee meeting @ 7:30 PM

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

Wed. March 20 – Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 PM

Thurs. March 21 – Church open for Prayer time 6 – 9 PM

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

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 – 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

Fri. April 5 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

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

Monday .....5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

**Fifth Sunday of Lent: John 12: 20-33 B 2024**

One more week and we will be entering Holy Week! Lent will come to an end soon. This is the right time to look at how our Lenten journey has been so far and how it still can be turned into a time for a more fruitful Christian living. As we approach holy week, the readings give us the opportunities to reflect about the last days of the Lord.

In the gospel we find Jesus announcing that His “hour” has come. The “hour” refers to His Passion. Chapter 12 of John’s Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the Passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead, an important sign in John’s Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus’ conflict with the Jewish authorities. John’s Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus says “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified”. At the wedding in Cana Jesus said his hour had not yet come but in today’s Gospel he says “the hour has come for the son of man to be glorified”. The hour of glory for Jesus is his Passion and death because when he is lifted up from the earth, he will draw all men to himself (John 12:32). Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He says “unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

As we continue our journey through Lent and draw near Holy Week, let us ponder on Jesus, the grain of wheat who fell on the ground and died but yielded a rich harvest. As we die to ourselves during Lent through our penance, may we produce a rich harvest.

I wish everyone Happy feast on the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19<sup>th</sup> also happy feast of St Patrick on March 17<sup>th</sup>. May St Joseph and St Patrick bless everyone. Have a blessed Lent.

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.

**Children’s Choir:** The children’s choir will have practice Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-4 PM. They will be singing at the 10:00 AM Easter morning mass.

**Soup Supper & Fellowship:** There will be a Lenten gathering in the church basement on Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm that will include a light meal, speaker & fellowship. Please plan to attend and spend some time with our parish family!

**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.

**Spend time with Jesus:** The church will be open on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm – 9 pm for Lenten prayer time.

**Special Mass:** There will be a mass on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 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?

Palm Sunday & Holy Week Schedule:

**Palm Sunday** – St. Peter’s: Sat. March 23 @ 8 PM, Sun. March 24 @ 10 AM St. Joseph’s: Sat. March 23 @ 4 PM, Sun. March 24 @ 8:30 AM

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.**