

Diocesan and Community News

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

Message for the week of April 28: A Minute with Jesus: Confession – a preparation for receiving the Eucharist
 The best way to prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is by going to Confession (also known as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Penance). We want to receive Him with a clean heart. If it is not possible to go to Confession before receiving Jesus, make a sincere Act of Contrition in your heart, and as always pray with sincerity the prayer at Mass, "I confess to Almighty God..." A sin that is mortal – serious or grave – requires Sacramental Confession before receiving Holy Communion. If you are not sure about this, speak with a priest. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please give me the grace to be truly sorry for my sins. This week read how God calls us out of darkness into His own wonderful light in 1 Peter 2:9-10.

Eucharistic Miracles display: In the entire history of the Catholic Church, there have been numerous Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church as truly worthy of belief. The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Photographic Exhibition faithfully recounts many well-documented miraculous occurrences for us. Knowledge of these miracles strengthens our faith in Christ and His Church. They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Exhibit was created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old from Milan, Italy, who was beatified on October 10, 2020. The Exhibit will be available for viewing at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cashton WI on May 16th-19th 2024. We highly encourage you to schedule a time to view the exhibit during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival.

"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. 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. Please find information in the back of church to attend!!

- 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/>.

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Jesus is the True Vine

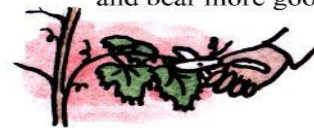
Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit. Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.



Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!



Answers to True or False: Line 2 true 3 true 4 true 5 false 6 true 7 false

Important Cemetery Information

From the Cemetery Committee: 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** Peter & Barb Antony
- Row 4** John Schmit
- Row 4** Peter Neuburg
- Row 5** Antonia Smola
- Row 6** Ernest Muenzenberger
- Row 11** Nick Fischbach
- Row 15** Joe & Marie Kaiser
- Row 17** Casper Sieger
- Row 24** Alois Flaig

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

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

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
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 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

5/1 Wednesday 8:00 AM –† Harold & Susan Muenzenberger (RBM)
5/3 Friday 8:00 AM –
† Wilfred & Alice Kotek (SMF)
5/4 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† Leo Bouska (AB)
5/5 Sunday 10:00 AM –
St. Peter’s Parish Family



Goal: \$11,760.00
Total Pledged: \$9,330.00
Total Received: \$9,330.00
Under Goal: \$2,430.00
Participation: 80%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$981.00
	-\$889.00
Year to Date Target -	\$78,540.00
Year to Date Total -	\$88,564.67
	+\$10,024.67

Readings for May 5, 2024

First Reading: Acts 10:25-48
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Ministry Servers

Saturday May 4 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
Ushers: Don Halderson & Phil Gronemus
Lector: Dan Korn
Sunday May 5 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson
Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Mark Stephenson
Lector: 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!!

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

Mon. April 29 - Parish Finance Meeting @ 6:30 PM
Fri. May 3 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule
Sun. May 5 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Sun. May 5 - First Communion & May Crowning
Mon. May 6 - PCCW Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Sun. May 19 - 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.
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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

This weekend the Gospel text is part of Jesus’ “farewell discourse” during his Last Supper with his disciples. Jesus explains to his apostles how they and their disciples can carry on when he is no longer bodily or physically present. Jesus assures them, using the parable of the vine and branches. Jesus tells his disciples, “I am the true vine” (Jn 15, 1). “You are the branches... Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” He says “cut off from me, you can do nothing” (Jn15, 5). This is an absolute truth; no believer can achieve anything of spiritual value outside of Christ. Life ebbs away. But in Jesus we have life in abundance.

How do we remain in Jesus? When we spend quiet, quality time with him in prayer. When we honor the commandments, exercise acts of love, kindness and mercy in the name of Jesus. We remain in Jesus. Prayer takes one to have a deep and personal conversation with Jesus who is real, alive and present to us as we pray, reflect, speak and listen to Him. When we love others, we love Jesus himself. Pray that we may remain in HIM so that we may bear much fruit.

May 1st is the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, the patronal feast day of our diocese. I wish you happy feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. The Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker has been celebrated liturgically since 1955. On this day the Church, inspired by Saint Joseph’s example and under his patronage, commemorates in a special way the human and supernatural value of work. The month of May is also a month dedicated to the devotion to our blessed mother. May our blessed mother bless everyone with health and companionship.

Congratulations to the First Communicants as they receive Jesus for the first time in their lives next weekend. Thanks to the teachers who helped them. Have a great weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

First Communion: We have 6 students receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist of Christ on Sunday May 5th. 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. We will also celebrate the May Crowning of Mary on this day.

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!**

Thank You: The family of Theresa Schaub would like to thank Fr. Biju, Msgr. Hundt, Fr. Eric Berns, the ladies & funeral committee, the choir & all parishioners for the prayers, food and condolences. We are so grateful to live in such a wonderful community.

Children’s Choir: Practice will follow mass on Sunday April 28th to prepare for the First Communion and May Crowning on May 5th. The voices of our children add beauty to the Holy Liturgy. Thank you again!

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

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.

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!

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 May 3rd.**

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.