

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of February 11: A Minute with Jesus: Jesus wants us to know He is continually with us.

Oftentimes, our mind begins to wander at Mass because we only see bread and wine. What contributes to our distractions is the bombardment of noise and images in our minds that come through our physical senses (hearing, seeing). Therefore, we are much less attuned to the world of the spirit and the much deeper spiritual realities that are right here, all around us. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to learn to be quiet and reveal to my heart the truth that the Eucharist is really You present under the appearance of bread and wine. This week, read about Jacob in the desert, who was very much afraid, and came to realize that God was present right there with him. As with Jacob, we can say as we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." (Genesis 28:10-17)

"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. This will be the largest event for our diocese; you don't want to miss it. 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. Discounted tickets are now available for purchase. You can find more information about the event by visiting <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>. For such an important event, it would be amazing if every parish brought a bus full of parishioners.

Fish Fry: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, February 16, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM, dine-in or carry-out. The price is \$12 for 2-piece and \$14 for 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried fish, baked potato or fries, coleslaw and roll. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk. Beer, wine and desserts available at dine-in for additional cost.

Pancake Breakfast: The Cashton FFA will hold a breakfast on Sunday February 18th from 7 - 11:30 AM in the Cashton HS cafeteria. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, hashbrowns, applesauce, drinks & dessert will be served. Adults: \$8, Children 5-10: \$5, younger: free.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast: The Bangor Lions will be hosting a breakfast at the Bangor Elementary school on Sunday, March 3rd from 7 AM to noon. See a local Lion for the advanced ticket price.

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." Tony Cherniawski, Expert Presenter
Mr. Cherniawski will offer free presentations to pilgrimage, parish, and school groups that would like to visit the exhibition.

Kids Korner

Keeping a Secret

In today's Gospel reading, a poor man with leprosy asked Jesus to heal him. Our Lord was sorry for the leper and healed him. But then He told him not to tell anyone. Do you know what the man did?



Well, he didn't keep the secret. He started to tell everyone what had happened. Soon Jesus couldn't walk into towns because there were such big crowds. He had to stay out in the deserted places so that there wouldn't be mobs in the towns.

Has anyone ever told you a secret? Do you find it hard to keep secrets? Once in a while somebody might tell you something that you will need to tell your parents, but usually you shouldn't tell anyone somebody else's secret. Before you tell something to your friends, always

ask yourself if it's okay to share it with them. Will it make things hard for somebody else? Might you hurt someone's feelings? Think about how you would feel if someone told one of your secrets to their friends. And finally, always remember that the way you treat others is how you treat Jesus.



Congratulations to Noah Michael, son of Mark & Sarah (Hundt) Gronemus who was recently baptized. May God bless you all!



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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

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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,
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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 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

2/14 Ash Wednesday 8:00 PM –
† Wilfred & Alice Kotek (SMF)
2/16 Fri. 8:00 AM –† **Christine Jones & family (RJK)**
2/17 Sat. 8:00 PM –
St. Peters Parish Family
2/18 Sun. 10:00 AM – **Living & deceased members of the Al Antony family (AA)**



Goal: \$11,760.00

Total Pledged: \$6,585.00

Total Received: \$6,585.00

Under Goal: \$5,175.00

Participation: 56%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$2,102.04
	\$232.04
Year to Date Target -	\$57,970.00
Year to Date Total -	\$68,496.67
	+\$10,526.67

Readings for February 18, 2024

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel Reading: Mark 1:12-15

Ministry Servers

Ash Wednesday February 14 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Mike Schaub & Tim Leis
Lector: Dan Korn

Saturday February 17 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Duane Leis
Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday February 18 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Madi & Alice Gronemus
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Stephenson
Lector: Ann Hundt

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

- Wed. Feb. 14** – Ash Wednesday mass at 8:00 PM
- Wed. Feb. 14** – CCD Students attend mass with your family
- Sun. Feb. 18** - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
- Wed. Feb. 21** - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
- Wed. Feb. 21** – Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 PM
- Sun. Feb. 25** - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
- Mon. Feb. 26** – Parish Finance Council meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Wed. Feb. 28** – Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 PM
- Fri. March 1** – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule
- Sun. March 3** – Cabin Feverfest Euchre Tournament & Luncheon - Doors open at noon
- Sun. March 3** – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
- Tues. March 5** – Parish Advisory Council meeting @ 7 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
Monday5:30pm
Tuesday..... 5:30pm
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)
Thursdav.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am back from India. Had wonderful time with my family and I had a chance to visit the mission and meet some of our Fathers working in north east of India. Time to reconnect and visit. I thank Rick and Barb Mikshowsky for reaching me to the airport and taking me back. Thank you for your prayers.

As I landed I heard the disappointing news about the upcoming closure of Catholic hospitals, HSHS Sacred Heart in Eau Claire and St. Joseph's in Chippewa Falls after nearly 140 years of service to the community. Four years back I began my ministry there. It's impossible to recount the many lives touched and healed through these hospitals. Both spiritual and physical extension of Jesus' healing ministry.

In the gospel we encounter Jesus heals a leper. We read - A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Mark 1: 40-45. The man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. Jesus touched him, a sign of Jesus' compassion for the man. How do we deal with people who are ostracized by the society. Are we willing to reach out to them and bring comfort to them?

February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by St. John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The Pope initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray not only for those who suffer from illness but also for their caregivers. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Sunday, Feb. 11th is also World Marriage Day. This annual observance is to honor husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. The very celebration of World Marriage Day is an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. As I congratulate all the married men and women on this special day, I thank them sincerely for their faithfulness and sacrifice in living out their married life.

LENT is upon us! This year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are both on February 14th! As we receive ashes on our forehead, let it be a visible symbol of our acknowledgement of our mortality and our dependence on a God who offers us His merciful love always. Let it be a time of renewal. I invite you to focus on at least one area of your life which needs some attention. I also invite all families to spend some time in prayer, if possible, in the church, or participate in Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, and certainly participate in the Mass.

Happy Lent!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Lenten Regulations: The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Cabin Feverfest: St. Peter's annual Euchre party & Luncheon, is planned for March 3rd starting at noon. **We will need more help from parishioners this year.** Please find fliers in the back of church to take around to local establishments. There is also a sign up sheet for food and help.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Thank you for your contributions. In the US over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our Diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. We will still take donations for this special collection this week.

Members of St. Peter's Parish: The ladies of the parish who met this last month are hoping to be able to provide a service to our church members and greater community. We are going to try to organize and be available to those who may need some help. We are going to begin with meals and/or visits to those who may be needing this type of assistance. We are asking those able-bodied members of the parish to provide their contact information to be added to a list that will be utilized if a need arises. No one will be asked too much. We are hoping with enough of us involved that the needs of parish members can be spread out over the rest of us to provide assistance. Many hands make light work. This will allow us to be the hands of Christ in a more active manner and extend beyond our own families. I know all of us are busy. But I am hopeful that by making a group of us available and willing to help, the responsibilities for caring for others will be shared by all. Please contact LaVonne Hundt at lvhundt@gmail.com or 608-317-9541 to add your name to the volunteer list.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: As you can see from the chart to the left, we are just over 50% of the way to reaching our goal for our annual collection. If these monies are not collected the parish is billed for the remainder. If we surpass our goal the extra comes back to our parish. Please consider donating. The deadline for funds to reach the Appeal office is June 30th.