

**Diocesan and Community News**

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

**Message for the week of April 21: A Minute with Jesus:**

**Why does Jesus give us Living Bread?**  
 Jesus loves us more than anyone and wants to dwell within us. We become God's children through the sacrament of baptism. As a part of His family, Jesus desires to lead us on the right path and to live a life of joy and peace under His protection. He knows we need His help to follow Him. Jesus gives us the Holy Eucharist - His Body and His Blood - to strengthen us to follow His Way. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: In your own words thank God for the gift of your baptism in which you became a child of God and are privileged to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. This week, read how Jesus says that He is the Living Bread in John 6:51.

**Trivia Night at St. Charles School, Genoa – Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>**

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!! Another St. Charles School Trivia Night will be held on FRIDAY, April 26! There will be no buzzers or putting you on the spot. Teams will come up with their answers together and turn in one answer sheet. Teams can be as small as 2 players or as big as 10. The cost to play is \$10/player. Cash or check only. A simple supper, snacks and drinks can be purchased throughout the evening starting at 5:30. Trivia begins at 6:30. New this time: lifelines can be purchased for \$5 or \$10. Come prepared! Call Mariette Donovan at 608-381-0220 with your team's name, number of players on your team, and contact person's name and phone number. See you there!

**Pilgrimage to Poland - See the Catholic Treasure of Poland:** Highlights include Jasna Gora Monastery, home of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Image, the Museum and Chapel of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the cell where he was martyred in Auschwitz, the birthplace and baptismal Church of St. John Paul, Wawel Cathedral where he was ordained a Bishop and so much more! Daily Mass. October 3-12, 2024. \$3695/per person based on double occupancy. \$150 discount if you enter coupon code Bulletin150 on the registration form. For more information, please visit [www.QoHTours.com](http://www.QoHTours.com) or call us at 1-800-213-4295

**Aquinas Booster Club Chicken-Q:** The annual Chicken Q will be held in the Cass Street parking lot at Aquinas High School on Wednesday, April 24! Food will be served from 11 am until gone. Delicious chicken and fixings for \$12 per plate. Yum!

**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.

**Kids Korner**

*Our Good Shepherd*



This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel reading Jesus tells His friends that He is the Good Shepherd who loves His sheep.

When sheep are out grazing in open fields, the shepherd watches them and protects them from hurting themselves, getting lost, or being killed by wild animals. Jesus looks after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep. He gave us the Church so we could know what is good for us, and He protects us from being ruined by the devil by giving us grace in the sacraments.

Now, Jesus did something that an ordinary shepherd would not do. Besides guiding and protecting us, He died to save us! Because He died for our sins, all of His sheep can now go to Heaven where they will be happy forever! How blessed we are to have such a loving Shepherd!



Answer to word-find: Follow Jesus  
[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

**Good Shepherd Word-Find**



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

**Try to find the words in CAPITALS. The left-over letters will tell you what Jesus wants you to do.**

JESUS said: "I am the GOOD Shepherd. A good shepherd LAYS down his life for the sheep. A HIRED MAN, who is not a shepherd, and whose sheep are NOT his own, SEES a WOLF coming and LEAVES the sheep and RUNS away, and the wolf CATCHES them and SCATTERS them. This is because he WORKS for PAY and has no CONCERN for the SHEEP. I am the Good SHEPHERD, and I know mine and MINE know me, just as the FATHER knows me and I KNOW the Father; and I will lay down my LIFE for the sheep.



**PASTOR**

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

Cell: (715) 495-2338

Email: [bchennala@diolclergy.org](mailto:bchennala@diolclergy.org)

**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](mailto: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

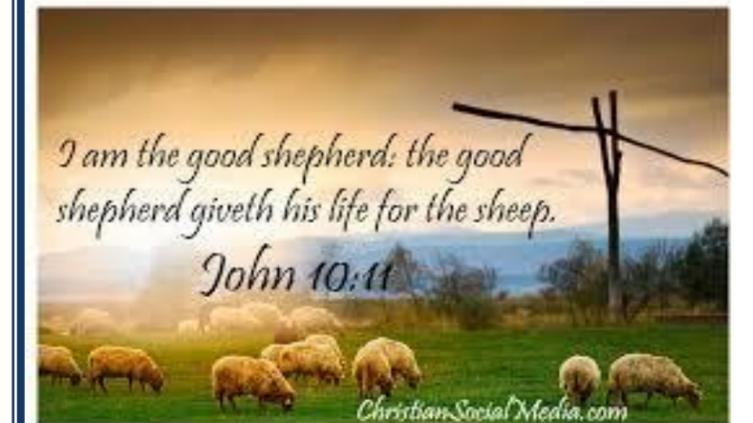
**St. Peters Catholic Church**  
**Middle Ridge, WI**  
**W697 State Hwy 33**  
**Rockland, WI 54653**



Parish website: [www.saintpetersparish.net](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 21, 2024**

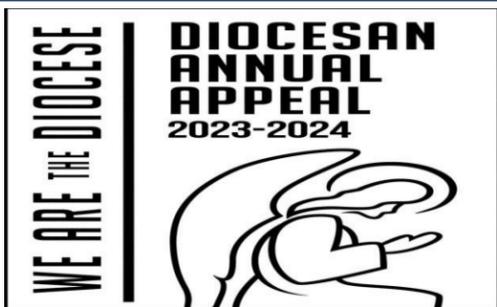


**CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:**

- 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

**4/24 Wednesday 8:00 AM –  
Living & deceased members of  
the Korish, Walker, Roth &  
Sandau families (RJK)**  
**4/26 Friday 8:00 AM –  
† Jerry Hundt (AH)**  
**4/27 Saturday 8:00 PM –  
† Eugene Flock (LF)**  
**4/28 Sunday 10:00 AM –  
† David Cummings (AMM)**



**Goal: \$11,760.00**

**Total Pledged: \$9,310.00**

**Total Received: \$9,310.00**

**Under Goal: \$2,450.00**

**Participation: 80%**

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$3,829.00
	\$1,959.00
Year to Date Target -	\$76,670.00
Year to Date Total -	\$87,583.67
	+\$10,913.67

Readings for April 28, 2024

**First Reading:** Acts 9:26-31  
**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:18-24  
**Gospel Reading:** John 15:1-8

Ministry Servers

**Saturday April 27 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub  
Ushers: Mike Schaub & Ron Hurtz  
Lector: Lynda Hurtz

**Sunday April 28 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Kate Gronemus & Avin Stephenson  
Ushers: Peter Benzing & Gary Gronemus  
Lector: 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!!

Eucharistic Adoration

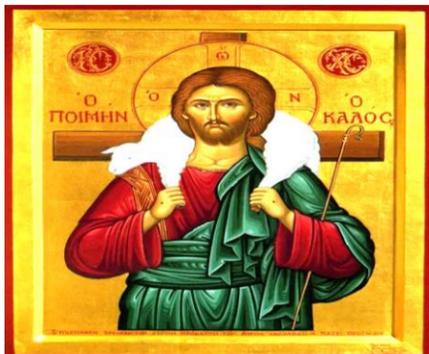
**Wednesday @ 7:30 until 8:30 PM**  
Come spend some quiet time with Jesus.  
Confessions available.

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

**Sun. April 21** - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM  
**Wed. April 24** - Grades 7-9 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM  
**Sun. April 28** - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM  
**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



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

**Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocation Sunday**

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocation Sunday. In each of our three lectionary cycles, the Sunday Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd.

Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. For the Good Shepherd, shepherding is never simply part of a job; but it's an integral part of his identity. On this day we are especially asked first of all to pray that the Church may be provided with the leaders needed to do its work of spreading the Gospel. Pray also for priests, deacons and religious and laity. Following is a prayer from our diocese for vocations.

**Prayer for Vocations**

**Heavenly Father, Bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that in Him, with Him, and through Him, we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Have a great weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

**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 28<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the First Communion and May Crowning on May 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**"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. 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/>.