

## Diocesan and Community News

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

**Message for the week of May 12: A Minute with Jesus:**

**Receiving the Eucharist – Our Closest Union with Jesus on Earth** The Mass is a re-presentation of the holy sacrifice that Jesus made of Himself on the cross for our salvation. Because God is outside time and space, at Mass the same sacrifice that Jesus offered for our sins is made present. When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we are receiving Jesus Himself, which is our closest union with Him on earth. Taking His Body and Blood into our own bodies, we are united with Him in a deep and intimate bond. Jesus feeds our souls, strengthening us to be faithful by loving and serving Him through serving others, most especially those in need. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus please strengthen me to be committed to coming to Mass early so that I can spend some time quietly preparing to be united with You in Holy Communion.

**Holy Trinity Chicken-Q and Bake Sale:** Located at 13th and Park Streets, La Crosse on Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> Serving 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Menu includes: ½ Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw & Roll for \$11.00 Pick Up, Drive-Through, and Delivery. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE for purchase. Pre-Sales Preferred. Chicken-Q Phone: 608-782-2028 Ext.2 Bake Sale will feature homemade breads, pies, bars, cookies and more!!

**Bishop Callahan's Blog:** My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as you know, May 1st is the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman. We turn to him for his example and intercession in the context of this great month. The beautiful month of May honors, in splendid ways, humanity's goodness and virtue. Significantly, we express our esteem for mothers. First Holy Communion and graduations are also milestones celebrated with sacred pomp and procession in May. This May, we have the particular grace of welcoming a new bishop to the Diocese of La Crosse. I will celebrate my final Mass as your Bishop on Pentecost. With gratitude and joy, I will remain in service to you and our diocese as Bishop Emeritus. When I reflect on the past 14 years, the memories of our farmers at so many Rural Life Masses, my brother priests teaching, sanctifying and connecting their flock with Jesus, the hundreds of holy Catholic School teachers and their joyous wards, and so many more wash over me. I clearly see such blessings bestowed by the hand of God. We have accomplished much together in the vineyard, and I am so grateful. At the installation Mass on May 20th, 2024, just days away, we will welcome the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse, Bishop Gerard Battersby. He arrives with a wealth of experience as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Detroit, having been in that role since 2017. We await his arrival with eager anticipation. The day of installation was appropriately and properly selected because it is the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

May God watch over us and take care of us in the Diocese of La Crosse during all the years to come.

## Kids Korner

*Jesus has gone back into Heaven!*

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He went with His followers to the top of a mountain, where he told them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and then he went up through the clouds and returned to God the Father in Heaven.

But Jesus isn't gone forever! He is still with us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. He will also come again at the end of the world.

Sometimes someone that we love goes away from us too. Sometimes people move away, or we move away from our friends. Sometimes people that we love die.

But we know that we will see our friends again, and we will be with the people who died when we die and go to Heaven.



Today let us celebrate Jesus returning to the Father in Heaven, and remember that we hope to join them some day!

**"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 or scan the QR code below!!

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/>.



## 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,  
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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**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**MAY 12, 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

5/15 Wednesday 8:00 AM –  
 † **Christina & Daniel Jones & families (RJK)**

5/17 Friday 8:00 AM –  
 † **Amy Oudenhoven (MLH)**

5/18 Saturday 8:00 PM –  
**Family of (†)Otto & Theresa Schaub (TS)**

5/19 Sunday 10:00 AM –  
**Mary Hundt & The Graduation & Confirmation classes of 2024**

Ministry Servers

**Saturday May 18 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub  
Ushers: Tom & Mike Schaub  
Lector: Dan Korn

**Sunday May 19 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Lukas, Max & Abel Slattery  
Ushers: Rob Slattery & Peter Benzing  
Lector: John 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!!

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Parish Calendar of Events

Sat. May 11 & Sun. May 12 - Mother's Day Rose sale  
Sun. May 19 - Graduation/Confirmation recognition mass  
Sun. June 2 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM  
Wed. June 6 - Thurs. June 6 - CCD Summer Event  
Fri. June 7 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule



Congratulations to our 1st Communicants: Evelyn Flock, Luke Geier, Sadie Gronemus, Mason Leis, Marlayna O'Heron & Brynn Stephenson.  
 May God bless you in your journey!

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

**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and Happy Mother's Day**

Today's Gospel mentions the Ascension only in one sentence. "So, then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven." One verse describes one of the most profound mysteries of our faith. Each Sunday, we profess it through the Creed, "He ascended into heaven." Christ's Ascension was the culmination of God's divine plan for Christ Jesus, by his return to his Father with "Mission Accomplished." Ascension is the grand finale of all his words and works done for us and for our salvation. It was a culmination, but not the conclusion.

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus instructed his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation. Therefore, Ascension does not memorialize Christ leaving us rather, Christ working through us, his mystical body, his church. We too are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions; in how we live and how we treat others. Are we sharing the life of Christ with others in our day-to-day lives?

As we gather this weekend, we also honor our mothers with the celebration of Mother's Day. We thank our mothers and honor them by offering them on the altar of God as we pray for them. This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on us, their children, is so great that it affects us throughout our lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in our religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behavior, disciplined us as best as they could and made us good citizens of our country, our Church and our society. Today we thank our mothers, pray for them.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS



**A Prayer for Mothers**

We pray for mothers Loving God; we ask your blessings on all mothers. May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom, strength and selfless love. We pray for new mothers with new responsibilities; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who balance the tasks of work and family; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who raise children on their own; for those who struggle to feed their children due to poverty; for those who selflessly place their child for adoption; for those who adopt a child into their family; for those who have lost a child; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; for those who desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know God and do what is good.

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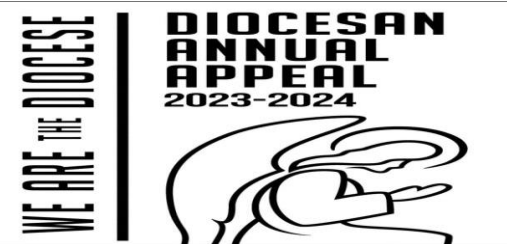
**Graduation/Confirmation Mass:** At the May 19<sup>th</sup> mass we will recognize the 2024 Confirmation class & the 2024 High School Graduates. Please mark your calendars. Graduates are asked to wear their caps & gowns. All should meet in the back of church before mass to process up with Fr. Biju. Congratulations goes out to all!

**Parents of small children:** Please accompany your young children to the restroom. There have been messes left lately. Ushers: please check the restroom in the back of church before leaving. Please flush it twice as we have been having plumbing issues.

**CCD Summer Event:** There will be a sleepover & outdoor movie for our students that will include food & games at the St. Peter's ball field on June 5<sup>th</sup> into the 6<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for more details.

**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.



Goal: \$11,760.00

Total Pledged: \$9,830.00

Total Received: \$9,830.00

Under Goal: \$1,930.00

Participation: 84%

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$2,436.00
	\$566.00
Year to Date Target -	\$82,280.00
Year to Date Total -	\$91,965.84
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Readings for May 19, 2024

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

**Gospel Reading:** John 20:19-23