

**Diocesan and Community News**

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

**Message for the week of May 19: A Minute with Jesus:**

**The Holy Spirit and the Eucharist** Even after the Apostles had experienced the Risen Christ, they were afraid. They gathered with Mary on the day of Pentecost and prayed behind locked doors, waiting as instructed for the Gift of the Holy Spirit. After the Holy Spirit descended upon them on Pentecost, the Apostles were no longer afraid and were equipped to fulfill their mission. It is the same for us today. When we receive the Eucharist, we also receive God the Holy Spirit, to abide in the depths of our hearts. If we allow Him, the Spirit of Truth will transform us and we will no longer be afraid, but be equipped with peace and strength for our mission. Let us then prepare for each Eucharistic encounter in the same way the Apostles prepared for Pentecost, "in prayer ... with Mary ..." (Acts 1:14).

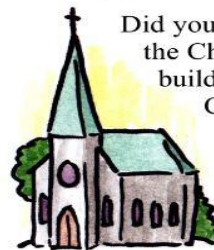
**Honoring our Veterans:** A Mass for the Dead will be celebrated at the altar in the Veterans' Section at the Catholic Cemetery in La Crosse on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024 beginning at 11:15 a.m. All are welcome to participate.

**Introducing the Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby; Eleventh Bishop of La Crosse**

Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby is the youngest of nine children. Gerard W. Battersby was born, along with his twin brother, on May 15, 1960, to the late Christopher and the late Helen (Buckley) Battersby. In 1993, he entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary as an adult vocation and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1998. Cardinal Adam J. Maida ordained him to the priesthood on May 30, 1998. After ordination, he served in parish ministry for approximately 10 years. He served as an associate pastor at St. Thecla Parish in Clinton Township, Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and St. Gerard Parish, all in Detroit. In 2002, he was named pastor of St. Christopher Parish in Detroit, and in 2007, was appointed to Sacred Heart Major Seminary, where he received a Licentiate in the New Evangelization in 2008. While serving as director of graduate seminarians and graduate pastoral formation at the seminary, Father Battersby also served concurrently as administrator of St. Leo Parish in Detroit. In 2009, Father Battersby was assigned to graduate studies at the Angelicum in Rome, Italy. In 2011, Father Battersby was appointed vice-rector and dean of seminarian formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. In 2015, Father Battersby was concurrently appointed pastor of St. Mary of Redford Parish, Detroit. Father Battersby was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit on Nov. 23, 2016 and his episcopal ordination occurred shortly thereafter on Jan. 25, 2017. Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron served as the principal consecrator and main celebrant. On March 19, 2024, His Holiness Pope Francis named Bishop Battersby as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse.

**Kids Korner**

*Happy Birthday, Church!*



Did you know that Pentecost Sunday is the Church's birthday? Not the church building, but the people who are the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

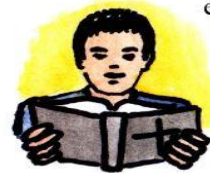
Why is Pentecost the Church's birthday?

Because on that day, the Holy Spirit first came to the apostles and sent them out to become the Church and to teach the good news about Jesus everywhere in the world.

The Holy Spirit works through the Church in many ways. He inspired the men who wrote the Bible. He teaches us through priests and missionaries and teachers.

Did you know that He even inspires us to pray?

You can pray that God will send you the Holy Spirit every day. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that God will give the Holy Spirit to whoever asks.



Answer to Word-Find: native language.

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*Pentecost Word-Find*

M N C Y R E N E A T	PARTHIANS
E L A M I T E S I A	MEDES
S V P R O M E E L S	ELAMITES
O A P H R Y G I A I	MESOPOTAMIA
P P A M P H Y L I A	JUDEA
O J D N G U P A G M	CAPPADOCIA
T E O P O N T U S E	PONTUS
A W C R E T A N S D	ASIA
M S I J U D E A E E	PHRYGIA
I P A R T H I A N S	PAMPHYLIA
A R A B S L I B Y A	EGYPT

On Pentecost Sunday, when the apostles went out of the upper room, there was a great crowd in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast. So they began to tell the people the good news of Jesus. See if you can find the names of all the different groups of people who were in the city listening to them.

All these people heard the apostles speaking in their \_\_\_\_\_!



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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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Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

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

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



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

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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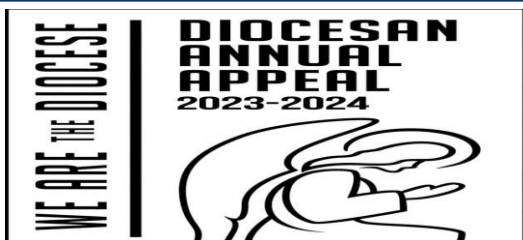


CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- 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

**5/22 Wednesday 8:00 AM – For protection & strengthening of marriage & family life throughout the world (RJK)**  
**5/24 Friday 8:00 AM – Intentions of Arnie & (†) Madonna Hundt (MLH)**  
**5/25 Saturday 8:00 PM – † Lance Root**  
**5/26 Sunday 10:00 AM – 69<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of (†) Leonard & Alberta Kick (MAS)**



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 -	\$970.00
	\$900.00
Year to Date Target -	\$84,150.00
Year to Date Total -	\$92,935.84
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Readings for May 26, 2024

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:32-40  
**Second Reading:** Romans 8:14-17  
**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 28:16-20

Ministry Servers

**Saturday May 25 – 8:00 PM**  
Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen  
Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Duane Leis  
Lector: Lynda Hurtz

**Sunday May 26 – 10:00 AM**  
Servers: Arnie & Adeline Nicolai  
Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Mark Gronemus  
Lector: Kathy Flock

**\*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. June 2** – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM  
**Wed. June 5 – Thurs. June 6** – CCD Summer Event  
**Fri. June 7** – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule  
**Sat. June 8 & Sun. June 9** – Parish Mission Priest visit  
**Mon. June 10** – Parish Advisory Council mtg @ 7:00 PM



**\*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  
Monday .....5:30pm  
Tuesday..... 5:30pm  
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)  
Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

**THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

“Suddenly there came from the sky, a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim” (Acts 2:2-4). The solemnity of Pentecost commemorates the official inauguration of the Church with the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian faith. Pentecost recalls the story of creation when God breathes His own life into us (Genesis 2:7). Apart from being a very beautiful feast, the day of Pentecost is a celebration of God's hand guiding the Christian community. God is not a distant being and the ascended Jesus has not abandoned us. We have the Spirit of God living and working in our lives and in our Church.

On this feast of Pentecost, we are reminded in the Gospel message that Christ has been entrusted to us, who are his followers, to continue to share the Good News of the Gospel. Following Pentecost, we will have the usual Sunday Feasts of the Holy Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ before launching into an extended period, 22 weeks, of Ordinary Time Sundays.

This Monday we will have our new bishop installed. Please keep Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby, the eleventh Bishop of La Crosse in your prayers. His installation mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 11 am on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. A public reception will follow at the La Crosse Center. Also, keep in your thoughts and prayers Most Rev. William Patrick Callahan OFM Conv. who had been serving the people of God in the diocese of La Crosse from 2010 to May 2024. Congratulations to all the graduates and confirmation students! May God bless you.

Our parishes' fiscal year ends on June 30. Pledges to the Diocesan Annual Appeal must be received by that date to be credited for this year. We are yet to complete the appeal. Please prayerfully consider your gifts for the appeal. Have a great week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

**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.

**Parish Mission:** On June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> we will have a mission priest here, Fr. Percival Tayem, OFM from the Franciscan Missions. Please watch for a donation envelope in your bulletin that weekend & thank you for your generosity.

Following is their message: Peace and blessings! Franciscan Missions (GSFM) under the direction of the Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor (OFM) in Rome, Italy, coordinates the Mission Appeals of our Friars collaborating with us in the Mission Cooperative Plan of the Archdiocese and Diocese in the United States. The generous donations received are used to prepare missionaries and support in solidarity with those in needs. While responding to the spiritual hunger of the people, corporal necessities are also met thru human development projects directed most specifically to the poor and marginalized as our Holy Father St. Francis of Assisi identified himself with them.

Some of the efforts are:

- Establishing, accompanying and reinforcing local Church communities;
- Reconciliation, healing and rehabilitation programs for the victims of ethnic wars;
- Providing houses for the indigent, building and maintaining Chapels and Schools in remote villages;
- Shelters for the abandoned and street children; livelihood and food program production programs.

In particular, the beneficiaries are people of God in: South America (Bolivia, Mexico, Argentina, Paraguay, Perú); Asia and Oceania (Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia); Africa (Guinea Bissau, Libya, Mozambique, South Sudan, Tanzania).