

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of April 13:

A Minute with Jesus: Jesus wants to live in our heart always. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave His apostles – the first priests – the command to repeat His actions and words: to “do this in memory of Me.” The presence of Christ, by the change of bread and wine in becoming His body and blood, takes place by the power of Jesus’ Word and the Holy Spirit. The priest, in the role of Christ through his ordination, pronounces the words of Jesus but their power and grace are God’s. At Mass, as the priest speaks the words of Jesus, the bread and wine become His body and blood by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants us to receive Him at Mass every Sunday because He wants to live in our heart. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week. Thank you, Jesus for Father Biju, as he acts in your Person, and thereby, we are able to receive You in holy Communion at Mass. This week, read the passage of Jesus instituting the holy Eucharist at the Last Supper in Matthew 26:26-28.

Pancake Breakfast in Coon Valley, Palm Sunday, April 13th: American Legion Post 116 will be having a pancake breakfast at the Coon Valley Legion Hall. Serving 8:00—Noon. Meal will consist of pancakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy.

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27. The schedule for the day: 9:00 AM Latin Mass, 11:00 AM Spanish Mass, 12:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet in Spanish, 1:00 PM English Mass, 2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2:45 PM Divine Mercy Reflection & Consecration by Cardinal Burke, 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet led by Cardinal Burke, 3:15 PM Benediction & Reposition, 3:30 PM St. Faustina Relic Blessing & Veneration. Confessions will be available 30 minutes before the 9 & 11 AM Masses until all are heard and then at 12 Noon - 4 PM. Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 8AM-5PM. For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059. *“On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”* – Diary of St. Faustina #699

St. Mary’s Parish Spring Luncheon: Join us on Saturday, April 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, WI 54623. Cost is \$10 per person. Open to the general public. Invite your family and friends and join us for lunch and door prizes. Beginning at 11:30 AM, Linda Schulte will present her mission trip to Casa Hogar in Peru. For more information call 608-452-3841.

Catholic Infertility Conference: Join us for the Catholic Infertility Conference on April 25th and 26th, a supportive gathering dedicated to families navigating the complex journey of infertility. Attendees will hear from experts in reproductive health, clergy, and fellow Catholics who share their personal experiences and insights. More information at CatholicLife.org

Kids Korner

Holy Week

Today is the beginning of Holy Week, when we specially remember the last days of Jesus and His death on the cross.

The Sunday before Jesus died, He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people cheered for Him. They laid down their cloaks and palm branches on the road to honour Him. That was Palm Sunday.

On the first Holy Thursday Jesus offered the first Mass ever. He took bread and wine and changed them into His Body and Blood and gave them to His Apostles to eat and drink. The same thing happens at every Mass when the priest says Jesus' words at the Consecration. We don't see the bread or wine change, but they are still really Jesus, offering Himself to God for us.

Good Friday is the day that Jesus died on the cross. The leaders of the Jews got the people to turn against Him. After an unfair trial, Jesus was whipped harshly and made to carry a cross up a hill. Then He was nailed to the cross and hung there until He died. Only His mother and a few of His friends were with Him.

Jesus was God and could have stopped the people from killing Him, but He chose to die for you. Because we sin, we don't deserve to go to Heaven. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we could go to Heaven. That's why it's called "Good" Friday! What is something special you can do on Good Friday to make up for your sins and say "thank you" to Jesus?

Good Friday Word-Find

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

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks.



On Good Friday morning, JESUS, who had been arrested the night before, was judged by Pontius Pilate, the ROMAN governor. Pilate had him WHIPPED. Then to make fun of Him the SOLDIERS made a CROWN OF THORNS and put it on His head. They threw a purple cloth on Him and beat Him with RODS, saying, "Hail, KING of the JEWS!" Then Pilate had Jesus brought out in front of the people and asked them what they wanted to do with Him. The people, who had welcomed Him into JERUSALEM a few days before with their HOSANNAS, now shouted that He should be crucified. So Jesus was made to CARRY a heavy CROSS out of the city and up a big HILL. Because He was so weak from being beaten, a man named SIMON of Cyrene was forced to help Him. The soldiers tore off Jesus' CLOTHES and attached Him to the cross with NAILS through His hands and feet. Jesus offered His life for our SINS. He hung on the cross for three HOURS until He DIED. Nearby were His mother MARY, JOHN the Apostle, and Mary MAGDALEN. After He died a soldier stuck a SPEAR into His side to be sure He was dead. Did you know that at every MASS we re-offer Jesus' sacrifice on the cross in an unbloody way on the altar?

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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

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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Miranda Flock & Carol Gronemus (assistant)

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

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
APRIL 13, 2025



*“Daughters of Jerusalem,
do not weep for me;
weep instead
for yourselves
and
for your children.”*

- LUKE 22:14-23:56

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

4/16 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
† Arnie Von Ruden (MLH)
4/17 Holy Thursday 8:00 PM–
St. Peters Parish Family
4/18 Good Friday 1:00 PM
4/19 Holy Saturday 8:30 PM –
† Eugene Flock (LF)
4/20 Easter Sunday 10:00 AM –
† Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS)

Ministry Servers

Thursday April 17 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Phil Gronemus & Duane Leis
Lector: Lynda Hurtz
Friday April 18 – 1:00 PM
Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson
Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Mark Gronemus
Lector: Joseph Peterson & Pam Benzing
Saturday April 19 – 8:30 PM
Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen & Isabell Korn
Ushers: Bill Korn & Tom Schaub
Lector: Julie Lundeen & Melissa Schaub
Sunday April 20 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Max & Abel Slattery
Ushers: Leo Leis & Rob Slattery
Lector: Ann Hundt

From the Pastor's Pen

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, we enter the holiest week of the year, walking with our Lord as He journeys to the Cross and to the morning of the Resurrection. Today's readings reveal the profound courage of Jesus, who endured humiliation, suffering, and death to fulfill the will of the Father. They invite us to reflect on our own call to courageously follow God's will, even when it is difficult or demands sacrifice.

From the Last Supper to His betrayal, trial, and crucifixion, Jesus remains steadfast in His mission. Knowing the suffering ahead, He prays in the garden, *"Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done."* Jesus accepts the Cross with unwavering courage, showing that discipleship often involves embracing trials for God's greater plan. Even as Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph, with crowds cheering and waving palms, He knows what awaits Him – a stark contrast to the joy of this moment. Yet He moves forward with courage, fully aware that His obedience to the Father is the path to salvation for humanity.

The Gospel challenges us to consider our own response to God's will. Discipleship may require sacrifices, but God's grace sustains us every step of the way. But remember the Cross is not the end of the story. The Cross opens the way to resurrection and new life. As we enter Holy Week, let us pray for the courage to embrace God's will in our lives, even when it is difficult. Let us fix our eyes on Christ, who walked this path before us and who walks with us still.

On Tuesday, April 15, Bishop Battersby will gather with all the priests of our diocese to bless the Holy Oils of Catechumens, Chrism and Oil of the Sick at the cathedral. Please try to partake of the chrism mass celebrations if possible. In addition to being Palm Sunday, this weekend is very special for me because this will be the last weekend when I celebrate mass for both the parishes as Msgr. Hundt will be at St Joseph for the Easter Triduum. I like to thank you all for your love and concern.

Last week it was announced in the Chancery bulletin that Monsignor Robert P. Hundt is appointed Priest Moderator of St. Joseph Parish and St. Peter Parish. Deacon David J. Allen will still remain as our Parish Director.

Thanks to the PCCW at St Joseph for all the extra steps that they have taken to make my last day mass on April 22 memorable. Also, thanks to all those who are going to be at St Peter on April 15th for the Passover soup supper. Hope to see you there.

THANK YOU! Happy Holy Week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Suggestion Box: Before Fr. Biju leaves, he would like to get some feedback from you. There is a box in the back of church near the wooden donation boxes meant to drop off your thoughts and suggestions regarding his ministry.

Attention Parents: Please note that the bathrooms are only cleaned once per week. Please use the bags provided for soiled diapers and take them with you to dispose of at home. Thank you!

Penance Services Available: There will be confessions available at the Cathedral on April 14th from 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.

St. Peter's Passover Soup Supper: Join us on Tuesday, April 15th at 6:30 pm for soup and other delectables in the church basement. Please plan to attend to wish Fr. Biju well before he leaves for his new assignment. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

Stations of the Cross: On Wednesday we will recite the Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:30 pm with Adoration to follow.

All night Adoration: We will have all night adoration on Holy Thursday after mass until the next morning. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of church and secure a time to keep watch & pray.

Volunteers needed: On Holy Thursday, April 17th at the 8:00 pm mass we will need volunteers to act as the Apostles to get their feet washed. Please come forward when Fr. Biju calls on you.

Music Announcement: A white musical insert has been added to our missalettes. This is the Mass of St. Brigid. All of the regular mass parts are included except the verses of the Gloria, which are sung by the choir. The choir has enjoyed learning something new, and we look forward to singing this mass for Easter. We pray that all of us at St. Peter's will come to appreciate praising God with some new sounds!

Easter flowers: Anyone wishing to donate towards our Easter flowers may place their donation in an envelope and mark it accordingly.

Confirmation: On April 23rd we will have 4 students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral in La Crosse. Please keep in your prayers: **Jack Christensen, Cameron Olson, Emery Klinkner & Evelyn Weber**. Special thanks to their teacher Tom Schaub who helped prepare them and to all the teachers they had in the past. May God bless you all!

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays during Lent @ 7:30 PM

Adoration to follow

Parish Calendar of Events

Tues. April 15 – St. Peter's Passover Soup Supper @6:30 PM
Wed. April 16 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. April 20 - Grades 1-6 CCD - NO Class/Easter break
Wed. April 23 - Grades 7-9 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Wed. April 23 – Confirmation at the Cathedral @ 6:30 PM
Sun. April 27 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. May 4 – First Holy Communion
Sun. May 4 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 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)
 Thursday.....8:30am



"For we are co-workers;
 you are God's field,
 God's building."
 1 Corinthians 3:9
 DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER



We have reached our goal. **Don't stop now!!** Any money collected over our goal comes back to St. Peter's for our own use towards projects and evangelization.

Pray Often & Daily!!!



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$3,097.00
	\$1,227.00
Year to Date Target -	\$74,800.00
Year to Date Total -	\$68,315.49
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Readings for April 20, 2025

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9