

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of April 6:

A Minute with Jesus: Jesus is the "living Bread from Heaven." Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." (John 6:51). Jesus gave this living bread for the first time to His apostles at the Last Supper. Jesus gives this living bread to us in holy Communion. The living bread is Jesus Himself. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are the "living bread" received in holy Communion. This week, read the explanation that Jesus gives that He is the "living Bread from Heaven" in John 6: 48-51

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

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

ACS Enrollment: Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open to current AND new families! Call (608) 784-8585 to schedule a tour! Cathedral Elementary School (La Crosse): 3P - 2nd Grade, St. Patrick Elementary School (Onalaska): 3P - 6th Grade, Blessed Sacrament Elementary School (La Crosse): 3rd Grade - 6th Grade, Aquinas Middle School (La Crosse): 7th Grade - 8th Grade, Aquinas High School (La Crosse): 9th Grade - 12th Grade
Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholicsschools.org/enrollment to get started.

Kids Korner

How Does Jesus Treat Sinners?

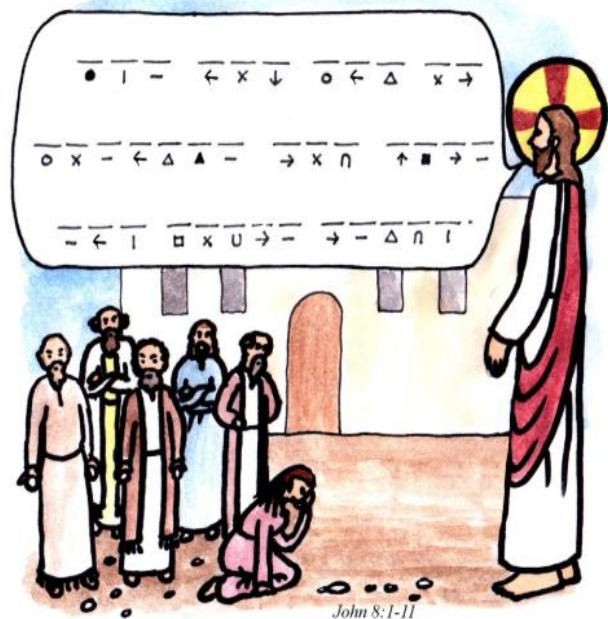


In the Old Testament, God gave His people rules that said they should punish the people who sinned. That's why in today's Gospel the Pharisees and scribes brought a sinful woman to Jesus to see what He had to say about the law.

Instead of telling them that they should punish her according to the law, Jesus told them that they should only punish her if they themselves had never sinned.



Sometimes we hear about a sin that someone else did. God does not want us to be mean to that person because of what they did. Does that mean that they didn't do a sin? No. Jesus told the woman to go and not sin again. That means that she did sin, but He was giving her another chance. We should try to be merciful like Jesus, and we should be kind to sinners because we are sinners too.



In today's Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus whether they should obey their law and stone a woman who was a sinner. What did Jesus say to them? Use the code to find out!

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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

Tom Schaub

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 6, 2025



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

4/9 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

† Chelsea Mashak (MF)

4/11 Friday 8:00 AM–

† Heather, Benjamin & Simon Kramer (MLH)

4/12 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† Otto & Theresa Schaub (SF)

4/13 Palm Sunday 10:00 AM –

† Douglas D. Schroeder (MLH)

Ministry Servers

Saturday April 12 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew Schaub & Mason Leis

Ushers: Mike Schaub & Tom Schaub

Lector: Julie Lundeen & Melissa Schaub

Sunday April 13 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Arnie/Adeline Nicolai & Marlayna O’ Heron

Ushers: Leo Leis & Peter Benzing

Lector: Kathy Flock & 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!!

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays during Lent @ 7:30 PM

Adoration to follow

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. April 6 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Tues. April 8 - Joint Council meeting:

Finance @ 6:30 PM, Advisory @ 7:30 PM

Wed. April 9 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Wed. April 9 - Confessions/2 priests available @ 6:30 PM

Sun. April 13 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

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 - Confirmation at the Cathedral @ 6:30 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

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery. The sinful woman's story of sin committed and sin forgiven in the Gospel of today, shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus gives to repentant sinners.

It is a story of caution for those who are quick to condemn others and unwilling to admit their own mistakes. It is a touching story of the mercy of God given to every sinner (you, me and all sinners) if we are honest before the Lord. This story is one of God's gracious care and mercy for each of us and not punishment. After the Scribes and Pharisees have left, Jesus takes up his role as the authentic judge of the woman before him. He is the only true judge, he who, being without sin, is the only one that could condemn her. But Jesus stands up for her.

He tells her "Go and sin no more." Look at the way our Lord's answer upheld justice without forgoing clemency. He did not say the woman should not be stoned, for then it would look as though he were opposing the law. At the same time, He did not say 'Let her be stoned', because he came not to destroy those he found, but to seek those who were lost. He just tells her "Go and sin no more." Lord does indeed pass sentence, but it is sin he condemns, not people. Our Lenten disciplines are to break through the hard shell of self-righteousness and then look into our hearts. Remember that love, compassion, and upholding the dignity of our sisters and brothers are the marks of the Laws of the Kingdom of God.

Next weekend we begin the holiest week of the Church year celebrating Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday. I encourage you to attend every day celebrations so that we all might enter more fully into these profound mysteries of our faith. I encourage you to attend the Chrism mass which is on the 15th of April at 10:30 am at the Cathedral.

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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

St. Peter's Passover Soup Supper: As another Lent progresses, we should gather with our parish family to enjoy fellowship. Join us on Tuesday, April 15th at 6:30 pm for soup and other delectables in the church basement. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

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

Children's Choir: You've been making good progress learning the parts to the new Mass of St. Brigid. We will be singing this new mass on Easter Sunday. All school age children are welcome to join at any time. * The adult choir will sing the Mass of St. Brigid for the Easter Vigil mass. *

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

Penance Services Available: There will be confessions available at St. Peters on April 9th beginning at 6:30 pm until done. As previous years, there will be 2 priests available. This year the sacristy location will have a divider to be able to choose between a private or face-to-face confession. There is also an opportunity at the Cathedral on April 14th from 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.

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!

First Sunday Rosary: We pray the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at 7:30 PM. **The next one will be April 6th.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Lent - Reclaim your thoughts: You are invited to find and read a compelling Catholic book because reading good books is part of our ongoing search for truth, and we know that Jesus Christ is *the* truth. Further, reading is essential to help us think clearly and logically. God's Word exhorts us: "Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (Philippians 4:8) You are invited to seek out and read a compelling Catholic book. Reading good books is part of our ongoing search for truth—and as Catholics, we know that Jesus Christ is the Truth. Spiritual reading also helps form our ability to think clearly and logically. God's word exhorts us: "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Philippians 4:8)



"For we are co-workers; you are God's field, God's building."

1 Corinthians 3:9

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GOAL \$12,520.00

PLEGGED AND RECEIVED \$12,679.00

OF DONORS 35

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 - \$967.50

-\$902.50

Year to Date Target - \$72,930.00

Year to Date Total - \$65,218.49

-\$7,711.51

Readings for April 13, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:14 – 23:56