

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Message for the week of May 11:**

**A Minute with Jesus: Why does Jesus give us Living Bread**  
 Jesus loves us more than anyone, and He wants to dwell within us. Through Baptism, we become children of God. As part of His Family, Jesus wants to guide us on the right path – to live a life with 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 for your First Holy Communion in which you are privileged to receive Jesus Himself. This week, read how Jesus says that He is the Living Bread in John 6:51.

**Holy Trinity Chicken-Que and Bake Sale:** Wednesday, May 21 – 13th Street and Park Avenue. Serving 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans and Roll \$12.00. Dine in, Carryout, Drive Through. Pre-sales preferred – Tickets after Masses, at the Parish Office or Call the Chicken Line at 608-782-2028 Ext. 2. Bake Sale in Leo Hall – Pies, Breads, Cookies, Bars – Something for everyone.

**March for Life Wisconsin:** The 2025 March for Life Wisconsin will take place on Saturday, June 14 at 2 PM at the Wisconsin State Capitol, hosted by the Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Pro-Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Right to Life, and Wisconsin Family Council. Buses to the March will travel from around the state, including from Chippewa Falls, Onalaska, and Sparta. Cost is \$15/person or \$45/family and you may register at [marchforlifewisconsin.org](http://marchforlifewisconsin.org), or scan the QR code to the right. There will be speakers at the March, and signs will be provided. Come bear witness to the sanctity of all human life!

**Counted as Mine:** Come see the Guadalupe story as an operetta! Counted as Mine, by Mother Mary Francis, PCC, and Fr. Joseph Roff, is being performed for the first time since 1962. Performances will be Saturday, June 21, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 22, 2:30 p.m. at the Weber Center in La Crosse. [GuadalupeShrine.org/Events](http://GuadalupeShrine.org/Events)

**ACS Employment Opportunities:** Aquinas Catholic Schools is hiring and we'd love for you to join our team! We are seeking passionate educators and staff who are dedicated to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and providing simply the best for our students! Are you ready to be part of something extraordinary? Apply today and help shape the future! Learn more about ACS Employment opportunities at: [www.aquinascatholicschools.org/employment](http://www.aquinascatholicschools.org/employment)

**It's Time to Defund Planned Parenthood:** Heed the U.S. Bishops' call to urge Congress to defund Planned Parenthood, which is responsible for about 40% of abortions in the U.S. – almost 400,000 per year – and yet receives \$700 million per year in taxpayer funding. While the Trump Administration recently moved to withhold some of these funds, more remains. To learn more and to make your voice heard, visit [www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home](http://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home).

**Consecrated Virginity** – “a treasure of the Roman Liturgy” – “a gift in the Church and for the Church.” Is this a treasure, a gift you have been given? Join us the weekend of May 30 - June 1 at Holy Cross Diocesan Center (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, House of Formation). For more information visit the diocesan event page or contact Barbara Swieciak, consecrated virgin, 608-788-7700, ext. 2271 or email [bswieciak@diolc.org](mailto:bswieciak@diolc.org).

**Kids Korner**

**The Sheep and the Shepherd**

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about His sheep. Do you know who His sheep are? We are His sheep! He loves us and protects us just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. And what do the sheep do in return? They listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also hear about Jesus being called the "Lamb of God." When He became man, He was like one of the sheep in God's sheepfold. But He was not the same as all the rest of us. He never did any sins Himself, but he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why at every Mass we say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us."

Now that Jesus is not visibly here on earth, He has left us another shepherd to care for His flock. Do you know who that is? It's the pope! God gives him grace to guide and protect the Church. Can you say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis today?



Answer to Word Puzzle: GOOD SHEPHERD

**Jesus' Sheep Word Puzzle**

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks.  
 Use the numbered letters to fill in the blanks at the very end.

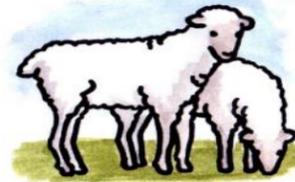
Jesus \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> John 10:27-30  
 "My sheep hear my voice;  
 I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> them  
 and they \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup>  
 I give them eternal life;  
 and they shall never \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 and no one can take them out of my \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup>  
 My Father, who has \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup> them to me,  
 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup> than all,  
 and no one can take \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 out of the Father's hand.  
 The \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup> and I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup> one."

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| FOLLOW  | ME   | FATHER |
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| GREATER | THEM | ARE    |

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**PARISH DIRECTOR**

Deacon David J. Allen

**PRIEST MODERATOR**

Msgr. Robert P. Hundt

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday.....8:00 PM  
 Sunday.....10:00 AM

**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Wednesday .....7:00 PM

**ADORATION**

Wednesday.....7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

**CONFESSIONS**

Before Saturday mass & 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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**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

**FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Deborah Leis

**MUSIC**

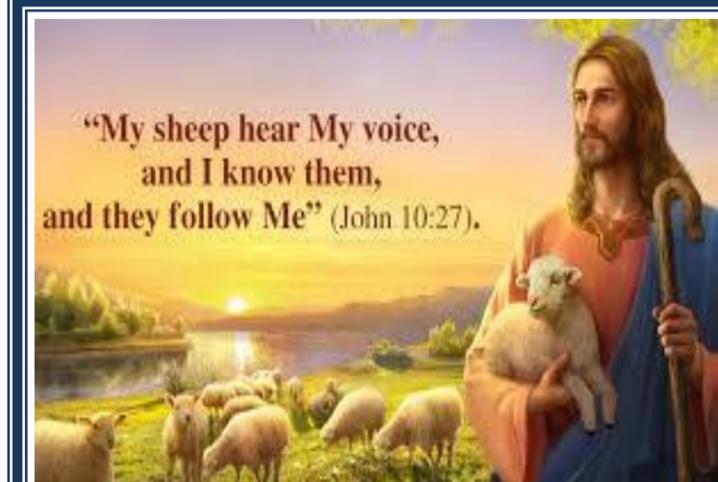
Terese Slattery, Coordinator  
 Leland Gregorich, Organist

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 MAY 11, 2025



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish • Weddings • Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Parish Intentions

**5/14 Wednesday 7:00 PM –  
Communion Service followed by Adoration**  
**5/17 Saturday 8:00 PM –  
St. Peters Parish Family**  
**5/18 Sunday 10:00 AM –  
30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Tom  
& Melissa Schaub (TPS)**

Ministry Servers

**Saturday May 17 – 8:00 PM**  
Servers: Andrew Schaub & Mason Leis  
Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Mike Schaub  
Lector: Lynda Hurtz  
**Sunday May 18 – 10:00 AM**  
Servers: Marlayna O’Heron, Arnie & Adeline Nicolai  
Ushers: Leo Leis & Rob Slattery  
Lector: Ann 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!!

Encouragement

**Can we hear Christ’s voice speaking to us today?**

Can we hear Christ’s voice speaking to us today? Or are we like those who, recognizing God’s intention to gather the whole world into his fold, were filled with jealousy and deaf to the Good News? We may have moments where we can hear, and moments where distractions deafen us to our shepherd’s voice. Let us pray for new hearts and open ears to follow Christ.

In the first reading, Paul and Barnabas speak to the people in the synagogue. At first the people are receptive, but later some Jews are filled with jealousy at seeing *the crowds*. Consequently, Paul and Barnabas evangelize the Gentiles, who are delighted and glorify the Lord. In the second reading, John writes of his vision where a multitude have washed their robes in the blood of the lamb who shepherds them. In the Gospel, Jesus says that his sheep hear his voice and that he and the Father are one.

From the Diocesan Chancery bulletin: The Reverend **Sengole V. Vethanayagam**, (Fr. Sen) Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Stratford and St. Andrew Parish in Rozelville, is appointed Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph’s Ridge and St. Peter Parish in Middle Ridge, with residence at St. Joseph Parish rectory, effective July 1, 2025.  
(Please note: Fr. Sen will not arrive at our parish until the beginning of August due to a previous commitment.)

We are thrilled to share momentous news from the Vatican: **Cardinal Robert Prevost** of Chicago has been elected as **Pope Leo XIV**, making history as the first American pontiff to lead the Roman Catholic Church! This extraordinary moment calls for celebration and reflection. As we celebrate the 2025 Jubilee Year, themed “Pilgrims of Hope,” let us journey together to encounter Pope Leo XIV and renew our faith in the heart of the Church. May God continue to bless us all!

Parish News

**Thank you!!!** A debt of gratitude goes out to our CCD teachers for committing their time & talents to our young students. May God bless you all: Abigail Leis, Erin Klinkner, Duane Leis, Carol Gronemus, Andrew Schaub, Rebecca Schaub, Laura Nicolai, Mark Nicolai, Mike Klinkner, Lydia Kramer, Tom Schaub & our DRE, Miranda Flock.

**New Parishioners:** We would like to welcome our new parishioners. Our apologies for the lateness of welcoming Thomas & Helen Wachuta. They joined our family a few months ago. Our newest family to welcome is Joseph & Katelyn Doylend along with their children James, William, Cecelia, Edward and Elias. Welcome to St. Peters Parish family!!

**Graduation/Confirmation Mass:** At the May 18<sup>th</sup> mass we will recognize the 2025 Confirmation class & the 2025 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 the priest. Congratulations goes out to all!

**KC Fundraiser:** The Knights of Columbus will be holding its tootsie roll church drive at St. Peters on May 17th after the 8:00 pm mass and after the May 18th 10:00 mass. The tootsie roll drive raises funds for children with special needs at the Bangor and West Salem school districts. Thank you for your generous contributions.

**Prayers for Farming and Rural Life:** As spring and planting seasons begin, remember to support those who grow our food and fulfill God’s command to “till the earth and keep it.” Together we pray:

- For favorable weather during planting season: that the fruits of the earth may provide food enough for all people and provide for the livelihoods of farmers and growers.
- For farmers and their families, and for those who work in agriculture: that they be good stewards of the goods of the earth and receive what they need for their spiritual and material well-being.
- For farmers who are struggling to make ends meet: that they may be encouraged by the support of their neighbors, their parish, and all of God’s people.
- For a greater knowledge and love of rural life: that its values, traditions, and faith be nurtured in our communities.

**Prayer to St. Isidore** - Good Saint, we are told that your devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was so great that you would rise before it was light in order to be able to attend Mass before beginning your work in the fields. Obtain for us, we pray, some of that loving devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There it is that the fruits of our farm labor, bread and wine, are brought and offered to God by the priest. Then, in the Consecration, Christ Himself, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, becomes present on our altars under the appearances of this same bread and wine. And in what was the altar bread, He comes to us to be the very food of our souls. If we deeply realize the value and beauty of Holy Mass, we will be very happy to attend as often as we possibly can. Help us to understand that in the Mass we offer ourselves to God with Christ by the hands of the priest. There we can bring to God all that we do and offer it to Him in union with His Holy Sacrifice. The more often we do this now, the happier we shall be hereafter. Good Saint Isidore, bless us and our labors, that we may someday reap the reward of good works with you in heaven. Amen.

**Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants: (L to R)  
Theodore Slattery, Sadie Geier, Elaine Flock,  
Emerson Lundeen & Tryg Erickson. God bless you!**



Communion Service & Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday @ 7:00 until 8:30 PM**  
Come spend some quiet time with Jesus.  
**8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~**  
- Read Spiritual Books - Ask for Intercession - Meditate  
- Offer a Holy Hour - Write a Prayer Journal -  
Pray Spontaneously - Ask the Saints for help - Read the Scriptures

Parish Calendar of Events

**Sun. May 11** – Mother’s Day Rose sale  
**Sun. May 18** – Graduation/Confirmation recognition mass  
**Sun. June 1** – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

**May, the month of Mary**



**\*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.

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	<u>\$1,164.28</u>
	\$705.72
Year to Date Target -	\$82,280.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$76,738.13</u>
	-\$5,541.87

Readings for May 18, 2025

**First Reading:** Acts 14:21-27  
**Second Reading:** Revelation 21:1-5  
**Gospel Reading:** John 13:31-35

St. Joseph’s Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
Tuesday (Communion Service) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 p.m.)  
Thursday (Communion Service) .....8:30 a.m.