

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of May 25:

A Minute with Jesus: Eucharist means thanksgiving

When we receive Jesus, we want to receive Him sincerely and thank Him for the total gift of Himself to us - the greatest gift possible. After receiving Holy Communion, we want to give heartfelt thanks to Jesus for this tremendous blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of Himself in the celebration of the Eucharist our union with Jesus is augmented, our charity toward others is revived and more merciful, and we are strengthened to avoid future mortal sins. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to have a grateful heart, most especially to our Heavenly Father, to You, and to the Holy Spirit. This week read how St. Peter speaks words of thanksgiving for all that God our Father has done for us through Jesus Christ in 1 Peter 1: 3-9

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, 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

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 (2nd floor, House of Formation). For more information visit the diocesan event page or contact Barbara Swieczak, consecrated virgin, 608-788-7700, ext. 2271 or email bswieciak@diolc.org.

Catch the Fire of the Spirit, Grow in your Faith—Join Lay Formation!

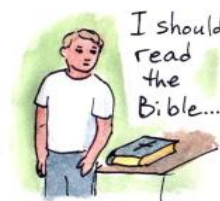
Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation Institute cycle that begins in the fall of 2025. Deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a community of learners, catch the fire of the Holy Spirit and let Him make you a contagious witness to Christ! See the complete information and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call 608.791.0161.

Vocations: Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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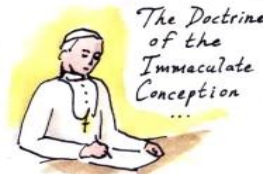
Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit

In today's Gospel reading Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples after He was gone. The Holy Spirit would teach them all they needed to know.



After Jesus left, the disciples would be confused about what Jesus had wanted them to do and how to go about building the Church He had started. But Jesus promised that they would not be alone. God the Holy Spirit would come to them and show them what they needed to do.

Where is the Holy Spirit now? He is still working in the Church. He inspires people to do what is right and to learn the truth. He also shows the leaders of the Church what God wants of them and keeps the Church's teachings free of error. Can you think of times when the Holy Spirit helped you?



Save the Dates

St. Peter's Youth
Come Gather On
The Jewel on the Hill
For Games, Movie, and
Sleepover Night at the
Middle Ridge Ballfield

Wednesday June 11, 2025

4:00 PM

Thursday June 12, 2025

&

Wednesday August 13, 2025

4:00 PM

Thursday August 14, 2025

Activities and menu being planned, will update soon

* Candle light Rosary/ Campfire Songs/Movie
Movie-- Popcorn, treats and drinks Wednesday evening
A light pancake breakfast will be served Thursday morning

* All ages are welcome to attend. (Adults too)
* Come join for as much as you would like, staying the night is optional.
* Bring your own tents, sleeping bags / blankets & pillow



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

Wednesday7:00 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

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

Office Phone: (608) 452-4680

Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.org

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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 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

5/28 Wednesday 7:30 PM –

Eucharistic Adoration

5/31 Saturday 8:00 PM –

The intentions of Msgr. Robert Hundt (MLH)

6/1 Sunday 10:00 AM –

St. Peter's Parish Family

Ministry Servers

Saturday May 31 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Mason Leis & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Volunteer

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday June 1 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Evelyn Flock, Madi & Sadi Gronemus

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Stephenson

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.

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

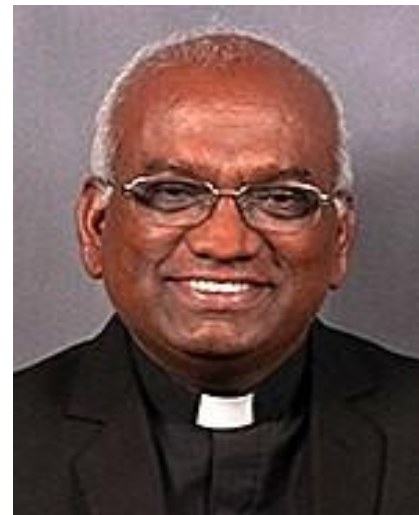
Parish Calendar of Events

Wed, May 28 – No Communion service; Adoration will be available

Sun, June 1 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Tues, June 10 – Parish Finance Council meeting @ 6:30 PM

Wed, June 11 thru Thurs, June 12 – St. Peters Youth Event



Our new parish priest, Rev. Sengole Vethanayagam (Father Sen), will arrive at the beginning of August. Let us give him a joyful St. Peters welcome!

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.

Encouragement

Home to the Holy Spirit, our hearts become the eternal dwelling place of Christ.

Christians on pilgrimage to the Holy Land are often greeted with the words, "Welcome home." Indeed, the Church began in Jerusalem; Jesus died right outside of its walls; and it is also home to the first council recounted in today's first reading. Truly, our home is not in a particular place but in Christ, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus gives light to the new Jerusalem, which is the eternal city, the kingdom of God.

In the first reading, the Apostles send a letter to Antioch explaining which practices [with regard to the Mosaic law] are necessary for Gentiles who have come to believe in the Gospel. In the second reading, John describes his vision of the new Jerusalem, which shines with Christ's eternal light. Jesus, in the Gospel, foretells the coming of the Advocate. The Holy Spirit, Jesus tells his disciples, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

Parish News

Happy Anniversary: Please say a prayer for our parish Priest Moderator Msgr. Robert Hundt who celebrated the 64th anniversary of his Priest Ordination on May 20th. Gods blessings!

Building Update: The council met last week and voted to accept a bid from Krause Konstruktion to tuck point the entire building. The cost for this will be \$48,680. If we do not do this, we will have major issues in the future. We need to keep the building up to code and looking good. It was also decided to move ahead with our basement renovation that is part of our Inspired by the Spirit Campaign. This project will cost \$25,740 to replace the floor with Legacy Concrete Coatings. We also plan to paint the walls. Help will be needed to move EVERYTHING from the basement before this project starts. **We will need help from all parishioners for this!!!** If anybody is willing to donate towards these projects, we would greatly appreciate it so that we don't deplete a large portion of our maintenance budget. Please place donations in a marked envelope & place in the offertory.

Military Appreciation Month: During May we pause to reflect on and honor the brave men and women who have selflessly served our country. Their courage, dedication and sacrifice embody the very values we hold dear—faith, service and love for others. We are especially mindful of the spiritual strength it takes to serve, and we extend our heartfelt prayers to all active-duty service members, veterans and their families. We are grateful for their commitment to protect the freedoms we cherish. We invite you to join us this month in prayer and thanksgiving to pray for peace, protection and healing. Let us never take their sacrifice for granted. Together, we lift up those who serve—and those who wait at home—with hope and unwavering faith.

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 June 1st.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Novena to the Holy Spirit | May 30 - June 7, 2025: A nine-day Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost is available for download here: diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info The focus of each day of the Novena is to pray for an increase of one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. These supernatural gifts are necessary to live the Christian life. It will be powerful if all are encouraged to join in as a parish to pray the Novena.



About Pope Leo XIV:

• Robert Francis Prevost was born on Sept. 14, 1955, in Chicago to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martinez, of Spanish descent. He has two brothers, Louis Martin and John Joseph.

• His father was a World War II Navy veteran and school superintendent; his mother was a librarian who was very involved in parish life.

• The new pope speaks multiple languages, including English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese.

• He earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Villanova University in 1977 before pursuing his religious vocation.

• He completed his secondary studies at the minor seminary of the Augustinians in 1973 in Michigan. In 1977, he became a member of the Order of St. Augustine and took his solemn vows in 1981.

• He completed a master of divinity degree at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and earned a licentiate and doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical College of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He went on to teach canon law in seminaries during his time in Peru.

• He was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982, by Archbishop Jean Jadot in Rome.

• He served extensively in Peru from 1985 to 1998, working as a parish pastor, seminary teacher, and diocesan official. He was also part of the leadership of Caritas Peru, the Church's charitable organization.

• After being elected the head of the Augustinian Province of Chicago, he returned to the U.S. in 1999. He was elected prior general of the Augustinians in 2001 and then reelected in 2007, serving as head of the order until 2013.

• Pope Francis appointed him apostolic administrator and then bishop of the Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru, in 2014 and 2015 respectively, and received episcopal consecration on Dec. 12, 2014, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Chiclayo.

• He was made a cardinal by Pope Francis on Sept. 30, 2023.

• While serving the Church in Peru, Francis made him a member of the Dicastery for the Clergy in 2019 and then a member of the Dicastery for Bishops in 2020. In 2023, Francis made him prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops.

• His episcopal motto — which is a bishop's personal motto — is "In illo uno unum," which means **"In the one Christ we are one,"** reflecting his commitment to unity.

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target - \$1,870.00

Last Week's Total - \$4,074.50

\$2,204.50

Year to Date Target - \$86,020.00

Year to Date Total - \$83,270.63

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Readings for June 1, 2025

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel Reading: John 17:20-26