

## Diocesan and Community News

### Message for the week of June 1:

**A Minute with Jesus: Receiving the Eucharist – Our Closest Union with Jesus on Earth** The Mass is a representation of the Holy Sacrifice that Jesus made of Himself on the cross for our salvation. Because God is outside time and space, at Mass the same sacrifice that Jesus offered for our sins is made present. When we receive holy Communion at Mass, we are receiving Jesus Himself, which is our closest union with Him on earth. Taking His Body and Blood into our own bodies, we are united with Him in a deep and intimate bond. Jesus feeds our souls, strengthening us to be faithful by loving and serving Him through serving others, most especially those in need. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus please strengthen me to be committed to coming to Mass early so that I can spend some time quietly preparing to be united with You in holy Communion. This week read the words of Jesus about remaining in Him and He in us in John 6:54-58.

**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)

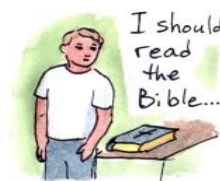
**Catch the Fire of the Spirit, Grow in your Faith—Join Lay Formation!** Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation Institute cycle that begins in the fall of 2025. Deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a community of learners, catch the fire of the Holy Spirit and let Him make you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

### Kids Korner

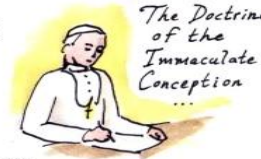
#### Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit

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?



**Come Join St. Peter's Youth**  
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

\*Spaghetti, Hot dogs, Brats with the trimmings and drinks

\* Games/Crafts/Fun

- Scavenger Hunt
- Kickball/Dodgeball
- Other activities still being planned

\* 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 & pillows
- Please RSVP by calling or texting Carol 608-487-6170 for planning purposes.

### 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

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

Office Phone: (608) 452-4680

Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

Bulletin deadline: .....Wednesday

Email: [parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.org](mailto: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

# St. Peters Catholic Church

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

JUNE 1, 2025

AND HE TOLD THEM, "THIS  
IS WHAT IS WRITTEN: THE  
CHRIST WILL SUFFER AND  
RISE FROM THE DEAD ON  
THE THIRD DAY,  
— LUKE 24:46

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

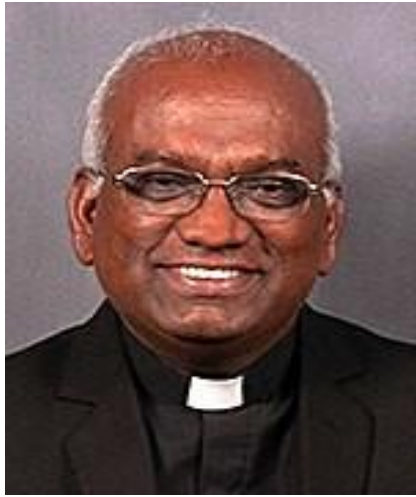
- Joining the Parish • Weddings • Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited



Parish Intentions

**6/4 Wednesday 7:30 PM –**  
**Communion Service & Eucharistic Adoration**  
**6/7 Saturday 8:00 PM –**  
**† Chelsea Mashak (MF)**  
**6/8 Sunday 10:00 AM –**  
**† Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)**

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!



**Pray Often & Daily!!!**



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$923.00</u>
	-\$947.00
Year to Date Target -	\$87,890.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$84,193.63</u>
	-\$3,696.37

Readings for June 7, 2025

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13  
**Gospel Reading:** John 20:19-23

Ministry Servers

**Saturday June 7 – 8:00 PM**  
Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen  
Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Tim Leis  
Lector: Lynda Hurtz  
**Sunday June 8 – 10:00 AM**  
Servers: Allis Gronemus, Avin & Brynn Stephenson  
Ushers: Peter Benzing & Mark Stephenson  
Lector: 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!!

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. June 1** – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM  
**Mon. June 2** – Religious Education meeting @ 7:30 PM  
**Tues. June 10** – Parish Finance Council meeting @ 6:30 PM  
**Wed. June 11 thru Thurs. June 12** – St. Peters Youth Event  
**Sat. June 14 & Sun. June 15** – Popcorn for Pop sale



**\*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.  
Tuesday (Communion Service) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 p.m.)  
Thursday (Communion Service) .....8:30 a.m.

Encouragement

**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**

On this Feast of the Ascension, a day filled with deep joy and celebration, we commemorate Christ's victorious return to the Father after fulfilling His mission on earth. This Feast, which holds great significance in our spiritual journey, marks a joyful commemoration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples. This moment fills us with hope and inspiration.

Today's Gospel focuses on the explicit guidance Jesus provided to His disciples—and, by extension, to us—just before His ascension to the Father: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You, each of you, are witnesses of these things, entrusted with the crucial task of spreading His message.

Adopting a stewardship lifestyle—focused on how we use our time, talent, and treasure—enables us to live in a way that reflects the Good News of the Gospel. As a parish family, we take time each year to renew our commitments in these three domains. However, it is essential for each of us to allocate time throughout the year to continually evaluate our commitments, considering both our strengths and areas where we can grow further.

On this Feast of our 'launch day,' let us pause to celebrate our achievements as Christ's disciples. Let us reaffirm our unwavering commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has given us, recognizing that our accomplishments reflect His grace and our steadfast dedication.

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**St. Peter's Youth Gathering:** The first gathering for the summer is planned for Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 pm with the option to camp overnight in the ballfield. Please see the flier in the back of church and on the back page of this bulletin for more information. An RSVP is preferable so we can plan better. Donations are welcomed!!

**Religious Education Meeting:** On Monday, June 2nd, at 7:30 pm there will be a religious education meeting in the church basement to discuss needs for next year, program improvements, and to plan for the upcoming summer campouts. Please join us if you're interested in helping with the CCD program.

**Birthday Blessings:** Today is Fr. Biju's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday!! If you would like to send him a card his new address is: Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty c/o St Wenceslaus Catholic Church 146 Main St. Milladore, WI 54454. His phone number & email address have remained the same.

**Popcorn for Pop:** Mark your calendars and bring a few dollars to support pro-life efforts on Father's Day! We are remembering and celebrating all fathers at our church by partnering with Pro-Life Wisconsin to offer popcorn to dads this Father's Day! There will be individual size bags of popcorn available for a freewill offering after church on Father's Day. This is a great way to tell him, "Thanks for being the best dad ever!" with a delicious treat. Donations will support individuals and families in our state through Pro-Life Wisconsin's emergency pregnancy help efforts and pro-life educational efforts. Don't forget to join us on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Dare To Follow:** Attention young men!! We are called to be Holy Men of God. Dare to Follow is for young men in grades 6-10 who are interested in hearing where God is calling them. Join us for activities, discernment, and time with Bishop Battersby and priests from our area. July 8-10 at Holy Cross Diocesan Center 3710 East Ave S | La Crosse, WI. Pre-registration is required and ends July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The fee is \$30. Register at: <https://diolc.org/priesthood/2025-dare-to-follow/>.

**Building Update:** The council met and voted to accept a bid from Krause Konstruction 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.

**The Renewal Project: Simple, Achievable, Life-Changing:** The Renewal Project is not a checklist or a program—it's a personal invitation for you to engage with your faith on your time and on your terms. Rooted in prayer and community, this diocesan-wide effort encourages each of us to take a simple step deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ. You will find a variety of invitations to help you reflect, grow, and respond to the Lord in your daily life—whether as parents, couples, singles, or students. It's about opening your heart to His presence and letting Him renew you from the inside out. To learn more and begin your journey, visit [diolc.org/renewal](https://diolc.org/renewal). Come and see what the Lord desires for you.