

Diocesan and Community News

Triple Feature Speaker: Ray Guarendi, a Catholic father of 10 adopted children, author, clinical psychologist, professional speaker, and national radio and television host will be at **St. Patrick's Church in Sparta (118 South K Street) on the evenings of April 19, 20, & 21 at 6:30pm** to teach us, in his humorous way on parenting and lifestyles with youngsters. The nightly topics are: "Standing Strong as a Parent and Grandparent," Men, Women, and Marriage," and The Logic of Being Catholic." Come and hear what he can teach us about more effective interactions with our children and grandchildren.

Spring Luncheon at St. Mary Parish: Join us April 25, 11 AM-1 PM. \$10 adults, kids 10 & under free. Guest speaker, John Zak speaking on "Why is There Contention Between Science & Religion" at 11:30 AM. Door prizes. Open to all!

Saturday, May 2, 2026



Shorten the route by joining in at:
 Saint Peter and Paul Parish 14 miles
 Holy Cross Parish at Bay Settlement 7 miles
 Walk with the Children National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion 1.7 miles

Get more information and sign up to walk by scanning the QR code or visiting www.WalkToMary.com



New Initiative: Mom Group starting for local parishes! If you are a mom looking to enrich yourself spiritually, join the GroupMe group called "Gathered in Grace -Driftless Region" for more information. We will gain interest from the community and begin meeting once a week in September. If you have any questions or issues joining the group, please contact Sarah Gronemus at 608-386-9546.



Kids Korner

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, besides being the second Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. It is the special day when we remember the mercy of God.



Mercy is when a person treats another better than they deserve. God does not owe us anything, since everything we have comes from Him. When we sin we offend God, but because He is merciful He forgives us when we are sorry.

Jesus' dying on the cross was the biggest act of mercy. He gave up His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and go to Heaven! Thank God today for all He has given you, especially giving up His life so that you can go to Heaven!

Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:



**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us!
 Jesus, I trust in You!**

Doubting Thomas Word-Find

Find the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle, and when you're done use the left over letters to fill in the blanks near the end.

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

In the EVENING when the doors were locked where the DISCIPLES were for FEAR of the JEWS, Jesus came and said, "PEACE be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples REJOICED. JESUS said again, "Peace be with you. As the FATHER has sent me, so I SEND you." He breathed on them and said, "RECEIVE the Holy SPIRIT. Whose SINS you forgive are FORGIVEN them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

THOMAS, one of the TWELVE, wasn't there when Jesus came so they told him. "We have seen the Lord." But he said, "UNLESS I see the mark of the NAILS in his hands and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A WEEK later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though the doors were LOCKED, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my HANDS, and bring your hand and put it into my SIDE, and do not be UNBELIEVING, but believe." Thomas said to him,

"_____!"
 Jesus said, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? BLESSED are those who have not seen and have BELIEVED."

PARISH PRIEST

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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Friday..... 8:00 AM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

ADORATION

Wednesday....7:00 PM with Benediction at 8:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday during Adoration
 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

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), Brandon Flock,
 Louisa Peterson, James Hundt & Nick Gronemus
 (Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mark Stephenson (Chairman), Rob Slattery, Tom Schaub,
 Peter Benzing, Kathy Flock, Sarah Gronemus (Secretary)

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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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 APRIL 12, 2026



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

4/15 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
† Douglas Hurlburt (MLH)

4/17 Friday 8:00 AM –
† Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)

4/18 Saturday 8:00 PM –
Deceased members of the Thomas &
Lucy McGrath family (THW)

4/19 Sunday 10:00 AM –
St. Peter Parish Family

Attention: If you would like to have a mass prayed for your intention, you can place it in a marked envelope in the offertory. If you have a certain date you would like, please specify.

Ministry Servers

Saturday April 18 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Bill Korn
Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday April 19 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Lukas & Abel Slattery
Ushers: Rob Slattery & Leo Leis
Lector: Kathy Flock

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays: Rosary @ 7:00 PM – Eucharistic Exposition @ 7:20 PM – Quiet Prayer/Confession - Benediction @ 8:05 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 -

Parish Calendar of Events

Sat. April 11 & Sun. April 12 – LDCCW collection
Tues. April 14 – Parish Finance Meeting @ 6:30 PM
Wed. April 15 – Confirmation at Cathedral @ 6:30 PM
Wed. April 15 – Grades 7-9 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. April 19 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Wed. April 22 – Grades 7-9 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. April 26 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. May 3 – First Holy Communion
Sun. May 3 – May Crowning: All children are welcome to participate in the procession – Meet in the back of church
Sun. May 3 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Sun. May 10 – Mass to honor 2026 Graduates and Confirmands



Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

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

Stewardship Reflection

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

The Christian steward approaches life with an “Easter vision,” rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today’s readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that this vision is meant to shape our daily lives and that we can place complete trust in God’s mercy to lead us, step by step, toward heaven.

It can be hard to keep our focus on heaven when earthly concerns—such as job stress, family struggles, health issues, and political division—press in around us. Sometimes, we can become like the Apostle Thomas in today’s Gospel, struggling to believe amid disappointment and uncertainty. Absent when Jesus first appeared to the other Apostles after the Resurrection, Thomas refused to accept their testimony that they had “seen the Lord.”

He insisted that he would not believe unless he could place his finger into the nail marks and his hand into Christ’s side. Yet Thomas’ doubts did not repel our Lord — they drew Him near in an extraordinary way. Jesus saw beyond the doubt to the pain beneath it. He did not condemn Thomas but calmed his fears and invited him to touch His Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace. When we are tempted to doubt, we only need to seek the Lord—in prayer, in the sacraments, and through the support of our Christian community. Just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

Parish News

Easter flowers: Thank you to those who contributed to the beautiful flowers that adorn our church:

- For the deceased members of the Al & Anna Mae Antony family
- In memory of Arnold & Theresa Arentz and Rick Schermerhorn
- From the Lee family
- From the Lucey family
- From Gary & Deb Flock
- In memory of Eugene Flock
- In memory of Stan & Steven Hundt

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy the Sunday after Easter. This is a fitting time to focus on God’s forgiving love, the mercy poured out through the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, including the mercy He shows each one of us in ways too numerous to count. Please make time to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and venerate the image of Jesus’ Sacred heart.

Confirmation: On Wednesday, April 15th there are 3 young men from St. Peter’s receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral. Please keep in your prayers; Jacobi Mlsna, Jacob Peterson & Arnie Nicolai. Special thanks to their teacher, Tom Schaub.

HELP NEEDED!! There is a church yard clean-up day planned for Saturday, April 25th beginning at 9:00 AM. Please come to help with this community service as many hands make light work. If there is poor weather, May 2nd will be our “rain day”.

Mass Honoring 2026 Graduates & Confirmands: This mass is planned for May 10th at 10:00 AM. Graduates are asked to wear their graduation caps & gowns. Stoles will be provided for the Confirmands. Please meet in the back of church to process up with Fr. Sen.

Mass intentions: We are EXTREMELY low on our mass intentions. If you would like to order one, please place your request with \$20 per mass in an envelope and drop it in the offertory basket.

Knights of Columbus: There will be state charity raffle tickets sold after each Mass on the weekend of April 25th and 26th by a member of the KC’s. Tickets are \$5.00 each. First prize is \$50,000. Proceeds to go to charity. Please plan ahead.

Honoring our Intentions: If you have requested a mass intention, Fr. Sen would like you to volunteer to bring up the gifts for that mass. This is a way to be more involved in the mass. Parishioners, if you see there isn’t a family coming forward, please help out. The masses for our Parish Family are open for ANYONE to help! The younger kids love to be a part of this and it gives them something to watch for & get excited about. Let us all be more present and participate in the Mass.

Join us for the Wisconsin March for Life: Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 2-4pm Wisconsin State Capitol State Street Steps, 2 E Main Street Madison, WI 53703. The overturning of Roe v. Wade was the beginning of the end of abortion. We must continue to make our voices heard until all women and children are protected from abortion and all families have the support they need to thrive. All Wisconsinites are invited to participate in this joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life. Signs will be provided. The following buses to Madison are available for \$15/person or \$45/family: Wausau-Stevens Point; Onalaska-Sparta-Wisconsin Dells; Chippewa Falls-Mauston. Visit this site for more information: <https://marchforlifewisconsin.org/>



“I would like to say to all, trust in the Lord, be apostles of Divine Mercy and follow the invitation and examples of Saint Faustina. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever”.

-Pope John Paul II

Jesus, I trust in You

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$4,175.95
	\$2,275.95
Year to Date Target -	\$76,000.00
Year to Date Total -	\$75,090.01
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Looking Ahead: Readings for April 19, 2026

First Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35