

Diocesan and Community News

From the Bishop: Priestly Assignments and Moving from a Culture of Christendom to Apostolic Mission:

As your Bishop, I continue to value stability in priestly assignments, knowing how much it benefits both our priests and the people they serve. At the same time, our diocese is in the midst of an important and prayerful time of pastoral planning. We find ourselves, like much of the Church, moving from a culture of Christendom to one of Apostolic Mission, where we are called to renew our focus on evangelization, discipleship, and accompaniment. This means embracing a shift from a maintenance mindset to a truly mission-oriented way of being the Church. The assignment changes you will see this year are part of this effort to better position our priests and parishes for that mission. They are also meant to support healthier and more sustainable patterns of ministry, including a more balanced celebration of Sunday Mass that allows for stronger relationships and more vibrant parish life. I am grateful for your openness and trust as we take these steps together, always seeking to follow where the Lord is leading us. With gratitude and prayer,

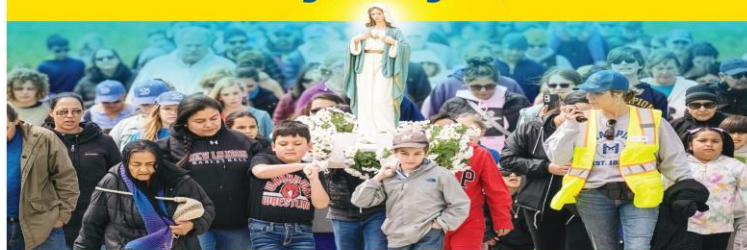
Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby - Bishop of La Crosse

Seed Corn Available: The Diocese of La Crosse Chapter of Catholic Rural Life, in partnership with a local family farm and a seed dealership, has been entrusted with a generous opportunity to give back to our farming community. We are pleased to offer 30 bags of current-year, high-quality 99-day seed corn -- free of charge -- to be shared among three deserving recipients. This gift is intended to support approximately 25-30 acres for each family farm. We recognize that agricultural finances can present challenges, and it is our privilege to walk alongside those in our community during difficult seasons. Please direct all inquiries to our Rural Life Committee Chair -- Anne Marie Ellwing: Annemarie.elwing@wallstonellc.com.



A 22-mile walking pilgrimage (shorter routes available) starting from the National Shrine of St. Joseph at Old St. Joseph Church on the St. Norbert College campus in De Pere, WI to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion.

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
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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

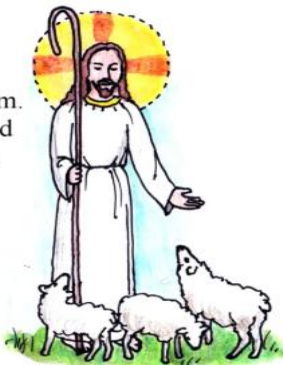
The Good Shepherd



The readings in today's Mass talk about Jesus the Good Shepherd. In Jesus' time, and still in some parts of the world today, there would be flocks of sheep grazing in the pastures. The shepherds were the people who looked after the flocks and made sure none of the sheep got lost or hurt or attacked by wild animals.

The Church is the flock of Jesus, and He is the Good Shepherd. He guides the people in the Church so that their souls will not be hungry- He gives us grace, just like a shepherd makes sure his sheep have lots of grass to eat!

Like the shepherd protects the sheep from danger, Our Lord also protects us from harm. In the "Our Father" we ask God to deliver us from evil. When our souls are hurt by sin, the Good Shepherd heals us with forgiveness in Confession.



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6+4= 9-2= 1+4=

3+3= 7-3= 2+8= 6-1=

4=A 5=E 6=G 7=H 8=I 9=M 10=T

What did Jesus say about the sheepfold? Figure out the math questions and then fill in the blanks with the letters the numbers represent.

PARISH PRIEST

Rev. Sengole Vethanayagam
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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.... Rosary @ 7:00 PM
Eucharistic Exposition @ 7:20 PM for
Quiet Prayer/Confession
Benediction @ 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@stpnr.diocparish.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

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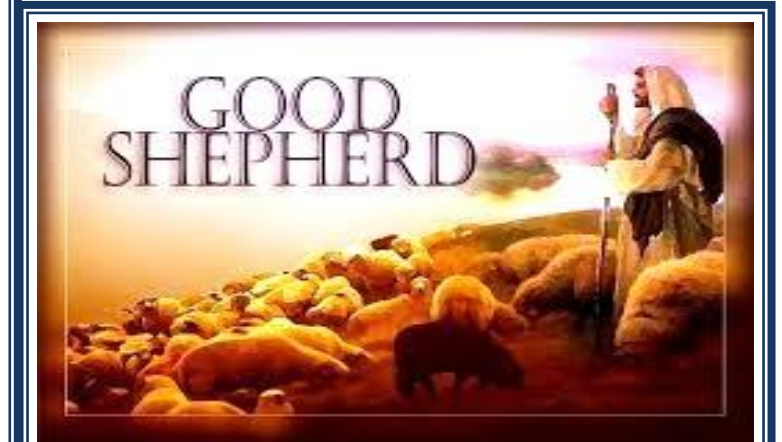
Terese Slattery, Coordinator
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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Catholic Church**
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 26, 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

4/29 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
St. Peter Parish family

5/1 Friday 8:00 AM –
† Orvin Lee (ML)

5/2 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† Otto & Theresa Schaub (SF)

5/3 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 May 2 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
Ushers: Duane Leis & Tim Leis
Lector: Julie Lundeen

Sunday May 3 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Arnie & Adeline Nicolai
Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Gary Gronemus
Lector: John Hundt

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.

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. April 29 – Grades 7-9 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
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
Sat. May 9 & Sun. May 10 – Mother’s Day Rose Sale
Sun. May 10 – Mass to honor 2026 Graduates and Confirmands



This year the Diocese celebrates the Jubilee Year of St. Francis. The Franciscan call to peace, conversion, and joyful discipleship takes on renewed meaning. To receive the graces of this Jubilee year please pray:

Prayer to Saint Francis

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to see in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today’s readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd, and we can trust Him confidently as we embrace the stewardship way of life.

This endearing image of Jesus as our shepherd and His personal love for each of us is described in our Gospel passage from John through Jesus’ own words. Here, we see Jesus’ description of Himself as the “Good Shepherd”. He says, “The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they recognize his voice”.

This image of Jesus as our shepherd inspires us to fulfill our stewardship by giving of our time, talent, and treasure as a sincere expression of gratitude for His love and guidance.

Embracing this lifestyle requires trust on our part. But Christ has shown Himself worthy of our trust. He “bore our sins in His body”. He calls Himself our shepherd, and He offers Himself as the protector of our souls. He has held back nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask us to do anything that could harm us. He tells us, “I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly”.

This Easter season, let us renew our commitment and gratefully entrust ourselves and our lives to Him, filling us with hope and a sense of a fresh start for our spiritual journey.

Parish News

Congratulations: On Thursday April 30th, Father Sen celebrates his 31st Ordination Anniversary. He requests our prayers for his good health and fruitful ministry for us. May God bless him abundantly!

Thank you: We cannot thank our CCD teachers enough for all they do for the children of St. Peter. Please say a prayer of thanks for: Abigail & Duane Leis, Carol Gronemus, Andrew & Rebecca Schaub, Mark & Laura Nicolai, Miranda Flock, Mike Klinkner and Tom Schaub. Let us also thank our DRE, Miranda Flock & her assistant Carol Gronemus for all they do! God bless you all!!!

Birthday Prayers & Wishes: Please keep in your thoughts and prayers Agnes Bouska, our eldest parishioner, as she celebrated her 100th birthday on April 24th. What a great milestone! May God bless her!!

First Holy Communion: Please pray for Bellamy Mlsna & Lennox Stephenson as they receive this Sacrament on May 3rd. Special thanks to Duane Leis for preparing them for this blessed event. Blaise Menn, also a parishioner, will receive First Communion with his Sacred Heart class. Many blessings to them all! **May Crowning will take place on this date also. All children are encouraged to participate.**

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.

Rose Sale: We will once again be selling roses in the back of church for Mother’s Day this year. We are asking for a donation of \$3 per rose. Proceeds go towards the activities and educational supplies of the local chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life.

Stained Glass Window Tour: An affiliate group with The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration is excited to share with you a unique event coming up on Sunday May 3rd, 2026. In partnership with the La Crosse Historical Society, the Franciscan Spirituality Center and Explore La Crosse, this is a first-ever, ecumenical, stained glass tour of 5 historical churches in La Crosse. The 1 day only tour occurs on Sunday, May 3rd from 1pm to 4:30pm. Whether you decide to ride the trolley for a more organized tour or go at your own pace with the self-guided ticket purchase, you will encounter artistic and historic stained glass of renowned beauty. Among the 5 churches are works from Tiffany, Bavarian glass from the FX Zettler Art Institute, and Connaught stained glass. You are invited to join in La Crosse and spend an afternoon viewing breathtaking craftsmanship. All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit WAFER Food Pantry. You can register for the event at: <https://fsc.retreatportal.com/events>. There are only a few trolley tickets left, but there are no limits on self-guided tour tickets. The tour includes Mary of the Angels Chapel, San Damiano Chapel, First Lutheran Church, Christ Episcopal Church and St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. See flier in the back of church for more information.

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.

“Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life.” We are pleased to introduce a new way of celebrating wedding anniversaries in our diocese! Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, or 80th will be invited to participate in *Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life*. This free event will begin with Mass and include pictures with Bishop Battersby followed by a simple reception. Each couple is invited to bring two guests with them.

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.



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$3,489.69
	\$1,589.69
Year to Date Target -	\$79,800.00
Year to Date Total -	\$79,793.70
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Looking Ahead: Readings for May 3, 2026

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel Reading: John 14:1-12