

Diocesan and Community News

Project Seed Sale on April 11: Farmers, there is one final Forage & Seed Corn sale this spring, supported by the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, offering high-quality, low-cost seed. Seed corn is offered in both conventional and glyphosate tolerant varieties. There will be alfalfa and clover ready for sale and non-GMO seed can be ordered. Comparable yields make this seed an attractive alternative. The last sale will be held on April 11, from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church in Cassel. For more information, call Scott Mohr at 608-769-2764, or Steve Mohr at 608-780-5460.

Catholic Infertility Conference | April 10-11, 2026 | Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, WI: This event will provide a safe space to engage with faith, hope, and community. Attendees will hear from experts in reproductive health, clergy, and fellow Catholics who share their personal experiences and insights. The conference will cover a variety of topics, including the spiritual aspects of infertility, medical and ethical considerations in fertility treatments, and practical advice for coping with the emotional challenges of this journey. With opportunities for prayer, reflection, and healing, this conference aims to help attendees with knowledge and support, reinforcing the belief that they are not alone in their experience. Join us to explore the intersection of faith and fertility, and find encouragement, guidance, and hope as you navigate this path. For more information and registration, please visit <https://catholiclife.org/>.

Spaghetti Dinner: The St. Mary's Men's Club is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Sat., April 11, 2026. Serving from 4-7 PM. Adults \$12, kids under 12 \$5, children under 3 free. Serving spaghetti/pasta (gluten free option available), sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, beverage, and ice cream with toppings. Beer and wine available for purchase. Carry outs available. All are welcome!

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.

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat - Put more Joy into your Marriage: Are you a couple wanting to experience a more joy-filled marriage? Take part in the Domestic Church retreat at Franciscan Spirituality Center 920 Market St. in La Crosse on April 25 & 26th. Couples attending the retreat will experience a renewed love as spouses and find themselves united together in Christ. Register today at <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>. For more information, email Jeff and Alice Heinzen at LaCrosse@domesticchurchfamilies.com.

- Saturday will begin at 8:00 AM with Mass and check-in.
- The retreat will conclude Sunday at 3:00 PM
- Questions about the retreat can be emailed to Jeff and Alice Heinzen: lacrosse@domesticchurchfamilies.com
- A \$200 payment is due at time of registration.

Scholarships are available for this retreat. Please email finances@domesticchurchfamilies.com for a scholarship request form.

Kids Korner

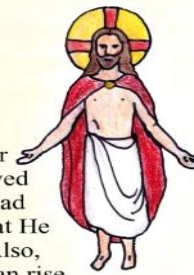
Alleluia!

Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.

Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

*Today is the day
for rejoicing!
JESUS IS ALIVE!*



The Confirmation class took a retreat to Our Lady of Guadalupe last weekend. Please pray for Jacobi Mlsna, Jacob Peterson & Arnie Nicolai as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 15th.

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

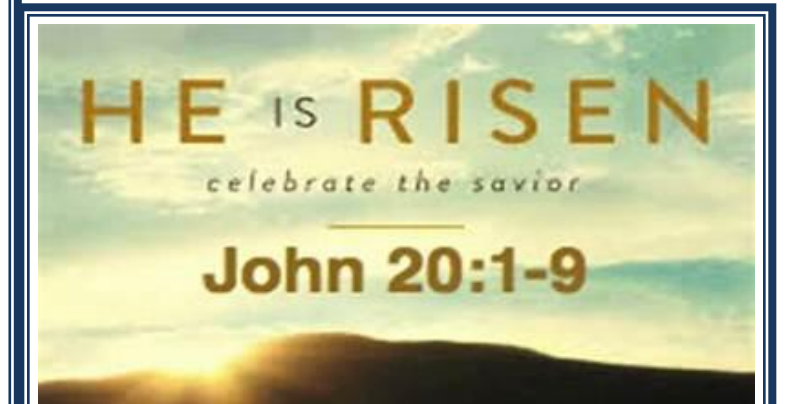
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 5, 2026



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

4/8 Wednesday 8:00 AM – NO MASS

4/10 Friday 8:00 AM –

St. Peter Parish Family

4/11 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† **Lou Dolente (TMS)**

4/12 Sunday 10:00 AM –

† **Stan Hundt (AH)**

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 11 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Matthew Schaub & Mason Leis

Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Phil Gronemus

Lector: Lynda Hurtz

Sunday April 12 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson

Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Gary Gronemus

Lector: Joseph Peterson

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: Rosary @ 7:00 PM Followed by Quiet Prayer

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. April 5 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Wed. April 8 – No daily Mass @ 8:00 AM

Wed. April 8 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. April 12 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

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



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

The Resurrection of the Lord

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting of the next 50 days. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading from Acts offers guidance on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord “commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

How do ordinary people preach and testify to all God has done? We do so by living ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talent, and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can offer. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

As Christian stewards, we are modern-day witnesses to an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad, and let’s make sure our lives testify to this amazing grace!

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

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy, the Sunday after Easter, April 12th. 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.

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.

Special Collection: There will be a 2nd collection taken up next weekend for the La Crosse Diocese Council of Catholic Women. The money collected helps with the council’s special projects like glasses for children at Casa Hogar and diapers for low-income mothers. Please be prepared & generous.

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/>

Reasons To Celebrate! Wedding Anniversary Blessings: At the first weekend masses Father Sen will bless all of the Wedding Anniversaries for the month. This Wedding Anniversary Blessing will continue for each subsequent month at the first weekend masses. Birthdays Blessings: At the second weekend masses, Father Sen will bless the birthdays for the month. The Birthday Blessing will continue each subsequent month at the second weekend masses. **For this month, we will celebrate on the 2nd & 3rd weekends.**



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,367.00</u>
	-\$533.00
Year to Date Target -	\$74,100.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$70,914.06</u>
	-\$3,185.94

Looking Ahead: Readings for April 12, 2026

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31