

Diocesan and Community News

The Importance of Praying the Rosary in May: The Rosary is important because it focuses on the pivotal moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary, known as the “mysteries.” In reflecting on these major events of Jesus’ life, you will come to recognize more how much Jesus loves you personally. You will also be guided by the Holy Spirit to make connections between each mystery of Jesus’ life and your own life. And you may ask the Holy Spirit to help you see how this mystery gives guidance to your life right now. Praying the Rosary, with the repetition of the Hail Marys, creates a quiet, contemplative space in a noisy world, allowing the mind and heart to focus on God. Take 5 minutes to pray a decade of the Rosary (one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, and Glory Be) with your family.

The Our Father- Learning to Pray Like Jesus: When we pray the Our Father, we are speaking to someone who truly listens, cares and responds. We are not merely individuals; rather we are adopted sons and daughters of the living God through Jesus’ costly sacrifice of His death and resurrection. Our heavenly Father knows us completely, loves us deeply and desires a relationship with each one of us. The Lord’s Prayer is a way to enter into a living relationship with God, who is not distant, but our loving Father

Anger and Astonishment: As we till the soil and tend the flocks, we are reminded that our labor is part of God’s ongoing creation. In the Church’s tradition, we are blessed with heavenly companions who intercede for us in this sacred work. Among them is St. Isidore the Farmer, a humble man of the land whose life of prayer and service reminds us that holiness can be found in the furrows of the field where daily labor becomes an offering to God and every act of care participates in the renewal of creation.

A story often told about St. Isidore was his practice of often coming late to work after attending Mass. Squire de Vergas, his master, decided to observe Isidore at his work. He hid himself in a clump of bushes near the field where his laborers were working. Isidore arrived later than usual, walking slowly behind his team of oxen and plow. The gentleman’s anger soon turned to astonishment. Two angels, one on either side of Isidore and each with a plow, were helping their companion. Maria always kept a pot of stew on the fireplace in their humble rural home. Often Isidore would bring hungry people home to feed them. One day in frustration, Maria told Isidore that there simply was no more stew to give. He insisted that she look one more time and five more people were fed.

The qualities found in the lives of Isidore and Maria-commitment to family, social justice work, love for the land, service to the poor, and a deep spirituality- are qualities that exist in rural America.

We thank God for our rural lives, formed still by the rhythms of nature and church. With you, help us to rejoice in the relationships with God, each other and the land. Isidore and Maria, pray for us. Amen.

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

Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit Through the Sacraments



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples that He is going away, but the Father will send the Holy Spirit to help them.



We can't see Jesus on earth any more, because His body went into Heaven at the Ascension. We can't see the Holy Spirit either, because He doesn't have a body. The Holy Spirit really is in the world, though. He is working in the Church and in people who obey and love God.



The Holy Spirit comes to us mainly through the sacraments. We get grace, which is God's life in us, when we receive the sacraments. Jesus gave us the sacraments to help us on our way to Heaven. Do you know the seven sacraments? Here is a list to help you to remember:



Baptism
Confession
Confirmation
Holy Communion
Marriage
Holy Orders
Sacrament of the Sick



An Acts of the Apostles Word Find

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

Today's first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. See if you can find all the words from the reading that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

CHRIST to them. The people united in WELCOMING the MESSAGE Philip PREACHED, either because they had heard of the MIRACLES he worked or because they saw them for themselves. THERE was great REJOICING in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that SAMARIA had accepted the WORD of GOD, they sent PETER and JOHN to them, and they went DOWN there, and PRAYED for the Samaritans to receive the HOLY SPIRIT, for as yet he had not COME down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the NAME of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid HANDS on them, and they RECEIVED the

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.... Eucharistic Exposition and Rosary @ 7:00 PM
Quiet Prayer/Confession
Benediction @ 7:55 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.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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 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

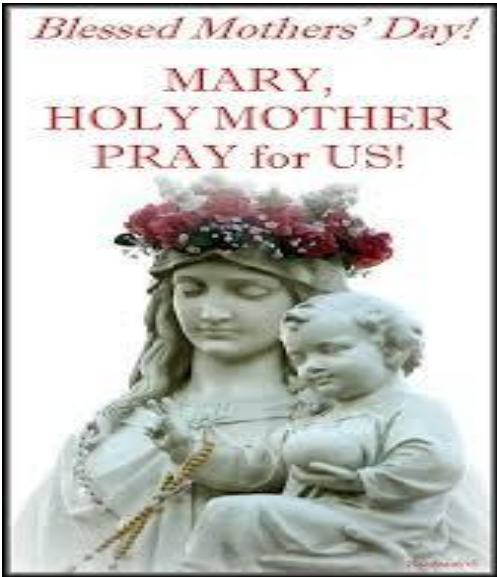
5/13 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
NO MASS

5/15 Friday 8:00 AM –
NO MASS

5/16 Saturday 8:00 PM –
Living & deceased members of the Joseph & Marie Kaiser family (KF)

5/17 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.



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,412.52
	- \$487.48
Year to Date Target -	\$83,600.00
Year to Date Total -	\$82,532.72
	-\$1,067.28

Looking Ahead: Readings for May 17, 2026

First Reading: Acts 1:12-14
Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16
Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11

Ministry Servers

Saturday May 16 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
Ushers: Phil Gronemus & Bill Korn
Lector: Julie Lundeen

Sunday May 17 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Max Slattery & Sawyer Tollefson
Ushers: Rob Slattery & Peter Benzing
Lector: Kathy Flock

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays: Eucharistic Exposition and Rosary @ 7:00 PM
Quiet Prayer/Confession - Benediction @ 7:55 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 13 & Fri. May 15 – No daily mass
Sun. June 7 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives and that love of God is shown through concrete actions — precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Our second reading from St. Peter urges us to “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts,” emphasizing the need to prioritize Christ above all else. This highlights his role not only as Savior — as essential as that is — but also as Lord of our lives. As His disciples, we are called to place Him at the center of everything — our time, our talent, and our treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it gives us a concrete way to live it out. It allows us to demonstrate that Christ truly is Lord of our lives, because love is not merely a feeling. “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me,” Jesus tells us in our Gospel from John. Let us seek ways to put this love into action through our daily choices and offerings.

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience, humility, and deep trust in God. Emphasizing the reward of this trust can help the audience feel hopeful and encouraged, as Christ tells us, “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” This promise invites us to trust God's love and plan for us more fully.

What could be more fulfilling than living in such a way that the God of the universe reveals Himself more fully to us? Embracing this life of love and stewardship opens the door to divine intimacy and growth in faith.

Parish News

Mass Honoring 2026 Graduates & Confirmands: This weekend we honor the 2026 Graduates and Confirmation students. Please keep in your prayers; Graduates: Drew Butzler, Violet Hundt, Parker Mlsna, Matthew Schaub, Kate Wall & Audrey Weber AND Confirmands: Jacobi Mlsna, Arnold Nicolai and Jacob Peterson. Congratulations to you all and may God bless you abundantly!

Daily Mass Update: There will be no daily mass Wednesday, May 13th and Friday, May 15th as Fr. Sen will be on retreat.

Help Needed: Our housekeeper/cleaner/decorator/master of all things Margie Lee, has expressed wanting to retire soon. If you are interested in doing all or even part of what she does, please contact Margie, the parish office or Fr. Sen for more information.

Condolences: The St. Peters family extends our sympathies to Rita Kotek and family at the passing of her son, Dan Kotek. May God be with you all in your time of sorrow and rest His comforting hand upon you.

Summertime Adoration: There will be a slight change to the times of our Wednesday night adoration. Please see the block to the left and front page for more information. Please take the opportunity on a quiet summer evening to spend some time with Jesus in prayer.

Veterans Mass: A Mass for the Dead will be celebrated at the altar in the Veterans’ Section at the Catholic Cemetery in La Crosse on Memorial Day, May 25, 2026 beginning at 11:15 a.m. Msgr. Robert Hundt will be the principal celebrant. All are welcome to participate. Let us remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

250th Anniversary: *Consecrating Our Country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* - In a historic moment, the bishops of the United States will consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the birth of our nation. The consecration will take place on June 11th, 2026. Catholics are invited to join in this consecration. Go here for more information (very top of page): <https://diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts>.

“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. Couples can register by going to <https://dioceseoflacrosse.regfox.com/legacy-of-love> or calling Laura Boden at 608.791.2680 or emailing her at lboden@diolc.org.

Mass intentions: We are getting 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.

What is “Rebuild My Church”? The Rebuild My Church Initiative exists to accompany the priests, people and parishes of the Diocese of La Crosse as we go through a process of pastoral planning that will allow us to live more abundantly as disciples of Jesus who make disciples. Change is inevitable, but we want to choose changes that build a culture of discipleship and accompaniment in our parishes. Piloting of local pastoral planning begins in August. You can stay updated here: <https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates>.

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.