

PARISH INTENTIONS

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, April 15

~ 4:00 pm Mass † Therese Hess and
Robert Dowiasch

Lector: Kathy Leis
Servers: Volunteer
Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 16 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

~ 8:30 am Mass † Patty Silha and Bill Silha

Lector: Paula Silha
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, April 17

~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Marie Meyers

TUESDAY, April 18

~ 5:00 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
~ 5:30 pm Mass † Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky

THURSDAY, April 20

~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Bill Paterson

SATURDAY, April 22

~ 4:00 pm Mass † Earl Martin

Lector: Donnie Weber
Servers: Volunteer
Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 23

~ 8:30 am Mass † Caroline Martin

Lector: Donna Clements
Servers: Volunteers
Ushers: Volunteers

- **April 16—7:00 pm—*Inspired by the Spirit* reception at the School Hall—All are welcome to attend!**
- **April 18**—6:00 pm Eucharistic Bible study
- **April 19**—Religious Education Class
- **April 24**—7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting
- **April 26**—6:30 pm Mass for end of the year Religious Education Classes. Everyone is welcome to attend. Cookies will be served following mass.
- **April 30**—8:30 am Mass—First Communion
- **April 30—7:00 pm *Inspired by the Spirit* reception (combined with St. Peters Parish) at the School Hall—All are welcome to attend!**



~ ENHANCE YOUR FAITH ~

*** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday evenings at 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm Mass

~ 8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~

- Read Spiritual Books
 - Ask for Intercession
 - Meditate
 - Offer a Holy Hour
 - Write a Prayer Journal
 - Read the Scriptures
 - Pray Spontaneously
 - Ask the Saints for help
- Spending time with our Dear Lord!!!*

*** Eucharist Lectio series with Brant Pitre.**

Tuesday evenings after 5:30 pm Mass
A Bible study reflecting on the Scripture, history, and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder of the

MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST

Please call Stacy Burns 608-769-8828 with any questions

*** Anointing of the Sick**

Father Biju will be available for anointing of the sick after the first Saturday mass of each month or contact Fr. Biju directly if you or a family member would like to receive the sacrament.

*** Confession**

First Saturday after Morning Mass or 3:30—3:45 pm before 4:00 pm Mass or by appointment .
Please contact Fr. Biju to set up a time.

*** Mass Intentions**

Please contact the Parish office phone #788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com if you would like to schedule mass intentions. Or envelopes are in the back of church.

Contributions for the past week
180 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1,947.00
Plate collection:	\$ 506.00
Holy Thursday:	\$ 225.00
Good Friday:	\$ 818.00
Easter:	\$ 1,775.00
Easter flowers:	\$ 20.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 22.00
Total:	\$ 5,313.00

FROM THE PASTOR



PARISH NEWS

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday.



“Jesus said to Sr. Faustina one day: ‘Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy’ (Diary, p. 132). Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium.” - St. Pope John Paul II, Divine Mercy Sunday Homily, April 22, 2001.

St. Faustina’s Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy be observed. One of the instances is mentioned here: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. Please check the website of the shrine for more information.

Along with the divine mercy Sunday today we also celebrate the transforming power of resurrection. In the Gospel, risen Christ enters the room in which apostles are hiding. He blesses them with peace. The Apostle Thomas is not present on this occasion and refuses to believe the witness of the other disciples. He did not believe the words of his companions about the Lord’s appearance. “Unless I see the mark...put my finger into the nail marks...my hand into his side, I will not believe.” It would appear that even among the earliest Christians there was some disagreement about the need to see solid evidence before believing. No one should feel guilty or ashamed of doubt. Its ok to have doubts. It is part of being human. Like Thomas we often doubt what we cannot see and touch, yet Jesus does not reject Thomas because of his unbelief. He comes back for him. Jesus continually comes back to us. He never stops believing in us. A week later Thomas is present when the Risen Lord appears again. There, Thomas makes a profession of faith as he says, “My Lord and my God!”

Congratulations to all those CCD Students who were confirmed this week.

*May your faith be strong. Live Jesus,
Fr Biju MSFS*



**Please plan to attend Sunday’s
Inspired by the Spirit
reception to learn about the Diocesan campaign
and the benefits to our parish.
Sunday, April 16th 7:00 pm - School Hall**

Bible Study ~ Miracle of the Eucharist!

This past Tuesday’s session was called, Bread of Life Discourse: John 6 and the Real Presence. Reflection prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, Thank you for the gift of your flesh and blood as true food and true drink. Through our faith in you and our reception of the Eucharist may we receive eternal life. Amen

Please join us this coming Tuesday for Session 8, The Last Supper and the Cross: The new Passover of Christ.

It’s ok to come even if you have not attended other sessions. Please call Stacy at 608-769-8828 for more information.



Jackson Roesler, Maclaine Heilman,
Addison Wieman, and Isabelle Clements

PCCW News:

The ladies of the parish will be taking up a second collection for the works of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. The funds are used for education, seminars, and the charitable works of the organization. Thank you for your support.

High School Students Scholarship Opportunity

The PCCW is offering graduating high school seniors that will be attending college in the fall an opportunity to apply for a scholarship. To apply please submit a short essay describing your involvement in the parish and plans for future schooling, a transcript of their grades and photo if available. Please mail to parish office - W2601 St Rd 33 La Crosse, WI 54601 or put in the collection box at church.

Applications are due by May 6th.

Kitchen & School Hall Cleaning: On Saturday April 22 at 8:30 am we will be cleaning at the school hall : kitchen, dining room and upstairs. Please come and help with this project- bring a pail and some cleaning rags with you. Many hands will make the project go faster.

Parish Breakfast: Sunday May 7th after the 8:30 mass the PCCW will be hosting a breakfast for parish members to celebrate our youth that have recently made their First Communion and Confirmation. Please join us for egg bakes, pancakes, fruit and beverages.

Next PCCW meeting is Monday May 8th 6:30 pm

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~**Eucharistic Revival—A Minute with Jesus**—The Eucharist is the Great Miracle of Mercy In His great love for us, Jesus gave us a great miracle of mercy: The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. God did not only become man in the Incarnation to give His life for us on the cross and to rise again in glory for our salvation. The Incarnation also looked forward to Jesus remaining physically with us in the Eucharist as we journey through this life. The Divine Mercy Image of Jesus with the white and red rays represents our Eucharistic Lord, whose Heart has been pierced and now pours forth the water of Baptism and the Precious Blood of the Eucharist as a fountain of mercy for us. This week, as we continue the Easter Season and celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, let's pray right now 3 times the words that Jesus gave St. Faustina: **"Jesus, I trust in You!"**

Read John 20:19-29 Jesus appears to Thomas who was not present when He first appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection. Thomas, when He does see Jesus, falls before Him and says "My Lord and My God".

~**Spring Luncheon—Saturday, April 29th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

St. Mary's Parish, 900 Central Ave., Coon Valley, Only \$7 per person. Open to the general public. Invite your family and friends and join us for lunch and door prizes. Lisa Olson, a children's book author, will present her latest book starting at 11:30 AM. For more information call 608-452-3841.

~**Chicken-Q—Wednesday, April 19 • 11:00 am - 6:00 pm**

Aquinas High School - Cass Street Parking Lot - \$12.00 per meal

~ **Mary Mother of the Church Rummage Sale (2006 Weston St.)**

MMOC will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 21, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 22, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

~**ST. CHARLES SCHOOL SPRING CARNIVAL**

Fun for the whole family! Please join the St. Charles School for games, raffle, a dessert walk, food and beverages. on April 23rd 10:30 am-1:30 pm. Call (608)689-2642 for more information.

~**COR ♥ JESU—May 5th 5:00—7:00 pm** at the Cathedral.

Everyone is invited to get closer to Jesus
Adoration ~ Confession ~ Praise & Worship ~ Food & Fellowship
Come spend time with Jesus—Leave with a sense of fellowship.

~**5 Day Youth Choir Camp June 19-23**

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is hosting a five day Youth Choir Camp (Ages 7 -18). The camp will include studying elements of music and practicing tuning, rounds, Gregorian chant, hymns, and the chanting of Psalms. Register your children for a week of singing and fun!

Register online at GuadalupeShrine.org/sacred-music or contact Scott Turkington sturkington@guadalupe Shrine.org

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 16

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for this celebration. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy. The schedule for the day is as follows: 9:00 am Latin Mass, 11:00 am Spanish Mass, 1:00 pm English Mass, 2:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 2:45 pm Divine Mercy Reflection and Family Consecration to the Divine Mercy, 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:15 pm Benediction, 3:30 pm Blessing with the relic of St. Faustina. Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.
Car shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm



~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

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



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us!

never doubt the Power of Prayer

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- All the military men and women who are supporting our freedom.
- All political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens, born and unborn.
- For those fighting cancer, especially members of our parish.
- For children suffering with life threatening conditions and illnesses.
- For all Religious in our Diocese, especially Matt Kotek.
- The intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.
- Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email

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