



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

SATURDAY, April 29  
 ~ 4:00 pm Mass Our Parish Family  
 Lector: Kathy Leis  
 Servers: Volunteer  
 Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 30  
 ~ 8:30 am Mass † Herb & Joyce Clements (S&CC)  
 Lector: Jim Weber  
 Servers: Volunteers  
 Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, May 1  
 ~ 5:30 pm Mass ~ † Patty Silha (D&JD)

TUESDAY, May 2  
 ~ 5:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 ~ 5:30 pm Mass † Gordon Bigalke (J&SB)

THURSDAY, May 4  
 ~ 8:30 am Mass ~ † Karen Nordstrom (J&MM)


SATURDAY, May 6  
 ~ 8:30 am Mass - † Jim & Janice Cavadini (J&KS)  
 ~ 4:00 pm Mass—† Robert Silha (D&JD)  
 Lector:  
 Servers: Volunteer  
 Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 7  
 ~ 8:30 am Mass † Thomas Chennala (R&BM)  
 Lector:  
 Servers: Volunteers  
 Ushers: Volunteers

- **April 30**—8:30 am Mass—First Communion
- **April 30—7:00 pm Inspired by the Spirit reception (combined with St. Peters Parish) at our School Hall—All are welcome to attend!**
- **May 2**—Last Session of Eucharistic Bible Study
- **May 6**—Anointing of the Sick after 8:30 am mass
- **May 7**—Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 am mass to celebrate Confirmation, First Communion students and 2023 High School Graduates

**It's time to order Cemetery Flowers**

Forms to order flowers are located in the back of church. Prices are the same as last year.  
 \$100 to order the urn, if needed and flowers.  
 \$40 for just the flowers if you already have the urn.  
 Return order forms by Sunday, May 7th.



**~ 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.** **Last Session**  
 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.

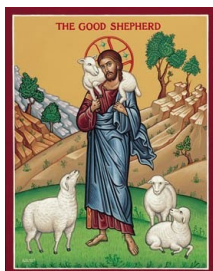
**Contributions for the past week**  
 180 envelope holders



Adult Envelopes:	\$ 1,185.00
Plate collection:	\$ 194.00
Easter:	\$ 50.00
Memorials (J Thurk):	\$ 1,480.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 95.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,004.00</b>



FROM THE PASTOR



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter marks the midpoint of the 50 days of Easter season. Every year on this day we read from John chapter 10. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd. "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows

me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10). On this Sunday we stop reading Gospels about the post-Resurrection appearances of Our Lord, and beginning next week we start meditating on Jesus' teaching on the Holy Spirit. In other words, this day marks a shift from remembering Easter to looking forward to Pentecost. This weekend Jesus tells us "I am the gate for the sheep." As the gate, Jesus offers safety as well as freedom on the path to salvation. As the gate, Jesus offers access to what nourishes and protects from harm. The Risen Lord sustains us in our journey as we move toward the Father. He tells us clearly "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Fourth Sunday of Easter has been also designated as "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." I invite you to pray that young people may receive the grace to respond to God's call to consecrated life and priesthood. The Church needs priests and consecrated women and men. Please keep me and other priests, religious and bishops too in your prayers.

Capital Campaign—I like to thank all those who took part in the reception of *Inspired by the Spirit* campaign in both parishes. This weekend on Sunday we have the final combined reception. All those who have not come for the campaign please join us at the St Joseph school hall at 7pm on Sunday. Thanks to all the campaign chairs from both parishes. Terese Slattery and Mark Stephenson from St Peter. Special thanks to Gary Flock for being the resource person from the finance council. Gary Hess and David Brown are the campaign chairs from St Joseph. *Thanks* to all of them for their time and support. This campaign will also include this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. Once this goal is met whatever is contributed to the campaign 80% will come back to us for various projects. You will be receiving a brochure in the mail. Please take a few moments to review this brochure and share in the vision for the future of our Church. Letters referencing an asking amount and brochures are available at the campaign receptions. Do what you can. Your prayerful discernment of a sacrificial pledge commitment is greatly appreciated.

I would like to Congratulate our 2nd graders who are receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday. I thank all the teachers who prepared them well.



*May the good Lord bless you all*  
*Live Jesus,*  
*Fr Biju MSFS*

PARISH NEWS

We would like to thank the entire St. Joseph Ridge Parish for the outpouring of love and support this past week. Special thanks to Fr. Biju, Stacy Burns, David Brown, Polly Hilby and the PCCW ladies for assisting with the funeral arrangements for Darlene Kammel.  
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**Religious Education News**

- **Sunday, April 30th—8:30 am Mass** will be the celebration for 3 of our 2nd Grade students who will be receiving their First Communion.
- **Sunday, May 7**—Breakfast celebration after 8:30 am mass for the First Communicants, Confirmands and High School Graduates.

***Bible Study ~ Miracle of the Eucharist!***

Please join us for the last session of this wonderful enlightening Bible study series. It is our last session, but still feel free to attend if you have not attended yet. Tuesday evening—6:00 pm

***Inspired by the Spirit***  
Campaign

Our Parish has started the process of setting up this campaign. We prayerfully ask



you to attend the upcoming reception on **Sunday, April 30, 7:00 pm**

to learn more about the details of the funding opportunities for our parish and the Diocese. The *Inspired by the Spirit* campaign will include this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. It will benefit our own parish and the various missions of the Diocese of La Crosse for years to come.

**PCCW News**

**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.**

**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 along with our 2023 High School Graduates. Please join us for egg bakes, pancakes, fruit and beverages.

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



**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS**

**~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~**

**~Eucharistic Revival—A Minute with Jesus-**

**Why does Jesus give us Living Bread**

Jesus loves us more than anyone, and He wants to dwell within us. Through Baptism, we become children of God. As part of His Family, Jesus wants to guide us on the right path – to live a life with joy and peace. He knows we need His help and this is how He strengthens us to follow Him, giving us the spiritual food that we need to have the power in order to follow His Way. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

*Jesus, I believe that You are the "living Bread"*

*come down from Heaven. Please strengthen my belief.*

In your own words thank God for the gift of your Baptism in which you became a child of God and are privileged to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. This week, read how Peter addressed the great crowd of people, encouraging them to repent and be baptized in Acts 2:14a, 36-41.

**~St. Joseph Ridge Blood Drive - Monday, May 1 from 1:00 - 6:00 pm**

at the Greenfield Town Hall. Walk ins are welcome but appointments are preferred, please call 877-232-4376 or go online [versiti.org/wi](http://versiti.org/wi).

**~Mary, Mother of the Church Parish**, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a **Chicken-Que** on Thursday, May 11, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

**~Catholic Charities** has a part-time opening (24 hours/week) for a **Volunteer Coordinator** to lead recruitment, outreach, onboarding and matching of volunteers to Catholic Charities programs and projects. Position requires participating in community wide volunteer recruitment events and interacting with potential volunteers of all ages, from college students to retirees. Qualifications include 1-2 years of related work experience and solid communication skills. Follow-up and follow-through is key to being successful in this position. Some regional travel required. Part-time benefits available including generous paid leave, holiday time and 401(k) plan. For immediate consideration, please fill out an application online at <https://cclse.org/volunteer-coordinator-la-crosse/> and attach your resume and cover letter.



**~The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, La Crosse, is presenting a concert of Sacred Music, May 28th, in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The concert will be representative of multiple periods of music, various instruments, and vocal talent. Learn more and stay up to date with events at [GuadalupeShrine.org/events](http://GuadalupeShrine.org/events)

**~What are Parents Searching For? Why is this Important in Helping Parents Come to Mass?** Webinar – May 2nd or May 5th You won't want to miss Dr. Bill Keimig, a sought after presenter on Franciscan at Home online learning. Bill will address this critically important topic in an interactive webinar on Tuesday, May 2nd from 6-7:30 p.m. or Friday, May 5th from 1-2:30 p.m. Email Beth Johnson at [bjohnson@dioc.org](mailto:bjohnson@dioc.org) to register for this free webinar.

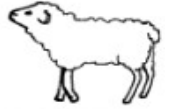
**~CALIX – For Help with Addiction from a Catholic Perspective**

Do you or a family member or friend need help with an addiction concern? Or, do you just need someone to talk with? You can reach out to a member of CALIX. CALIX ([calixsociety.org](http://calixsociety.org)) is an association of Catholics in addiction and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. You can make a confidential call to 612.383.8232 (Jim R.) or 651.587.4668 (Jim B.), for information on meetings and recovery support. You need not disclose your name.

**Fill-in-the-Blanks**

The letters in squares fit into the spaces at the bottom.

GATEKEEPER	HIS	THIEF
REALIZE	WILL	DRIVEN
SPEECH	YOU	CLIMBS
ENTERS	AMEN	VOICE



Jesus said: "Amen, <sup>12</sup>□, I say to <sup>9</sup>□, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but <sup>11</sup>□ over elsewhere is a <sup>5</sup>□ and a robber. But whoever <sup>2</sup>□ through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The <sup>1</sup>□ opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls <sup>10</sup>□ own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has <sup>8</sup>□ out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his <sup>3</sup>□. But they will not follow a stranger; they <sup>4</sup>□ run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of <sup>7</sup>□, the Pharisees did not <sup>6</sup>□ what he was trying to tell them.

The sheep 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- ✠For Gary & Amy Bahr and Eugene Bahr as they mourn the loss of their brother, son Bryan Bahr who passed away on Friday, April 21st.
- ✠For the Terry Dickman family as they mourn the loss of Terry's father, Bob Dickman who passed away on Sunday, April 23rd.
- For the farmers and their families, and for those who work in agriculture: that they be good stewards of the goods of the earth and receive what they need for their spiritual and material well being.
- 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, may the Lord strengthen them and bring the healing power of Christ to them.
- For children suffering with life threatening conditions and illnesses.
- For the pope, bishops, and priests, may the Holy Spirit deepen their knowledge, understanding, and love of Christ.
- The intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.
- For the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)