

PARISH INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, May 20

~ 4:00 pm Mass - † John, Bernice, Steve and Sam Mashak (J&SM)

Lector: Bill Weber

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 21

~ 8:30 am Mass - † Stan Hundt (S&SM)

Lector: Paula Silha

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, May 22

~ 5:30 pm Mass - † Joyce Clements (L&DC)

TUESDAY, May 23

~ 5:00 pm—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~ 5:30 PM - † Bill Paterson (BH)

THURSDAY, May 25

~ 8:30 am Mass - † Darlene Kammel (RK&family)

SATURDAY, May 27

~ 4:00 pm Mass - Our Parish Family

Lector: Kathy Leis

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, May 28

~ 8:30 am Mass - Our Parish Family

Lector: Sally Miller

Servers: Volunteers

Ushers: Volunteers

Contributions for the past week

180 envelope holders

Adult Envelopes :	\$ 2,390.00
Plate collection:	\$ 178.00
Votive candles	\$ 77.50
Total:	\$ 2,645.50

Thank you Money Counters!

PARISH CALENDAR

- **May 21** — Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (transferred from May 18th)
- **May 29**—Memorial Day - 8:30 am Mass
- **May 30**—7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting
- **June 1**—Father Biju’s Birthday

~ 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!!!*

*** 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.

The remaining pledge card envelopes were mailed this week.

We hope you will take some time to review the information and pray the Campaign Prayer.

We are inviting all parishioners to prayerfully consider giving to this campaign by **June 5th.**

T H A N K Y O U		5 Year Goal	\$140,000.00
		Pledged as of (5/16/2023)	\$49,000.00
		Remaining Balance	\$91,000.00
		Diocesan Annual Appeal 2023 Goal:	\$22,320.00
		Amount received applied to Diocesan:	\$5,750.00
		Remaining balance of 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal:	\$16,570.00
The <i>Inspired by the Spirit</i> campaign will include this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal.			



FROM THE PASTOR



The Ascension of the Lord



The Feast of the Ascension commemorates Jesus' Ascension into heaven 40 days after His Resurrection. Thus, Ascension Day falls 40 days after Easter, on the 6th Thursday of Easter. In our diocese the solemnity is celebrated on the Sunday after the traditional date. The Ascension is an important Christian feast attesting and celebrating the reality of Jesus Christ's returning to the Father, to return again in the future parousia. The Ascension is the final component of the paschal mystery, which consists also of Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Descent Among the Dead, and Resurrection. Along with the Resurrection, the Ascension functioned as a proof of Jesus' claim that he was the Messiah.

Early Christian art and iconography portrayed the Ascension frequently, showing its importance to the early Church. One cannot overstate what a major turning point, or transitional experience was Ascension in the lives of the earliest Christians. The Lord Jesus had been present among them and had engaged them very much like any other ordinary person. With the Ascension, the Lord now enters into a whole new way of connecting with them and relating to them.

Matthew recalls being spoken by Jesus at the very end of his Gospel story: "I am with you always, to the end of the age." He is with us in a new way. Even though the manner of connecting to the Lord has changed, in no way is he any less present to his followers.

Before the Ascension Jesus commissioned his apostles to take his message to the ends of the earth. He told them "be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Jesus tells us, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

This mission continues through each of us. The baton is handed over to us. Remember his promise that "I am with you always, to the end of the age."

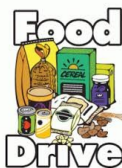
Have a blessed weekend!

Live Jesus,

Fr Biju MSFS



PARISH NEWS



Reminder for Food Donations:

Please bring any food donation to the back of church. These food items will be taken to a local food pantry to assist families in need.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, receiving the sacraments of First communion and/or Confirmation or just learning more about the Catholic Church, call Father Biju (715) 495-2338 or the parish office (608)788-1646.



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

~Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.
 A Minute with Jesus: May 21 **The Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven**
 Receiving the Eucharist: Our Closest Union with Jesus on Earth
 The Mass is a re-presentation of the Holy Sacrifice that Jesus made of Himself on the cross for our salvation. Because God is outside time and space, at Mass the same sacrifice that Jesus offered for our sins is made present. When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we receive Jesus Himself, which is our closest union with Him on earth. Taking His Body and Blood into our own bodies, we are united with Him in a deep and intimate bond. Jesus feeds our souls, strengthening us to be faithful by loving and serving Him through serving others, most especially those in need. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:
Jesus, thank you for the profound Gift of the Holy Eucharist.
 This week read the words of Jesus about remaining in Him and He in us in John 6:54-58.

~ Rosary Book Club

May is the Month of the Rosary. We are offering a book study on The Secret of the Rosary by St. Louis De Montfort. People will gather at Blessed Sacrament Parish on Mondays starting May 15 or at St. Patrick's Church on Thursdays starting May 18.
 Register online at www.stpatsonalaska.com or contact Amy Capelli at (608) 783-0847 or at amy_capelli@charter.net
 If you do not have this book, it will be available at St. Patrick's Parish and Blessed Sacrament for \$4.00. Please contact Amy Capelli about book questions.

~Eucharistic Congress 2023—This is My Body

June 10th 10:00-5:00—Mankato, MN with Bishop Robert Barron.
 Open to All: The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is hosting a Eucharistic Congress in Mankato, MN, on Saturday, June 10th. This day-long celebration of Christ made present in the Eucharist will be an inspiring event to prepare for the Feast of Corpus Christi. For a schedule, list of speakers and to register, click <https://eucharist.dowr.org/>. Bring a carload of family and friends with you for this profound celebration of the Gift of the Holy Eucharist. Spanish Track is also available At Mankato Civic Center Grand Hall, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN
 Join thousands of Catholics as we rejoice in the Lord through a Eucharistic Procession, Mass, speakers, music and more.
 Contact: <https://eucharist.dowr.org/> Cost \$35.00

May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary



DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont.)

~Song of the Angels: A Concert of Marian Music

On May 28, at 3pm, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will present a concert of Sacred Music in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary titled, Song of the Angels. Music of many periods in history will be represented, played by strings, trumpet, organ, marimba, and sung by choir and soloists. Admission is free and open to all.

~Congratulations to all our Graduates

We would like to extend a special congratulations to all who will be graduating this year. To all of our middle school, high school, and college graduates, may the Holy Spirit be present in your life as your new journey begins.

~March for Life. The 3rd annual March for Life Wisconsin is fast approaching! This year, pro-lifers all across the state will be gathering on Saturday, June 24th in Madison WI, to peacefully and prayerfully march for an end to abortion in our world. Can you please promote this historic event to your parishioners? You can find more details on our website at: <https://www.prolifewi.org/marchforlife>.

~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 <https://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/sacred-music> or contact Scott Turkington sturkington@guadalupe Shrine.org

~Post-Abortion Healing Ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse.

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org

~ Family Camp at Crosswoods Camp!

To come to family camp, you simply must be a family interested in deepening your family's faith, together, in the great outdoors! For more information, visit <http://www.crosswoods.camp/family-camp/>

DIocese of La Crosse GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

**Feast of the Ascension
May 18th or May 21st, 2023**

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What does today's Psalm say about the Ascension?
Use every other letter from the box of letters above
to fill in the blanks below.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



- For Gerald Kneifl as he is now receiving Hospice care and strength for his family during this difficult time.
- For those fighting cancer, especially members of our parish, may the Lord strengthen them and bring the healing power of Christ to them..
- For married couples, may the Lord continue to nurture and grow their faith in order to strengthen their relationship.
- For favorable weather during planting season: that the fruits of the earth may provide food enough for all people and provide for the livelihoods of farmers and growers.
- All political leaders, may their decisions be made for the good of all citizens, born and unborn.
- That the Lord may strengthen the bonds of love of all families in this faith community
- For children suffering with life threatening conditions and illnesses.
- For the elderly who are homebound or unvisited, may the Lord fill them with his presence and comfort them with friendship
- 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.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email sjrp2601@gmail.com