

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD *Palm Sunday*

~ 4:00 pm - † Darryl and Terry Miller (T&MP)
Lector: Jim Weber and Donnie Weber
Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH *Palm Sunday*

~ 8:30 am – Our Parish Family
Lector: Donna Clements and Sally Miller
Ushers: Marvin LeJeune, Nick Clements

MONDAY, MARCH 25TH

~8:30 am -† Jim Hesselberg (RH)

TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH

~ 5:00 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
~ 5:30 pm -† Frank & Carol Seebauer (R&LM)

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH *Holy Thursday*

~ 7:00 pm Mass-† George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)
Lector: Bill Weber
Servers: Weston Dickman, John Mashak, volunteer
Ushers: Gary Hess, Nick Clements

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH *Good Friday*

~ 2:30 pm Stations of the Cross
~ 3:00 pm Service

Lector: Jim Weber and Paula Silha
Servers: Weston Dickman, volunteers
Ushers: Gary Hess, Joe Shikonya

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH *Easter Vigil*

~ 8:30 pm - † John Thurk and Sara Rose Hougom (ST)
Lector: Kathy Leis and Sally Miller
Servers: Rueben Mendoza, Hunter Raab,
Dave Brown
Ushers: Joe Shikonya, Rick Mikshowsky

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST *Easter Sunday*

~ 8:30 am – † Larry Silha
Lector: Teresa Brown
Servers: Weston Dickman, volunteer
Ushers: Marvin LeJeune, Nick Clements

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **March 25**—9:00—6:00 pm Confessions at Cathedral
- **March 27**—No Religious Education classes—attendance to the Holy Week’s masses and service are highly recommended.
- **April 3**—Confirmation for 10 grade CCD students (No Religious Education classes)

~ Ways to 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
- Offer a Holy Hour
- Pray Spontaneously
- Ask for Intercession
- Write a Prayer Journal
- Ask the Saints for help
- Meditate
- Read the Scriptures

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 of each month after 8:30 am 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 there are envelopes are in the back of church.

Contributions for the past week

Adult Envelopes(38) :	\$ 2,256.00
Plate collection:	\$ 202.00
Initial Offering:	\$ 10.00
Votive candles:	\$ 105.25
Easter Flowers:	\$ 125.00
Raffle:	\$ 575.00
Total:	\$ 3,273.25

Thanks
for your
Generosity!

2023-24 Goal:	\$21,915.00	WE ARE THE DIOCESE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2023-2024
Pledged:	\$11,140.00	
Received:	\$10,445.00	
Remaining Amount Due:	\$11,470.00	



FROM THE PASTOR



HOLY WEEK

“HOSANNA!
BLESSED IS THE ONE
WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE
LORD!”

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. Through participation in the whole sequence of services, we share in Christ’s own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning. The procession with palms and accompanied by the Passion Narrative we enter into this holy season. It is followed by the Paschal Triduum -Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil - three days that are the highlight of the Church year.

Holy Thursday or maundy Thursday (from mandatum, ‘commandment’ John 13.34) contains a rich complex of themes: we remember institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, as well as Jesus’ commandment to love and serve Christ in one another. We also meditate on the washing of the Apostle’s Feet by Jesus besides Christ’s agony and prayer in Gethsemane with the arrest of Jesus. After keeping vigil (‘Could you not watch with me one hour?’) Thursday passes into Good Friday.

Good Friday is a day of penance and abstinence to be observed as an obligation in the whole Church. The Celebration of the Lord’s Passion includes: A liturgy of the word, The adoration of the Cross and Communion service. Good Friday is the only day of the year on which the celebration of Mass is forbidden. The church remains stripped of all decoration. It continues bare and empty through the following day, which is a day without a liturgy. We remember him dying on a cross. We remember the cross, sign of shame and punishment, becoming the symbol of sacrifice, healing, unconditional love, total giving, redemption and salvation.

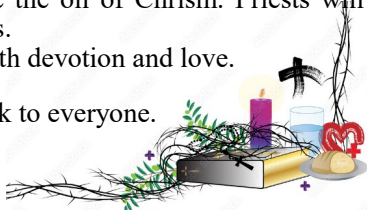
Within the deep silence there grows a sense of peace and completion, and then rising excitement as the Easter Vigil draws near. Holy Saturday, ends the Lenten season. At Easter, we rejoice in the empty tomb—Jesus’ resurrection. On this most holy night we celebrate the service of light, Easter Proclamation, liturgy of the Word, renewal of our own baptismal promises and liturgy of the Eucharist. Easter vigil is called ‘Mother of all vigils’ says St Augustine.

As we begin our journey in Holy Week with Christ, I encourage everyone to attend as many services as possible this week. On Monday of holy week, we have all day confessions at the Cathedral. Also on Holy Tuesday we have Chrism mass. Bishop will bless the Oil of the sick and oil of catechumens and consecrate the oil of Chrism. Priests will renew their priestly promises.

Let’s enter into this week with devotion and love.

Wish you blessed Holy Week to everyone.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS



~ PARISH NEWS ~



Parish Fundraiser!

Last weekend to purchase a \$5 Ticket
Drawing for winners after mass on
Palm Sunday—March 24th.



PCCW will be taking up a second collection at the Divine Mercy mass on Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7th. Money collected will be sent to the La Crosse Deanery to help fund workshops, scholarships for youth camp & adult faith education, leadership development, Water For Life, Casa Hogar, etc

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~This past week, Bishop Callahan announced his retirement. Thanks to Bishop Callahan for his years of ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse.

On May 20, 2024, his successor, Bishop Gerard W. Battersby will be installed as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse.

~A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival

Jesus Wants to Live in Our Heart Always

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave His Apostles – the first priests – the command to repeat His actions and words: to “do this in memory of Me.” The presence of Christ, by the change of bread and wine in becoming His Body and Blood, takes place by the power of Jesus’ Word and the Holy Spirit. The priest, in the role of Christ through his ordination, pronounces the words of Jesus, but their power and grace are God’s. At Mass, as the priest speaks the words of Jesus, the bread and wine become His Body and Blood by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants us to receive Him at Mass every Sunday because He wants to live in our hearts. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: *Thank you, Jesus, for Father Biju, who stands in for You, and thereby, we are able to receive You in Holy Communion at Mass.*

This week, read the passage of Jesus instituting the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper in Matthew 26:26-28.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

Friday, March 29, 2024

The Collection for the Holy Land, in the words of Paul VI is “only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.”; The Holy Land collection is taken up on Good Friday.

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast Coon Valley American Legion

Sunday, March 24th at the Legion Hall 8-12:00; Pancakes, sausage links, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk & juice

~Chrism Mass |March 26 | St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights. At it, the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 26, at 10:30 am, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending! Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 26 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. If you are unable to attend the Mass will be live streamed at diolc.org/live.

~Novena for Our Country and the World:

If you are interested in being part of a worldwide call to prayer and receiving spiritual nourishment and encouragement once a month leading up to the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December. The novena is for converting the people of the Americas to Christ through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe because our world needs God's grace and because Our Lady's intercession is among the surest ways to secure it. The novena begins on March 12, but people are welcome to start anytime. For further details, visit <https://novena.cardinalburke.com/>



**~Justice & Peace Stations of the Cross
March 29 Good Friday 10 a.m.-noon**

Meet at St. Rose Convent on the corner of Market and 9th streets.

This form of the Way of the Cross – recalling the journey of Jesus as he carried his cross to Calvary to be crucified – is a two-mile community prayer walk from the heart of the city to the Mississippi River. We'll stop at 10 stations along the route to sing, pray and reflect on injustices and suffering in our community and the world.

This event is entirely outdoors; please dress for the weather. Also note: You will have to walk back to the stations' starting point or arrange for a ride back from Riverside Park. This event is FREE. Registration is appreciated but not required. www.FSCenter.org | 608-791-5295

~April 7, 2024 | All day celebration—Feast of Divine Mercy

at the Shrine. It will be a day of approaching the Sacred Heart of Jesus with great faith, trust, and appreciation. The day includes: Holy Mass (Latin, Spanish, and English options), The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Exposition, Benediction & Reposition, and Relic Veneration of St. Faustina. Learn more at GuadalupeShrine.org/events ! Offer your prayers, and rejoice in Our Lord's unfathomable mercy!

~Aquinas Booster Club Auction

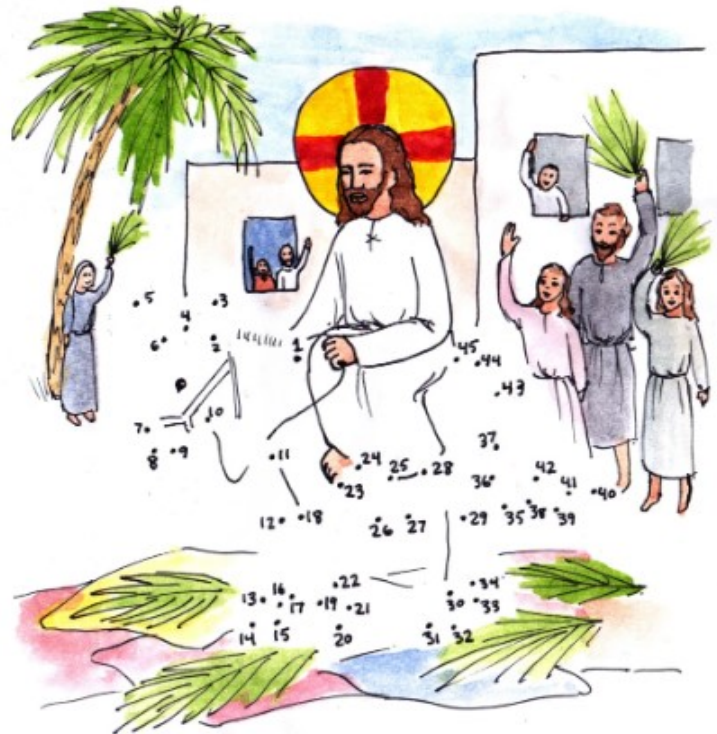
on Saturday, April 6 at 5 pm at Aquinas High School! The event features a Silent Auction, a Live Auction, the Golden Ticket Raffle (your choice of any live auction item), a raffle for \$500 off tuition, food and beverages. If you cannot attend in person, you can participate in the Silent Auction and make donations after 5 pm on March 29 at: aquinasboosterclub2024.ggo.bid

~Abby Johnson April 13 Luncheon and Talk in La Crosse:

You are invited to come hear pro-life leader Abby Johnson at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse on Saturday, April 13, sponsored by the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Abby was a Planned Parenthood director before undergoing a profound conversion in 2009, when she witnessed an ultrasound-guided abortion. Her story was portrayed in the major 2019 film Unplanned. To learn more and to register, visit ldccw.org

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

**Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday
March 24th, 2024**



*A few days before He died on the Cross,
Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved
palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!"*

*He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times.
What was it? Connect the dots to find out!*

Lent is a time when more time should be set aside for prayer. Praying with Scripture is a privileged place to encounter Jesus. In this simple way of prayer, the Holy Spirit makes a connection between the Scripture passage and the person's life.



With trust in God's goodness, let us offer our prayers

- For those who are sick or suffering in any way, may the healing and strength of our Lord Jesus Christ come upon them and give them comfort and peace.
- That, as God's chosen people, we may accept and follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent, and treasure with others.
- For all struggling with depression or anxiety, may the Lord pour his grace upon them and grant them healing and comfort.
- 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 parents in this faith community, the first teachers of the faith, may the Spirit guide their efforts in instructing their children.
- For the elderly who are homebound or unvisited, may the Lord fill them with his presence and comfort them with friendship.
- For the intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email Sjrp2601@gmail.com