

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

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 (D&JD)
 Lector: Teresa Brown
 Servers: Weston Dickman, volunteer
 Ushers: Marvin LeJeune, Nick Clements

MONDAY, APRIL 1ST

~ 6:00 pm -† George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)

TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND

~ 5:00 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~ 5:30 pm -† Emil Bahr (MB)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH

~ 8:30 am-† Arnold Meyers (L&DC)

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH—DIVINE MERCY

~ 8:30 am - † Don & Elaine Bina (SR)
 ~ 4:00 pm—† Reiny & Darlene Kammel (Family)
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH—DIVINE MERCY

~ 8:30 am – † Gerald Kneifl (Family)
 Lector: Sally Miller
 Servers: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- April 3—Confirmation for 3 of our CCD students (No Religious Education classes)
- April 7- 9:00 am—5:00 pm Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday at the Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe
- April 10—Religious Education class
- April 17- Religious Education class
- April 24—Last class for Religious Education



Reminder: Please drop your BOWL or BOX in the COLLECTION!
 Thank you for your generosity.



~ 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(48) :	\$ 2,863.30
Plate collection:	\$ 218.00
Initial Offering:	\$ 4.00
Word & Song, Hosts:	\$ 400.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 145.00
Raffle:	\$ 250.00
Total:	\$ 3,880.30

☞ Thank you Money Counters! ☞

Thanks for your Generosity!

2023-24 Goal:	\$21,915.00	
Pledged:	\$12,640.00	
Received:	\$11,990.00	
Remaining Amount Due:	\$9,925.00	

We have pledged only 57.7% of our goal for this year ending June 30th. Please consider donating according to your financial status.



5-year Goal:	\$140,000.00
Pledged:	\$148,305.00
Received:	\$62,937.50
Remaining Amount:	\$77,062.50

FROM THE PASTOR



**"HE HAS BEEN RAISED;
HE IS NOT HERE."**

(Mark 16:6b)

Happy Easter!

After forty days of prayer and sacrifice we have arrived at the great feast of Easter. I

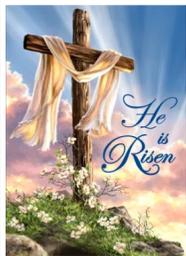
wish you all a Happy Easter. This has been, is, and will always be the essence of Christian faith. The empty tomb is the message that nothing inflicted on life is final in this life, not even death. The empty tomb is the message that God's love is stronger than any human power, violence or cruelty. The empty tomb broadcasts that love is victorious and conquers all. That message of Easter reverberate across churches throughout the world on Easter Sunday. Despite the diversity of location, background and personal circumstances, they will wait to hear that message of Easter once again, and find hope and meaning for their struggles and lives.

The glorious news of the Resurrection does not wipe away the challenges of life. But more importantly, our faith in the Risen Lord changes the way we deal with and face our problems both within ourselves and in our world. The presence of the Risen Christ enables us all to move from darkness to light, from discord to harmony, from pain and stumbling to new patterns of life where our illnesses, sufferings, anxieties, difficulties, problems do not overwhelm us because we know that the Risen One holds us by the hand, filling us with comfort and strength. Nothing can change that reality which is so much greater than whatever our circumstances might be.

Celebration of the Resurrection of Christ is the celebration of our hope, the celebration of the truth that nothing and no one will ever be able to separate us from His love. May the joy and gladness of the Risen Christ flood our hearts with hope and strength and may we continue in confidence on our journey towards the glory and joy of abiding in God's enduring love forever.

The Easter Season begins the Easter Octave and continues for fifty days, ending with the Solemnity of Pentecost. I like to thank all those people involved in making lent and Easter a beautiful enriching experience of the soul. Thanks to the choir, lectors, ushers, communion ministers and all those who took time to decorate the church fitting for the occasion.

I wish all of you and your family a blessed and holy Easter Season. Thanks for your prayers and support. Let us continue to pray for one another as we rejoice in the blessings of this Easter Season!



*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen,
He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!
Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS*

~ PARISH NEWS ~



Parish Fundraiser!

Winning tickets #'s!
783545—Maybe you???
783594—Rick Mikshowsky
783599—Kathy Shikonya



La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Annual Collection Divine Mercy Sunday (April 6th & 7th)

The LDCCW is dedicated to supporting the women of the La Crosse Diocese to help fund workshops, scholarships for youth camp & adult faith education, leadership development, Water For Life, Casa Hogar, etc. Thank you for supporting the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW; www.ldccw.org.)

PCCW Meeting:

**Monday, April 15th
6:30 pm**



**Sunday,
April 21st
3-5:00 pm**



Please keep in your prayers
Andrew Hammes, Ethan Hegge,
and Hunter Raab

as they will be Confirmed on April 3rd at the
Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman
Special thanks to Ruben Mendoza who has
helped prepare them for this Sacrament.

May God watch over and lead them in their walk of faith.

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival

Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday

Jesus is alive! We receive the living resurrected Christ in Holy Communion. Jesus holds nothing back in the Holy Eucharist. He gives Himself completely to us when we receive Him at Mass every Sunday. Receiving His Resurrected Body and Blood will raise us to Him to live forever. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, help me realize that You are alive and that You are alive in me every time I receive You.*

This week, as we celebrate Easter, make a practice that was common after the Resurrection with the early Christians to say to family members and friends, **"Jesus Christ is risen; He is alive!"**



Why Attend the Answer Eucharistic Rally on June 7?

"The Answer" will be a great way to grow in your knowledge and love for Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. Join others across the Diocese to hear internationally known speakers,

including Bishop Barron, Chris Stefanick, Immaculée Illibagiza, Josh Roza and our own Fr. Justin Kizewski. The day will include a Eucharistic procession, Mass, adoration, and confessions. Visit dioc.org/the-answer or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right for more information.

You won't want to miss this!



~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

~Divine Mercy Sunday | April 7th

Jesus is the primary manifestation of God's mercy. Christ has shown us His mercy by freeing us from the prison of our sin through His intense suffering, gruesome death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. Therefore, it is timely that the Sunday after Easter, April 7, 2024, the Catholic Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday.

This Sunday after Easter was designated by Jesus. In 1931 Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. Jesus said: "...Tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that the Feast of Mercy 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) "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.'" (Diary of Sr. Faustina, n. 742)

The 9-day Novena to Divine Mercy, which involves praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each day, begins on Good Friday and ends on the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus told Sr. Faustina, "I desire that during these nine days, you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209). For the simple prayers of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which takes 10 minutes to pray, visit thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet

~April 7, 2024 9:00 am —5:00 pm—Feast of Divine Mercy

The La Crosse Deanery has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. The day's festivities will be officiated by Cardinal Burke. It will be a day of approaching the Sacred Heart of Jesus with great faith, trust, and appreciation which 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

~**St. Mary's (Coon Valley) Men's Club Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner**—

The Men's Club will be hosting a spaghetti and pasta dinner on **April 13, 2024** from 4-7 PM at St. Mary's Church, Coon Valley. \$12 adults, \$5 kids under 12, and children under 3 free. Get a plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk or water and ice cream for dessert. Wine and beer will be available for purchase.

~**St. Joseph Lions Club Spring Fundraiser—Friday, April 5—6:00 pm**

Come enjoy and support our local Lions Club at the St. Joseph Ridge School Hall. The cost is \$15.00 a ticket which includes pork lion sandwiches, hot dogs, beverages and games of chance.

Spring Rummage Sale—Mary, Mother of the Church

On Friday, April 26, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, April 27, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

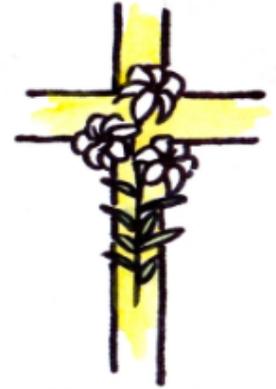
~**Roncalli Newman Campus Ministry Fundraiser Dinner.**

Will be on Saturday, **April 27th** at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall for dinner, fellowship, and inspiration as we hear from and support the Catholic college students of La Crosse, in their growth in virtue and fervor for the faith. There will be testimonies from alumni and current students, a raffle, and swing dance (with lessons from Fr. Dodge)! \$35/ticket or bring a friend 2/\$60. Registration and more information can be found at <https://roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/making-saints>

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Easter Word-Find

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Find the words in CAPITALS and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Early on the **FIRST** day of the **WEEK**, when it was still **DARK**, **MARY** and **Mary MAGDALEN** and some other women went to bring spices to Jesus' **TOMB**. They wondered who would roll away the **STONE**. But when they got there, they saw it was already moved, and the tomb was **EMPTY!** They ran and told the disciples. **SIMON PETER** and the other **DISCIPLE**, whom Jesus **LOVED**, ran to the tomb and found it as the women had said. The **LINEN CLOTHS** were lying there, and the **NAPKIN** that had been on Jesus' head was folded up. Then they began to **BELIEVE**, because they hadn't known the **SCRIPTURE** that said that Jesus must **RISE** from the **DEAD**.

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*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