



~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH**

~ 4:00 pm - † Jim Hesselberg (SP)  
 Lector: Paula Silha  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH**

~ 8:30 am – Our Parish Family  
 Lector: Dan Steiger  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**MONDAY, APRIL 29TH**

~ 5:30 pm -† Don & Elaine Bina (G&KF)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH**

~ 5:00 pm—No Adoration this week  
 ~ 5:30 pm -† Leona Pittman (J&KS)

**THURSDAY, MAY 2ND**

~ 8:30 am-† Frank & Adeline Schmidt (K&RS)

**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH**

~ 8:30 am—† Mike Brown (D&TB)  
 ~ 4:00 pm - † Reiny & Darlene Kammel (Family)  
 Lector: Kathy Leis  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**SUNDAY, MAY 5TH**

~ 8:30 am – † Patty Silha (D&JD)  
 Lector: Donna Clements  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

Masses will be at the School Hall

**Contributions for the past week**

Adult Envelopes(31) :	\$ 1,864.30
Plate collection:	\$ 253.00
Easter :	\$ 30.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,147.30</b>

2023-24 Goal:	\$21,915.00	
Pledged:	13,940.00	
Received:	\$13,480.00	
<b>Remaining Amount Due:</b>	<b>\$8,435.00</b>	

**Our goal has not been met for this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal which ends June 30th. Please consider donating.**

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **April 28—Noon -Prepare for new carpet/move pews**
- **April 29—May 2** Carpet in the church being replaced—Weekday masses will be in the school
- **May 4—10:00 am—Move pews and furniture back into church**
- **May 5—** Presentation of quilts to the Confirmation students at 8:30 am mass and continental breakfast following mass provided by PCCW
- **May 8—6:00 pm** Pastoral Council Meeting
- **May 13—6:30 pm—PCCW meeting**
- **June 7—**”The Answer” Eucharistic Rally  
<https://diolc.org/the-answer/>

~ Ways to Enhance your FAITH ~

**\* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Tuesday: No Adoration ~ 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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com) if you would like to schedule mass intentions. Or there are envelopes are in the back of church.



**Donations:** Here are some ways to contribute:

- Use the online giving portal set up by the Diocese: <https://diolc.org/st-joseph-parish-st-joseph-ridge/> (processing fees will be deducted from your contribution, which average 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH)
- **Drop off** a contribution in the church donation box
- **Mail in** your weekly/monthly offering to parish office (W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601)
- If you use online banking and would like make your contribution using **bill pay**, set up St. Joseph Ridge Parish as a payment and the bank will mail it directly to the parish.

FROM THE PASTOR



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

This weekend the Gospel text is part of Jesus' "farewell discourse" during his Last Supper with his disciples. Jesus explains to his apostles how they and their disciples can carry on when he is no longer bodily or physically present. Jesus assures them, using the parable of the vine and branches. Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the true vine" (Jn 15, 1). "You are the branches... Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." He says "cut off from me, you can do nothing" (Jn15, 5). This is an absolute truth; no believer can achieve anything of spiritual value outside of Christ. Life ebbs away. But in Jesus we have life in abundance.

How do we remain in Jesus? When we spend quiet, quality time with him in prayer. When we honor the commandments, exercise acts of love, kindness and mercy in the name of Jesus. We remain in Jesus. Prayer takes one to have a deep and personal conversation with Jesus who is real, alive and present to us as we pray, reflect, speak and listen to Him. When we love others, we love Jesus himself. Pray that we may remain in HIM so that we may bear much fruit.

May 1st, is the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, the patronal feast day of our diocese. I wish you happy feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. The Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker has been celebrated liturgically since 1955. On this day the Church, inspired by Saint Joseph's example and under his patronage, commemorates in a special way the human and supernatural value of work. Month of May is also a month dedicated to the devotion to our blessed mother. May our blessed mother bless everyone with health and companionship.

*Congratulations* to Joe and Sonia Brye as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday.

This coming week the carpet in the church is being replaced. Help will be needed on Sunday, April 28th and Saturday, May 4th. I like to thank all those who have contributed towards this project and those who will help with moving the pews. May God bless you for helping our parish. Weekday Masses are going to be at the school hall.

*Have a great weekend!  
Live Jesus ~ Fr Bijou MSFS*

**This is EPIC! "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally | June 7 |**

Chris Stefanick is an internationally acclaimed author, speaker and television host who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith. Chris, a father of six children, speaks in a lively, honest, and uplifting manner about the intersection of faith and everyday life. He will inspire you, as Chris is a man of God and speaks from his heart about his relationship with Christ. For further details about this amazing Eucharistic Rally, scan the QR code to the right or

<https://diolc.org/the-answer/>



~ PARISH NEWS ~

**The Church is getting new carpet this week!  
And HELP WILL BE NEEDED!**

On Sunday, April 28 (Noon)  
to move pews and furniture out  
and  
On Saturday, May 4th (10 a.m.) to move the pews and  
other furniture back in place.  
**Many hands make light work! Hope to see you there!**



**BINGO Social  
last Sunday  
was enjoyed  
by many!**



**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 12th.**

**-Parish Gathering:** Sunday May 5th after the 8:30 mass the PCCW will be hosting a continental breakfast of muffins, fruit, coffee/juice to celebrate our youth that have recently made their Confirmation.

**-Roses for Mother's Day.** Gift Mom a rose this Mother's Day. Roses will be offered after Masses Mother's Day weekend (May 11&12). All proceeds benefit Pro-Life Wisconsin's efforts to assist Wisconsin moms, dads, and families in need.

**-Next PCCW Meeting—Monday, May 13th 6:30 pm.** All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

**Cemetery Flower Order**

Forms to order flowers are located in the back of church. Prices are the same as last year. \$100 to order the urn and flowers, if needed. \$40 for just the flowers if you already have the urn. Return order forms by Sunday, May 5th.





~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~ **A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival**

**Confession – a preparation for receiving the Eucharist**

The best way to prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is by going to Confession (also known as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Penance). We want to receive Him with a clean heart. If it is not possible to go to Confession before receiving Jesus, make a sincere Act of Contrition in your heart, and as always pray with sincerity the prayer at Mass, "I confess to Almighty God..." A sin that is mortal – serious or grave – requires Sacramental Confession before receiving Holy Communion. If you are not sure about this, speak with a priest. Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

*Jesus, please give me the grace to be truly sorry for my sins.*

This week read how God calls us out of darkness into His own wonderful light in 1 Peter 2:9-10.

~ **9-day Novena to the Holy Spirit:**

Friday, May 10 through Saturday, May 18, 2024

A Novena consists of praying a prayer during a period of nine days for a specific intention. The first Novena took place after Jesus ascended into Heaven. Jesus told the Apostles and Mary to go back and wait and pray in the Upper Room until He would "send the Promise of my Father [the Holy Spirit] upon you; stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49) The Holy Spirit came with incredible power on Pentecost to fulfill the promise of Jesus. Join together as a family to pray a 9-day Novena from May 10 - 18 leading up to Pentecost, Sunday, May 19th. A prayer card and short reading for each day are available here: [diolc.org/catechesis/going-deeper-in-prayer](http://diolc.org/catechesis/going-deeper-in-prayer)

~ **Chicken Que—Mary Mother of the Church—Thursday, May 9,**

Dinners available for \$12.00, For ticket reservations, call 608-518-6145

~ **Healthy Living with Diabetes Workshop**

Gundersen Health System will be hosting this workshop on Wed., mornings for 6 wks starting May 22. This workshop is designed to help adults with type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes or for those caring for someone who has diabetes to learn self-management skills, healthy eating strategies and more. For more information, please call Vicky at 608-775-6870.

~ **St Joseph Ridge Community Blood Drive—May 6th 1:00—6:00 pm**

At the Town of Greenfield town hall. Walk ins are welcome but appointments are encouraged, to schedule online: [versiti.org/wi](http://versiti.org/wi) or call 877-232-4376. Thank you for the support.

~ **Holy Trinity Chicken-Q and Bake Sale**

Wednesday May 15th - Serving 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

½ Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw, Roll \$11.00

Pick Up, Drive-Through, and Delivery.

Pre-Sales preferred, call (608)782-2028 Ext

Bake Sale will feature homemade breads, pies, bars, cookies and more!!

~ **Job Opening: Tuition & Enrollment Coordinator**

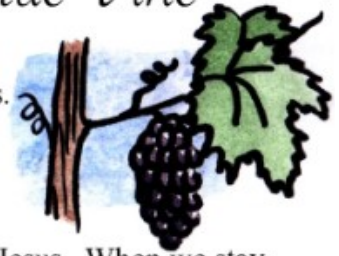
Aquinas Catholic Schools is looking to fill the full-time, year-round position of *Tuition and Enrollment Coordinator*. The individual in this position confidentially carries out the tuition billing, receivables, and collection processes of the school system. The person also manages the enrollment processes, and provides support to the school offices and families, in addition to serving as the designee for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.

~ **Organ Concert at the Shrine.** Visit the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe on May 11, 3:00 PM to 4:00 pm to hear the young and talented organist, Henry Dangerfield. His concert is free and open to the public. More information at [guadalupeshrine.org/events](http://guadalupeshrine.org/events)

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

*Jesus is the True Vine*

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit. Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!



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

- For Sharon Evenson as she recovers from the injuries sustained in a vehicle accident this past week.
- 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.
- For our families and loved ones in this community, may the Holy Spirit be our guide in every thought, word, and deed.
- 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](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com)

