

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

~ 4:00 pm - † George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)
 Lector: Donnie Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH

~ 8:30 am – Our Parish Family
 Lector: Paula Silha
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, MAY 13TH

~ 5:30 pm -† Ralph & Evelyn Mikshowsky (M&CM)

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH

~ 5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~ 5:30 pm -† Leo & Shirley Servais (W&JG)

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH

~ 8:30 am-† Hegenbarth & Kammel families(Family)

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

~ 4:00 pm - † Joseph & Catherine Shikonya (J&KS)
 Lector: Bill Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

~ 8:30 am – † Curtis Strittmater (CS)
 Lector: Jim Weber
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **May 20**—6:30 pm—PCCW meeting
- **May 20**—Installation of Bishop Battersby
- **May 28**—7:00 pm—Finance Council Meeting
- **June 7**—Eucharistic Rally—”the *Answer*”
- **June 8 & 9**—Franciscan Mission appeal



This is EPIC!

I would like to encourage you to attend “the ANSWER” Eucharistic Rally at the La Crosse Center on Friday, June 7! This daylong event will be the biggest thing our diocese has ever seen. “the ANSWER” will feature dynamic speakers like Chris Stefanick, Immaculée Ilibagiza and Josh Rosa, Mass celebrated by our newly appointed Bishop Gerard Battersby, and Bishop Robert Barron preaching the homily. “the ANSWER” is for people of all ages who seek a deeper encounter with Christ’s gift of Himself in the Eucharist. It will speak to your heart – count on it! For further details about this amazing Eucharistic Rally, scan the QR code to the right or <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>



May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary



~ 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(31) :	\$ 1,165.00
Plate collection:	\$ 294.00
Votive candles :	\$ 150.50
Total:	\$ 1,609.50

2023-24 Goal:	\$21,915.00	
Pledged:	13,990.00	
Received:	\$13,530.00	
Remaining Amount Due:	\$8,385.00	

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

FROM THE PASTOR



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Today's Gospel mentions the Ascension only in one sentence. "So, then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven." One verse describes one of the most profound mysteries of our faith. Each Sunday, we profess it through the Creed, "He ascended into heaven." Christ's Ascension was the culmination of God's divine plan for Christ Jesus, by his return to his Father with "Mission Accomplished." Ascension is the grand finale of all his words and - works done for us and for our salvation. It was a culmination, but not the conclusion.

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus instructed his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation. Therefore, Ascension does not memorialize Christ leaving us rather, Christ working through us, his mystical body, his church. We too are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions; in how we live and how we treat others. Are we sharing the life of Christ with others in our day-to-day lives?

As we gather this weekend, we also honor our mothers with the celebration of Mother's Day. We thank our mothers and honor them by offering them on the altar of God as we pray for them. This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on us, their children, is so great that it affects us throughout our lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in our religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behavior, disciplined us as best as they could and made us good citizens of our country, our Church and our society. Today we thank our mothers, pray for them.

Happy Mother's Day! ❖ Have a great weekend!

Live Jesus ~ Fr Biju MSFS

~ PARISH NEWS ~



Thank you to Maxine Jacobs and Diane Elsen for making these beautiful quilts for our Confirmation students

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. **Applications are due by May 12th** to Lori Clements

-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. Suggested donation of \$3.00



-Next PCCW Meeting—Monday, May 20th 6:30 pm.
All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

♥ Prayer for Mothers ♥

*We pray for mothers Loving God;
we ask your blessings on all mothers.
May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom, strength
and selfless love. We pray
for new mothers with new responsibilities;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who balance the tasks of work and family;
for those whose children have physical, mental,
or emotional disabilities;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who struggle to feed their children due to poverty;
for those who selflessly place their child for adoption;
for those who adopt a child into their family;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
for those who desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.
Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children to know God
and do what is good. Amen*



Breakfast last Sunday was enjoyed by many!



~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~



A Minute with Jesus: 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 are receiving 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 please strengthen me to be committed to coming to Mass early so that I can spend some time quietly preparing to be united with You in Holy Communion.*

This week read the words of Jesus about remaining in Him and He in us in John 6:54-58.

~Healing Mass & Service—June 3—Sacred Heart Church, Cashton

Are you suffering from physical, spiritual, or psychological distress? God's will is for you to be whole! A Healing Service will be held on June 3rd at Sacred Heart Church-Cashton. The evening begins at 4:30pm with Adoration, devotions, confessions and Holy Mass (5:30), followed by prayers for healing using exorcised and blessed salt, oil, and water, with intercessory prayers by our clergy and lay prayer teams.

~Holy Trinity Chicken-Q & Bake Sale May 15th 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

½ Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw, Roll \$11.00
Pre-Sales preferred, call (608)782-2028 Ext 2
Bake Sale will feature homemade breads, pies, bars, cookies and more!!

~Healthy Aging Conference—Aging Strong will be held on May 17, from 8 a.m. – noon, at the Radisson Hotel, La Crosse. This conference will explore what it takes to age with good health, including both physical and mental well-being. For more information, please contact Gundersen Health System Office of Population Health, (608) 775-4717 or (800) 362-9567, ext. 54717.

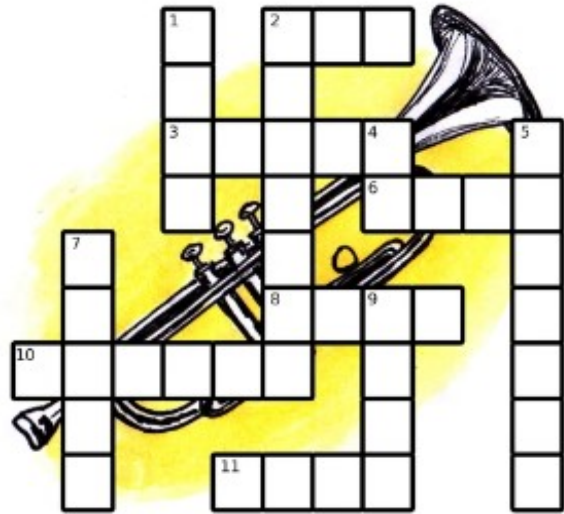
~Iconography Workshop—June 10-15—Franciscan Spirituality Center

If you would like to learn how to paint an icon in the Byzantine style, we invite you to our upcoming iconography workshop (June 10-15). Phil Zimmerman has been traveling to the FSC from his Pennsylvania studio to teach people of all faith backgrounds this sacred art for more than 20 years. No experience is necessary, but a basic understanding of how to paint and mix colors is helpful (we use acrylic paint). Call (608) 791-5295. or www.FSCenter.org



~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Psalm 47 Cross-Word



Unscramble the words in CAPITAL letters. Then you can fit them into the puzzle. (A means across and D means down.)

LAL (2A) you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the Lord, the SOMT (8A) HHGI (1D), the EMOSAEW (2D), is the TREAG (3A) king VROE (6A) all the HTREA (7D). God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord, amid UMPRET (5D) blasts. GISN (9D) praise OT (4D) God, sing praise; Sing SIEARP (10A) to our INKG (11A), sing praise.

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.
- For 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

“Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the LOVE with which we do them.”

Saint Therese of Lisieux