

~ PARISH INTENTIONS ~

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

MONDAY, MAY 20TH

~ 5:30 pm - † Bill Paterson (SP)

TUESDAY, MAY 21ST

~ 5:00 pm—*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 ~ 5:30 pm - † Rick Schermerhorn (J&PS)

THURSDAY, MAY 23RD

~ 8:30 am - † Oliver Rentmeester (R&BM)

SATURDAY, MAY 25TH

~ 4:00 pm - † Jim Hesselberg (BH)
 Lector: Kathy Leis
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 26TH

~ 8:30 am - Our Parish Family
 Lector: Donna Clements
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

~ PARISH CALENDAR ~

- **May 20**—6:30 pm—PCCW meeting
- **May 20**—11:00 am—Installation Mass for Bishop Gerard W. Battersby (Livestream only)
- **May 28**—7:00 pm—Finance Council Meeting
- **June 7**—Eucharistic Rally—”the *Answer*”
- **June 8 & 9**—Franciscan Mission appeal

Upcoming Broadcasts—Live streamed at www.diolc.org/live

- Sunday morning 10 a.m.—Bishop Callahan’s final Mass
- Sunday evening 5:00 pm—Prayer with Bishop Battersby -
- Monday morning 11:00 am Installation Mass for Bishop Gerard Battersby



Excitement is growing as preparations continue for “the Answer” Eucharistic Rally at the La Crosse Center on Friday, June 7!

You won’t want to miss out on this gathering of well over 2,000 people. Nothing of this magnitude has ever happened in our Diocese before. You will be captivated by compelling speakers, Mass with our new Bishop Battersby, beautiful music, a Eucharistic procession, and more. This will be a thrilling day, all centered on our love for Jesus who gives Himself to us in the Eucharist. To register, you can use this QR code or to register online at <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>



~ FAITH Enrichments ~

*** 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 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.

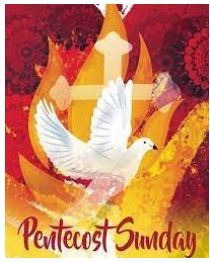
Contributions for the past week

Adult Envelopes(37) :	\$ 2,680.00
Plate collection:	\$ 300.00
Total:	\$ 2,980.00
DCCW:	\$ 10.00

2023-24 Goal:	\$21,915.00	
Pledged:	14,290.00	
Received:	\$13,850.00	
Remaining Amount Due:	\$8,065.00	

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

FROM THE PASTOR



The Solemnity of Pentecost

“Suddenly there came from the sky, a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim” (Acts 2:2-4).

The solemnity of Pentecost commemorates the official inauguration of the Church with the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian faith. Pentecost recalls the story of creation when God breathes His own life into us (Genesis 2:7). Apart from being a very beautiful feast, the day of Pentecost is a celebration of God's hand guiding the Christian community. God is not a distant being and the ascended Jesus has not abandoned us. We have the Spirit of God living and working in our lives and in our Church.

On this feast of Pentecost, we are reminded that the Gospel message Christ has been entrusted to us who are his followers to continue to share the Good News of the Gospel. Following Pentecost, we will have the usual Sunday Feasts of the Holy Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ before launching into an extended period, 22 weeks, of Ordinary Time Sundays.

This Monday we will have our new bishop installed. Please keep Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby, the eleventh Bishop of La Crosse in your prayers. His installation mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 11 am on Monday, may 20. A public reception will follow at the La Crosse center. Also, keep in your thoughts and prayers Most Rev. William Patrick Callahan OFM Conv. who had been serving the people of God in the diocese of La crosse from 2010 to may 2024.

Congratulations to all the graduates and confirmation students! May God bless you.

Our parishes' fiscal year ends on June 30. Pledges to the Diocesan Annual Appeal must be received by that date to be credited for this year. We are yet to complete the appeal please prayerfully consider your gifts for the appeal. Have a great week !!!

Live Jesus ~ Fr Bijou MSFS



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your Love...

~ PARISH NEWS ~

PCCW News:

- **Next PCCW Meeting—Monday, May 20, 6:30 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.
- **Thank you for supporting Pro-Life Wisconsin by purchasing roses last weekend!



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.

~ DIOCESAN NEWS ~

A Minute with Jesus: Receiving the Eucharist- The Holy Spirit and the Eucharist



Even after the Apostles had experienced the Risen Christ, they were afraid. They gathered with Mary on the day of Pentecost and prayed behind locked doors, waiting as instructed for the Gift of the Holy Spirit. After the Holy Spirit descended upon them on Pentecost, the Apostles were no longer afraid and were equipped to fulfill their mission. It is the same for us today. When we receive the Eucharist, we also receive God the Holy Spirit, to abide in the depths of our hearts. If we allow Him, the Spirit of Truth will transform us and we will no longer be afraid, but be equipped with peace and strength for our mission. Let us then prepare for each Eucharistic encounter in the same way the Apostles prepared for Pentecost, “in prayer ... with Mary ...” (Acts 1:14).

Let's pray the Sequence:

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

The text which follows from the Lectionary for Mass may be used, or a metrical paraphrase may be sung (#531).

Come, Holy Spirit, come!	Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
And from your celestial home	On our dryness pour your dew;
Shed a ray of light divine!	Wash the stains of guilt away:
Come, Father of the poor!	Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Come, source of all our store!	Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Come, within our bosoms shine.	Guide the steps that go astray.
You, of comforters the best;	On the faithful, who adore
You, the soul's most welcome guest;	And confess you, evermore
Sweet refreshment here below;	In your sevenfold gift descend;
In our labor, rest most sweet;	Give them virtue's sure reward;
Grateful coolness in the heat;	Give them your salvation, Lord;
Solace in the midst of woe.	Give them joys that never end.
O most blessed Light divine,	Amen.
Shine within these hearts of yours,	Alleluia. (LPGA B56)
And our inmost being fill!	
Where you are not, we have naught,	
Nothing good in deed or thought,	
Nothing free from taint of ill.	

~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.

~ DIOCESAN/Community NEWS ~

~Help Project Milk – We need to close \$12,500 gap for a shipment: Founded in 1984 to help feed the poor children of Casa Hogar in Peru, Project Milk provides whole milk powder to the orphanage and the surrounding community. Each year the Rural Life Committee seeks to raise enough money to ship 40,000 lbs. of milk powder at an approximate cost of \$80,000, and we are getting closer, but are still \$12,500 short. One hundred percent of your monetary gift is used to feed these children and the poor. To give, visit diolc.org/project-milk to learn more and get the address if you prefer to pay by check.

~Memorial Day Mass—Catholic Cemetery, La Crosse
A Mass for the Dead will be celebrated at the altar in the Veterans' Section at the Catholic Cemetery in La Crosse on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024 beginning at 11:15 a.m. All are welcome to participate.

~March for Life Wisconsin - June 15 at the Capitol in Madison:
Attend the annual March for Life Wisconsin and help us commemorate the anniversary of the Dobbs decision that overturned Roe. Join pro-lifers from around Wisconsin as we stand up for the culture of life and show our elected officials in Madison that life is worth defending. Free registration and more information can be found at prolifewi.org/marchforlifewi Information on buses from Chippewa Falls and La Crosse will follow soon.

~Religious Freedom Week June 22-29
Religious Freedom Week takes place from June 22, the Memorial of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, through June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek

Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby



Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby is the youngest of nine children. Gerard W. Battersby was born, along with his twin brother, on May 15, 1960, to the late Christopher and the late Helen (Buckley) Battersby. In 1993, he entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary as an adult vocation and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1998. Cardinal Adam J. Maida ordained him to the priesthood on May 30, 1998. After ordination, he served in parish ministry for approximately 10 years. He served as an associate pastor at St. Thecla Parish in Clinton Township, Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and St. Gerard Parish, all in Detroit. In 2002, he was named pastor of St. Christopher Parish in Detroit, and in 2007, was appointed to Sacred Heart Major Seminary, where he received a Licentiate in the New Evangelization in 2008. While serving as director of graduate seminarians and graduate pastoral formation at the seminary, Father Battersby also served concurrently as administrator of St. Leo Parish in Detroit. In 2009, Father Battersby was assigned to graduate studies at the Angelicum in Rome, Italy. In 2011, Father Battersby was appointed vice-rector and dean of seminarian formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. In 2015, Father Battersby was concurrently appointed pastor of St. Mary of Redford Parish, Detroit. Father Battersby was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit on Nov. 23, 2016 and his episcopal ordination occurred shortly thereafter on Jan. 25, 2017. Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron served as the principal consecrator and main celebrant. On March 19, 2024, His Holiness Pope Francis named Bishop Battersby as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse.

~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~

Pentecost Word-Find

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- JUDEA
- CAPPADOCIA
- PONTUS
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- PHRYGIA
- PAMPHYLIA
- EGYPT
- LIBYA
- CYRENE
- ROME
- JEWs
- CRETANs
- ARABs

On Pentecost Sunday, when the apostles went out of the upper room, there was a great crowd in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast. So they began to tell the people the good news of Jesus. See if you can find the names of all the different groups of people who were in the city listening to them.

All these people heard the apostles speaking in their

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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.
- 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

