



## April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19  
1 John 2:1-5a  
Luke 24:35-48

*"In the divine image He created them  
male and female; He created them." Genesis 1:27*

### St. Mary Parish

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Hours  
Monday Closed  
Tuesday – Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

#### Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Daily Adoration 1 hour prior to Daily  
Mass except Saturday

Tuesday	6:00pm
Wednesday	7:00am
Thursday-Saturday	8:00am
First Friday	7:00am

Sunday	
Saturday (Vigil)	5:00pm
Sunday	8:00am 10:30am

#### Confessions

Saturday	4:00pm-4:45pm
Sunday	7:00am-7:30am 9:45am-10:20am
First Friday	6:00pm-7:00pm

#### Parish Staff

Rev. Fr. Gregory A. Michaud  
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#### The Rosary Is Our Sword

Dear Family,

Following is a story you must read. It gives such great hope in the face of a difficult and growing struggle with the problem of Islamic terrorism.

Rome, Italy, Apr 21, 2015 / 02:44 am ([CNA/EWTN News](#)).- A Nigerian bishop says that he has seen Christ in a vision and now knows that the rosary is the key to ridding the country of the Islamist terrorist organization Boko Haram. Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme says he is being driven by a God-given mandate to lead others in praying the rosary until the extremist group disappears.

"Towards the end of last year I was in my chapel before the Blessed Sacrament... praying the rosary, and then suddenly the Lord appeared," Bishop Dashe told CNA April 18. In the vision, the prelate said, Jesus didn't say anything at first, but extended a sword toward him, and he in turn reached out for it. "As soon as I received the sword, it turned into a rosary," the bishop said, adding that Jesus then told him three times: "Boko Haram is gone."

"I didn't need any prophet to give me the explanation," he said. "It was clear that with the rosary we would be able to expel Boko Haram." The bishop said he didn't want to tell anyone, but "felt that the Holy Spirit was pushing him to do so."

Bishop Dashe leads the Diocese of Maiduguri, in northeastern Nigeria's Borno State. In 2009, there were around 125,000 Catholics under his guidance. After a surge in violence from the Islamist extremist group called Boko Haram, today "there are only 50 to 60 thousand left," he said. Most of those who fled sought safer areas in other parts of Nigeria, he said. Some of the same families are now returning home as armed forces from Nigeria, Chad and Cameroon liberate their homes.

In 2014, Boko Haram became known worldwide when members kidnapped nearly 300 girls from a school in Borno State. [According to a Relevant Radio report, most, if not all of the girls have now been returned home...thanks to the rosary!?!]

Bishop Dashe said he has a strong devotion to Christ's mother, and that "I never joke with 'Mamma Mary.' I know she is here with us." Bishop Dashe believes that one day his diocese will completely recover and grow thanks to her intercession. "These terrorists... think that by burning our churches, burning our structures, they will destroy Christianity. Never," Bishop Dashe told several hundred people from the dais of the congress. "It may take a few months or a few years ... but 'Boko Haram is gone.'" He later told CNA that "prayer, particularly the prayer of the rosary, is (what) will deliver us from the claws of this demon, the demon of terrorism. And of course, it is working." (<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/after-vision-of-christ-nigerian-bishop-says-rosary-will-bring-down-boko-haram-78382/>)

If you don't pray the rosary, please start; if you pray it sporadically, please pray it every day; if you pray it every day already, please pray with even greater intensity. God bless and Mary keep you.

## Weekly Calendar

### **Monday, April 15 – Office Closed**

6:30pm Choir Practice

### **Tuesday, April 16**

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00pm Mass: † Verlyn & Dean Rollins  
7:15pm Knights of Columbus Meeting – Church Hall

### **Wednesday, April 17**

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00am Mass: † Richard Schmidt  
6:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Family Formation – preparation for First Communion  
7:00pm CCD – Grade 7-12

### **Thursday, April 18**

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration  
8:00am Mass: † Arlie Mohr  
9:00am Bible Study – Church Hall  
7:00pm Justice & Peace Committee Meeting

### **Friday, April 19**

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration  
8:00am Mass: † Milton Friemoth

### **Saturday, April 20 – Incense Free**

8:00am Mass: † Ted Dux  
4:00pm Confession  
5:00pm Mass: † Clarence & Rosalie Becker

### **Sunday, April 21**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

7:00am Confession  
8:00am Mass: St. Mary's Parish Family  
9:45am Confession  
10:30am Mass: † Louis Kessler

## General Parish Information

**Father Greg's Emergency Cell** 906.282.2049

**New Parishioners** We invite you to join St. Mary's Parish family! Please contact the Parish Office at 715.743.3840

**Prayer Chain** Parish Office – 715.743.3840

**Meal Ministry** Mary Sladich – 715.743.4466

**Elizabeth Ministry** Renee Schoen – 715.743.4059

**Holy Matrimony** Contact with the parish is required six months to one year before marriage. Preparation begins with the first contact.

**Baptisms** May be celebrated during or following any of the Masses. Preparation classes are required. Please call the Parish Office for details.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Gretchen Fitzmaurice – 715.486.6674

## Weekly Collection

**April 6-7, 2024**

Tithe	5,577.00
Student	2.50
Offertory	448.25
Easter	160.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,187.75</b>

**Weekly Budget** **\$5,600.00**

Building Fund	\$280.00
Uganda Orphanage	\$250.00

## Liturgical Ministries

**Saturday-Sunday April 20-21**

### Lectors

<u>5:00pm</u> Jeanne Strey	<u>8:00am</u> Rick Kuhn	<u>10:30am</u> Sherry Hickey
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### Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<u>5:00pm</u> Delores Schmitt	<u>9:00am</u> Donna Opelt	<u>3:30pm</u> Gary Veltus
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### Altar Servers

<u>5:00pm</u> Joseph Roehl Veronica Roehl	<u>8:00am</u> Brody Swita Landon Schoen	<u>10:30am</u> Hayden Poeschel Corbin Wirkuty Gregory Lehn
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### Cantor

10:30am  
Jody & Judy  
Conner

### Ushers for April

<u>5:00pm</u> Larry Nauertz Richard Hagen Larry Hoerer Cindy Hoerer	<u>8:00am</u> Ray Pagenkopf, Sr. Ray Pagenkopf, Jr. Jack Hammond Clinton Hannasch	<u>10:30am</u> Larry Kyle Wayne Opelt Dan Schreiner Kevin Schoen
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### Rosary Leader

<u>5:00pm</u> Jared Thomas	<u>8:00am</u> Rick & Donna Kuhn	<u>10:30am</u> Kathy Nicks
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## Proverbial Wisdom

I don't tell people, 'You're okay the way you are.'...  
[Instead], 'You're way less than you could be'.  
---Jordan Peterson

## Parish Announcements

### AED Training for all Ushers and Medical Volunteers –

There will be an AED training **THIS WEEKEND**, Saturday and Sunday April 13-14<sup>th</sup> after each Mass. Office Isaac Guyer is volunteering his time to train this weekend. All ushers and medical volunteers are asked to attend one of the sessions. Any questions, please call the office.

### **There is a Justice & Peace Committee Meeting Thursday April 18, 2024 at 7pm in the Parish Office.**

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

There will be a Security Meeting Friday May 10, 2024 for anyone interested. Please call the parish office for more information and to sign-up.



Just a reminder.....If you would like to display something in the carport please stop in the office before displaying it. Thank you! ☺

**Spiritual Bouquet** - Spiritual bouquets are a beautiful Catholic tradition of presenting prayers or acts of charity, mercy or devotion that someone has or will offer for someone else. As a gift to Bishop William Patrick Callahan and to Bishop Gerald Battersby, Father Greg would like to send both of them a Spiritual Bouquet from St. Mary's Parish Family. In the carport you will find a sheet to fill out. Please take 2 sheets if you would like to give to both Bishops. Please put the sheet(s) in the box provided. **This will be the last week to complete the spiritual bouquet.** Thank you!!



### **Mother's Day Banquet** **Saturday May 11th**

The evening will begin after the 5pm Mass. The banquet will be held in the church hall. The signup is available in the Narthex. Plan to come and enjoy. All are welcome!!! **Volunteers for Mother's**

**Day Banquet:** Looking for men and boys to help set tables, serve food and clean up at the banquet. The sign up is available the Narthex.

**Q&A on YouTube** – Don't forget to tune in to St. Mary's Q&A on YouTube. Father Greg, Larry Hoesser and Judy Conner discuss questions that are asked by you, the parishioner. Just go in and google YouTube.com and once you are there just search St. Mary Neillsville and the Q&A will pop up. Please subscribe and like the page while you are there. If you have a question you can drop the question in the "What's on your Mind" box in the carport or email the parish with a question. The parish email is parishoffice@stmaryneillsville.org.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION

### Faith Formation News



#### Family Formation

**Parents of 2nd grade students:** There will be an additional 2nd grade class on Wednesday, April 17 from 6-7 pm in the Church Hall for parents and children in preparation for First Holy Communion.

Please keep the second grade children in your prayers. They will be receiving Jesus for the first time at the First Holy communion Mass on May 5th!

The final CCD and Family Formation classes will be May 1st.

**Family Formation and CCD Registration for the 2024-2025** Family formation and CCD Religious Education classes has begun. We ask parents with children that will be in Kindergarten through 12th grade this fall fill out and submit with your payment the Registration forms located in the Narthex or on St Mary's website under Religious Education. We ask that you return them along with your payment by June 30, 2024 to get the early bird discount of \$10! After July 1st, there will be an additional \$10 late fee added.

**This week's at home lesson- Second week of March – Intercessory Prayer** - "Intercession is a prayer of petition which leads us to pray as Jesus did. He is the one intercessor with the Father on behalf of all men, especially sinners." (CCC 2634)

\* We can pray for others and ask others to pray for us. We can ask people around us to pray for us and we can ask other Christians like Mary, the saints and angels to pray for us too.

\*As Christians, we often pray for others. At every Mass, we pray for the needs of the Church and for the needs of others. Next time you are at Mass, pay attention to the petitions that are read, after which we all say, "Lord, hear our prayer."

#### **Memory item:**

**Grades K-3:** "Teach me wisdom and knowledge, for in your commands I trust." Psalm 119:6

**Grades 4-6:** The Ten Commandments: I am your God. You shall not have other gods before Me.

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day. 4. Honor your father and mother. 5. you shall not kill. 6. You shall not commit adultery. 7. You shall not steal. 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

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We would like to offer Vacation Bible School for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade this summer. This is a fun and energetic program designed to enhance the children's knowledge of their Catholic faith through lessons, music, crafts and games. We would like to switch it up and have a morning VBS from 9 am until 12 noon. Tentative date is July 29-August 2nd or other dates based on volunteers and their availability to teach the different areas. We are in need of youth grades 6 and up, adult leaders for each of the following areas: Bible/faith lessons, snacks, games and childcare. **If you can help with this, please call or talk to Judy at the Parish office by April 23.** We will then determine if we have enough help to provide this great summer program.

**Adventure Camp** – There are 2 weeks available this year for Adventure Camp. Week 1: June 23-28, 2024 and Week 2: July 7-12, 2024. These two weeks are for youth in grades 6-12. The cost is \$430 per person (including adults) for an early bird registration (registered before June 10, 2024). The regular price after June 10, 2024, rises to \$450 per person (including adults). Funds are available thru the Family Life Committee to help with cost. For more information, registration link, click here: [diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/](https://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/).

**Walk To Mary – United in Step from Shrine to Shrine** – Why we walk - We walk to Her because she calls us. Walk To Mary will be Saturday May 4, 2024. The walk is a 22-mile walking pilgrimage starting from the National Shrine of St. Joseph at Old St. Joseph Church on the St. Norbert College campus in De Pere, WI to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, Champion, WI. (Shorter routes are available). For more information and to register go to [WalktoMary.com](http://WalktoMary.com).

**Thorp Deanery Meeting** - There will be a Thorp Deanery CCW General Assembly meeting Thursday, April 18, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Greenwood WI. Registration begins at 6pm, program at 6:30pm. Guest Speaker is Kay Weirauch from St. Mary's Parish, Neillsville. Kay will be speaking on "Sister Salome Establishes Orphanage for Homeless & Needy of Uganda". There will be a Presentation of Traveling Madonna. Registration donation suggested is \$2 each. Potluck luncheon served.

**Project Milk Fundraiser: No Bake Bake Sale**

The PCCW will be having a "No Bake Bake Sale" to raise money for Project Milk. Hundreds of families in Peru are struggling to put food on the table for some that means rotating days on which children can eat. Your donation goes straight to the purchase, preparation and shipment of the milk. Ladies are requested to contribute monetarily instead of making bake goods. The envelopes can be found in the carport. Thank you for your generosity.



**"The Answer" Eucharistic Rally:** We are very excited to announce "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally that will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the six days that the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse and will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. **The early bird special is now over, the cost for this event is now \$20 per person.** This rally is for youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. You can find more information about the event and the other days the Marian Route will be in our diocese by visiting: <https://diolc.org/the-answer/> or scan the QR code above.

**Pilgrimage to Poland - See the Catholic Treasure of Poland!** Please join us on a pilgrimage to Poland! Highlights include Jasna Gora Monastery, home of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Image, the Museum and Chapel of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the cell where he was martyred in Auschwitz, the birthplace and baptismal Church of St. John Paul, and so much more! Daily Mass. October 3-12, 2024. \$3,695/per person based on double occupancy. \$150 discount if you enter coupon code Bulletin150 on the registration form. For more information, please visit [www.QoHTours.com](http://www.QoHTours.com) or call us at 1-800-213-4295.



Tom Silbernagel, from our local 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus presented a check for \$500 to the Hannah Center in Marshfield, WI. The Hannah Center helps single Mom's and their children in times of need.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal**

**2023-2024 Assessment**

**\$45,050.00**

**As of April 11, 2024**

**\$26,575.00**

**Parishioner participation: 28%**

Please prayerfully discern your pledge and return your pledge card in the offertory collection or mail it directly to the Diocese of La Crosse. Thank you to those who have already submitted their pledge for this year.