



March 31, 2024

Solemnity of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

"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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DIVINE MERCY!

Dear Family,

This is THEE week of Mercy, which we call the Octave of Easter. It begins with Easter Vigil Mass/Easter Sunday and concludes with Divine Mercy Sunday the following week. It is the Passion, Death, and Resurrection that offers God's infinite mercy to us, but you and I must accept it; unwrap it, if you will, and that's Divine Mercy Sunday. Let us embrace our Lord's Divine Mercy in a new and deeper way this week and let's allow it to direct every aspect of our lives from this day forward.

For your meditation, here are some passages from St. Faustina's diary to reflect on this week. Fr. Michael Gaitley's new 33-day self-retreat entitled *33 Days to Merciful Love* is something I highly recommend. From his book, on Divine Mercy Sunday right before the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm, we will all pray the prayer of consecration to the Divine Mercy.

-Jesus to St. Faustina: "My daughter, *speak to priests about this inconceivable mercy of Mine*. The flames of mercy are burning Me – clamoring to be spent: I want to keep pouring them out upon souls; souls just don't want to believe in My goodness". (*Diary 177*)

-Jesus to St. Faustina: "Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he recites this chaplet only once, he will receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (*Diary 687*)

-"From all My wounds, like from streams, mercy flows for souls, but **the wound in My heart is the fountain of unfathomable mercy**. From this fountain spring all graces for souls. The flames of compassion burn Me. I desire greatly to pour them out upon souls. Speak to the whole world about My mercy." (*Diary 1190*)

May each and every one of us turn with great trust to Divine Mercy! May God have mercy on us all. May we have mercy on one another! God bless and Mary keep you all!

Jezu Ufam Tobie
Jesus, I Trust In You
Jesus, I Trust You.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 1 – Office Closed

8:00am Mass - † Father Varkey
6:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 2

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm Mass: Special intention for Shannon Conner

Wednesday, April 3

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration
7:00am Mass: † James Brogan
5:00pm Family meal for religious education families
6:00pm Family Formation: Parents & grades K-6
7:00pm CCD – Grade 7-12

Thursday, April 4

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
8:00am Mass: † Janet Boh
9:00am Bible Study – Church Hall
6:00pm Jesus & the Eucharist Study – Parish Office

Friday, April 5 – First Friday

7:00am Mass: † Cora Mohr
7:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00pm Confession
7:00pm Benediction

Saturday, April 6 – Incense Free

8:00am **No Daily Mass**
4:00pm Confession
5:00pm Mass: † Joan Hubing

Sunday, April 7

Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00am Mass: † Deceased PCCW members
12:00pm Confession and Eucharistic Adoration
1:00pm Speaker – Father Aaron Becker
3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:30pm Mass: St. Mary's Parish Family

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

March 23-24, 2024

Tithe	\$4,342.00
Student	2.00
Offertory	556.50
Easter	315.00
Easter Flowers	120.00
Total	\$5,335.50

Weekly Budget

\$5,600.00

Uganda Orphanage

140.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday April 6-7

Lectors

5:00pm Mary Hartung	9:00am Dr. Gregory Foster	3:30pm Phyllis Carney
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Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00pm Cindy Hoerer	9:00am Jack Hammond	3:30pm Bob Barth
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Altar Servers

5:00pm Andrew & Adam Hoerer	9:00am Colton, Carter & Clayton Hannasch	3:30pm Theodora Hannasch Kennedy Kren
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Cantor

9:00am
Mike Hart
Mary Ann Ingold

Ushers for April

5:00pm Larry Nauertz Richard Hagen Larry Hoerer Cindy Hoerer	9:00am Ray Pagenkopf, Sr. Ray Pagenkopf, Jr. Jack Hammond Clinton Hannasch	3:30pm Larry Kyle Wayne Opelt Dan Schreiner Kevin Schoen
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Rosary Leader

5:00pm Rogene Matuszak	9:00am Bonnie Langreck	3:30pm No Rosary
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Proverbial Wisdom

We wish to proclaim that apart from the mercy of God there is no other source of hope for mankind.

We desire to repeat with faith: Jesus, I trust in you!

--St. John Paul II

Parish Announcements

Come and Pray

First Friday Adoration and Devotions

Friday, April 5, 2024

7:30 am to 7 pm

Confession available from 6 pm to 6:45 pm with
Benediction to follow

Sign-up sheet located in the carport vestibule

"The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace." St. John Paul II, Church of the Eucharist Encyclical (April 17, 2003).



Come and Spend Time with Jesus

Please note!

Mass will be celebrated Monday April 1, 2024 at 8am.

Due to the Senior CCD Class Trip there will not be Daily Mass on Saturday April 6th, 2024. Also, Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass times are as follows: Saturday April 6th 5pm, Sunday April 7th 9am and 3:30pm. There will not be an 8am or 10:30am Mass on Sunday April 7th.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday following Easter, April 7th is the pinnacle of Easter where God's mercy is poured out like no other day of the year. Our parish family is having our Third Annual Divine Mercy celebration with prayer, confessions, a talk on Divine Mercy by Father Aaron Becker, and Mass at 3:30pm. Come for some or all of it. The profound peace of God's Divine Mercy awaits you!

Schedule for Divine Mercy

Eucharistic Adoration	Noon
Confession	Noon
Speaker	1pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy	3pm
Holy Mass	3:30pm

Mother's Day Banquet – Please mark your calendar that the Mother's Day Banquet will be Saturday May 11, 2024 after the 5pm Mass. More information to come!!

AED Training for all Ushers and Medical Volunteers –

There will be an AED training Saturday and Sunday April 13-14th 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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Faith Formation News



The next **Family Formation** meeting for children and parents will be April 3rd at 6pm. The meal planned is Breakfast night! Homemade French toast with berries and whipped cream, breakfast sausage, apple sauce, and desserts along with orange juice and apple juice. Serving from 5-6:30 pm to accommodate middle and high school students. There will be a sign up sheet in the carport vestibule if you would like to bring a treat.

This week's at home lesson- Fourth week of March – Bonus-Easter Activities

- These Activities in this lesson are designed to help your domestic church enter more fully into the mystery of the Resurrection of Jesus. * We decorate our Church, and we can decorate our homes, with symbols of Easter like lambs with banners, Fish, Lillies, Vines, anchors, Alpha and Omega, Rising Sun, IHS and the Cross all in the colors of white and gold.

*Fire is a powerful symbol of Christ as the light of the world as well as the Holy Spirit. We celebrate with a Paschal Candle. We can celebrate and remember Jesus as the light of the World in our homes with candles or bonfires, (keeping fire safety in mind)

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.

*Next Faith Formation meeting is April 3rd at 6pm. Dinner served before lesson at 5:00pm.

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/.

PCCW News

There will be a PCCW Meeting, Tuesday April 9th, 6:30pm in the Church hall. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend. Please check future bulletins for program information. Light refreshments will be 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. Donations can be put in the attached envelope. Please drop the envelope in the collection or the drop box in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity. All funds are greatly appreciated.

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 Narthex you will find a sheet to fill out. Please take 2 sheets if you would like to give to both Bishops. There will be a box to put the spiritual bouquet in when it is completed and then we will send them.



An Invitation - Currently there is a group of men and women that meet every Thursday morning from 9-11am to reflect on and discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel and readings. Workbooks with

Sunday's readings and reflections are available to order for \$20.00 (Or just bring your bible, or just yourself!) All who attend have said this weekly reflection has made the Sunday Gospel so much more meaningful and with added anticipation for Father' Greg's homily. Come every week, once or twice a month. All are welcome any time. Meetings are in the Church Hall.

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.



"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.

Our Lady of Fatima Home of the Needy Children – Uganda

– Sister Salome, formerly Head Mistress of Uganda's St. Kizito High School, and now head of Our Lady of Guadalupe High School (which some members of our parish helped build) is currently filling her days with running the Our Lady of Fatima Orphanage. Sister Salome is in the process of building more rooms for the orphaned children. In this season of Lent as we focus on the pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving please pray for Sister and the people of Uganda. When almsgiving, if you can find it in your heart to make a donation to the worthy cause so that we can make Sister's Easter one of greater joy, put an envelope in the offertory collection with your name and labeled UGANDA. If writing a check, please make it to St. Mary Parish. If you have questions, please contact K Weirauch at 715-797-7157. Thank you!



St. Mary Cemetery Notice:

Just a reminder all flowers, plants, etc., need to be removed from the graves prior to April 1st and October 1st each year. Thank you!

Diocesan Annual Appeal

2023-2024 Assessment

\$45,050.00

As of March 28, 2024

\$24,600.00

Parishioner participation: 26%

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.