



Welcome to the

# Tri-Parish

## Catholic Community

### March 31st, 2024

*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish - St. Mary's Ridge ~ St. Augustine of Hippo Parish - Norwalk  
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish & School - Cashton*

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### *From the Administrator*

#### A Reading from an Ancient Homily for Holy Saturday

"What is happening? Today there is a great silence over the earth...a great silence because the King sleeps; the earth was in terror and was still, because God slept in the flesh and raised up those who were sleeping from the ages. God has died in the flesh, and the underworld has trembled.

Truly he goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep; he wishes to visit those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death...

The Lord goes in to them holding his victorious weapon, his cross... 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.

'I am your God, who for your sake became your son, who for you and your descendants now speak and command with authority those in prison: Come forth, and those in darkness: Have light, and those who sleep: Rise...

'For you, I your God became your son; for you, I the Master took on your form; that of slave; for you, I who am above the heavens came on earth and under the earth...for you, who left a garden, I was handed over to Jews from a garden and crucified in a garden.

'Look at the spittle on my face...in order to restore you to that first divine inbreathing at creation...

'See the scourging of my back, which I accepted in order to disperse the load of your sins... See my hands nailed to the tree for a good purpose, for you, who stretched out your hand to the tree for an evil one.

'I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side, for you, who slept in paradise...My side healed the pain of your side; my sleep will release you from your sleep in Hades; my sword has checked the sword which was turned against you.

'But arise, let us go hence. The enemy brought you out of the land of paradise; I will reinstate you, no longer in paradise, but on the throne of heaven. I denied you the tree of life, which was a figure, but now I myself am united to you, I who am life. I posted the cherubim to guard you as they would slaves; now I make the cherubim worship you as they would God.

"The cherubim throne has been prepared, the bearers are ready and waiting, the bridal chamber is in order, the food is provided, the everlasting houses and rooms are in readiness; the treasures of good things have been opened; the kingdom of heaven has been prepared before the ages."

*Blessings,*

*Fr. Matthew*

#### The Week at a Glance...

Tuesday, April 2nd  
—Mass 8am SH

Wednesday, April 3rd  
—CCD 3:30pm-4:45pm SH  
—CCD 7pm-8:15pm SH

Friday, April 5th  
—Mass 10:30am SH  
—Adoration 2:30pm SH  
—Adoration 5:30pm SA

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord

### Sacramental Life

**Baptism:** Because we believe in the ordinary necessity of Baptism for salvation, it is customary that newborns be baptized as soon as is practical, usually within a month after birth. Parents need to attend baptism preparation with Deacon Sam prior to scheduling a baptism. Please contact the parish office for details or to register.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the Pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least eight months prior to the desired date of the wedding. In the case of a mixed marriage, the non-Catholic party must arrange to receive instructions about the Catholic faith prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

#### **Penance:**

Saint Augustine	Saturday, 7:00pm
Sacred Heart	Saturday 3:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart	Sunday, 11:00am
Saint Mary's	Sunday 7:00 a.m.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Those who are seriously sick, have been ill for a long period or are to undergo surgery should receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please contact the Pastor or the parish office.

**Visitation of the Sick:** If you become hospitalized, institutionalized or homebound because of illness and would like communion brought to your home or just to be visited, please call the parish office.

**Catholic Education:** Sacred Heart School offers Christian formation to children in grades 4K through 8. Call the school, 654-7733, to visit or request an application for enrollment.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Please submit items for publication in the weekly bulletin before 8am Wednesday.

## THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 01, 2024



### Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene (Part 3 of 3)

Learn about the "apostle to the apostles" in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus's encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.



### He is Alive! | Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids



Why can we have hope? Because we know how the story ends . . . with the most incredible miracle ever! Follow along and experience the joy of Jesus' friends as they discover He defeated death and rose from the grave.



### Am I Saved? | The Search | Episode 6

In this episode of The Search, explore how Jesus' profound act of love, revealed through his life, death, and resurrection, is a personal salvation for each of us. Despite feeling unworthy or burdened, God enters our messy human condition to transform us from within. His generous love, beyond what we deserve, reflects the amazing reality of God's mercy, shaping a relationship that forever changes our lives.

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## DCCW event

The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Biennial Convention is on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse, WI. Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood Director and author of "Unplanned," is the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$65 and are available through the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women website: [ldccw.org](http://ldccw.org). Registrants can attend the all-day Council of Catholic Women Convention Event beginning at 9:30 am, or can attend the luncheon and speaker with entrance opening at 11:40 am. Block hotel rooms are available at the Radisson. See the website for details. Mass after the Convention will be held at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral at 4:30 pm. Welcome everyone!

## Thank you!

To all lectors, choir members, servers, sacristans and parishioners who helped in any way to make Holy Week reverent and fulfilling for everyone. May God Bless everyone for your generosity in time.

Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Jesus is alive! We receive the living resurrected Christ in Holy Communion. Jesus holds nothing back in the Holy Eucharist. He gives Himself completely to us when we receive Him at Mass every Sunday. Receiving His Resurrected Body and Blood will raise us to Him to live forever. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me realize that You are alive and that You are alive in me every time I receive You. This week, as we celebrate Easter, make a practice that was common after the Resurrection with the early Christians to say to family members and friends, "Jesus Christ is risen; He is alive!"

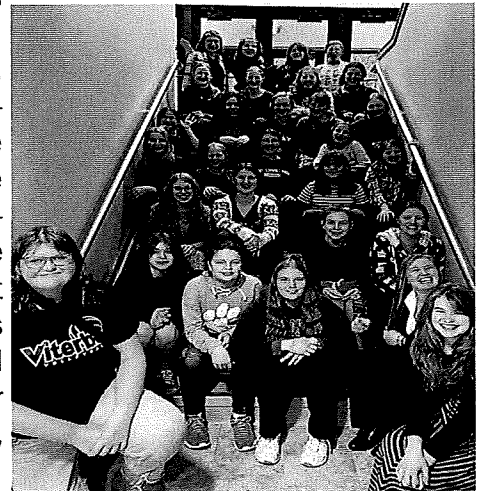
## Girls Group

What a wonderful girls group session! Your daughters continue to amaze us year after year. They are insightful and kind beyond measure. Thank you for the opportunity to grow in faith with them! The high school girls delivered over 24 meals to those recovering from surgery, are in poor health, or are in need in our communities.

We want to thank all those that donated monetarily, with supplies, and food. A special thank you to Missy who got \$250 donated to the girls group through Thrivent. We will be doing a fundraiser (concession stand) on Saturday, April 13th in Cashton at a basketball tournament. All proceeds will go to the girls group. If you or your daughter is available to help, please message me and I can sign them up.

We had 18 girls in both the middle school and high school sessions. Everyone was sad that it was ending. I will especially miss our seniors next year, but look forward to hearing all the great things they will be doing in the world! We will keep you posted on further get togethers this summer and fall such as walks and shrine visits.

We are missing some girls in the picture below, but the smiles say it all! Thanks again and Happy Easter Beth, Becky, and Missy



## STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES

<u>SAINT AUGUSTINE</u>		<u>SAINT MARY'S</u>		<u>SACRED HEART</u>	
ADULT ENVELOPES	\$1,280.00	ADULT ENVELOPES	\$1,671.00	ADULT ENVELOPES	\$3,560.00
OFFERTORY	\$215.00	OFFERTORY	\$110.00	OFFERTORY	\$308.00
TOTALS	\$1,495.00	CCD	\$5.00	RENOVATION	\$5.00
		EASTER	\$5.00	FUEL	\$5.00
		TOTAL	\$1,791.00	SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$10.00
				EASTER	\$525.00
				EASTER FLOWERS	\$15.00
				INITIAL OFFERING	\$5.00
				SOLEMNITY/CCD	\$10.00
				TOTAL	\$4,443.00

## For Youth and Young Adults

Happy Easter!!! Alleluia! We made it through Lent so now we can celebrate all that Jesus has done for us. Hopefully, even though we are celebrating, we don't fall back into bad habits (that we hopefully gave up during Lent) but continue to grow in His love and mercy through the remainder of this Church year. The chaplet of Divine Mercy, as well as the novena, help us to remember Jesus's ultimate sacrifice on the cross, even in this time of celebration. The chaplet is a simple meditation focusing on the Passion and Death of Jesus. It is a quick prayer said using the beads of the rosary to guide you.

On Good Friday, hopefully you all started the Divine Mercy Novena. This is a particularly good novena to pray as we remember Jesus's infinite mercy to us (especially fitting as we celebrate Easter). The novena was given to St. Faustina between the years of 1931 and 1938. She was an uneducated nun, and was therefore given the most mediocre jobs in the convent, such as in the kitchen and garden.

Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina numerous times, requesting a picture be painted (this is where we get the picture of Divine Mercy), which red and white rays shining down. The white rays stand for Water, which cleanses the soul, and the red symbolizes the Blood, the life of the soul.

St. Faustina was the first saint canonized in the new millennium, April 30, 2000 by John Paul II. Of course, this feast isn't solely about God's great mercy. It's also a gentle reminder to us to do the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. These are very simple ways we can be "like" Christ to others.

Hopefully we already do some of these naturally (or more specifically during Lent) but anytime is a good time to practice them.

### Corporal Works

Feed The Hungry	Give Drink to the Thirsty
Clothe the Naked	Shelter the Homeless
Comfort the Prisoners	Visit the Sick
Bury the Dead	

### Spiritual Works

Teach the Ignorant	Pray for the Living and Dead
Correct Sinners	Counsel those in Doubt
Console the Sorrowful	Bear wrongs Patiently
Forgive wrongs Willingly	

Some of these are quite easy to do, such as feed the hungry (always options to give food to the poor) and clothe the naked but some of them might be more difficult for us to do such as "bear wrongs patiently" or "forgive wrongs willingly". Those are tough! It is so easy to hold a grudge and constantly remember what someone else did or said to you or about you. In this Easter season let us continually bring to mind God's great and lasting mercy.

### Religious Ed News

First Communions will be held the following dates:

**April 20th 6pm Saint Augustine's**

**April 21st 10am Sacred Heart**

**April 28th 8am Saint Mary's**

Our Chastity Project Kiosk has been restocked. Take a look and see what we have!

#### **First Communion Retreat/First Confession**

Will be April 14th after the 10am Mass. A light lunch will be provided. Please plan for one adult to attend with your first communicant.

#### **Parents of First Sacrament Students**

Make sure you are taking time everyday to practice for confession.

# St. Pat's Dance

## Money Raffle Winners

\$500 Visa Card	Jan Von Ruden Allen
\$250 Visa Card	Dennis Bolton
Quilt	Molly Brown
\$100	Don Zimmerman
\$50	Candance Demoran & Jim Downing
\$25	Sue Schaller, Molly Brown, Mari Jo Kabat, Emily Conway, Heather Pieper, Patricia Doll

Congratulations to all our winners and thanks to everyone for supporting this years raffle.

## Special Thanks to our all Our Donors!

Simple in Nature	Cotter Pin
Hansen's IGA	Heifer's in the Haymow
Sharon Zimmerman	Thrive Wellness
Kazoku Bistro, Sparta	St. Joseph's Equipment
Driftless Cafe	The Ridge
C & C Landscaping	Tractor Central
Americlnn, Viroqua	Mitby's
Sleepy Hollow	Von Ruden Meats
River Valley	Ray's Gas and Goodies
Theisen's, Sparta	Central Express
Koon Kreek Feeds	Lind's Home Center
Cura Salon	Styles on Main
Culver's	Westby Coop Credit Union
Arby's	Elizabeth Carpenter Photography
Subway	Angie Dobbs Massage
McDonald's	Westby Coop Creamery
Sparta DQ	Pasture Pride
Matthew's Bow Sparta	El Caporal, Sparta
Papa Murphy's	LaCrosse Speedway
Dominos	LaCrosse Loggers
Cura Salon, Sparta	Famous Dave's
Sparta Cinema	Shipshape, Onalaska
Max Builder's, Sparta, WI	Green Bay Packers
Club Oasis Spata, WI	Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe
Starbucks, Sparta, WI	Sue and Phil Flock- Horse Shoe Artwork
Walmart, Sparta	Nate Klinge- Wood
Hansen's IGA, Cashton	LeJeune Farms- Meat Bundle
WCCU, Cashton	Dave and Mari Jo Kabat- Chickens
Sharon Zimmerman- Basket	The Marketplace, Tomah
St. Mary's Ridge Sportsman Club	Olive Juice Quilts, Onalaska
Ace Hardware, Westby	Hardware Hank, Sparta
Sparta Family Restaurant	Gr8 Buy Detailing



## **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord**

### **Reading Reflections**

Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! Our readings today reveal how we can live out the joy of Easter all year long in our day-to-day lives. Our Gospel portrays the third day after Jesus' death when Mary of Magdala visits Jesus' tomb. Once she saw the stone removed, she ran to tell Simon Peter, and John. They also ran to the tomb, and upon seeing, they believed. We can tell much about these disciples' relationship with Jesus because of how they responded to the news about Him — they "ran." Mary didn't see the empty tomb and thought, "Someone else will figure it out." Peter and John didn't hear the news and thought, "I will check on it later." They each responded with conviction as they "ran" for Jesus. We must ask ourselves, "Do I have a relationship with Christ to the point where I am running to Him daily?" The way these disciples responded is how we should respond to Christ. We must avoid complacency, and as intentional disciples, we must stop rationalizing our choices by telling ourselves that we will someday get around to putting God first. Every moment throughout our day is an opportunity to respond to God in gratitude, compassion, and eagerness. Although there will be moments when we do not "feel" like responding to Him, it matters the most in those moments when we faithfully respond regardless of how we feel. Let us celebrate this glorious day with prayer and feasting, for Christ is risen! And let us strive to carry this Easter joy with us all year long by how we respond to Christ daily. Happy Easter!

### **Another Round Of Rebates!**

All three parishes have received another round of rebates from the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Saint Mary's received \$155, Sacred Heart received \$905, and Saint Augustine received \$2,321! Remember there is still time to help your parish receive tax free rebates. Simply make a donation made out to DAA and put it in a clearly marked envelope and we will forward it to the diocese.

### **Tri-Parish Office Mailing Address**

Several parishioners have been sending in their weekly contributions. Please use the following address : 710 Kenyon St, Cashton, WI 54619. This will ensure that your contribution reaches us. Thank you!

### **We need Revival:**

Attend "the ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally on June 7. A revival involves the Holy Spirit opening our hearts in a deeper way so we can literally place Jesus Christ at the center of our lives. Join fellow parishioners and people from around the Diocese to encounter Christ in a deeper way and be transformed by inspiring presentations and prayer. Bishop Robert Barron, world renowned evangelist, will give the homily at Mass. Visit [di-olc.org/the-answer](http://di-olc.org/the-answer) or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right for more information. You won't want to miss this!



### **Foster Parents Needed**

Touch the life of a child in need by becoming a Monroe County foster parent. For information, please contact Kasey Kaiser at the Monroe County Department of Human Services at 608-269-8938.

### **Sacred Heart PCCW**

Women of Sacred Heart parish. It is time to begin collecting your annual PCCW dues. We are asking all ladies to please send \$25 to Jessica Eggen at E8284 County Highway P, Westby 54667. You can also drop it into any collection with a clearly marked envelope "SH PCCW Dues" and we will forward it on. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

### **Office Hours**

With the celebration of Easter, please note the Tri-parish office will be closed Holy Thursday (March 28th)-Easter Monday (April 1st) We will reopen Tuesday, April 2nd, at 8am. We wish everyone a very Blessed Easter surrounded by family and friends.

### **St. Mary's Day of Creation and Brunch**

All are invited to Join us for a Day of Creation On April 13th at St. Mary's Ridge. Bring your favorite craft and join us for some fellowship!

Mark your calendars for brunch after the 8am Mass on April 14th. Bring your favorite breakfast dish and we will provide the coffee. See you there!

## Mass Intention Schedule

Sat. March 30th	8:30pm at Sacred Heart	For the People
Sun. March 31st	8am at St. Mary's	† Jerome & Martha Hundt & Judy Dickson
	10am at Saint Augustine	† Mary Ann Schmitz
Tues. April 2nd	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Jerome & Martha Hundt & Judy Dickson
Sat. April 6th	4:00pm Sacred Heart	† David Leis
	6:00pm St. Augustine	For the People
Sun. April 7th	8am at St. Mary's	† Robert Brueggeman
	10am at Sacred Heart	† Charles & Theresa Brueggen

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Mk 16:1-7 (41)

**Monday :** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15 (261)

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18 (262)

**Wed.** Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35 (263)

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48 (264)

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14 (265)

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15 (266)

**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31 (44)

## Please pray for these Intentions

- Pope Francis
- Bishop Callahan
- Steve Laufenberg
- Corey Janzen
- Sheila Vukovich
- Louis Zanon
- Jeanne Allen
- Ed Schreier
- Jerome & Margaret Leuck
- Glen Miller
- Wesley Clements
- Louise Melby
- Special Intention
- Gene Degenhardt
- Jeff Mullenberg
- Grace Fowler
- Nancy Karis
- David Schwarz
- Sandy Von Ruden
- Alice Schmitz
- Mary Leuck
- Bobbi Baker
- Mike Metzler
- Joshua Mack



— For Vocations to Holy Orders and the Consecrated Life and all the seminarians of the Diocese of La Crosse including our own seminarian Thomas Cummings.

### — For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

## Lector/Serving/Usher Schedule April 6th & 7th

<u>St Augustine</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
6pm Saturday	Azaria Carpenter		Volunteers Appreciated
<u>Sacred Heart</u>			
4pm Saturday	Pat Hansen		Volunteers Appreciated
10am Sunday	Ruth Wolf	Tim Steger, Charlie Leis & George Canter	Volunteers Appreciated
<u>St. Mary's</u>			
8am Sunday's	Paul Klinkner	Thaddeus Slattery & Jeffery Menn	Volunteers Appreciated

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