

Welcome to the

Catholic Community April 28th, 2024

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From the Administrator

May is the Month of Mary

Spring is in full bloom! The trees and grass are green. The flowers have bloomed. The temperature is about perfect (usually). May is (arguably) the perfect month, and it is appropriate to give the perfect month to Mary, Jesus' mother and our mother.

On the liturgical calendar, the following feast days are celebrated for Mary: Our Lady of Fatima, May 13; Mary, Mother of the Church May 20 (moveable feast and the day of the Installation of Bishop Battersby); Mary, Help of Christians, May 24; and the Visitation of Mary, May 31. I also count the Solemnity of St. Joseph the Workman (patron saint of our Diocese) as a Marian feast day because of St. Joseph's role as husband of Mary.

Traditionally, a statue of Mary is crowned in the first few days of May to signify her role as the Queen Mother. Traditionally, the mother of the king would be crowned as a queen mother, whose role was to intercede on behalf of the good of the king's subjects. Thus, this is why we, the subjects of the King, Who is Jesus, turn to our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, for intercession and help.

Over the course of the centuries of the Church, many beautiful prayers and hymns have been composed in honor of our Virgin Mother and Queen. Perhaps this would be a good month to pray those prayers and hymns and to learn new ones.

*Prayers: Hail Mary, Memorarae, Litany of Loreto, Magnificat, Angelus

*Antiphons: Salve, Regina; Alma Redemptoris Mater; Ave, Regina Caelorum; Regina Caeli

*Rosary: Daily, Novena (nine days), 54-day, Scriptural

*Hymns: Immaculate Mary; Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above; Stabat Mater; On This Day; Sing of Mary

*Consecration to Mary

Of course, this is but a small sampling of the many prayers to Mary asking for her help, and there are many titles under which to invoke her powerful intercession. It is okay to do so because the Saints in Heaven desire for us to be in Heaven with them some day. Those friends of God are our friends, also. Mary desires to lead us to her Son, Jesus. In Latin, the expression is *Ad Jesum per Mariam - to Jesus through Mary*.

The Week at a Glance...

Tuesday, April 30th
—Mass 8am SH

Wednesday, May 1st

—CCD 3:30pm-4:45pm SH

—CCD 7pm-8:15pm SH

Friday, May 3rd

—Mass 10:30am SH

—Adoration 2pm SH

—Adoration 5:30pm SA

Fr. Matthew

Blessings,

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 Sacred Heart Sacred Heart

Saint Mary's

Saturday, 7:00pm Saturday 3:00 p.m. Sunday, 11:00am 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.



Week of April 28, 2024



Who is St. Catherine of Siena

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.



Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.



Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You - A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph

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Save the Date!

We will be honoring the Tri-parish graduates the weekend of May 19th. Graduates should plan on attending Mass at their home parish that weekend.

Big Hearts Little Minds

Thanks to the support of many parishioners, Mrs. Flock's 7th & 8th graders were able to dissect worms in science class!

Sacred Heart PCCW

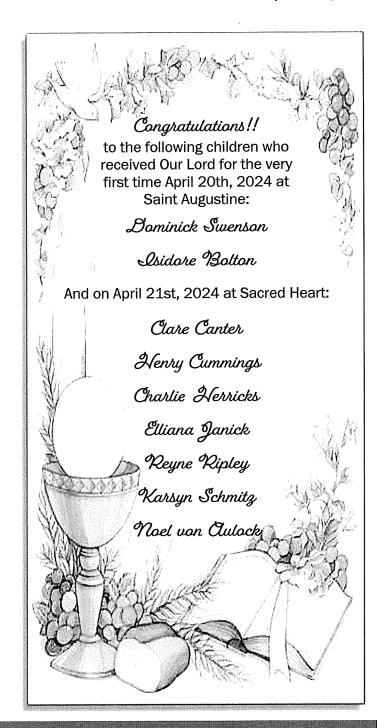
Women of Sacred Heart parish. It is time to begin collecting your annual PCCW dues. We are asking all ladies to please send \$25 to Jessica Eggen at E8284 County Highway P, Westby 54667. You can also drop it into any collection with a clearly marked envelope "SH PCCW Dues" and we will forward it on.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

St. Mary's Brunch

Save the date for the next pot luck brunch at St. Mary's Ridge! May 19th we will honor our graduates after the 8am Mass. Bring your favorite dish to pass and join us for some fellowship.

Scrip Orders

Get your end of the school year/teacher appreciation gifts by purchasing scrip. Order forms are in the back of Sacred Heart. Fill one out, drop it in the collection and you can pick up the following weekend. Or call the office. An order will be placed in early May so if you'd like something special, that can be arranged.



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April 14th, 2024 SAINT MARY'S

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ADULT ENVELOPES	\$2,051.00
OFFERTORY	\$228.25
RENOVATION	\$225.00
VBS	\$125.00
EASTER	\$20.00
ASCENSION	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$2,674.25

For Youth and Young Adults

Justice. Does this virtue require revenge? Or making sure the person who hurt you gets hurt back? No, not at all. When one is just, you make sure that every person has what they need.

What does one need? Food, water, clothing, and shelter are a person's most basic needs. But, that's not all that justice de-

mands. Justice also demands that one obeys those in authority, plays fairly and respects other's property. Being fair doesn't mean that everyone gets the exact same thing. Our world would be a very boring place

if we all lived in the exact same house, wore the exact same clothing, had the exact same hair styles, drove the exact same vehicles and so on. Actually, that might be kind of silly too.

We recognize, that no matter what we wear or drive or where we live, we are each created in the image and likeness of God and as such, justice demands that each person is treated that way too.

Katharine Drexel was a saint of the United States. She was even a fairly recent saint as she only died in 1955. Like many of the saints we have already studied, she was born into a wealthy family. But, her family knew the importance of showing love and

helping the poor. Katharine was blessed to inherit a large portion of the family estate.

Katharine founded the Sisters of Blessed Sacrament. Her goal was to help teach those who were denied a basic education in our country, such as the Native Americans and the African Americans. Katharine and her order started many schools across the

> country including Xavier University in New Orleans.

How might you be called to practice justice? What if your friends are not practicing this? How

could you still show them the importance of this virtue?



If your student is sick, please keep them home from religious education classes. Also good to note, if your child wouldn't be able to go to school, they should not attend Mass. Our area is experiencing a large number of influenza cases so please stand on the side of caution for our fellow parishioners. Thank you!

Sacred Heart School News

4k & 5k with Mrs. Klinge

Jesus' resurrection reminds us of new life. In Springtime there are loads of examples of new life. What can you think of?

- The grass is growing back.
- The leaves are coming back on the trees.
- The flowers are blooming.
- Birds are building nests and laying eggs.
- The butterflies are coming back and laying eggs.
- Baby chicks are hatching.
- The rain is coming to wash everything clean.
- Baby lambs are being born.
- Grandma and Grandpa have new piglets.
- The insects are coming back.
- The frogs are awake and laying eggs.

1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

We did some writing about the warmer days that will surely be coming soon.

- One warm spring day I took a walk in the woods. I was so excited when I saw a fox making friends with a toad and a tree frog.
- One warm spring day I took a walk in the woods. I was so excited when I saw a unicorn! It was pink and red and it had a rainbow horn.
- One warm spring day I took a walk in the woods. I was so excited when I saw my favorite climbing tree named...tree. I also saw a bunny and I named it Fluffy.
- One warm spring day I took a walk in the woods. I was so excited when I saw a pup and I named him Sonic.
- One warm spring day I took a walk in the woods. I was so excited when I saw a bear! I ran home!
- One warm spring day I took a walk in the woods. I was so excited when I saw a kitten on the path. It was white, black and grey.
- One warm spring day I took a walk in the woods. I was so excited when I saw a herd of buffalo. All at once 70 mountain lions killed the buffalo. Then the mountain lions came after me. I ran as fast as I could. I jumped through the door. Bang!
 - One warm spring day I took a walk in the woods. I was so excited when I saw raccoons. I saw a baby one behind the tree trunk.

3rd & 4th with Miss Santas

In third and fourth grade this week, in social studies we read and learned about the Underground Railroad and some people that were an important part to help abolish slavery. We took our final Spanish test of the year this week. In math, the third graders started a new chapter on area and perimeter, while the fourth graders are working on adding and subtracting decimals, or finishing up working on measurement and starting on area and perimeter.

5th-8th Literature & Spelling with Mrs. Slattery

We're making our way through adverbs which includes lots of ly words like bravely & gracefully. There are lots of little words too like there and too!

5th-8th Science & Math with Mrs. Flock

Grades 5/6 are finishing a unit on the Post-Civil War Era when things in the United States were turbulent. We also learned about the Indian Wars that took place during this time. In Science 5/6 are learning about the cycles in nature (water, carbon-nitrogen, oxygen-carbon dioxide. while Grades 7/8 are finishing their study of arthropods, mollusks and echinoderms and will conclude by dissecting a starfish. Math finds the 5th grade working with ratios, the 6th grade reviewing decimals, and the 7th and 8th grades working on absolute value and graphing problems.

Religion with Mrs. Steger

We are so lucky with our Faith that we have many ways to practice it. One way is with the use of sacramentals. Sacramentals are things such as rosaries, scapulars, statues and pictures of the saints and many more! 7/8 learned about those this week along with what is known as popular piety. Ask them about it.

5/6 touched on heavy subjects of heaven, hell and purgatory. It's all so hard to imagine with our limitations here on earth. But we know the path we need to take to get to Heaven.

Atrium students did a variety of works such as the Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd, origin of the Eucharist, and some of their favorite works.

Art with Mrs. Leis

This week the students got their hands dirty working with air dry clay. We worked as a group to learn some basic pottery skills for smoothing out imperfections and attaching separate pieces together. Additionally, we learned how sometimes your piece doesn't quite turn out so it's okay to smash it and try again. The students were required to make clay strawber-

5th Sunday of Easter

Tomah Deanery Spring Gathering

Saturday, May 4, 2024 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 504 Enderby Street, Wilton WI Program begins at 9:00 a.m. (Registration from 8:45 to 9:00) Come help us celebrate the Month of Mary at the Tomah Deanery Spring Gathering on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Bring your rosary with you as we will be saying the rosary as part of our program. We will have a speaker from Family Promise of Monroe County.

Reading Reflections

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is with the Lord that we produce good effects in our lives. In our first reading, we hear about disciples preaching the Good News and defending the faith. Their work was "with the consolation of the Holy Spirit." It was not their work alone but the work of God. We must ask ourselves, 'How is God bearing fruit in my life?' and 'Have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?' The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if we rely only on our efforts. Only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments will we see goodness poured out. Jesus tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." We can remain in Christ by being faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. Our day to-

day moments should reflect those commitments. That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, and listening to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means doing it with the Lord in all that we do. When we live a life like that - as a branch never separated from its vine - God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.

"the Answer"

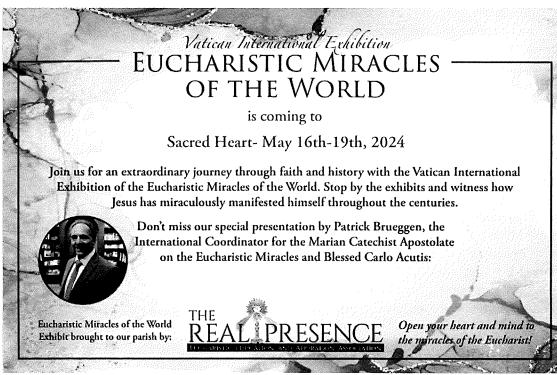
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during this time of Eucharistic Revival. Join Catholics from around the Diocese and surrounding states on June 7th for "the Answer." Be inspired by Bishop Battersby, Bishop Callahan, Bishop Barron and internationally-known speakers as we seek to encounter Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, His gift of Himself to us with unconditional love. For further details and to register, visit diolc.org/the-answer, or scan the QR code to the right.

Pizza Fundraiser

I scream, you scream, we all scream for...PIZZA? If you love pizza and you love our local library, you are in luck! The Cashton library is taking orders for freshly made take and bake pizzas. Pizzas can also be frozen once they are picked up. Cheese, sausage, pepperoni and combination pizzas will be available for preorder from April 10 – May 1 and are \$9.00 each with a discount given when you purchase 6 pizzas. You can pick up and drop off order forms in the school office or at the Cashton Library. Pizzas will be prepared and ready for pick up on May 18. You can contact the Cashton Library with any questions.



Mass Intention Schedule

Sat. April 27th	4:00pm Sacred Heart	† Carlton & Dorothy Von Ruden Family
	6:00pm St. Augustine	† Chuck Luxton
Sun. April 28th	8am at St. Mary's	For the People
	10am at Sacred Heart	† Jim Neubauer
Tues. April 30th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	Living & Deceased mem- bers of the Hubert & Loretta Schmitz family
Sat. May 4th	4:00pm Sacred Heart	† Henry Geier, Aaron Watters & the Geier Family
	6:00pm St. Augustine	† Alred Schmitz
Sun. May 5th	8am at St. Mary's	In Celebration of Phil & Noreen Geier's 50th Wed- ding Anniversary
	10am at Sacred Heart	For the People

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8 (53)

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26 (285)

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a (286)

Wed. Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 (287)

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11 (288)

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14 (561)

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 (290)

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17 (56)

Please pray for these Intentions

- -Pope Francis
- -Bishop Callahan
- Florentine Geier
- -Hope Waite
- Adam
- -Steve Laufenberg
- -Marlene Flock
- -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 role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Lector/Serving/Usher Schedule May 4th & 5th

St Augustine	<u>Lectors</u>	Servers	<u>Ushers</u>
6pm Saturday	Pam Leis		Volunteers Appreciated
Sacred Heart			
4pm Saturday	Jack Herricks		Volunteers Appreciated
10am Sunday	Rod Smith	Clayton Lee & Gerard Cummings	Volunteers Appreciated
St. Mary's			
8am Sunday's	Glen Miller	Thaddeus Slattery & Jeffery	Volunteers Appreciated
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