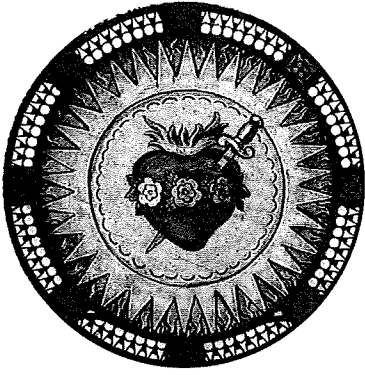


Welcome to the

# Tri-Parish

## Catholic Community

May 12th, 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*

### The Ascension of the Lord

What is the Ascension of the Lord? What does the Ascension of the Lord mean as a mystery of our Faith? What do we celebrate on this great Solemnity?

Every Sunday and Solemnity as we profess our Faith in the Nicene Creed, we believe that "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Why did Jesus ascend? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* provides some answers in paragraphs 659 to 667. At the moment of His Resurrection, Christ's body was glorified. The Gospel readings within the Octave (first eight days) of Easter recounted how Jesus spent time with his disciples eating with them, teaching them, and preparing them for their mission. After forty days, Jesus ascends into heaven with "the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory" (659). This is to say that Jesus fully completes the mission to bring back humanity into full communion with God as He is the Way to the Father.

We, humanity, lack the power to access the Father's house, "to God's life and happiness" (661). As Jesus said, "Only the one who 'came from the Father' can return to the Father" (661, cf. John 16:28). Only God has the power to bring humanity back to Himself. In other words, Jesus came to Earth to lead humanity back to the homeland of Heaven, where God and happiness dwell. This gives us hope and confidence for our own journey to Heaven.

Furthermore, the Cross foreshadowed the "lifting up" of Jesus by His Ascension into Heaven. By these acts, Jesus desires to draw all men to Himself (662, cf. John 12:32). Now, is God truly "up there?" Strictly speaking, no, for God and Heaven are purely spiritual realities. They have no physical dimensions to use the description of up or down. However, we are physical beings, and it is natural to lift up our hearts, our voices, and our minds to spiritual things. Jesus is "up there" and sits at the right hand of the Father. He sits there with all the power, honor, and glory of His Father, and it is there that Jesus intercedes for us as the "mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit" (667). Let us meditate on this mystery of the Faith, giving thanks and glory for all that Jesus has done and does for us.

*Blessings,*

*Fr. Matthew*

### The Week at a Glance...

Tuesday, May 14th

—Mass 8am SH

Wednesday, May 15th

—Spring Program 1:30pm

—Spring Program 6:30pm

Thursday, May 16th

—Eucharistic Miracles Display Presentation 10:15am

Friday, May 17th

—Eucharistic Miracles

Display

—Adoration SH 2:30pm

—Adoration SA 5:30pm

Saturday, May 18th

—Eucharistic Miracles Display

Sunday, May 19th

—Graduation Mass 8am & 10am

—Eucharistic Miracles Presentation After 10am Mass at SH

### 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.

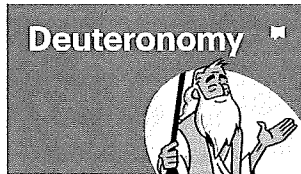
**Visitation of the Sick:** If you become hospitalized, institutionalized or homebound because of illness and would like communion brought to your home or just to be visited, please call the parish office.

**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 May 12, 2024



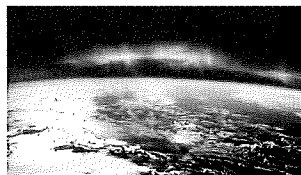
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**Finding Fatima**

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**Mass Intentions**

At this time we are overwhelmed with Mass intentions. Kari is keeping a record of all the intentions that have come in but they will be scheduled at a much later date. Please hold off from sending in requests until after July 1st when we will hopefully have our new priest and a new Mass schedule is set.

Thank you for your understanding!

**Televised Mass Tapings**

Sacred Heart Parish will be taping televised Masses for the sick and homebound on May 21st. We will begin taping at 8am and conclude around 10:45am. If you are free that morning we encourage you to come and participate. We need several parishioners from the Tri-Parish to fill the front pews, especially at the 9:30am & 10:15am taping. Sacred Heart School children will be the audience for the first two. Anyone can attend. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

**Confession and Communion:**

**The Intimate Connection**

In our churches we see precious gold tabernacles accompanied always by lighted sanctuary candles. Together they tell us, "Jesus is here – this is a sacred place." Our souls are likewise made pure and radiant when we are cleansed of our sins by regular confession. Then when we receive the body and blood of Jesus in Communion, we become living tabernacles, with the fire of His light and love burning brightly within us. This is the seventh in a series on key themes for the eucharistic revival written by Christopher Ruff, Ann Lankford and Chris Carstens. Visit this website or use your smartphone to scan the QR code to the right: [diolc.org/eucharist/learn](http://diolc.org/eucharist/learn)



**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.

**Welcome Bishop Battersby**

Our diocese will welcome Bishop Battersby for evening prayers at 5 p.m. on May 19th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. This is replete with liturgical beauty and begins with Bishop Battersby knocking on the cathedral doors, symbolically asking for entrance to the diocese's mother church. **Given its size and scope, the installation the following day is a ticketed event, so this open-to-the-public event is a fantastic opportunity to witness Bishop Battersby's arrival.**

**Healing Service**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sacred Heart Church-Cashton. The evening begins at 4:30pm with Adoration, devotions and confessions, with Holy Mass at 5:30pm followed by prayers for healing using exorcised and blessed salt, oil, and water, with intercessory prayers by our clergy and lay prayer teams.**

**STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES**

**April 27th, 2024**

**SAINT AUGUSTINE**

ADULT ENVELOPES	\$553.00
OFFERTORY	\$134.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$687.00</b>

**SAINT MARY'S**

ADULT ENVELOPES	\$2,272.00
OFFERTORY	\$350.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$110.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,732.00</b>

**SACRED HEART**

ADULT ENVELOPES	\$1,726.00
OFFERTORY	\$175.32
RENOVATION	\$5.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$175.00
ASCENSION	\$5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,086.32</b>

## For Youth and Young Adults

St. Dominic was born in Spain and was trained for the priesthood by an uncle, who was also a priest. We don't know much about Dominic's early life but once he was ordained, he spent a fair amount of time trying to overcome a heresy of the time. He also spent time reordering the Cistercian order.

Dominic saw why the group of heretics were having so much luck so he came up with a way to combat them. He spent more time preaching, but not the way that was done by others. He did not spend time in the fancy hotels or wearing the best clothing, but instead depended on the generosity of others. Eventually, he and his fellow preachers became an order, the order of Preachers (Dominicans).

Legend has it that Dominic had a vision with himself and a stranger in it. The next day, Dominic was at church and a rugged beggar came in (the man from his vision). Dominic immediately embraced the man and said they needed to stick together for the salvation of the world. According to the legend, the beggar was St. Francis of Assisi.

Dominic spent years preaching. He was quite successful in the conversion of people, joining together the intellect

(the mind) as well as popular needs at the time. His feast day is August 8.

The Dominican ideal is meant for all of us, not just those in religious communities. It is a joining of both the active life as well as the contemplative (or thoughtful) aspects of our lives. In one sense it is about having our lives in proper balance. We don't spend our entire life in thought, nor in active work, but somehow we can do both.

Are our lives balanced? Do we need to spend more time in thought/prayer or in action? What is it that we can learn from St. Dominic?



# Sacred Heart School News

## 4k & 5k with Mrs. Klinge

God gave us the gift of Moms!! They are the best... We want to thank our mothers for all the great things they do for us!

- Thank you for making me feel better when I don't feel good.
- Thank you for sleeping with me when I am afraid.
- Thank you for taking me to the park.
- Thank you for buying me food.
- Thank you for making yummy food.
- Thank you for my duck.
- Thank you for singing ABC's with me.
- Thank you for helping me get ready for school.
- Thank you for reading to me and praying with me.
- Thank you for cleaning, doing the dishes, washing the clothes, dusting, shopping and everything else!!

## 1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

We are all so very thankful for our moms! Why do you think God chose your mom just for you? The first and second graders have some pretty good ideas about that! Maybe it's because:

God knew she is really nice and she kind of looks like me.  
God knew she would be helpful and she would know what to cook that I love the most - PIZZA!

God knew she was the right mom for me because she is good at helping me with my homework.

God knew that I would look like my Grandpa Keith.

God knew that she would love me!

God knew that she would help me feel better when I am sick.

## **Happy Mother's Day!**

## 3rd & 4th with Miss Santas

In third and fourth grade this week, on Monday we worked in groups to do a math escape room to practice our area and perimeter skills, we have been finishing up working on the chapters we are on for math and reviewing some previously learned skills. To end out the year for English, we have been working on diagramming sentences. We have been busy in class working on our parts for the spring program and the Saint play the class will put on for the younger grades.

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

In history we've moved from WWI, The Great War, to WWII, an even greater war. In fact, "it was the greatest, bloodiest, & most destructive war ever fought in the history of mankind." Spelling is wrapping up! One more spelling bee to go....

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

This week in Social Studies the 5/6 graders are learning about the labor movement and how the unions fought for the rights of the workers. In Science we are learning about the ecosystem and the abiotic and biotic factors that are essential for environmental interactions. In Math Grade 5 is starting a unit on percents while grade 6 is working on converting fractions, percents and decimals. Grade 7 continues to work on solving equations with multiple steps and grade 8 is multiplying monomials with polynomials. Science 7/8 is finishing a unit on amphibians, fish and reptiles with frog dissection.

## Religion with Mrs. Steger

End of the year always means a little more flexibility in what we do. Schedules get a little bit disjointed but we still manage to learn.

7/8 listened up a radio theater story of Saint John Paul the Great. One more part to go!

5/6 lost a class to confessions but they also finished up the same radio theater production on Saint John Paul the Great while working on a lapbook on the Mass. it's a great way to review all we've learned about the Mass.

Atrium students are working on finishing up any big projects, working with favorite materials, and learning a few works on the Mass and the Eucharist.

## Art with Mrs. Leis

This week the students worked on several projects. They continued to work on the background for the spring recital, as well as began working on some faux stained-glass.

### Eucharistic Miracles

In the entire history of the Catholic Church, there have been numerous Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church as truly worthy of belief. The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Photographic Exhibition faithfully recounts for us many well documented miraculous occurrences. Knowledge of these miracles strengthens our faith in Christ and His Church. They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The exhibit was created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old from Milan, Italy who was beatified on October 10th 2020. The exhibit will be available for viewing at Sacred Heart on May 16th-19th. It is HIGHLY recommended to schedule a time to view this display.

Pat Brueggen will be doing a 45min presentation on the Eucharistic miracles Thursday, May 16th from 10:15am-11:15am and Sunday, May 19th after the 10am Mass. Let's show our native some appreciation by having a good attendance for this event!

### Reading Reflections

We often cite Jesus' quote from today's Gospel of Mark: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." This remark was not a suggestion from the Lord. It was, quite frankly, a command, and it is one which still holds for each of us. Being an evangelist, being a disciple, being a steward is not a matter of choice for those of us who are Catholic and Christian. It is something the Lord expects of us. Often, we may like to spend time debating how to do that, but that does not lessen the fact that it is something we are supposed to do. We must acknowledge that even the original Apostles and followers of Jesus did not do that immediately. We learn that they stayed in Jerusalem for some time, and it seemed only when the Church and its followers were being persecuted that they began to reach out and truly share the "Good News." Once Christians accepted that charge from the Lord, they took the Word of God to all corners of the earth. Look at the Church today. It is incredible how this Church has grown from one Man/God and a small group into what it is today. That does not, however, get us "off the hook." As much as we may argue about how to carry out this command from Jesus, the fact remains that our very lives need to stand as a representation of what it means to be a Christian, what it means to "love one another," what it means to live and to work as a disciple of Christ.

### "the Answer"

Eucharistic Rally: Be Part of This Amazing Day! | June 7 | La Crosse Center Do you desire more joy, hope and peace in your heart? God wants to shower you with His healing grace 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](http://diolc.org/the-answer), or scan the QR code to the right.

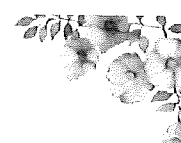


### Spring Program

All are invited to attend Sacred Heart School's spring program this Wednesday, May 15th. We will have two performances. The dress rehearsal will be at 1:30pm and the evening show will be at 6:30pm. Both performances will be held at the Cashton Community Hall. Please come and support our students as they get you ready for spring!

### Graduates to be honored

Just a reminder that next Sunday at the 8am Mass at St. Mary's and at the 10am Mass at Sacred Heart, we will be honoring the graduates. Graduates are asked to wear their cap and gowns and plan on processing in with Father. Graduates should gather in the back of church until the start of Mass. They are asked to sit in the front pews as well. May God Bless all your future endeavors.



Happy  
Mother's Day!

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the  
teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
Proverbs 31:26



## Mass Intention Schedule

Sat. May 11th	4:00pm Sacred Heart	† Donald Pieper
	6:00pm St. Augustine	Special Intention
Sun. May 12th	8am at St. Mary's	For the People
	10am at Sacred Heart	† Jerome & Martha Hundt & Judy Dickson
Tues. May 14th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Alrita Ornes
Sat. May 18th	4:00pm Sacred Heart	† Victor , Regina and Father Al Hemmersbach
	6:00pm St. Augustine	For the People
Sun. May 19th	8am at St. Mary's	† Robert Brueggeman
	10am at Sacred Heart	Living & Deceased members of the Hansen Family

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/  
Mk 16:15-20 (58)

**Monday :** Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 (297)

**Tuesday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17 (564)

**Wed.** Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 (299)

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 (300)

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 (301)

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 (302)

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

## Please pray for these Intentions



– Pope Francis  
 – Bishop Callahan  
 – +Sandy Von Ruden  
 – Tessa Klinkner  
 – Carol Leuck  
 – 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  
 – 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 18th & 19th

<u>St Augustine</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
6pm Saturday	Azaria Carpenter		Volunteers Appreciated
<b>Sacred Heart</b>			
4pm Saturday	Pat Hansen		Volunteers Appreciated
10am Sunday	Ruth Wolf	Dominic & George Knutson & Ben Harris	Volunteers Appreciated
<b>St. Mary's</b>			
8am Sunday's	Jeff Menn	Thaddeus Slattery & Jeffery Menn	Volunteers Appreciated

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