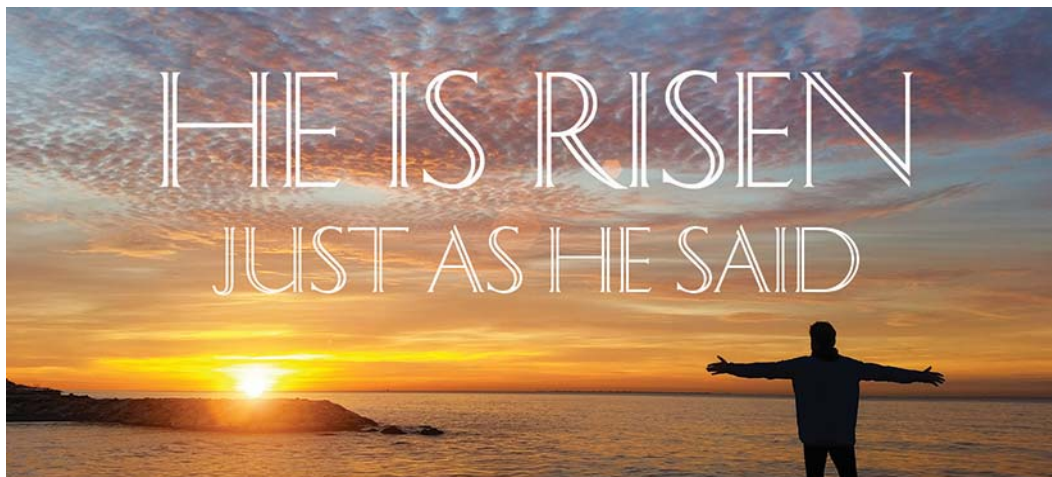




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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 25, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am
Monday - Friday 7:15 am

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm
Other times by appointment

BENEDICTION

First Friday 7:45 am

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements:

- To join the parish
- For a wedding (6 months in advance)
- For Baptism class information
- For Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick or have been ill for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.
- If you are home-bound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call.

MINISTRY LEADERS

MCs: *Gabe Trussoni*
Mike Vanderploeg
William Arnold

Weekend Servers
(Middle and High Schoolers):
Gabe Trussoni

Readers: *Mary Jo Reinders*

Extraordinary Ministers of the
Eucharistic: *Carolyn Steingraeber*

Petition Readers: *Barb Clements*

Ushers: *Tom Kratt*

Offering Families: *Call the office to volunteer*

Rosary Leader Schedule:

Weekday Servers (Grade Schoolers):
Stephanie Gauger

Weekday Readers: *Caryl Doberstein*

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers:
Carolyn Steingraeber

PARISH CONTACTS

Office Ass't Dir: *Elizabeth Skemp*

Finances: *Steve McGovern,*
Luci Johnson

Building Maintenance:
Carl Francksen

Scrip Coordinator: 782.2953 ext. 1
Pat Hammes

Website: *Jennifer Kulzer*

Music Director: 782.2953 ext. 4
Pauline Connell

Religious Education: *Pauline Connell*

RCIA & Confirmation Preparation:
Jennifer Kulzer

First Communion & Reconciliation
Preparation: *Pauline Connell*

Funeral Lunch Coordinator:
Bernice Lansing

Bulletin Editor: *Pauline Connell*

Sacristan: *Jean Kachel*

Women's Club: *Helen Roop*

Men's Club: *Ken Hanson*

Widow & Widowers Group:
Barb Schmitz, Loretta Clarkin

April 25, 2021

Introduction to the
Novena to Saint Joseph

By Pope Saint John Paul II
Written August, 1989

I wish to offer for your consideration, dear brothers and sisters, some reflections concerning him 'into whose custody God entrusted His most precious treasures,' so that all may grow in devotion to the Patron of the Universal Church and in love for the Savior Whom he served in such an exemplary manner.

In this way the whole Christian people not only will turn to Saint Joseph with greater fervor and invoke his patronage with trust, but also will always keep before their eyes his humble, mature way of serving and of taking part in the plan of salvation.

I am convinced that by reflection upon the way that Mary's spouse shared in the Divine mystery, the Church – on the road towards the future with all humanity – will be enabled to discover ever anew her own identity within this redemptive plan, which is founded on the mystery of the Incarnation.

*Please pick up a Novena pamphlet in the Narthex and join in praying the Novena.
The Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker: Saturday, May 1.*

Memorare of Saint Joseph

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my noble protector, St. Joseph, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I come to you, my spiritual father, and reverently commend myself to you. Despise not my petitions, O Guardian of the Redeemer, but in your goodness, hear and answer me.
Amen

April 26 – May 2, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

- MON 4/26** 7:15 Easter Weekday
+*Bob Saphner*
- TUES 4/27** 7:15 Easter Weekday
+*Kay Nix*
- WED 4/28** 7:15 Easter Weekday; Peter Chanel;
Louis Grignon de Montfort
+*Michael Gray*
2:20 pm +*Heath Gilkes*
- THUR 4/29** 7:15 Catherine of Siena
Intention of Pat & Paul Poehling
8:15 +*LaVonne Nelson*

The Masses at 2:20 Wednesday pm and 8:15 Thursday morning are attended by the grade schoolers. They are not open to others.

- FRI 4/30** 7:15 Easter Weekday; Pius V
+*Jean Kroner*
- SAT 5/1** Easter Weekday; Joseph the Worker
NO 7:15 Mass
10:00 Funeral for Marjorie Straight

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 5/1** 4:30 pm +*Marianne Pittman*
Readers: Dave & Mary Jo Reinders
- SUN 5/2** 8:00 *For the People of the Parish*
Readers: Dan Skemp & Donna Levi
10:00 +*Don Gallagher*
Readers: Dave Weinberger & Kris Gerke

ROSARY LEADERS

- May 1** 4:30 Dave and Mary Jo Reinders
- May 2** 8:00 Barb Swieczak or Irm White-Drier
10:00 (need)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm
or call for an appointment

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely.
Please do not let me ever be separated from You.
Amen.

AROUND THE PARISH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday:
9am – noon and 1-4 pm
Friday:
9am-noon; closed in pm

Please note: The parish office phone is not answered when the office is closed. Messages that are left will be answered. Facemasks must be worn in the parish office and church.

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please call the parish office so our ANGELS OF MERCY Prayer Group can be notified.

PARISH CENTER HELP NEEDED

Could you spare an hour or so a week to help with a little light housekeeping – vacuuming, etc? Call the office for details: 782-2953, ext. 2

*Of course I talk to myself.
Sometimes I need expert advice.*

HEAR YE, USHERS

No ministry in our parish has had to be more adaptable than our good ushers at Mass. Helping parishioners with social distancing, offering face masks, handing out hymnals, sanitizing the church after Masses – all with a smile! It's time to say thanks!

THANK YOU

And now an invitation:
Men and women - young and not so young – providing a welcoming environment and hospitality at church is so needed, and really enjoyable. Contact Tom Kratt to let him know which Sundays and times you are available.
tomkratt@charter.net

WELCOME BACK, READERS

We are so blessed to have a good number of folks who proclaim the readings at Masses. On weekends we will again have 2 readers when possible to read the Scriptures for us. Thanks, Mary Jo Reinders, for coordinating.

GO TO JOSEPH CONFERENCE

May 1, 9:15-3:30

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Talk and Mass Celebrant:
Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke
Come for some or all of the day.
No charge

REST IN PEACE

Thomas Noelke, Jr.
son of Mary Noelke

MEMORY STONES

If you'd like to remember someone special or an event by having that inscribed in a Memory Stone on the east side of church, call the parish office for details.
The stones will be etched during the warm months.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Chapel is open during the day. If you'd like to come for prayer during the nighttime hours, call the parish office to receive the code for the door lock. It's a nice destination for your spring bike ride.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Needed Weekly	\$13,000
Received Apr 18	8,811

COMING UP

Apr 25 World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Apr 28 Religious Education classes
May 1 Diaconate Ordinations, 10:00
May 1 Funeral for Marge Straight, 10:00
May 8 Wedding: Kris Yoshizuma & Lyndsey Piper, 1:30
June 6 First Communion, 2pm Mass
June 26 Priestly Ordinations, 10:00

AQUINAS SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT OPEN

Aquinas helps students become their best selves, to be leaders in and out of school, and to make a difference in the community. Learn more by calling 784-8585 or visit www.aquinascatholicsschools.org.

Formed.org

As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker this week, we encourage all men to watch "Into the Breach," a groundbreaking series that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Inspired by Bishop Olmsted's apostolic exhortation, "Into the Breach" challenges men to embrace the greatness we are all made for.

BAPTISM on April 25

Rowan Thomas Smith
son of Ryan & Callinna

As your garden starts to blossom, consider bringing a bouquet to church for sanctuary decoration. Call Bernice Lansing at 793-1972.

COMING UP

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

*The committee asks that you report any needed repairs or attention to the parish office for their consideration.

*They would like to explore the possible development of a solar electric generating project for our parish facility. If interested in being part of this effort, call the office.

*In general the facilities are in good shape, thanks to our parishioners' generous support.

HYMNAL REMINDER

Please return the hymnal you use at church to the tote in the back of church or side door entry. Each Mass has its own group of hymnals. Thanks

AROUND TOWN

CENTERING PRAYER: SILENT LISTENING

Offered via Zoom by Franciscan Spirituality Center
Presenter: Marcia Bentley
Saturday, May 1, 9am-5pm

Centering Prayer is a modern form of meditation begun by Trappists in Massachusetts. It's practice helps focus one's attention by letting go of distractions and allowing one to enter into a deeper relationship with God.

\$50; register by Apr 30 at FSCenter.org.

VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

May 6-9, Holy Rosary Parish, Medford, WI
View photos and historical descriptions of 126 Vatican-approved Eucharistic miracles.

No charge

<https://fb.me/e/31jwMvzGO>

GO TO JOSEPH CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 1, 9:15-3:30

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Talks by Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Msgr. Arthur Calkins, & Msgr. Michael Schmitz

Mass at 12:15 with Crowning of Marian Image
Celebrant: Cardinal Burke

No charge; lunch on your own

Live-streamed on their YouTube channel

FRANCISCAN CORE YOUTH THEOLOGY INSTITUTE

June 13-18, Viterbo University

Students entering 10-12th grades in the Fall.
Hybrid gatherings with one-day on-campus immersion into Catholic Social teaching to help discern a calling to leadership and service.

Website: viterbo.edu/Franciscan-core.

CHICKEN-Qs

***Wednesday, April 28, starting at 11:00**

Aquinas High School Cass St. Driveway pick-up

Tickets: \$10

Tickets can be purchased in the school office or online by texting [chichtix](https://text.chichtix.com) to 91999

***Thursday, May 13, starting at 11:00**

Mary, Mother of the Church

\$10/dinner

It is suggested you buy tickets beforehand by calling 608-518-6145.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, Apr 30, 11-3:00

Saturday, May 1, 8-11:00 \$3/bag

Mary, Mother of the Church

KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES

The Social Justice Teachings of the Church

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

4th Thursday of the month, 6:30-8 pm

(in person or via zoom)

Register at sarcenter.com or call 715-443-2236

Social justice teachings are integral to our faith. Jesus taught that every person is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of God's family. Human dignity comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment.

CATHOLIC HOME STUDY COURSE FOR ADULTS

Monthly facilitated study group through the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Call 782-0011 for information.

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Mon	Brian Ward
Tues	John Duranso
Wed	Journey & Regency Seminarians
Thurs	Deacon Arturo Viguera
Fri	Deacon Eric Mashak
Sat	Deacon Timothy Reither
Sun	Matthew Bowe

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that in Him and through Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Unlocking the Meaning of Our Humanity

Virtual Presentation

Sat, June 5, 10am-3:30 pm

Presenter: Brian Butler

\$10/person; register at diolc.org/tob

Today's teens face so many pressures; this program offers a message of hope and solid material to help navigate the troubling waters of today. Teens and parents, all are invited.

Birthright of La Crosse acknowledges the donation of over \$100 from our parish given through the Baby Bottle collection. Birthright offers a loving helpful hand to anyone affected by a troubling or unplanned pregnancy. Life is precious!

Don't forget to drop off your aluminum cans in the bin in the Aquinas parking lot. Proceeds help with Booster Club activities & expenses.