

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



INFANT ITEMS AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR ADULTS can be dropped off in back of church, as well as **towels** for St. Mary Court 998 annual collection. The need is great... please be generous. Thank you to those who have already donated items.

MARCH 24, 2024



Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

HOLY THURSDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION will be for Catholic Charities, as well as the donations from Stations of the Cross. Donations will still be accepted after Easter.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: A reminder that Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. Catholics age 18 to 59 should fast by eating only one full meal and two smaller meals...no snacks. Those from age 14 and older are to abstain from eating meat.

MITE BOXES AND RICE BOWLS should be returned to church next weekend.

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND will be held on Good Friday. This money helps fund Catholic schools and religious education and helps preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity in Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem. Please be generous.

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS FOR EASTER can be picked up in back of church. Thank you to the PCCW for providing Lenten and Easter "little books."

DONATIONS are being accepted to help pay for decorating our church for Holy Week and the Easter Season. Please mark your envelope "Flowers." Thank you.



Please keep our young people in your prayers as they prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (April 14) and Confirmation (April 6 at Saints Peter & Paul).

THE GROTTO GIFT SHOP WILL OPEN UPON REQUEST FOR ANYONE NEEDING FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION GIFTS. CALL KRIS AT 715-459-5547.

Mass Intentions This Week

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| Mon | 25 | 7:00 a.m. Communion Service (SL) |
| Tue | 26 | 7:00 a.m. Communion Service (SL) |
| Wed | 27 | 7:00 a.m. +Richard Thomas (SL)
8:45 a.m. +Carla Peters Masters
By Brothers and Sister |
| Thu | 28 | MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
7:00 p.m. +Donna Austin (SL)
7:00 p.m. +Barbara Brundidge
By Joe & Carol Haupt |
| Fri | 29 | PASSION OF THE LORD
12:00 Noon
1:00 p.m. (SL) |
| Sat | 30 | EASTER VIGIL
7:30 p.m. +Richard Polum by B Ziebell
8:30 p.m. +Lorraine Chojnacki |
| Sun | 31 | EASTER SUNDAY
8:30 a.m. +Diane Koback by Moscinski's
10:30 a.m. SP/SL Parishioners (SL) |



LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS – March 30-31

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| Lectors: | 4:00 p.m. K Rybicki – C Steinle
8:30 a.m. Barb Ziebell |
| Servers: | 4:00 p.m. Joe Haupt-Al Hoffmann
8:30 a.m. Peyton Grassl-Obed Montero |
| Ushers: | 4:00 p.m. J Van Asten & K Wirtz
8:30 a.m. Kvatek's |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | 4:00 p.m. Sue Reber
8:30 a.m. Becky Engstrand |



THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on Thursday, April 4, 6:00 in the Welcome Center.

Our Parish Picnic will be here before we know it. Please consider donating prizes for small games.

HOLY WEEK LECTORS:

Holy Thursday: Keith Wirtz

Good Friday: Veronica Elmhurst
Al Hoffmann





THANK YOU TO ALL who participated and made our Bake Sale/Raffle Basket fundraiser such a success. Here are the Basket Raffle winners:
 Kids Basket: Jean Knuteson, Gardening Basket: Louise Hamus, Chocolate Lovers Basket: Amy Czappa, Kitchen Basket: Jolene Ostrowski, Breakfast Basket: Carrie Mancl, Gardening Basket with Throw: Brenda Davis, Baking Basket: Andrea Pecher. Again, many thanks!
 St. Monica Group of St. Philip PCCW

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Gerri Laska, Sylvia Weiler, Evelyn Dobbs, Loretta Slattery, Rich Hamus, Mike Steuck, Penny Junemann, Viola Joosten, Tracy Millard



CHURCH SUPPORT – MARCH 24

Adults	\$3741.59	Votive Candles	\$206.25
Offertory	\$ 416.15	Aluminum Cans	\$ 56.00
Stations	\$ 193.00	Scrip	\$121.10
Flowers	\$ 55.00	Bulletin Ads	\$875.00

Thank you to all who purchased Scrip in January and February.

Diocesan Annual Appeal as of March 19:

Goal: \$25,280.00
Amount Received: \$21,019.00
83% to Goal from 79 out of 192 registered parishioners.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. PHILIP. CURRENT PARISHIONERS SHOULD CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE WITH ANY ADDRESS OR PHONE CHANGES. 435-3286.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be observed at Sacred Heart in Nekoosa on Sunday, April 7, Beginning at 1:15 with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Confessions; 2:45 Reflection on Divine Mercy; 3:00 the Chaplet of Divine Mercy; 3:20 Benediction/Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Novena begins on Good Friday, March 29. See the bulletin insert today.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN AT ACS for all grades. Call for more information or to inquire about the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (tuition free).

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS has several openings for 2023 and beyond. An immediate need is for a controller. For details on job openings, please visit <https://www.assumptioncatholicschools.org/acs-central-office/human-resources/>



ST. PATRICK, HALDER LENTEN FISH FRY – March 29. Dine In or Carryout –

ST. MARY, AUBURDALE SHRIMP & BEER BATTERED FISH FRY – March 29 – Carryout Only – Call 715-652-2747 to order. Desserts are \$2.00.

KC DRIVE THRU FISH FRY – Sacred Heart, Nekoosa – Fridays, March 29, 3:00-6:00, beer battered cod, baked potato or potato salad, coleslaw, dinner roll, dessert - \$13.00

AUBURDALE FFA PANCAKE FEED – Sunday, March 24 serving 9-2 – Sit down or Drive thru - \$10

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, KNOWLTON PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Sunday, March 24, serving 8:30-11:30 - \$10

SACRED HEART, CASSEL PRO-LIFE CHILI DINNER & RAFFLE – April 7, 9:30-2:00, 222761 Cty. Rd.S, Marathon Adults \$8, 6-12 \$4, 5 & under free.

ST. BRONISLAVA ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST – Sunday, April 7, 8:30-12:00 – pancakes, French toast, sausage and ham – 13 and Up \$10, ages 5-12 \$4, 4 & under free.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW LIFT PROJECT RAFFLE TICKETS – \$6,500 in prizes. Only 350 tickets sold - \$100 each. Drawing April 27, 7:00 p.m. Contact Wally at 715-340-5999.

PLEASE PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION



ST. LAWRENCE YOUNG & OLD had a great time last year at our first ever parish social with ice skating event. This year we'd like to invite St. Philip parishioners. Please come Sunday, April 7 from 12:30-2. Skating is not required in order to have fun. We will provide pizza, hot chocolate and some games. Bring a snack to share. If you would like to eat pizza, please RSVP 421-5777.

TENEBRAE PRAYER SERVICE at Saints Peter & Paul on Holy Wednesday, March 27, 7:00. Join us for a sung, candlelight service that will feature the choirs and musicians of SS Peter & Paul & Sacred Heart, Polonia.

DOMESTIC CHURCH RETREAT FOR COUPLES – April 13-14 at SS Peter & Paul. To register and find out more information go to: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR AREA THIS SUMMER: St. Philip, Level 1b (second half), June 17-22. Contact Samantha Golot at re.saintphilip@gmail.com. St. Vincent de Paul Level 1A (first half), August 1-3 and August 8-10. Contact Peg Klinkhammer at mklinkhammer@assumptioncatholicschools.org.

St. Philip's Parish - February 2024

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>	
Adult Envelopes	8,911.00	Parish Payroll	3,732.90
Offertory	1,694.11	Insurance & Retirement	740.25
Donations/ Cans/Flowers/Miscellaneous	1,061.00	Office Expenses	185.36
Charitable Collections	481.00	Professional Expenses	160.00
Bulletin Ads	1,700.00	Janitorial Supplies	38.29
Grotto Payroll Reimbursement	185.89	Maintenance/Repairs	4,867.00
Interest	1.20	Utility Expenses	1,050.26
Total	\$14,034.20	Utilities-St. Lawrence	267.97
		Assumption Schools	14,131.66
		Total	\$ 11,042.03

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Rel Educ.</u>		
Disbursements - Parish	\$ 503.14	\$	11,042.00
Disbursements- Rel Educ		\$	15,008.64
Total		\$	26,050.64
Balance - January 31		\$	71,733.89
Receipts		\$	14,034.20
		\$	85,768.09
Disbursements		\$	26,050.67
Balance - February 29		\$	59,717.42
Total		\$	11,042.03
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

May the Lord give you peace.

I write to inform you that at 10:30 am today a press conference will be held at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center to announce that His Holiness, Pope Francis, has accepted my resignation from the Office of Bishop of La Crosse. As you are all aware the past year has been difficult for me as a result of several health issues. I have enjoyed my time with all of you in my service to the Diocese and extend my gratitude for your support while I served as your Bishop. I will be maintaining a residence at the Diocesan Center and hope to assist in some way as I continue as your Emeritus Bishop.

It is with joy that I also share with you that at this same press conference, it will be announced that the Holy Father has appointed as my successor, Bishop Gerard W. Battersby.

Bishop Battersby was born on 15 May 1960. In 1993, he entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1998. After ordination to the priesthood, he served in parish ministry for ten years. In 2008 he received a Licentiate in the New Evangelization. Bishop Battersby then served as director of graduate seminarians and graduate pastoral formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit. In 2011, he was appointed Vice-Rector and Dean of Seminary Formation. In January 2017 he was ordained to the Episcopacy as an Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Moderator of the South Region.

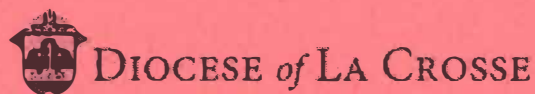
On 20 May, 2024, Bishop Battersby will be installed as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse.

I extend an invitation to you should you wish to join us either in person or via live stream for the Press Conference. It will begin at 10:30 am and is being held in the refectory at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center.

With personal good wishes and prayers, I am,

Very truly yours in Christ,

+ Bishop Callahan



Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration & Novena Closing, April 7th

Sacred Heart Catholic Church 711 Prospect Avenue, Nekoosa, WI 54457

*Celebration includes: Exposition / Confession 1:15 pm; Reflection on Divine Mercy 2:45 pm;
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm; Benediction / Reposition 3:20 pm.*

(Novena prayers below begin on Good Friday, March 29th)

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYERS: Jesus said “This prayer will serve to appease My wrath. You will recite it on the beads of the rosary in the following manner: First of all, you will say one Our Father and Hail Mary and the I Believe in God. Then on the Our Father beads you will say the following words: “Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.” On the Hail Mary beads you will say the following words: “For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” In conclusion, three times you will recite these words: “Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” (Quoted from Sister Faustina’s Diary, Entry No. 476)

The Lord asked that the above Chaplet be prayed at 3:00 pm each day, and especially at the hour of ones’ death (Diary, 687) or in the presence of the dying. Jesus said, “I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a judge but as the merciful Savior. (Diary, 1541) Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite the chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite Mercy. (Diary, 687) ...Through the Chaplet, you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My Will. (Diary, 1731)

The above Chaplet should be prayed year around, but the Lord specifically asked that it be combined with the following nine day prayers as a NOVENA and prayed beginning on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday, the first Sunday after Easter.

NOVENA PRAYERS (Each daily prayer is to be said along with the above Chaplet for 9 days, beginning on Good Friday)

Day 1 Today bring to Me **all mankind**, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My Mercy. In this way you console Me, in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me.

Day 2 Today bring to Me **the souls of priests and religious** and immerse them in My unfathomable Mercy. It was they who gave Me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them, as through channels, My Mercy flows out upon mankind.

Day 3 Today bring to Me **all devout and faithful souls** and immerse them in the ocean of My Mercy. These souls brought Me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were that drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness.

Day 4 Today bring to Me the **pagans and those who do not yet know Me**. I was thinking of them also during My bitter Passion, and their future zeal comforted My Heart. Immerse them in the ocean of My Mercy.

Day 5 Today bring to me the souls of **those who have separated themselves from My Church** and immerse them in the ocean of My Mercy. During My bitter Passion they tore at My Body and Heart, that is, My Church. As they turn to unity with the Church, My Wounds heal, since they too are enclosed in My Most Compassionate Heart.

Day 6 Today bring to Me the **meek and humble souls of little children**, and immerse them in My Mercy. These souls most closely resemble My Heart. They strengthened Me during My bitter agony. I saw them as earthly angels, who will keep vigils at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of Grace, which only the humble soul is able to receive. I favor humble souls with My confidence.

Day 7 Today bring to Me the souls **who especially venerate and glorify My Mercy** and immerse them in My Mercy. These souls sorrowed most over My passion and entered most deeply into My spirit. They are living images of My compassionate Heart. These souls will shine with a special brightness in the next life. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death.

Day 8 Today bring to Me those souls **who are detained in the prison of Purgatory** and immerse them in the abyss of My Mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. They are making retribution to My Justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the Spirit and pay off their debt to My Justice.

Day 9 Today bring to Me **souls who have become lukewarm** and immerse them in the abyss of My Mercy. These souls wound My Heart most painfully. My Soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives, because of lukewarm souls. They were the reason I cried out: Father take this cup away from Me if it be Your Will. For lukewarm souls, the last hope of salvation is to flee to My Mercy.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

On February 22, 1931 Our Lord Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Our Lady of Mercy, Crakow, Poland. In Sister Faustina's diary under this date she wrote: ... I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing; the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening in the garment at the breast came forth two large rays, one red, and the other pale. I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. Jesus said to me: **"Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You."** Jesus called for a Feast of the Divine Mercy to be celebrated in the whole Church. He said to Sister Faustina, **"I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter. On that day the depths of My Mercy will be open to all. Whoever will go to Confession and Holy Communion on that day will receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment. Mankind will not enjoy peace until it turns with confidence to My Mercy."** Sister Faustina (Helen Kowalska) died Oct. 5, 1938 at age 33. On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 30, 2000, she was canonized Saint Faustina by Pope John Paul II. At the same time, he also declared the first Sunday after Easter to be **Divine Mercy Sunday**.

To earn a Plenary Indulgence on this day, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")

To earn a Partial Indulgence on this day, granted to the faithful who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation.