

Reflection ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter

This Sunday shares the responsibility of being the 2nd Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday. As the 2nd Sunday of Easter, we complete the Great Easter Octave which is dedicated to rejoicing in the Resurrection. Mercy is one of those words we roll around without really examining the depths of its true meaning. Mercy comes from the heart. The heart of Christ Jesus, actively doing or making mercy—so that we may do the same. So how do we make sense of putting the two together on one Sunday? Here are the thoughts of the Klink Family of St. John, Rubicon.

"God loves us—all of us. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Then we can all share His joy. Sometimes it is hard to feel the Risen Lord among us. We feel lost or down and don't know where to look. Life gets hard, and we don't know how to cope.

In moments where we're torn with decisions and overwhelmed with all life throws at us, we need to lean on our faith. Search for moments where we truly feel His presence. We pray that God's plan will lead us down the right roads, walking beside us. Even the sick wanted to be near Peter to feel Jesus' presence. In times of suffering, it is best to take time and reflect, and slow down to remember God loves all of us."

~The Klink Family

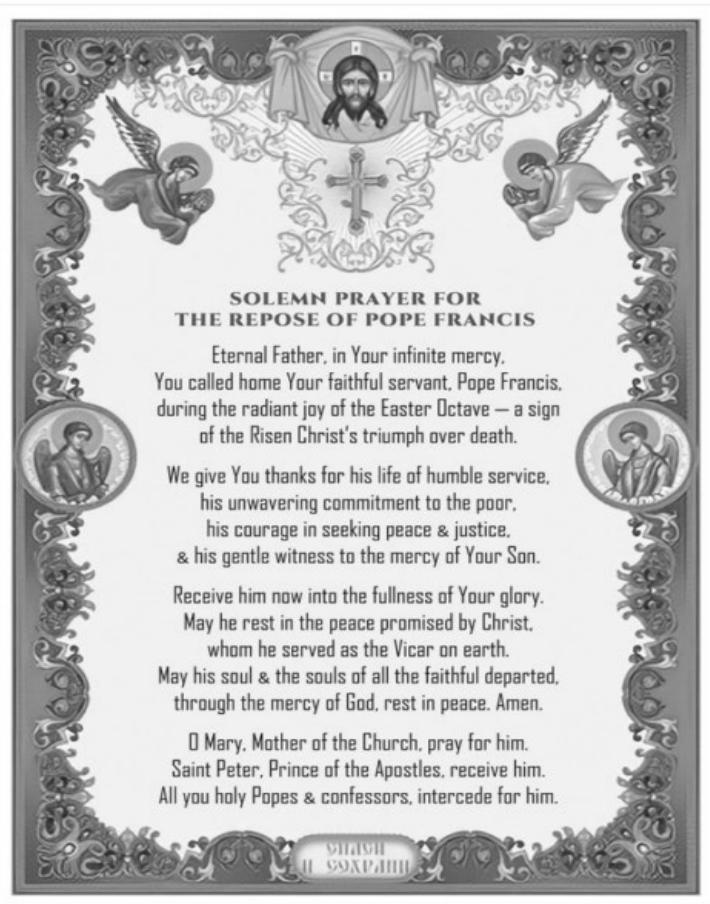


MAY THE SOULS of
the FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH the MERCY
of GOD, REST IN PEACE.



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Pope Francis Biography

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to lead the Catholic Church. Before his election as pope on March 13, 2013, he served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, where he was known for his humility, simple lifestyle, and dedication to the poor.

Raised in a family of Italian immigrants, he studied chemistry before entering the seminary and joining the Jesuits. Ordained a priest in 1969, he later became the Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina and played a key role in guiding the Church during a period of economic and social crises in the country. When he was appointed bishop in 1992 and archbishop in 1998, he prioritized evangelization, social justice, and pastoral outreach.

As pope, Francis emphasized mercy, care for the marginalized, and environmental stewardship. His papacy was marked by a call for a "poor Church for the poor," interfaith dialogue, and reform within the Vatican. His teachings focused on compassion, the dignity of every person, and the need for a missionary Church.

On April 21, 2025, Pope Francis passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love, humility, and service.

ST. KILIAN PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 27

10:00 AM Church ----- First Eucharist
11:00 AM Gym ----- Cribbage Tournament
After Mass Gathering ----- Scrip

Tuesday, April 29

7:00 PM Cafeteria ----- Troop 741

Wednesday, April 30

7:30 PM Church ----- Bella Voce

Thursday, May 1

7:00 PM Church ----- Aggiornamento
8:00 PM Church ----- JuBELLation

Saturday, May 3

After Mass Gathering ----- Scrip

Sunday, May 4

8:15 AM St. Theodore ----- Youth Instrumental Group
After Mass Gathering ----- Scrip

ST. KILIAN LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Week of Monday, April 28—Sunday, May 4

Lectors

4:30 PM Cheryl de Gyurky, Kathy Mayer
10:00 AM Tom Dorow, Tony Glascz

Cantors

8:20 AM School Mass Choir
4:30 PM As Scheduled
10:00 AM As Scheduled

Altar Servers

8:20 AM Dylan, Sawyer
4:30 PM Peter
10:00 AM Dom, Abby

Sacristans

4:30 PM Ben & Pam Feucht
10:00 AM Linda Luka

ROSARY

The Rosary this week is being sponsored by:

† The Knights of Columbus All Saints Council #4240 in Menomonee Falls, and is being prayed that every human being may receive the graces of our Lord's Divine Mercy.



The Rosary is on WFDL 1170 AM daily at 12:35 PM. Please help keep the Rosary Program on the air. Send your donation to the KC Radio Rosary at 428 Forest St., Hartford, WI, 53027, or call Kevin at 262-707-7205 for more info.



**Blessings on the
Anniversary of your Ordination,
Fr. Britto!**

May God bless you and reward you for your caring and dedicated service!

~ April 27, 2003 ~

ST. JOHN PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 27

8:00 AM ----- First Eucharist

Saturday, May 3

9:00 AM ----- CF Classes K-8

Sunday, May 4

After Mass ----- Fellowship/Social

CHURCH SERVICES/MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 29

8:00 AM Mass/**Neosho**

Thursday, May 1

10:30 AM Mass at Majestic Heights

5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration/**Hartford**

Friday, May 2

7:45 AM Rosary

8:00 AM Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

8:20 AM School Mass/**Hartford** ----- Jim Cyganiak †

Saturday, May 3

4:30 PM Mass/**Hartford** ----- Kay Becker †

----- Arthur Johnson †

----- Felix/Leonarda Heilmann †

6:30 PM Mass/**Neosho** ----- Parishioners †

Sunday, May 4

8:00 AM Mass/**Rubicon** ----- Joe Breuer †

9:30 AM Rosary/**Hartford**

10:00 AM Mass/**Hartford** ----- Roland/Mary Spaeth †



St. Kilian Parish, Hartford Financial Stewardship Update Our Weekly Gifts of Thanks

Given the weeks of 4/14/25 - 4/20/25	\$ 14,419
Weekly Budgeted Sunday Giving	\$ 15,600
	\$ (1,181)

Actual Giving

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 11,809
EFT Monthly Giving	\$ 1,685
WeShare on-line giving	\$ 925



YTD (July 1, 2024 Thru April 20, 2025)

Actual Weekly Offertory	\$ 548,138
Budget Weekly Offertory	\$ 515,000
	\$ 33,138

THANK YOU! PLEASE help us to reach our goal for this current fiscal year July 2024 thru June 2025.

Blood Drive Results

The Versiti Blood Drive that was held at St. Kilian on March 25th produced 17 units of blood, supporting 51 local patients!

On behalf of those patients and their families, Versiti thanks all those who donated!



Habitat for Humanity

The Hartford Habitat for Humanity house has been started. If you did not have a chance to sign up to volunteer with construction and/or making lunches when we had the Sign-a-Board activity and would like to help out, contact me by email at mlmurphy1013@gmail.com, or by phone at 262-224-5486. I will turn in your name, phone number and email address to Amber Ruch, director of volunteers at habitat, and she will add you to the list of other parish volunteers. She will send you dates when volunteers are needed along with updates. If our parish has a date when eight of our volunteers are available, we can form a team for that day and also provide the lunch for the volunteers. Those of you who have already signed up will be receiving an email from her soon.

Thank you for your interest!

Mary Murphy

St. Kilian Human Concerns Committee



Scrip News

Celebrate Mom! Find great gift cards for Mother's Day to show her you care, or use a gift card to take her out for some quality time together! Raise Right has Mother's Day Bonuses on 60+ brands with earning up to 23%. Orders need to be placed by May 5th.

For questions or if you want to set up an online account, contact Linda Thimm, Scrip Coordinator, at 262-673-4831, ext. 7411 or scrip@stkiliancong.org.

New Scrip Goal

Thank you to everyone who purchased Scrip gift cards throughout the year. We reached our goal of \$21,000!

New Scrip profit goal is \$22,000 by March 31, 2026.

Please consider buying Scrip. With your help and prayers, we believe we will reach this goal.

Divine Mercy

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from? If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come."

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Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

St. Kilian

Goal: \$52,229

Amount Raised to Date: \$31,845

St. John

Goal: \$8,474

Amount Raised to Date: \$7,965

St. Matthew

Goal: \$6,226

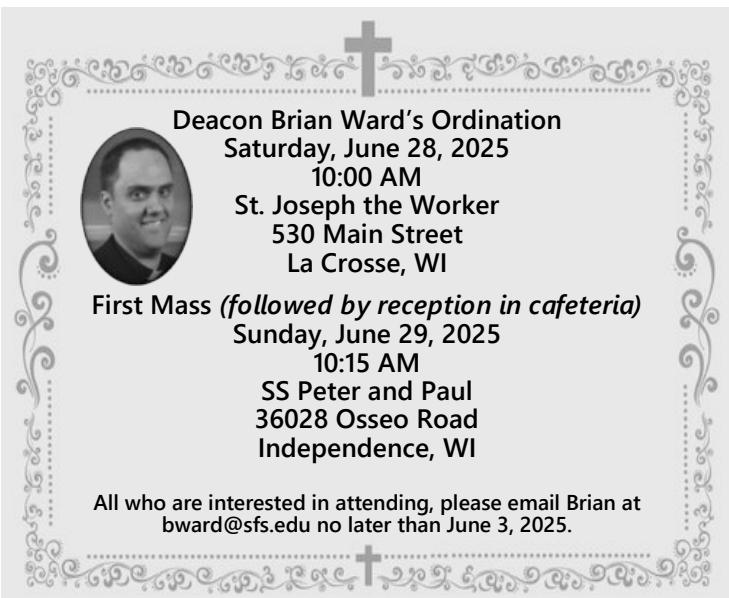
Amount Raised to Date: \$4,860

The 2025 campaign, "Your Gift Does God's Work" has begun, and already our parishes have strongly committed to supporting this appeal.

Like previous years, the Appeal provides Catholics an opportunity to support a wide range of ministries and programs that benefit more than 500,000 people each year with its support. One of the key beneficiaries of this Appeal is the support of the formation of our future priests. This year at St. Francis de Sales Seminary, there are 11 men anticipating ordination as Transitional Deacons, and of these, 6 will be ordained for the Milwaukee Archdiocese on April 26th. In addition to the Diaconate ordination, there are 12 men anticipating ordination to the priesthood. Of these 12, 3 will be ordained to the priesthood for the Milwaukee Archdiocese on May 17th. Additionally, Deacon Brian Ward will be ordained for the Diocese of La Crosse on June 28th. Truly the Seminary is a valuable asset for our community and needs our continued support.

The 2025 Appeal campaign video, "Your Gift Does God's Work," can be found on our parish website, or you can access it on the Archdiocese website, www.archmil.org.

Contributions can be made online by visiting www.catholicappeal.org, or by texting APPEAL2025 to 414-348-8380, or mail your contribution to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, 3501 S. Lake Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53207.



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www.loveforlogan.life
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and "Logan" baskets

 **The 8th Annual Play4Cade Blood Drive is
Friday, May 9th, from 11:00 AM to 4:00
PM. Please register online at:
donate.wisconsin.versiti.org.**

**The 8th Annual Play4Cade Baseball/Bags Tournament
will be May 9th-11th.** There will be baseball
happening throughout the weekend. On Friday evening
there will be music by Dan Flanagan. On Saturday, there
will be a bags tournament and our annual comedy sports
baseball game featuring the Ashippun Old Timers and
Cade's Team. In the evening, music will be performed by
Dan Bordeau's One Man Band. Then on Sunday, there will
be a Walk Around Magician and a ping pong drop for the
kids.

**Both events take place at St. John's Catholic Church in
Rubicon.**

Proceeds to benefit Versiti/Donate Life, ongoing training for
K9 Cade, local scholarships in memory of Cade Werner, the
Rubicon Baseball Club, and other community causes. Hope
to see you there!

Let's Go Shopping!

Did you know, for every dollar you spend at St.
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99.8% stays in Washington County? You can
also round up at the end of your sale to help a local family in
need. Thank you for your support!



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Terry, Jim & Mary Strysick

M/M David Strysick

A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.



Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.



Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.



Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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