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We seek to know, love, and serve God
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MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

- SAT. May 1** 8:15 AM Mass For the Living & Deceased Members of the Mallien & Jacques Families
5:00 PM Mass †Arlene & Glen Sheldon
- SUN. May 2** 8:00 AM Mass †Helen McGinty
10:00 AM Mass For the Parish
- TUES. May 4** 5:15 PM Mass †Norman & James Godfrey
- WED. May 5** 8:15 AM Mass For David Hegeman
- THUR. May 6** 8:15 AM Mass For Josh Tooke & Family
12:00-7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
- FRI. May 7** 8:15 AM Mass For All Catholic Priests
- SAT. May 8** 5:00 PM Mass †Richard Hosier
- SUN. May 9** 8:00 AM Mass For the Parish
10:00 AM Mass †Deceased Members of the Cumbo Family

HOLY ROSARY

Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary half an hour before every Mass, weekends and weekdays.

CONFESSION

- Saturdays** 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
- Sundays.....**7:30 - 7:45 AM & 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM
- Appointment**Call Fr. Tim anytime

MEMBERSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office to register as a member. Contact Fr. Tim to inquire about baptism or marriage. Call or email Father Tim for the Anointing of the Sick. Active parishioners may inquire about a *quinceañera*



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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MAY 2, 2021

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5th Sunday of Easter

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.



When God created us, He created us out of love. There is no other explanation because God is love. And He created us to love and be loved. If we could remember that all the time, there would be no wars, no violence, no hatred in the world. So beautiful. So simple.



St. Teresa of Calcutta

On Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, May 9 the CCW will be offering red roses for Mother's Day after each Mass to help support the Jefferson County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life for a suggested donation of \$2.00 each. What a beautiful way to remember or honor the "Mother" in your life.



St. Joseph's Council of Catholic Women is excited to announce that they have added to the total cash donation for their Lenten project, Trudy's Room. With another \$220 that came in after Easter, the total cash donation to this project was \$1,296!

We are thankful to all of you who contributed to and prayed for the success of this project. Your generosity for those in need is a wonderful example of your faith in action. Blessings to you all!



DEEPEN YOUR FAITH WITH THE CATHOLIC HERALD
Issue of May 6, 2021

This week's Catholic Herald features a special section on Church vocations. Read about how seminarians, priests, Sisters, and deacons answered God's call. We will also be celebrating our mothers in a special Mother's Day section.

Stewardship Report

Offertory Collection March 2021: \$25,618.25.
March EFTs: \$ 7,410.00.
March On-Line Giving: \$2,735.00.
Budget needed per week: \$9,577.00

Attention High School Seniors



The Knights of Columbus scholarship applications for High School seniors of the Parish are available on the table in the Parish gathering space and are due by Monday, May 3, 2021.



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Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Donald Hying

wants to honor couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in the year 2021 in one or more of the following ways:



1. A special Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on August 29th at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Cross Plains.*
2. Receive a letter and certificate of recognition from the Bishop.
3. Participate in and receive a commemorative booklet.

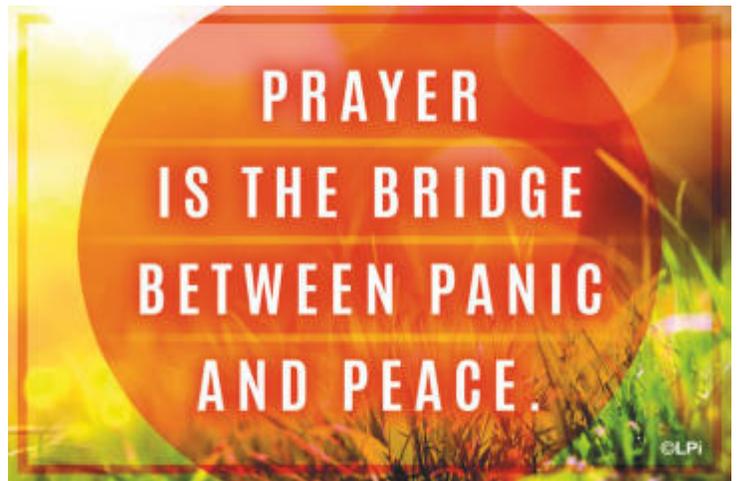
Please notify your parish office by May 12th if you wish to participate in any of these opportunities in order to receive a more detailed letter with instructions (*including how to register for the Mass of Thanksgiving).



Prayer Chain

email.

The St. Joseph Prayer Chain ministry is open to all! Send prayer requests to Judy Mueller at 920-723-5451 or jmaepray2013@gmail.com. Let us know if you'd like to pray for these intentions, and we'll send you updates by mail or



Right to Life

Our picture of Baby Jesus has been updated. Be sure to look at the Pro-Life corner in our gathering space. Baby Jesus' heartbeat began when He was just 18 days old, growing within our Blessed Mother, just like you and I and every preborn baby. Many of His organs have already begun to form and at 40 days, His brain waves will be detected. Such a miracle!

Be sure to support our upcoming rose sale on Mother's Day weekend May 8th and 9th. All donations will go to fighting to protect these innocent and voiceless children of God—the preborn. **PRAY TO END ABORTION.**



HAVE YOU MOVED?

Please help us keep our records in good order and ensure you receive mailings and envelopes. If you have moved or had other changes please let us know.
parish@stjosephfort.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Be a light to those living in poverty & in a world of darkness! St Vincent DePaul needs volunteers of all kinds, especially cashiers to work in the store. The hours are open and flexible. Please consider sharing your time and talents to help those in need.

Contact Bill Roberts at (920) 563-5343.

St Joseph School

News 'n Notes



On Sunday, April 26th the St. Joseph Catholic School 2nd grade class received their First Communion. It was a beautiful mass with many family members in attendance. We are so very blessed to have our students receive this sacrament. Their teacher, Miss Gavigan did an outstanding job of preparing them for this momentous occasion. Congratulations to Ryan Boldt, Gianna Diece, Eli Carcia, Kinley Gille, Christina Hardwick, Leo Kalvaitis, Paige Khamo, MaryLou Larsen, Mallory Moe, Ryan Nevermann, Owen Reynolds, Mateo Santana, Graham Schaning, Sadie Schneider, Mason Seeber and Novah Strobusch.

It was truly a beautiful memory that will be cherished by the entire St. Joseph Community.

Blessings, Kari R. Homb, Principal



SJS Blooming Plants Sale: Impatiens, Begonias, and Geranium Combos

Plant pick-up is Friday, May 7, 2-4 pm and Saturday, May 8, 1-3 pm in the school parking lot. Payment due at pick-up. Make checks out to SJS.

America's Deadly Silence!

Abortion is the most common, least regulated medical procedure and the number one killer in America.

More lives are lost each year through abortion than all deaths due to cancer, heart attacks, accidents, AIDS, natural disasters, wars, illness and diseases combined.

The savagery of war, the atrocities of the Nazi holocaust, graphic violence, natural disasters and critical and bloody medical procedures are routinely shown on the media. But never an abortion!

Women are denied critical information on the risks of an abortion, including increased risk of Breast Cancer, Post Abortion Syndrome, the sale of body parts etc. The truth about abortion has been censored by the media, silenced by our courts, politicized by our politicians and even silenced in our churches and schools. Babies in the womb have no voice except yours and mine. We cannot remain silent any longer!



Women of Our Parish – You are Invited!!

The Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Diocese over 17 years of age to the MDCCW Annual Convention to be held the morning of June 12. This virtual gathering will be filled with music, prayerful time, messages from His Excellency, The Most Reverend Bishop Donald Hying, Bishop of Madison, and others. Virtually gather with women from our Diocese to celebrate 100 years of the NCCW experience.

All women who register by May 28 will be given a link to the virtual convention. The first 100 women to register will receive a convention packet filled with information about the Council's any activities within the Madison Diocese.

For further information on the Convention, go to our MDCCW website: mdccw.com and read our most recent Spring Newsletter. To register for the convention, click on this link: [2021 MDCCW Registration Form Link](#) or print out a form from our website and submit my mail.

Join us Saturday, June 12, from 10 am to 12:30 pm. You will be happy that you did!

If you have any questions, please contact Coreen Marklein at (608) 393-0880 or via email at csmarklein@gmail.com

Live the Gospel 52 Sundays a year

ACTS Prayer

This prayer will help you to stay close to Jesus. It has a simple formula using the acronym ACTS. Spend time reflecting and sharing on the following prayer prompts.

- A — Adoration**
*I praise You, God, for . . .
- C — Confession**
*I am sorry for . . .
- T — Thanksgiving**
*I am thankful for . . .
- S — Supplication**

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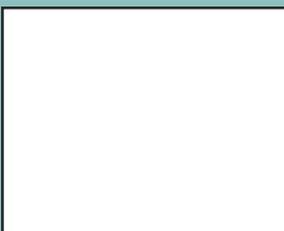
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