

APRIL 14, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them,
“These are my words
that I spoke to you
while I was still with you,
that everything written about me
in the law of Moses
and in the prophets and psalms
must be fulfilled ...
You are witnesses of these things.”
~Luke 24:44, 48

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD



“O Sacrament Most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving,
Be every moment thine.”

Hello everybody,

Congratulations! It's a girl! These last two weeks have been most unusual. It all began a week and a half ago when Fr. Woody Pace, the former Vicar of Clergy, shared with me the news that Fr. Ed Shuttleworth from St. Bronislava needed to step down from his position as pastor due to health and discernment and asked me to take over as the temporary administrator until a new pastor arrives in July. At first, I was slightly overwhelmed, but through prayer, I remembered that this is God's Church, not mine, and if God wants it to happen, then it'll happen. Then, a few days later, I became aware of an allegation against Fr. Juan Pedro, the Associate Pastor at St. Bronislava, which meant that I could not lean on his assistance while his legal concerns were being sorted out. At that point, I wondered what God had in store for us, and I started to get weary of what appeared to be a tremendous weight. Then Deacon Vern, who has served at the parish for ages, ended up at the hospital...wow...God is really testing us and reminding us how fragile we are!

After prayer and fasting, I realized that the temporary addition of St. Bronislava should not be seen as a burden but as a blessing. For as long as I have been here at St. Joe's and St. Steve's, I have always said that we are blessed to have two beautiful sister parishes. Now, our family has grown as our "cousin from Plover" will join our family through June. Please keep Fr. Todd and me in your prayers, as well as our new "sister," St. Bronislava. We all are waiting to see how God will bless our family and how wonderful it is that we have this opportunity to walk with one another.

I look forward to working with the staff at St. Bronislava and ministering to their parishioners for the next three months. I am thankful for our excellent staff, whom I will lean on to help hold down the fort. To aid us in our endeavors, I am also happy to announce a promotion. Kristi Vuorinen, our parish secretary, has been promoted to office manager. Once again, I ask for your prayers and patience as we continue our journey of faith together.

May God bless you always,
Fr. Hennes
Pastor, St. Joseph & St. Stephen
Administrator, St. Bronislava

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., April 15

Tues., April 16

7:00-8:00 a.m. Holy Hour at St. Joseph

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph

†Marianne Genge

Wed., April 17

8:15 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen

†Christine Durmick

Thurs., April 18

7:00-8:00 a.m. Holy Hour at St. Joseph

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph

†Dale Tetzloff

Fri., April 19

6:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen

†Shirley Kelley

7:00-8:00 a.m. Holy Hour at St. Stephen

Sat., April 20

4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph

†Mary Iwanowski

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Stephen

Seminarians of the Diocese of La Crosse

~ *Confessions to follow*

Sun., April 21 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen

Young people discerning their vocation

10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph

Pro-Populo

~ *Confessions to follow*

PARISH CALENDAR

April

- 15 Meal of Hope, 5 p.m. at St. Joseph
- 16 RCIA, 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph
- 17 CCD, grades 1-5, 6:15 p.m. at St. Stephen
- 17 Middle & High School Youth Rally, grade 6-High School, 6 p.m. at St. Brons
- 18 St. Stephen Parish Council, 6 p.m.
- 18 Pacelli High School presents The Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery, 7 p.m.
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- 20 Dinner and a Show. Join the Pacelli Service Club for a pulled pork or brat meal, prior to the 2 p.m. showing of the The Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery, 2 p.m. at Pacelli High School
- 18 St. Stephen Parish Council, 6 p.m.
- 20 Men's Prayer Group, 8 a.m. at St. Joe's
- 21 St. Joseph, Family Life Committee, 11:30 a.m.
- 21 Confirmation Prayer Night, 6 p.m. at St. Joseph
- 24 CCD, 6:15 p.m. at St. Stephen

May

- 5 Pancake Breakfast at St. Stephen
- 10 Spring Concert, UWSP, 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen
- 13 Knights of Columbus, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph
- 14 St. Joseph Parish Council, 6 p.m.
- 18 Men's Prayer Group, 8 a.m. at St. Joseph
- 20 Meal of Hope, 5 p.m. at St. Joseph

Prayer Requests



Health of Helen Gollon, Julie Holmes, Ernie Kurszewski, Tom Hintz, Pam Scheider, Atticus Storm, Colin Tubbs, John Herman, Eleanor Duberstein, Cathy Zywicki

To place your name or the name of a loved one on the weekly prayer list, email secretary@pointcatholicfaith.org



Religious Education

Notes from Miss Sommers

Email: dre@pointcatholicfaith.org
Phone: 715-341-1617 ext. 104

Grades 1-8, next Class, April 17.

- Grades 1-5 have regular class, beginning at 6:15 p.m. at St. Stephen.
- Grades 6-8 should report to St. Brons for the Youth Rally that begins at 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Prep 1 & 2.

- No class April 14.
- On April 17, all High School Students, Pacelli and You, should report to St. Brons for the Youth Rally at 6:30 p.m.

High School. Summer High School Book Club—Book Announcement! Our book will be *Screw Tape Letters* by C. S. Lewis. We will meet June 18 & 25 at 10:00 a.m. OR June 23 & 31 at 6:00 p.m. **This will be required for those who are not able to attend The Answer Rally.** Open to all high school students or those going into high school.

Middle School Summer Trip. Keep an eye out for information on our upcoming middle school trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion and Bay Beach Amusement Park on July 31. For more information visit www.PointCatholicFaith.org/champion.

High School and Middle School. The High School and Middle School Youth Rally is on April 17 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Bron's. All students in grades 6 through high school are required to attend. For more information visit www.PointCatholicFaith.org/rally.

2024-2025 Registration. Registration for next school was mailed to home this past week. Watch the mail for your information. Will you be new to our program next year? Reach out to Miss Sommers at 715-341-1617 ext. 104, or dre@pointcatholicfaith.org. Be sure to return your registration by May 15 to get the early bird pricing!



Thank you so much for your continued support of Operation Bootstrap. During the month of April we will collect peanut butter & jelly.

- St. Joseph's please place your items in the carts in the gather space.

- St. Stephen's please place your items in the baskets at the entrance.

(St. Stephen's collection weekend will be Apr. 27 & 28.)

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Mission Statement: *Together in faith we worship, serve, & proclaim the Word of God.*

Remembering—Mindful that life is changed but not ended, we hold in our hearts those from our parish families who have recently passed.



Victor Firkus who passed away on March 30. His funeral service was held on April 12.



Zuzanna Pirog who passed away on April 4. Her funeral Mass was celebrated on April 12 at St. Joseph.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them. †Amen

Men's Prayer Group. As we continue to rejoice this Easter Season, consider joining your Christian brothers for breakfast next Saturday, April 20. It is an opportunity to share a delicious home cooked breakfast and fellowship as we discuss and pray together. Breakfast starts at 8 a.m. in the St. Joseph Family Center. Bring a friend!



Senior Trips: Join us for two exciting trips. To make your reservation, please contact Jean at 715-341-3256, please leave a message if there is no answer. Payments can be made payable to St. Joseph Parish and mailed to 1709 Wyatt Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or dropped off at the parish office.

Wednesday, May 15 to American Family Field for the Brewers vs the Pirates. This is always a favorite so reserve early. Reservation and payment of \$73.00 due by April 15th. Payment includes roundtrip motor coach from St Joes, game admission and dinner at Pizza Ranch on the way home. There will be a rest stop at McDonalds in Fond du Lac on the way to Milwaukee purchases here would be at your expense. Depart from St. Joes 7:45am and return 8:00pm (approximate).

Thursday, July 25 we are visiting the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Reservation and payment of \$40.00 due by June 20th. Payment includes roundtrip motor coach from St. Joes and lunch of sandwich and beverage at the Shrine. Not included would be goodies at a rest stop in Tomah or items for sale at the Shrine. Depart 8:00am from St. Joes return 7:00pm (approximate).

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

Mission Statement: *St. Stephen Parish, a faith-filled Catholic Community, is committed to sharing our gifts of time, talent & treasure within our parish, community & the Kingdom of God.*

Next Weekend's Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday	Sunday
Lector:	John	Maxine
Server:	Max, Austin	Reid, Morgan
Eucharistic Minister:		Joanne

Find the Minister schedule online at
www.PointCatholicFaith.org/ss-ministers



New Hymnals. Beginning this Advent, St. Stephen parish will use Journeysongs hardcover hymnal. that will last for many years. If you would like to make a tax deductible offerings of \$25 per book in honor of yourself, a family member, or someone who has preceded us in faith, please contact the parish office.

For more information visit:
www.PointCatholicFaith.org/hymnal



Congratulations!

We welcome Johnathan
through the Sacraments of Initiation,
Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation
and
Josephine
through the Sacrament of Baptism.
May God continue to bless you abundantly
as you grow in your faith.

First Holy Communion



Reagan



Aj & Sophia



Hazyl, Savannah, Nicholas



Congratulations
to those
who received
their
First Holy Communion
this past weekend.



Finley, Briar, Gabe, Orion, Sidney, Carolyn, Carly



DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

St. Joseph
Goal: \$57,870
Pledged: \$28,827 (49.81%)
Participation: 111 Families

St. Stephen
Goal: \$45,535
Pledged: \$24,581.13 (54%)
Participation: 91 Families

Please take some time to consider how you can help with
the missions and ministries of the Diocese.

For more information, visit www.PointCatholicFaith.org/daa

NEWS

Seminarian of the Week. May we be mindful that we are always connected to the universal Church. Let us pray for our priests for tomorrow, our seminarians.



Thomas Cummings, who is studying at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary.

May God bless all of the seminarians discerning their vocation to the priesthood for the Diocese of La Crosse.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

On Monday, June 10, 2024, the Marian Route of the Pilgrimage will travel through our area with a stop at the grave of Blessed Brother James Miller in Ellis. A prayer service begins at 9:30 a.m., and all are welcome to attend. We invite you to ask for a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Brother James Miller. Submit your intentions by scanning the QR Code above or at www.dioc.org/pilgrimage.



Shredding Party. Pacelli Catholic Schools will hold their 14th Annual Shredding Party on Thursday, May 9, from 3-6 p.m. at Schulfer & Associates, 1417 Main St., Stevens Point. Suggested donation for secured shredding is \$10/bag or \$20/box. Please remove alligator clips, binder clips, and folders. Shredded food will also be for sale, \$3 shredded chicken sandwiches, \$1 shoestring potato chips, \$2 cupcakes and \$1 soda/water. For information visit www.pacellcatholicschools.com or call 715-341-2445.

PACELLI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:

THE MURDER MYSTERY AT THE MURDER MYSTERY

By Brian D. Taylor



THURSDAY
APRIL 18
7PM

FRIDAY
APRIL 19
7PM

SATURDAY
APRIL 20
2PM

ALL SHOWS ARE HELD AT PACELLI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FACD
TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE DOOR

TICKET PRICES

ADULTS: \$10.00
STUDENTS: \$6.00

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Dinner and a Show. On Sat., Apr. 20 before the 2 p.m. show, the Pacelli Service Club will also be serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria! Stop by and enjoy a pulled pork or brat meal, and purchase a pan of cinnamon rolls! Kid's meals are also available. All proceeds from the lunch go towards bringing water to Santa Rosa, Peru.

YOUTH RALLY FOR GRADES 6-12

17
APR

6:30-8p
Doors open at 6p
at St. Bron's,
3200 Plover Rd
Plover



featuring

Aly Aleigha

April Birthdays

James Banovetz
Sheila Banovetz
Addison Banz
Avalon Barden
Brandon Barden
Carl Barden
Jerome Bartosz
Shirley Basinski
Hank Becker
Mary Bellinger
Walter Bemke
Kimberly Bialas
Zachary Biechler
Steve Bogaczyk
Jeannette Boursier
Alyssa Braatz
Breck Busa
Gavin Busa
Jameson Busa
Susan Buza
Forest Campbell
Richard Casper
Doreen Check
Florian, Jr. Chojnacki
Ronald Cisewski
Victoria Cisewski
Megan Dahl
Loren Danczyk
Mary Pat Dean
Beverly Derezhinski
Gabriel Diehn
Matthew Diehn
Rebecca Diver
Wyatt Dorn
William Drifka
Nathan Earnest
Tony Eiden
Oakleigh Elliott
Kevin Flaherty
Jeanette Flood
Gary Flugaur
Lesia Flugaur
Joseph Frechette
Thomas Frymark
Elaine Gagas
Michael Gagas

David Giese
Anderson Goel
Amy Gregorich
Kim Gundersen
Amanda Haapala
Mark Hartjes
Lucille Herman
Catherine Hetzel
Ruth Heyder
Mary Higgins
Jase Hintz
Stephen Horvath
Juddlyn Isherwood
Casey Jakubek
Karen Jakusz
David Jankovich
Annette Jaworski
Linda Kedrowski
Ellisa Keel
Melinda King
Judy Kirschling
Jaime Klasinski
Christine Kluck
Rita Kluck
Jolene Knapp
Roy Knapp
Thomas Koss
Jessica Kozlowski
Roger Krayecki
Ben Kroening
Lance Kropidlowski
Duane Kruzitski
Evan Kruzitski
Sidney Kruzitski
David Kunze
Shaun Kurzinski
Sharon LaBlanc
Brian Ladecki
Levi Landwer
Augustus Leiterman
Thomas Lemancik
Jacob Lemke
Ruthie Lemke
Brooke Lepper
Gary Liebe
Carol Ligman

Michael Lilla
Donald Lind
Jonathan Lutz
Lucille Lutz
Nichole Lysne
Danielle Mancl
Patricia Marko
Gary Marquard
Thomas Marten
Jennifer Mason
Morgan Matowitz
Nichole Matowitz
Marian May
Cynthia McCabe
Allen McKibben
Emerson McKibben
Sarena Melotte
Candise Miller
Wayne Misener
Caleb Miskowski
Raquel Molepske
Gertrude Neuendorf
Kirk Newton
Alice Ormes
Debra Ostrowski
Kelley Pazdernik
Susan Pfiffner
Constance Pickard
Jessica Pickard
Jacob Piotrowski
Tyler Portzen
Linda Pringle
Darlene Raflik
Rose Rajkowski
Alice Richter
Bonnie Rutta
Lauren Rychter
Diane Sankey
Carolyn Sauer
Nicole Schlice
Thomas Schmitz
Lynda Schrader
Rodney Schreiber
Robin Schuh
Emma Schulfer
Evan Schulfer

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Jennifer Shuda
Virginia Sikorski
Amy Skrzeczkoski
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Emmet Sohasky
Nancy Sowieja
John Spreda
Sherri Stanczyk
Skylur Stanczyk
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Timothy Stolpa
Joseph Strigel
Todd Stroik
Keith Studinski
Phyllis Studinski
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John Sullivan
Johnathan Szymkowiak
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Jennifer Thrun-Fox
John Tomaszewski
Donald Trzinski
Eugene Tubbs
Dayna Van Order
Lavonne Wachowiak
Christine Wanserski
Ernest Wasieleski
Thomas Wierzba
Michael Wittmann
Douglas Wojcik
Michael Wojtalewicz
Randal Worzalla
Barbara Woyak
Jordan Woyak
Orion Woyak
Teagan Woyak
Kent Zelhofer
Brian Zimmerman
Linda Zivicki

April Anniversaries

Joe & Maureen Arnold
Michael & Nichole Bialas
Daniel & Christine Biechler
Donald & Marion Binder
Richard & Eugenia Daniels
Jordan & Heidi Fylling
Lee & Karen Glaske
Kevin & Patricia Hackbarth
Mark & Elizabeth Halvorsen
Thomas & Lark Hopp
John & Linda Kedrowski

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Roy & Jenn Knapp
Marcellus & Susan Kramer
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