



May 3, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM OUR PASTOR

Being on retreat means spending time with the scriptures. A passage that stayed with me was the following from St. Paul.

“Rather, living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, with the proper functioning of each part, brings about the body’s growth and builds itself up in love.” Eph 4:15-16

The point of reflection that came to mind was of that of “every supporting ligament” and “proper functioning.” What came together for me was the idea of ‘role’. What is your role? Proper role? Often we want to be like or present ourselves in a certain way. What is the reality? Then to what of ‘function’. What do I do? Do I simply present what little I do in the best possible light?

Often our roles may stay the same. But our function or how we live them out changes. You may be a parent, but parenting a newborn is different than parenting a teenager. Or being the parent but the children are deciding on which needed care facility to use.

Those thoughts can apply to our work or school. But as we move to the area of faith and the building up of the Body of Christ, how do we answer those points? Supporting ligament is a great idea since we are not to do it all. Jesus is our Savior. How do we cooperate with Him? How do we serve others? Right now we may wonder “how can I? I have to stay home or not mix with numbers of people.” That does not mean we can’t serve. Our role as disciples does not change. How we function probably will with the restrictions that are on us at this time.

What of the spiritual realities of serving? How are we praying for others? Have we deepened or matured in our efforts or attitudes? What of uniting our suffering with Christ? Yes Lent is over but we can always unite ourselves with Jesus. In these days do we offer to our Lord our penances? What we have given up or can not do?

Are we building up the Body of Christ or tearing others down? Are we encouraging others? Reaching out to those around us or those further from us we can not be with. What about digital means of reaching out and being with others? Is it too much of a hassle? Or do I not want to learn new technology or ways of doing things?

How are we building the Kingdom of the Love of God? St. Thomas Aquinas defines love as willing the good of the other. So it may not be easy, warm and fuzzy or simple, but are we willing to love by doing good for others? There are so many roles and functions that can allow us to do that. Are we ready to? Can we remove obstacles or excuses? Will the Word of God, the scriptures, speak to our hearts so we can grow up in Christ, living in His Kingdom?

Father John

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Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnert, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Jim Czajka, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston Family, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Dave Lewis, and Marie Boehm.

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.

May Birthdays

May 4	Genevieve Vinopal
May 6	Anna Starego
May 6	Charles Roth
May 8	Millie Hovde
May 8	John Landuyt
May 9	Jeanne Allen
May 10	Dorothy Heck
May 10	Rose Morris
May 11	Eva Cafferty
May 16	George Hepler
May 21	Dee Powers
May 21	Frances Skalak
May 23	Bernard Wells
May 29	Alice Moriarty
May 31	Lucille Ryczek



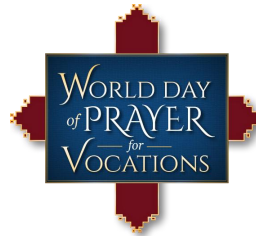
Mass Intentions for the week of May 3, 2020

- Sat. May 2 For our *Parishioners*
- Sun. May 3 For the repose of the soul of
Helen Dougherty
- Mon. May 4 For the repose of the soul of *Andy Petrowitz*
- Tue. May 5 For the repose of the soul of *Shirley Craine*
- Wed. May 6 For the repose of the soul of *John Sustar*
- Thu. May 7 For the repose of the soul of *Gerald Steiner*
- Fri. May 8 For the repose of the soul of *Glen Bires*
- Sat. May 9 For the repose of the soul of *Jan Schmitt*
- Sun. May 10 For our *Parishioners*

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Them, O Lord. We offer our prayers and condolences to the families and friends of Norberta Lewis and Art Vinopal who passed away recently. May perpetual light shine upon them.

Prayer for 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.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations ~ Sunday, May 3rd

Today the Holy Father has asked all Catholic to intercede for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish and diocesan priests and deacons in prayer throughout the week.
- Encourage your children or grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

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FROM 8:30 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM.**

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post and Adam Field.

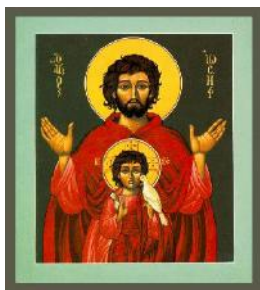
All parish and diocese events have been canceled until further notice.

Please note that live and prerecorded Sunday Mass is available via <https://diolc.org/tvmass>, the diocesan YouTube channel, Facebook, and televised on the following channels:

- Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
- La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.
- Marshfield (Public Access), Channel 989, at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Sunday.
- Stevens Point (Public Access), Channel 984 at Noon and 5:30 p.m. Saturday.
- Wausau, (Cable and Satellite), Channel 12 at 6:30 a.m. Sunday.
- Wausau (Public Access), Channel 980, at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday.
- Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access), Channel 985 and Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. Sunday.

If you are in need of sacramental assistance during this time, please contact the rectory office at 608-847-6054.

During these difficult times, family prayer is essential. A new initiative, which was requested by 12th grade students through interviews and surveys over the last few years, is entitled “*Going Deeper in Prayer*.” You are invited to download an Easter Season Prayer Card, or another option of your choice, that helps to foster an encounter with Jesus. Go to diolc.org/prayer. Individual adults or empty nesters will also want to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus through a Prayer Card. Check out the website at diolc.org/deeper.



**A Year Devoted to St. Joseph:
May 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021**

In the year ahead, the diocese will offer prayers for St. Joseph’s blessings upon our families (Patron Saint of Husbands, Fathers, and Families), our beloved dead (Patron Saint of a Happy Death), and the special needs of our Diocese (Patron Saint of the Universal Church).

Four of St. Joseph’s numerous titles provide a brief sampling of the importance of St. Joseph as our spiritual father.

- *As Head of the Holy Family*, you can ask for his protection and safety for each member of your family.
- *As Comfort of the Afflicted*, you can turn to him for comfort through the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- *As Hope of the Sick*, you can turn to him for hope if you or someone you know is sick.
- *As Patron of the Dying*, you can entrust those who are dying to him, as St. Joseph died a happy death gazing upon Jesus and resting in the arms of Mary. God desires that each one of us die a happy death, similar to that of St. Joseph.

As we make our way through the year, several events, prayers and novenas will be available. Please check bulletins throughout the year for information about this most important celebration of St. Joseph.

Teacher Appreciation Week May 4th—8th: Please take time this week to recognize the work and sacrifice of our educators, administrators, and all school support staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. Because of the current conditions and restrictions, many have transformed their traditional classrooms into virtual ones. We are so thankful for our school staff and their dedication to St. Patrick’s!

Women’s Prayer & Virtue Groups– How can you be physically, relationally, emotionally, and spiritually healthy with all this time at home? Two options are available to help: a daily gathering via Zoom or a six-session virtue-based study for moms. Learn more at archmil.org/evangelization/Courageous-Communion/womens-groups

New Webpage: COVID At Home Resources: A new webpage has been created by the diocese to provide a wealth of resources for families during this “Safer at Home” time. Check it out at: diolc.org/marriage/at-home-family-faith-building-resources/

50th Jubilee Anniversary Celebrations canceled– Due to the current situation with the coronavirus the 50th wedding anniversary Masses and celebrations with the Bishop scheduled for June 14, August 2, and August 23 have been canceled.

May Anniversaries

2 years	May 12	Bill & Ellen Eisch
5 years	May 16	Nate & Jasmine Sparby
9 years	May 14	Dorian & Pola Jakacki
14 years	May 13	Brent & Gina Lenorud
15 years	May 2	Clinton & Lisa Pouillie
15 years	May 14	Brian & Jessica Sonnenberg
19 years	May 19	Bob & Therese Gunther
21 years	May 15	Dan & Jane Kattenbraker
22 years	May 2	Dave & Lori Lulich
25 years	May 27	James & Diane Kocyan
33 years	May 16	Leo & Katie Czyns
35 years	May 4	Bill & Mary Beth Morris
36 years	May 18	Craig & Roxanne Shragal
37 years	May 21	Ron & Marge Bailey
38 years	May 1	Bob & Kathy Curran
39 years	May 1	Dan & Linda May
41 years	May 26	Curtis & Mary Hustad
46 years	May 4	David & Debra Netzer
46 years	May 25	Gene & Judy Neve
47 years	May 19	Mike & Dawn Gardner
50 years	May 23	Art & Lois Klein
55 years	May 1	Bill & Alice Weber
58 years	May 19	Carrol & Corinne Kaiser
60 years	May 9	Vincent & Carolyn Gullo
62 years	May 3	Jerry & Monica Niles
65 years	May 14	John & Rita Smart



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