



May 17, 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM OUR PASTOR

As things seemed to be going on and on without much changing, it was hard to keep track of what day it was. That is where the saints can help us. Their feast days help us see the difference between the days. This Sunday was Mother's Day, not a saint's day but a special day. Perhaps you were at least able to call Mom and wish her a special day and let her know that you were praying for her.

This week we had the feast day of Mary, Our Lady of Fatima. What a great moment of grace. Our Lord reached out to us through His mother. We recall her message to pray the Rosary for conversion. We also celebrated St. Matthias who was chosen by St. Peter to replace Judas. Next week we have a number of saints who help us by their intercession. They also help us see the grace that God wants to give us so that we can join them into eternity.

On May 15th we celebrated the feast of St. Isidore. A special feast day for us as a diocese. He is the patron saint of farmers and agriculture in general. With that in mind I would like to offer the opportunity to come out and bless your garden or fields through the rest of the month of May. With what we are called to do by the state of Wisconsin up in the air at the time of my writing this article; Eric and I are happy to come out to your house and be outside, with masks (if need be) and social distancing, ready to bless your garden or fields.

Rural Life Days is an event that the diocese of La Crosse has celebrated for many years. There is a prayer in the time of planting that applies to fields or gardens. So that part of it is not new, perhaps the term "rogation days" may sound familiar to you. But as we get outside and are filled with hope as the buds on the trees begin to open and the grass grows we are reminded that it is a time of grace and a time to give thanks for all the plants and the seeds that we are placing in the ground in hopes of a good harvest.

As I mentioned Eric in the above paragraph, watch for his personal introduction. He just arrived at the parish for a summer stay until he returns to the seminary in the Fall, God willing. So that is where I ask you to pray for vocations to the priesthood from our parish.

Seeing our young people on Zoom, there is a need there for prayer too. The world seemed pretty stable to them, school, sports, or work. Much of that was taken away from them and what they should expect from the future is a little cloudy.

Which brings us back to the saints. They too went through many changes, especially of heart. Their lives at times were very difficult and yet with God's grace they have left us a great example to follow and encouragement for our own challenges.

Holy saints of God, pray for us.

Father John

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maintain a safe distance and remem-
ber the limit of 10 people.**

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WEEKDAY MASSES

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DAILY ROSARY

Cancelled

CONFESSIONS

As advertised

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Cancelled

Mass Intentions for the week of May 17, 2020

- Sat. May 16 For the repose of the soul of *Louis Varga*
- Sun. May 17 For *our Parishioners*
- Mon. May 18 For the *Poor Souls in Purgatory*
- Tue. May 19 For the repose of the soul of
Sandy Sarazin
- Wed. May 20 For the repose of the soul of
Bill Loescher
- Thu. May 21 For the repose of the souls of
Marie & Andrew Lobenstein
- Fri. May 22 For the *Angelina Bires*
- Sat. May 23 For *our Parishioners*
- Sun. May 24 For the repose of the soul of
Shannon Bishop DeVee

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**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.

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Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, 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.

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.

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**Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Her, O Lord.** We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Violet McGinley who passed away this week. May perpetual light shine upon her.

**Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Her, O Lord.** We offer our prayers and condolences to the Ray Moriarty family. Ray's sister, Josephine Powers, passed away recently. May perpetual light shine upon her.

**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.

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

**CEMETERY MOWING**—We are looking for people to help out mowing and trimming at the cemetery during the summer and fall. If you're willing and able to help, please contact Carrol Kaiser at 847-7494 or the rectory office at 847-6054.

**May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** A beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother during the month of May is to pray a decade of the Rosary each day as a family. This takes less than 10 minutes and consists of praying one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's and one Glory Be while pondering an event of Jesus' and Mary's life that has a connection to your own life. For a simple, downloadable Prayer Card, go to [diolc.org/prayer](http://diolc.org/prayer) for families; or go to [diolc.org/deeper](http://diolc.org/deeper) for individual adults or empty nesters.

Another way to honor Mary is to have a "May Altar" which consists of a statue of Mary (any size) with flowers. This May Altar provides a reminder of our devotion to Mary as the Mother of Jesus, our Savior, and a place for coming together with Our Lady in prayer.

**SCRIP IS STILL AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY. WE ARE AT THE OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8:30 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM.**

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.

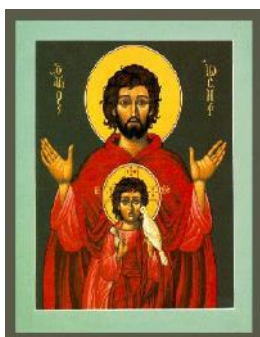
Wausau, (Cable and Satellite), Channel 12 at 6:30 a.m. Sunday.

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.

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

[diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph](https://diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph)



“Now is the time of St. Joseph! God has given clear indications that He wants His people to pay more attention to St. Joseph—clearer indications than in any previous era in Church history.

In 1961, St. Pope John XXIII put it very bluntly. He wrote:

In the Holy Church’s worship, right from the beginning, Jesus the Word of God made man, has enjoyed the adoration that belongs to Him, incommunicable as the splendor of the substance of His Father, a splendor reflected in the glory of His saints. From the earliest times, Mary, His mother, was close behind Him, in the pictures of the catacombs and the basilicas, where she was devoutly venerated as the ‘Holy Mother of God.’ But Joseph, except for some slight sprinkling of references to him here and there in the writings of the Fathers of the Church, for long centuries remained in the background, in his characteristic concealment, almost as a decorative figure in the overall picture of the Savior’s life. It took time for devotion to him to go beyond those passing glances and take root in the hearts of the faithful, and then surge forth in the form of special prayers and of a profound sense of trusting abandonment. The fervent joy of pouring forth these deepest feelings of the heart in so many impressive ways has been saved for modern times!”  
(Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father, by Donald H. Callaway, MIC).

“Consecration to St. Joseph, the Wonders of Our Spiritual Father” is available from:

- Marian Catechist Bookstore at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI  
<https://mariancatechist.com/product/consecration-to-st-joseph/>
- Fr. Donald Callaway’s webpage:  
<https://www.fathercallaway.com/books-and-gifts>

## COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.

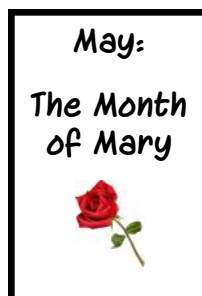
For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

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**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](https://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](https://diolc.org/deeper).

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