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APRIL 2025



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fears will starve to death.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mar 30 – Lenten Mission Speaker: Deacon Dave
Apr 2 – Lenten evening of Adoration & Confession 6:30-7:30pm
Apr 3 – Adoration & Confession BEFORE 9:00am Mass
Apr 3 – Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm
Apr 4 – NET Retreat 4:00-9:00pm
Apr 6 – Faith Formation Class at 9am
Apr 9 – Encounter Youth Group - 6:30-8pm
Apr 12 – St Anne's Meeting at 5:30pm
Apr 13 – Spanish Mass at 2:00pm
Apr 13 – KC's Meeting at 9:00am
Apr 17 – Holy Thursday Mass at 6:30pm
(Adoration in hall after mass until 10:30pm)
Apr 18 – Good Friday Service at 1:00pm
Apr 19 – Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart at 8:15pm
Apr 20 – Easter Mass at 10:30am
Apr 27 – Faith Formation Class at 9am
Apr 27 – First Communion during 10:30am Mass
May 4 – LAST Faith Formation Class at 9am
May 7 – Encounter Youth Group - 6:30-8pm
May 11 – Confirmation Mass 3:00pm at St. Mary Magdalene's

Holy Week Schedule



Holy Thursday, April 17th

6:30pm at SS. Peter & Paul
*Adoration after Mass from
7:30pm until 10:30pm in
the Social Center*

Good Friday, April 18th

1:00pm at SS. Peter & Paul
3:00pm at Sacred Heart

Easter Vigil, April 19th

8:15pm at Sacred Heart

Easter Sunday, April 20th

8:00am at Sacred Heart
10:30am at SS. Peter & Paul

Journey Through Holy Week:

Reflection on Christ's Sacrifice and Resurrection

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

As we prepare for Holy Week, this is a sacred time to reflect on Jesus' unwavering strength and determination, His boundless love and mercy, and the glorious hope of His Resurrection. The events of this week invite us to journey with Christ, contemplating His suffering, death, and burial, reminding us that He, the Paschal Lamb, bore the weight of our sins to grant us eternal salvation. Through prayer and reflection, may we deepen our faith and grow in gratitude for His ultimate sacrifice.

On Palm Sunday, we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where the people welcomed Him with palm branches, honoring Him as their King. In our churches today, we bless and carry palm branches in procession, singing "Hosanna to the Lord." Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday because the Gospel reading recounts Christ's suffering and death. It is the only Sunday in the liturgical year when two separate Gospel passages are proclaimed, helping us to focus on the solemn events that lie ahead.

Holy Week culminates in the Easter Triduum, the three most sacred days in the Church's calendar:

- **Holy Thursday:** We remember the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the Eucharist, giving us His Body and Blood, and established the priesthood. In an act of humility, He washed the feet of His disciples, teaching us the essence of Christian service.
- **Good Friday:** This is the most solemn day of the year, marking Jesus' crucifixion and death. There is **NO** Mass; instead, we venerate the Cross, meditate on the Stations of the Cross, and observe a day of fasting. From noon to three in the afternoon, the hours of Christ's suffering on the cross, we enter into deep reflection on His sacrifice.

- **Holy Saturday:** A day of silent waiting, as Christ rests in the tomb. At sunset, the Easter Vigil begins, the most beautiful and powerful liturgy of the year. The Church is gradually illuminated by candlelight, symbolizing the light of Christ overcoming darkness. The Paschal Candle is blessed, the baptismal water is consecrated, and new members are welcomed into the Church.

On Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ, the foundation of our faith. Jesus conquered sin and death so that we may share eternal life with Him in heaven. This is the heart of the Gospel and the center of our Christian worship.

Holy Week is a deeply emotional and spiritual journey, reminding us of the price Jesus paid for our salvation, yet filling us with hope and joy in the promise of His Resurrection. God's love is immeasurable. He has erased the sin that once separated us from Him, offering us life everlasting through Jesus' sacrifice.

May this Holy Week renew our faith, strengthen our spirits, and draw us closer to Christ. *Yours in Christ, Fr. Kris Mekala, mf*





STATIONS of the CROSS

Thursdays at 6:00pm

April 3 & 10

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, April 2
6:30-7:30pm

An evening of adoration
and confession.



Encounter

Youth Group

We will be meeting **Wednesday, April 9** at 6:30pm.
All 6th -12th grade students are invited for a fun and
inspirational evening of games, snacks, connecting
with others, a talk, discussion and prayers.
Invite your friends of all faiths. All are welcome!

La Misa en Español

13 de abril de 2025



Diocese of Green Bay Southwest Vicariate

Thursday, May 1st
5:45-7:45pm

- 5:45—Check-in and Hospitality
- 6:00—Presentation “The Church as Pilgrims of Hope”
by Gerard Hall, Director of Divine Worship
- 6:45—Panel Discussion & Reflection, “What does it
mean to live as Pilgrims of Hope?”
- 7:30—Closing Prayer

Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church Financial Statement

February 2025

Feb-25

Statement of Activity

Revenue

Church Support
Liturgy and Worship
Other Revenue
Faith Formation & Youth
Fundraising
PPP Loan Forgiveness
Total Revenue

Operating Expenses

Salaries and Wages
Payroll Taxes, Insurance Benefits
Liturgy and Worship
Pastoral Care and Outreach
Faith Formation & Youth
Buildings and Grounds
General Office
Diocesan Assessment
Other Payments+CapEx
Total Payments

Restricted Donation Revenue
Restricted Donation Expense

Net Excess(Deficit)

11,205



If you know of someone in need of
prayers, or you would like to be a
Prayer Warrior (on the prayer chain)
Call the church office at 920.867.2179

To have someone (or yourself) remembered in
prayer during General Mass Petitions, sign the
book on the narthex stand.

We are in the process of updating our files. Please let
the church know if you have an email address that we
could sent you updates, and if you don't have your
landline phone anymore
please give us your cell
number so we can
contact you.

Update
your
Information





EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

Flower envelopes are due to the Parish Office by Tuesday, April 15th

SVdP is Here for Neighbors in Need Story of SVdP Impact

Recently, the Hawkins, a family of four, found themselves unable to pay their rent after an unexpected crisis. Mr. Hawkins, a hardworking provider, suffered a head injury in a workplace accident, delaying his return to work. With workers' compensation caught in red tape, their financial stability crumbled.

Two SVdP Vincentians from our Sacred Heart (Manawa)/SS. Peter and Paul (Weyauwega) Conference visited the family's home to assess their needs. The Hawkins had once been on the giving end, regularly donating to service organizations. Now, they faced the humbling reality of needing help themselves. It was not easy for them to ask, but the Vincentians assured them—there was no judgment, only compassion and support.

With prayerful hearts, the Vincentians provided the rent assistance they so desperately needed and connected them to further resources. When a Vincentian reached out to their landlord—who was away for the winter—to explain the situation, something remarkable happened, the landlord's heart softened. Instead of judgment, they responded with understanding and grace.

This encounter was transformative not only for the family but for everyone involved. The landlord's perspective shifted, the Hawkins family felt the dignity of compassionate support, and our Vincentians left deeply moved, reminded of the profound impact that kindness and human connection can have in times of hardship.



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April 27th, 2005

Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, is a special day dedicated to honoring God's infinite mercy, as revealed to St. Faustina. It is a time for prayer, reflection, and receiving God's abundant grace.

Divine Mercy Novena

For those observing the Divine Mercy Novena, it begins on Good Friday and continues for nine days, leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday. This novena is a powerful preparation for receiving the graces of Divine Mercy.

Key Traditions of Divine Mercy Sunday

1. Attending Mass and Receiving the Eucharist – Catholics are encouraged to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion in a state of grace.
2. Going to Confession – Jesus promised complete forgiveness of sins and punishment for those who go to Confession and receive the Eucharist on this day.
3. Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet – This prayer, given to St. Faustina, is often recited at 3:00 PM, the Hour of Mercy, when Jesus died on the Cross.
4. Venerating the Divine Mercy Image – The image of Jesus with rays of light, inscribed with "Jesus, I trust in You," is displayed in churches and homes for veneration.
5. Performing Acts of Mercy – Practicing kindness, forgiveness, and charity by helping others in need is a way to live out God's mercy in daily life.
6. Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hours – Some churches hold special Adoration, prayer services, and reflections on Divine Mercy.
7. Receiving a Plenary Indulgence – Catholics can receive a plenary indulgence by going to Confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the Pope's intentions.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations

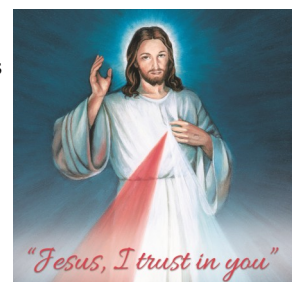
You are invited to fully participate in the special observances of this sacred day. Our celebrations will include:

- Veneration of the Divine Mercy Icon – An opportunity to show reverence to the image of Divine Mercy.
- Eucharistic Adoration (9:30–10:30 AM) – A time of prayer and reflection, during which we will sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- Plenary Indulgence – Available to those who go to Confession and fulfill the necessary conditions.
- Holy Mass – Following Adoration, where you can receive the Eucharist.
- Acts of Mercy – You are encouraged to perform an act of mercy on your own, sharing God's love and compassion with others.

Let us embrace this sacred feast as a powerful reminder of God's boundless mercy, placing our full trust in Him and extending His love to those around us.

St. Faustina, pray for us.

Yours in Christ,
FR. Kris Mekala mf



Registration for the
Walk To Mary
is NOW OPEN!



Saturday, May 3rd

A 21-mile walking pilgrimage (shorter routes available) starting from the National Shrine of St. Joseph at Old St. Joseph Church on the St. Norbert College campus in De Pere, WI to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI.

Get More Info or Sign Up at: www.WalkToMary.com

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2025

Bringing HOPE
to the world

Our parish goal is \$18,759

As of March 25th,

SS. Peter & Paul has

contributed **\$9,921.00.**

Please help us reach our goal.



52.9%



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 12th & 13th

Saturday, April 12th

4:30pm at Ss. Peter & Paul

Sunday, April 13th

8:00am at Sacred Heart

10:30am at Ss. Peter & Paul

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FIRST COMMUNION

We would like to congratulate
and ask you to please pray for our
students who will receive their
First Communion on Sunday,
April 27 at the 10:30am Mass.



FIRST
Communion

Sterling Byers

Heidy Chimbolema Agau

Hector Delgado

Jesse Neuman

Domenica Trujillo-Nausin

Marina Cruz-Rosos

Daniel Hutchison

William Spierings

Maria Wagner

Jesus' Words to St. Faustina Recorded in Her Diary

The Image/Trust in Jesus:

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina looking as He does in the image on this page. He said, Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You... I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.

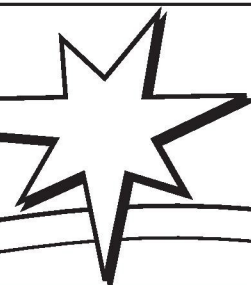
The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls...these two rays issued forth from the very depth of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so let every soul have access to it. Let the rays of grace enter your soul; they bring with them light, warmth, and life.

Being Merciful:

Look into My Merciful Heart and reflect its compassion in your own heart and in your deeds Know that whatever good you do to any soul, I accept it as if you had done it to Me. It should be of no concern to you how anyone else acts; you are to be My living reflection, through love and mercy. [Faustina answered, "Lord, but they often take advantage of my goodness." That makes no difference, My daughter. That is no concern of yours. As for you, be always merciful toward other people, and especially toward sinners.



Partners in FAITH™



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

April 2025

S.S. Peter & Paul and Sacred Heart Parishes



Thoughtful Moments

St. Catherine of Siena

Born in 1347, St. Catherine of Siena experienced divine visions from a young age. Rejecting marriage over her mother's objections, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and embraced a life of poverty, prayer, and charity. Known for her wisdom, she became a sought-after advisor and peacemaker. Her theological contributions and spiritual writings earned her the title of Doctor of the Church, recognizing her lasting influence on Catholic doctrine and devotion.



PACT — prayers on the go

If you have just a few minutes to pray as a family, focus on the four essential forms of prayer: Petition, Adoration, Contrition, and Thanksgiving. Entrust all your concerns to God, reflect on His goodness and love, seek His forgiveness in areas where you have fallen short, and express gratitude for His many gifts – especially His mercy. Amen!

"In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!" (John 16:33).



Sunday Mass: a sacred invitation – will you accept?

If a friend invited your family to dinner and told you Jesus would be there, wouldn't you do whatever it took to attend, knowing the immeasurable blessing of being in His presence? Each time Mass is celebrated, Jesus is truly present. Do whatever it takes to attend every Sunday Mass so your family is blessed by:

Nourishment for the Soul – Just as parents ensure their children eat well to grow strong and healthy, Jesus provides the spiritual food we need to strengthen our souls. The Eucharist is not just symbolic; it sustains and transforms us.

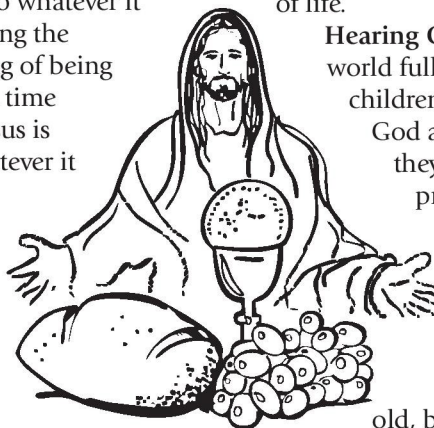
Obedience to God – He explicitly calls us to keep the Sabbath holy. Bringing children to Mass teaches them

to prioritize God's law, reinforcing the importance of obedience in all aspects of life.

Hearing God's Word – In a world full of distractions, children must learn to listen to God above all else. At Mass, they hear Scripture proclaimed, forming a habit of recognizing and responding to His voice.

Belonging to a family – Every Catholic, young and old, belongs to God's family, the Church. *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them"* (Matthew 18:20). Children bless others simply by being active members.

Regular Mass attendance isn't just a duty—it's a gift that helps children become spiritually strong.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Catholics observe Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, recalling Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Crowds honored Him with palm branches, shouting "Hosanna!" During Mass, we receive blessed palms, symbolizing victory and the

Why do Catholics commemorate Palm Sunday?



fleeting nature of human praise. The liturgy includes the reading of Christ's Passion, shifting from joy to solemnity, preparing us for His suffering and sacrifice.

This day calls for solemn and thoughtful preparation for the most solemn week of the year and the joy of Easter.

Make Easter joy last all year

Easter joy isn't meant for just one morning—it's meant to be lived every Sunday. As Pope John Paul II reminded us, "*Sunday recalls the day of Christ's Resurrection. It is Easter which returns week by week, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death*" (*Dies Domini*). Keep that joy alive by making every Sunday a "little Easter."

Joy follows sacrifice. Just as darkness precedes the dawn, atonement for sin prepares us to fully experience Easter's triumph. Make Fridays penitential in your home—share meatless meals, fast from entertainment,

go to Confession, serve others through acts of charity.

Rejoice in second chances. Jesus knows our good intentions don't always hold, so He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Go as a family at least once a month. When children see you seeking God's mercy, they'll know it's there for them too.

Immerse yourself in the Mass. It's not meant to be observed but lived. Read the Scriptures beforehand, sing wholeheartedly, and pray with intention. Celebrate the Resurrection with true joy.



Scripture LESSON

John 20:19-31, Mercy triumphs over doubt

Poor Thomas! Despite his years of faithful discipleship, he will forever be known as "the Doubter." Even after witnessing Jesus' miracles firsthand for several years, he struggled to believe in the Resurrection. Not even the testimony of multiple eyewitnesses could convince him that his Lord had returned.

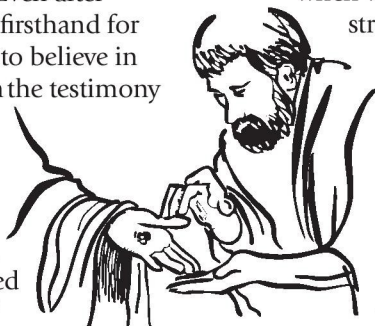
Yet Jesus, in His mercy, met Thomas in his doubt. A week later, Jesus appeared to him, offering the proof Thomas needed—even inviting him to touch His wounds. Thomas hesitated, but when confronted with the Truth, he embraced it.

What can a parent do? Remind

children that God is not troubled by our questions or doubts, especially when we say, "I'm struggling—please help me." As we grow in

faith, we will encounter ideas that challenge or confuse us. In those moments, we can turn to God in prayer and seek wisdom in the teachings of the

Church, guided by the Holy Spirit. St. Thomas' journey of doubt ultimately led him into deeper intimacy with Christ. The same can be true for us—if we are willing to seek and trust.



Feasts & Celebrations

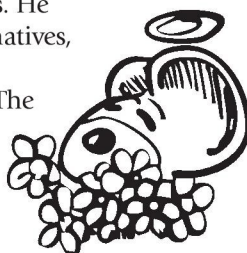
April 7 – St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (1719). St. John was born at Rheims, France, to a noble family, and was ordained a priest in 1678. He taught groups of poor and rich children together – which was unusual for that time. He formed the Brothers of the Christian School, a successful community of educators.

April 13 – Palm Sunday. This Sunday recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem when He was greeted by crowds waving palms. It marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 23 – St. Adalbert of Prague

(997). St. Adalbert was bishop of Prague, but his evangelizing activities earned him enemies and he was forced to leave. He was later invited by the Duke of Poland to evangelize Pomerania and Hungary and was martyred.

April 28 – St. Peter Chanel (1841). St. Peter Chanel entered the Society of Mary and was sent to evangelize the Marshall Islands. He baptized a few natives, including the chieftain's son. The entire island converted two years after his martyrdom.



Parent TALK

For more than a week, Tessa came home upset about the environment in her classroom. The way Tessa told it, the teacher had little control over the class, nor any idea of what the kids were up to when her back was turned. When it continued into the next week, I decided to

email the teacher to tell her I wasn't happy.

As I started typing, I realized I wasn't being fair. What if Tessa wasn't giving me the whole story? Shouldn't I be helpful rather than critical?

My email instead asked for a meeting and the teacher responded immediately. When we met, she acknowledged that there were issues in class but detailed the excellent steps she was taking to get on top of them. Further, she had suggestions for how I could support her at home.

This experience convinced me to be a partner rather than a critic.



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