



May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

*"In the divine image He created them
male and female; He created them." Genesis 1:27*

St. Mary Parish

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Hours
Monday Closed
Tuesday – Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Daily Adoration 1 hour prior to Daily
Mass except Saturday

Tuesday	6:00pm
Wednesday	7:00am
Thursday-Saturday	8:00am
First Friday	7:00am

Sunday	
Saturday (Vigil)	5:00pm
Sunday	8:00am 10:30am

Confessions

Saturday	4:00pm-4:45pm
Sunday	7:00am-7:30am 9:45am-10:20am
First Friday	6:00pm-7:00pm

Parish Staff

Rev. Fr. Gregory A. Michaud
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STALLED FAITH?

Dear Family,

I have been blessed to be able to acquire my pilot's license. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, I cannot fly any longer, but I am forever thankful for the time that I did. When one begins flight instruction one of the maneuvers that must mastered is how to recover from a stall. There are a couple of types of stalls. One is a power off stall. This is not when the engine stops running as the name may at first imply. When any stall occurs, the wing stops producing lift. This happens when the wing is beyond what is called the critical angle of attack. To explain this, stick your hand out the window of your car like a wing and tilt your hand so that the wind hits more of the palm of your hand. The angle at which your hand is hitting the wind is the angle of attack. When a stall occurs, the wing of an airplane hits the wind too steeply. When this happens, the wind no longer flows smoothly over the wing and the wing can longer produce lift. At that point the plane begins to drop. A pilot has to learn to identify the warning signs of a stall and know how to recover from one quickly should one occur.

When a plane enters into a power off stall the very first thing the pilot must do is to push the nose of the plane over and point it downward. Counterintuitive yes, but you must put the nose down. This decreases the angle of attack. At the same time, the pilot needs to apply full throttle. This helps you to build necessary air speed over the wings. While this is going on, the pilot must use the rudder pedals to keep the tail following the nose of the plane. Those among other things are necessary to recover when an airplane stalls.

What if our faith stalls? Well, same things. First, put your nose down. As the saying goes, "keep your nose to the grindstone". Recovery from a stall in faith will require our determination to want to recover. This may require us to make ourselves uncomfortable, not unlike pointing the nose of a falling airplane toward the very ground you're trying to avoid.

Second, the pilot must apply full power. He has to give it everything the engine has. We, too, must give it everything we have. Even if we don't have everything it takes, God will make up the difference if only we do our part. Full throttle!

Third, while all the above is going on, the pilot must keep the body of the plane following the nose of the plane. He does this with the rudder pedals. At the point of a stall there is a lot of torque that can get the plane out of whack. So, the pilot has to keep the tail in line with the nose. The whole thing needs to be heading in the same direction. So, also, in faith, if we are heading toward God spiritually but heading away from God with our words and actions, we are not in a coordinated posture and we can crash.

The best way to recover from a stall is to never get into one in the first place. But, if it does happen, a pilot who follows the stall recovery procedure properly won't crash. Instead, he will start to gain momentum, put the nose on the horizon, and start to climb heavenward once again. Wind over the wings makes an airplane fly, the Wind of the Holy Spirit makes our souls fly...God raises up the humble.

I'll end with a bit of pilot wisdom...There are old pilots and there are bold pilots, but there are no old, bold pilots! Translated spiritually it means be humble and you won't crash! May your skies be blue and your winds calm.
God bless and Mary keep you!



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Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 6 – Office Closed

6:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, May 7

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm Mass: † Arnie & Florence Carl and Ken and Ronnie
6:30pm PCCW Meeting – Church Hall

Wednesday, May 8

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration
7:00am Mass: Blessings for Bishop Callahan
6:30pm Catechist & Support staff end of year dinner

Thursday, May 9

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
8:00am Mass: † LaVerne Schmitt
9:00am Bible Study – Church Hall
6:00pm Family Life Committee Meeting

Friday, May 10

Memorials of Saint John of Avila, priest and doctor of the Church; Saint Damien de Veuster, priest

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
8:00am Mass: † Maureen Meier
5:00pm Security Meeting – Schmitty's on Main

Saturday, May 11 – Incense Free

8:00am Mass: † deceased and living members of Catholic Financial Life
4:00pm Confession
5:00pm Mass: † Ed, Mary and Lawrence Prem
6:00pm Mother's Day Banquet – Church Hall

Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
7:00am Confession
8:00am Mass: St. Mary's Parish Family
9:45am Confession
10:30am Mass: † Darrell Poeschel

General Parish Information

Father Greg's Emergency Cell 906.282.2049

New Parishioners We invite you to join St. Mary's Parish family! Please contact the Parish Office at 715.743.3840

Prayer Chain Parish Office – 715.743.3840

Meal Ministry Mary Sladich – 715.743.4466

Elizabeth Ministry Renee Schoen – 715.743.4059

Holy Matrimony Contact with the parish is required six months to one year before marriage. Preparation begins with the first contact.

Baptisms May be celebrated during or following any of the Masses. Preparation classes are required. Please call the Parish Office for details.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Gretchen Fitzmaurice – 715.486.6674

Weekly Collection

April 27-28, 2024

Tithe	3,696.00
Student	6.50
Offertory	510.01
Total	\$4,212.51

Weekly Budget **\$5,600.00**

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Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday May 11-12

Lectors

<u>5:00pm</u> Mary Hartung	<u>8:00am</u> Donna Kuhn	<u>10:30am</u> Bob Barth
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Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<u>5:00pm</u> Jared Thomas	<u>8:00am</u> Cheyenne Thomas	<u>10:30pm</u> Gretchen Fitzmaurice
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Altar Servers

<u>5:00pm</u> Andrew Hoerer Adam Hoerer	<u>8:00am</u> Joseph Roehl Veronica Roehl Peter Rosno	<u>10:30am</u> Hayden Poeschel Corbin Wirkuty Gregory Lehn
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Cantor

10:30am
Lorraine Spencer
JoAnn Blum

Ushers for May

<u>5:00pm</u> Donald Kotcon Al Spaete Doug Spaete Eugene Walter Jr.	<u>8:00am</u> Walter Domaszek Bev Friemoth Jim Langreck Russell Pagenkopf	<u>10:30am</u> Larry Kyle Gary Ruzic Kevin Schoen Tom Silbernagel
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Rosary Leader

<u>5:00pm</u> Larry Hoerer	<u>8:00am</u> Jack & Theresa Hammond	<u>10:30am</u> Phyllis Carney
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Proverbial Wisdom

And when it rains on your parade,
look up rather than down.
Without the rain, there would be no rainbow.
--GK Chesterton

Parish Announcements

Reminder of Meetings for the month of May:

Thursday May 9 Family Life Meeting 6pm
Tuesday May 14 Calendar Meeting 6:45pm
Thursday May 16 Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30pm
Tuesday May 21 Finance Council Meeting 6:45pm
Thursday May 23 Justice & Peace Committee 7pm
Please mark your calendars if you are on any of these committees.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

There will be a meeting to discuss parish security on Friday, May 10th at 5pm at Schmitt's in the downstairs dining room. All ushers need to be in attendance since it

directly involves you. Any other parishioners are welcome to attend as well. Officer Isaac Guyer will speak about situational awareness and those "red flags" that, if noticed, can help stop a threat to the parish before it happens. Thank you for your attention to the extremely important matter. Please call the Parish Office with any questions and to sign-up.

Mother's Day Banquet

Saturday May 11th



The evening will begin with the May Crowning during 5pm Mass and the banquet to follow in the Church hall. The signup is available in the Narthex. Plan to come and enjoy. All are

welcome!!!

Volunteers for Mother's Day Banquet: Looking for men and boys to help set tables, serve food and clean up at the banquet. The sign up is available the Narthex.

PCCW News

PCCW Meeting Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:30pm. Guest speaker will be Mary Hartung. She will share her experiences while participating in a medical mission in Guatemala. Business meeting will follow with important issues to discuss. All ladies invited and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Project Milk Fundraiser: No Bake Bake Sale - The PCCW will be having a "No Bake Bake Sale" to raise money for Project Milk. Hundreds of families in Peru are struggling to put food on the table for some that means rotating days on which children can eat. Your donation goes straight to the purchase, preparation and shipment of the milk. Ladies are requested to contribute monetarily. The envelopes can be found in the carport. Thank you for your generosity.

Mother's Day Rose Sale

Next Weekend

May 11th & 12th after each Mass

The Rose is a symbol of the Pro Life movement because it expresses the unique beauty and fragility of Life. The Clark County Right to Life wishes all Mother's and their families a Happy Mother's Day!



CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Faith Formation News



Family Formation

Thank you! We have ended another successful year of Family Formation and CCD! Thank you to everyone involved in Family Formation: parents, catechists, speakers, child care and food preparation. Thank you to all our CCD catechists who prepare and teach the youth! A lot of effort and cooperation is involved in both programs and you are all appreciated!

Family Formation and CCD Registration for the 2024-2025 - We ask parents with children that will be in Kindergarten through 12th grade this fall fill out and submit with your payment the Registration forms located in the Narthex or on St Mary's website under Religious Education. We ask that you return them along with your payment by June 30, 2024 to get the early bird discount of \$10! After July 1st, there will be an additional \$10 late fee added.

CCD teacher needed for the fall of 2024: We ask that you continue to keep our CCD and Family Formation programs in your prayers. We need to start with prayer and trust that the Holy Spirit will guide and provide for our programs. We value the varied gifts and talents of our parish family contributing to its success. Please consider volunteering your talents as a catechist!

At this time, we are in need of a 12th grade catechist or couple to co-teach. The senior year catechesis is an examination of all Christian vocations and the discernment of God's will and focuses on living a moral Christian life. It includes the examination of the sacraments related to all vocations, the dignity of the human person and its relationship to God, characteristics of living a moral life within a vocation, Catholic sexual morality as expressed in John Paul II's Theology of the Body and the importance of prayer. Please talk with Fr Greg or Judy Conner, CRE if you are interested and/or have questions.

Adventure Camp - There are 2 weeks available this year for Adventure Camp. Week 1: June 23-28, 2024 and Week 2: July 7-12, 2024. These two weeks are for youth in grades 6-12. The cost is \$430 per person (including adults) for an early bird registration (registered before June 10, 2024). The regular price after June 10, 2024, rises to \$450 per person (including adults). Funds are available thru the Family Life Committee to help with cost. For more information, registration link, click here: diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/.



Following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, June 2nd, our parish family will take to the streets of Neillsville, to intentionally show our love for our Eucharistic Lord. Plan to join for all or part of the procession. When we carry our Eucharistic Lord through the streets, we give public witness of our faith and devotion to Our Lord, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. For those who would like to participate, but may not be able to walk the entire way, cars will be available.



CHANGE OF LOCATION

Spring Change of Season Saturday May 18th

The annual Spring Change of Seasons project co-sponsored by Saint Mary's Justice and Peace Committee and Interfaith Caregivers of Clark County will be Saturday May 18th. Cleaning consists of gutter cleaning and window washing. **The event will start at 8:30am with breakfast at St. Mary's Parish.** Please contact Interfaith at 715-743-2885 or email judydonmorrow@hotmail.com or contact Gary Veltus at 715-937-6551. Remember we can only accomplish this program with enough volunteers. This would be a good project for Scouts, FFA and Church groups. Consider volunteering to help those in need.



A message from Larry Kyle: "We would like to thank all who came to our birthday and jubilee celebration. Your presence made it a most enjoyable event. Thank you and God Bless, Sister Marie

Kyle, FSLA and Larry Kyle

Please pray for Sister Mary Niva Langreck SSND who was born to Eternal Life April 29, 2024, at age 97. Sister is survived by her nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and the SSND community. Preceded in death by her parents, Mary Ann and Herman Langreck, her brothers Harold, Herbert, and Robert Langreck, her sisters Dorothy, Marie, and Sister Lilia, SSND.

Spiritual Bouquet – Seminarian Mathew Szymanski will be ordained a Deacon on June 1, 2024 at 10am at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse, WI. In support of Matthew, who was here the summer of 2021, Father Greg would like to send him a Spiritual Bouquet. Please see the display in the Narthex. There are spiritual bouquet sheets to fill out and a box to put them in when they are completed. Thank you



"The Answer" Eucharistic Rally: We are very excited to announce "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally that will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the six days that the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse and will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. **This event is \$20 per person.** This rally is for youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. You can find more information about the event and the other days the Marian Route will be in our diocese by visiting: <https://diolc.org/the-answer/> or scan the QR code above. **If you would like to sign up with people that are going from St. Mary's, the sign up is in the Narthex with the display. Instead of a bus, the group will be carpooling. Please give Mary Luedtke a call at 715-937-5054 with any questions.**

Save the Date: National Eucharistic Procession Monday, June 10, 2024

Join in the National Eucharistic Procession (Marshfield) beginning at 2PM at the Park 'n Ride (South of Kwik Trip/Draxler's Transport), processing on the Veteran's Pkwy Bike/Walking Trail, concluding at St. John Paul II Adoration Chapel located in the lower level of St. John the Baptist Church. Please see the poster in the Narthex for more information .

Casa Hogar Optical Fundraiser – The Casa Hogar Optical Mission is having a fundraiser to raise \$6,000 for the purchase of a digital phoropter to help with the fitting of eyeglasses. This machine will allow them to help provide the very best prescriptions for those who desperately need them. To participate they will be selling Valley Fudge & Candy. Go to their website hogar.valleyfudgeandcandy.com or call 608-452-2042 and order today. 50% of each sale will go to the cause. Great gift for Mother's Day or any occasion, or just because you love fudge!!

Just a reminder that if you are participating in the Diocesan Annual Appeal this year to please have your pledge form in by the deadline date of June 30, 2024.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

2023-2024 Assessment

\$45,050.00

As of May 2, 2024

\$31,865.00

Parishioner participation: 31%

Please prayerfully discern your pledge and return your card in the offertory collection or mail it directly to the Diocese of La Crosse. Thank you to those who have already submitted their pledge for this year.