



St. Joseph  
Catholic Parish

# Third Sunday of Easter

April 13 & 14, 2024

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*Alaina Grace Asher*

*Brynn Marie Fullington*

*Mila Murphy Branch*

*Grace Ruth Giertz*

*Kai William Cegler*

*Evelyn Rose Hurlburt-Hinshaw*

*Quinn Timothy Cegler*

*Brianna Carol Knudsen*

*Grant William Forster*

*Adelynn Barbara Mrdatt*

## FIRST COMMUNION

*Thomas John Raff*

*Aspen Jean Marie Sweeney-Foltz*

*Ava Jo Traynor*

*Gunnar Jo Watkins*

*Camille Lauren Wengel*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Saturday, April 13**(Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21)

3:00 PM—Private Confession

3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass—Marjorie Dasaro by Roger & Mary Schaefer

**Sunday, April 14**(Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48)

8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass—Stanley Baszuro by Obradovich Family

10:15 AM Mass—Lawrence & Maxine Ryder by the Family

**Baptism Nicholas John Nigon son of Tyler & Leanna**

12:30 PM First Communion Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family

5:15 PM—Private Confession

5:40 PM—Pray the Rosary

6:00 PM Mass—StoutCatholic

**Monday, April 15**(Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29)

**No Services**

**No School**

8:00 AM-9:00 AM—Adoration (The Ministry)

9:15 AM—St. Joseph Quilters (Charles Hall)

5:30 PM—Domestic Church (Charles Hall)

6:00 PM— Bible Study (Parish Center CR)

**Tuesday, April 16**(Acts 7:51, 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35)

7:00 AM-3:00 PM—Adoration (Church)

8:00 AM Mass—Living and Deceased Members of Catholic Financial Life Branch No. 91

9:00 AM—Faith & Fellowship (Friendship House)

10:00 AM— Bible Study (Parish Center CR)

5:00-6:00 PM—Tuesday's Table Meal (Charles Hall)

6:00-6:30 PM—Evening Adoration

**Wednesday, April 17**(Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40)

8:00 AM Mass—Catherine Alexandra Keeler by the DeHoff Family

6:00-8:00 PM—Adoration (The Ministry)

5:30-6:30 PM—Religious Education Grade 1-5 (Parish Center)

6:00 PM—Guitar Choir Practice (Parish Center CR)

6:30 PM—Book Club (Friendship House)

**Thursday, April 18**(Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51)

2:00 PM Mass at The Neighbors—Agnes Stipetich by the PCCW

5:30 Mass—The Ministry

**Friday, April 19**(Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59)

9:00 AM Mass—Living & Deceased Members of the Shannon Family by Joe & Joyce Kettner

**Saturday, April 20**(Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69)

3:00 PM—Private Confession

3:30 PM—Pray the Rosary

4:00 PM Mass—Ron & Jan Jordan by Rita Ulesich

**Sunday, April 21**(Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18)

8:00 AM—Pray the Rosary

8:30 AM Mass—Rick Halama by Rita Ulesich

10:15 AM Mass—St. Joseph Parish Family

5:15 PM—Private Confession

5:40 PM—Pray the Rosary

6:00 PM Mass—StoutCatholic

## WISH LIST

### PARISH & SCHOOL WISH LIST

Contact the parish center for information about an item/ event, or to donate toward a purchase.

**Parish:**

Parish Potluck Inflatables & Games

\$300

## SACRAMENTS

### Congratulations on your Baptism

*Nicholas John Nigon*

Son of Tyler & Leanna

*You have put on Christ, you have been baptized,*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

## EMPLOYMENT

### WE ARE HIRING 2 NEW POSITIONS!

Parish Administrative Assistant

and

School Administrative Assistant

Both are onsite positions

Please visit our website for more details.  
[www.menomoniecatholic.org/employment](http://www.menomoniecatholic.org/employment)

## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

### THE ANSWER

Eucharistic Rally

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**WE HAVE A BUS to help make it easy to attend this event!**

Buy your \$20 ticket: Scan the QR code or go to [diolc.org/answer-info](http://diolc.org/answer-info)



(The Knights of Columbus will help sponsor individuals needing help with the cost.)

**Then sign up for a spot on the bus.**

This is free transportation.

Sign-up: [nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org](mailto:nicki.welsch@menomoniecatholic.org)

## CHOIR

### Upcoming Choir Rehearsals

**Guitar Choir: Wednesday, April 17, 6:00 PM**

**Traditional Choir: Wednesday, April 24, 5:30 PM**

## MESSAGE FROM FR. MANO

Jesus told His disciples, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15) Over the last few days, we have meditated on the various Resurrection accounts from the various Gospel narratives.

The encounter of the women, on the way back from the tomb, the encounter with Mary of Magdalene, calling her by name, the encounter of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, with the Risen Lord, at the breaking of bread, the encounter of the Apostles with the Risen Lord in the closed room and the encounter of the Apostles with the Risen Lord by the Sea of Tiberias.

In all these various Resurrection narratives that are mentioned in the Gospel, one common element is seen: A mention of unbelief or uncertainty of the disciples. When Mary Magdalene saw the Lord and reported this to the disciples, they did not believe it. When the two disciples on the way to Emmaus spoke of the Risen Lord's appearance to them, they did not believe them either but later the Lord appeared to the disciples themselves and rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart because they had not believed.

The disciples found it hard to accept and believe in the Resurrection of the Lord. They had been rebuked often by the Lord, during His earthly ministry. Now they are again blamed for their lack of faith, even after His Resurrection. Despite this lack of intensity in their belief, the Risen Lord entrusts them with His mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom. Despite this little strength in their faith, the Risen Lord hands them His task of preaching the Word of God to all the nations.

That's the trust of the Lord in His disciples. It's His conviction that "I will be with them and above all, I trust them". Like the disciples, we too may and will have our moments of variations in faith and slipping in hope. In all this, let us be assured that the Lord, who has entrusted His task to us, will continue to trust in us, and assures His presence with us. We are weak. We are fragile. The Lord knows these aspects in us, much better than we. He knew all this, even of the Apostles.

Yet, He wholly trusted them. And He wholly trusts us too. The disciples would grow in the strength of this trust and would become courageous and powerful to give witness to the Risen Lord – even when put through trials and tribulations. This bold witness even surprised many people, including the religious leaders. Their conviction would make them profess the Lord in all that they did. Let us be Christians who don't stumble for answers; instead, strongly shout out God's Love. Let us be His disciples who don't stumble for lack of convictions; instead, boldly walk with commitment. Yes, let this Easter Season help all of us to be powerful witnesses of Christ Who has risen for us!

## PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

### EVENING ADORATION WITH MEDITATION MUSIC



**Tuesday,  
April, 16th  
6:00-6:30 PM**

**All are welcome! Spend time  
with Jesus: Pray, read, meditate.  
If you have never been to  
adoration now is the time!**

**Children are encouraged to attend!**

### BOOK CLUB

What: Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust by Immaculee Ilibagiza

When: Orientation Meeting, April 17  
Book Discussion (first half of the book) May 8  
Book Discussion (second half of the book) May 29

All meetings will be 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Friendship House

**Immaculee Ilibagiza  
will be speaking at  
the Eucharist rally  
in La Crosse!**


## FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

**ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME**  
"CONNECTIONS, COMMUNITY AND CONVERSATION"


-BRING A SNACK OR YOUR APPETITE  
-DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

**Tuesday,  
April 16th**

9am @ The Friendship House



F & F Fabulous Leaders



**St. Joseph Quilters  
Monday, April 15th,  
@ 9:30 AM in Charles Hall**

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Congratulations to our 2nd grade class who will be celebrating their First Communion on Sunday, April 14th at 12:30 PM! Thank you to Ms. Thomas and all those who helped prepare these students for this beautiful sacrament, including all of you who have lifted these students in your prayers.

Did you know that we have published authors at our school? Our 1st grade class has published their own book titled *When I Grow Up*. They have written and illustrated so many wonderful hopes and dreams for their future! Each student could order a copy of "their book," and parents were given the opportunity to order more books. The 1st grade class is very proud of their work!

Our Spring Concert is quickly approaching. The concert performances are on Thursday, April 25th at 1:30 and 5:30 in the school gym. I invite you to join us to see and hear the amazing things happening in our music program!

St. Joseph School's annual Walk for Virtues fundraiser is on Friday, May 3rd. Students and family and friends will walk along the Red Cedar Trail from Irvington to Riverside Park and then enjoy a picnic lunch. More information about this will be in next week's bulletin and on the bulletin board in the back of church.

May your week be sprinkled with unexpected joy!



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
abides in me, and I in him.*

*John 6:56*

Congratulations to all 15 of our First Communicants who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this weekend!

### UPCOMING DATES:

#### ELEMENTARY

**Apr 17:** Faith Formation 5:30 – 6:30 / **PARISH CENTER**

**May 1:** Faith Formation 5:30 – 6:30 / **PARISH CENTER**

**May 15:** Faith Formation 5:30 – 6:30 / **PARISH CENTER** / [Last session](#)

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Apr 24:** Faith Formation 6:00 – 7:30 / **PARISH CENTER**

**May 8:** Faith Formation 6:00 – 7:30 / **PARISH CENTER** / [Last session](#)

#### CONFIRMATION

**Apr 24:** Small Group meeting space available 5:00 – 8:00 / **PARISH CENTER**

**May 5:** Session 9:30 – 11:15 / **PARISH CENTER** / Candidates are strongly encouraged to attend 8:30 Mass prior to the session. / [Last session](#)

**May 15:** Small Group meeting space available 5:00 – 8:00 / **PARISH CENTER**

## THANK YOU!



Thank you to this crew, plus Stephanie, for joining The Cooking Crew Ministry. They did amazing with their first task!

# WALK for Virtues

FRIDAY, May 3, 2024

### WHAT IS WFV?

Walk for Virtues is a fundraiser for our school. Students will walk on the Red Cedar Trail in Menomonie on Friday, May 3. Parents are welcome to join! The walk represents our school community's pledge to practice the virtues of Faith, Hope, Charity, Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance, which students learn about throughout the school year.

### HOW DO WE RAISE MONEY?

- 1) St. Joseph School families will collect pledges for our walk from family and friends in the coming weeks.
- 2) A Walk for Virtues Sponsor Bulletin Board will be in the main entrance of the church. This is an opportunity for parishioners or others who may not be asked to pledge a student to walk, to support our school and the Walk for Virtues fundraiser. Look for more information in next week's bulletin.

**ANY AMOUNT PLEDGED OR DONATED IS APPRECIATED!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## STEWARDSHIP

### FINANCE REPORT

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

OFFERTORY for April 7—Week 41

Adult Envelope Donations	\$ 7,261.00
Weekly Goal	<u>\$ 11,731.00</u>
Under Weekly Goal	\$ (4,470.00)

Plate	\$ 1,884.76
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Year-to-Date Total	\$476,295.25
Year-to-Date Goal	<u>\$480,971.00</u>
Under Yearly Goal	\$ (4,675.75)

<b>Diocesan Annual Appeal:</b>	
Goal	\$ 67,860.00
Pledged/Received	\$ 37,050.00

March Income	\$165,847.22
March Expenses	\$ 87,267.93

—THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING—

## PCCW



PCCW Scholarship | Due May 1st

**St. Joseph Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) is offering (1) \$1000 scholarship.** Any Catholic woman of St.

Joseph parish who plans to attend or is attending a Catholic or public college or university, or other institution of higher education should apply. Full or part time students are eligible to apply as well as previous recipients. Applications to a Catholic school will have priority. Scan the QR code for details and application.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus 2024 Scholarship

Applications for the KC Scholarship are due Monday May 1, 2024. If you are a registered member of St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Menomonie, admitted to a college or university for fall 2024 semester, and pursuing an associate, baccalaureate or advanced degree, please consider applying. Find more details and the application at MenomonieCatholic.org or scan the QR Code.

Email application and letters of recommendation  
Bob Lichty at rlichty66@gmail.com.



## CASA HOGAR

Casa Hogar is a home for youth that is supported by the Diocese of La Crosse with the mission of delivering high quality care in a family environment. There are 64 children and families who live at Casa Hogar ranging in age from 5 to 17 years old.

Over the years, we have helped provide many children with a safe and caring family environment where they can gain the confidence to develop skills that empower and enable them for a promising future.

In June St. Joe's has 13 individuals going on a mission trip to Casa Hogar. As part of our trip we will be taking needed supplies with us and working on a project at Casa Hogar. A collection will take place after Mass the weekends of April 20-21 and April 27-28. If you would like to donate cash or any of the items on the list in the bulletin your help would be appreciated.



### CLOTHING & SHOES

#### Girls

- Athletic (sneakers) shoes
- child size 2 - women's size 7
- Hair bows & headbands

#### Boys

- T-shirts (long sleeve) - teens
- Athletic (sneakers) shoes
- child size 11 - men's size 9
- Sweat/athletic pants - all sizes

#### Boys & Girls

- Fleece zip jackets - all sizes
- Slippers - all sizes

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Backpacks for boys & girls
- Markers
- Clay

### HOUSEHOLD

- Bath & hand towels
- Sports bottles



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### HEALTH & FIRST AID

- Magnesium - child
- Calcium - child
- Zinc - child
- Vitamins (multi) - adult and child
- Hydrocortisone cream
- Triple antibiotic cream (like Neosporin)
- Cough drops
- Cough syrup with expectorant
- Elastic bandages
- Ice packs
- Fungus Cream
- Athlete Foot Powder
- Bug spray with DEET
- Lice shampoo
- Moisturizing lotion/cream
- Lysol sanitizing cleaning wipes
- Toothpaste and flossers
- Pet poop bags

### SPORTS & FUN

- Sports balls - soccer, volley & basket
- Jump ropes & frisbees
- Craft activities
- Drawing and coloring supplies
- Dolls, Barbies and stuffed animals
- Remote control cars/trucks (7-10 yrs)
- Board & card games
- Models
- Puzzles & brainteasers
- Embroidery Floss
- Sewing Supplies
- Candy & gum
- Trail mix, chips, crackers

- Puzzles
- Brainteasers
- Card games (popular don't always need to read directions).
- Barrettes, headbands, fun stuff for hair
- Fun socks
- Art kits
- Anything craft - boys and girls
- Journals w/pens
- Drawing pads w/pencils
- Adult coloring books w/colored pencils
- Kids coloring books with markers or crayons
- Legos
- Barbies
- Transformers, character toys
- Cars - any kind
- Remote control anything
- Balls - any kind
- Kites
- Jump ropes
- T-shirts - sports or girly
- Doodle boards - you push a button and the picture wipes off

# Eucharistic Miracle of ALCOY

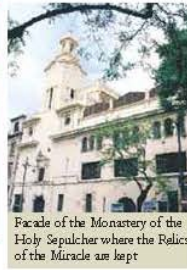
SPAIN, 1568



The Eucharistic miracle that took place in Alcoy in the year 1568 regards the miraculous retrieval of some consecrated Hosts that had been stolen. The miracle is still remembered every year by the habitants of Alcoy in a festival that is celebrated on the feast of Corpus Christi. The house of the man who committed the sacrilege was turned into an oratory and can be visited to this day.



Relic of the Eucharistic Miracle



Facade of the Monastery of the Holy Sepulcher where the Relics of the Miracle are kept



Church built over the place where the Miracle took place



Procession in honor of the Miracle



View of Alcoy



Statue of the Child Jesus that pointed to the place where the sacred Hosts, stolen by Juan Prats, happened to be



Dance of the Paloteig that takes place during the procession of the Jesuses of the Miracle



Altar where the miraculous little statue of the Child Jesus of the Miracle is kept



**O**n the 29th of January in 1568, a citizen of Alcoy by the name of Juan Prats, a man of French origin, needed money secretly entered the parochial church and stole many sacred objects, among which was a precious silver box containing three consecrated Hosts. Juan Prats consumed the three Hosts immediately and then hid the box in his stable underneath a pile of wood. The next day, the parish priest, Don Antonio, found out about the sacrilegious theft. Distressed, he sounded the church bells to let the people know of the horrendous act. Soon after, all of the people of Alcoy were assembled in prayer in front of the church. The searches began immediately, but were in vain. Near Juan Prats' house lived a pious widow, María Miralles, who had a statue of the Holy Child. The woman, profoundly disturbed by the profane act, began

to pray intensely in front of the statue of Jesus, pleading for the consecrated Hosts to be returned to the citizens of Alcoy. Few hours had passed from when she started her fervent prayer when María saw the little hand of the statue of Jesus point its finger to the house of her neighbor, Juan Prats.

*The woman, suspicious,* decided to tell the civil authorities of what had taken place. In that moment the pastor of the church, moved by a mysterious force, went to the garden of the house of Juan Prats and entered the stable. He rummaged through the pile of wood and immediately recovered the silver box with the three consecrated Hosts. Juan Prats, not understanding how the three Hosts were inside the silver box again as he remembered

consuming them, repented deeply and confessed the misdeed. The documents relative to the miracle and the statue of Baby Jesus are still kept today in the monastery of the Holy Sepulcher of Alcoy.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**St. Joseph Parish | 910 Wilson Ave. | Menomonie, WI**

**Parish Center Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

**Phone:** 715.232.4922 | **Fax:** 715.232.4923

**Mass:** Sat 4:00 PM; Sun 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 6:00 PM; Tues & Wed 8:00 AM; Fri 9 AM | **Pastor:** John S. Muthu Vijayan (Fr. Mano)

**Adoration in Church:** Tuesdays 7:00 AM-3:00 PM | **Private Confession in Church:** Sat 3:00 PM

**Pastor:** Fr. Mano, [fr.mano@menomoniecatholic.org](mailto:fr.mano@menomoniecatholic.org)

**Principal:** Mary Kiefer, [mary.kiefer@menomoniecatholic.org](mailto:mary.kiefer@menomoniecatholic.org)

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**Director of StoutCatholic:** Becca Sheahan [director@stoutcatholic.org](mailto:director@stoutcatholic.org)

**Choice Program:** Maribeth Hartung, [maribeth.hartung@menomoniecatholic.org](mailto:maribeth.hartung@menomoniecatholic.org)

### Join Our Parish Community:

Contact Nicki Welsch, or click on "Join Our Parish" at : [MenomonieCatholic.org](http://MenomonieCatholic.org).

### St. Joseph Grade School:

Serving children 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We are a 4K program site and a Wisconsin Parental Choice Program school. Registration for the school year is ongoing. Contact Principal Mary Kiefer with questions or to set up a tour.

### Baptisms:

Contact Nicki Welsch for information and to schedule a baptism.

### Weddings:

Contact the Parish Center at least 6 months before your wedding to set up a meeting with Fr. Mano and begin preparation.

The **Parish Finance Council** consists of appointed members who work with the pastor and act justly and prudently in formation and administration of the parish's financial policies, budget and long range planning.

#### Finance Council Members

Fr. Mano  
Karen Adams  
Larry Feiler  
John Heike  
Jeff Krumenauer *Chairperson*  
Shirley Riedmann

The **Parish Pastoral Council** is a consultative body to the pastor with elected and appointed members to help define, plan, prioritize, and carry out the mission of our parish.

#### Pastoral Council Members

Debra Berends  
John Heike  
Jason Horzewski *Chairperson*  
Laura Knudsen  
Dan Wengel  
Linda Young  
Duane Zweber

### Knights of Columbus:

Catholic men age 17 ½ and older are invited to join the Knights. Scan this QR code with a smartphone/tablet. Enter your info and you will be contacted by a local member. Or contact Michael Kasten, Grand Knight at [KC2055GK@gmail.com](mailto:KC2055GK@gmail.com).



## PARISH PRAYER REQUEST

### Remembering Our Faithful Departed:

As a parish family we remember in our prayers those who have died most recently, their families, and loved ones. May those who have died in Christ now share in His Resurrection:

**Betty Fraber (mother of Pat Preston)**  
**Mary Curtin**  
**Tom Koranski (father of Troy Koranski)**  
**Stanley Baszuro**  
**Nina Obradovich**  
**Rick Halama**  
**Alice Evenson**  
**Agnes Stipetich**  
**Jim Swanson**  
**Ron Jordan**  
**Robert Heagle**  
**Margaret Walsh**  
**Margaret Fuchs (mother of Anita Hendrickson)**

Contact the Parish Center to have someone from outside the

### Parish Prayer Requests:

We pray for all in our community and in the world who are in need of comfort.

**THE MOST RECENT REQUESTS ARE LISTED BELOW.**

VISIT [MenomonieCatholic.org/prayer-list](http://MenomonieCatholic.org/prayer-list) FOR THE COMPLETE LIST.

**Bill & Judy**  
(Parents of Wendy Maves)  
**Sherrie Schlough**  
**Ken Thibado Sr.**  
**Jason Wayne**  
**Annie Schneider**  
**Bob Swanson**  
**Bill Harmon**  
**Virginia Schober**  
**James Wenzel**  
**Kathy Falk**  
**Alvin Fremouw**

**Jennifer Berg**  
**Takoya Weber**  
**Margaret LaForte**  
**Mike Reid/**  
(Friend of Jim Brandenburg)  
**Karen Dorow**  
**Arnie Bauer Jr.**  
**Kinleigh Richartz/**  
(daughter of Corbin & Becky)  
**Carolyn Krieger**  
**Stevie**  
**Ben Ramaeker/**  
(son of Mike & Janice)

If you would like us to pray for you or someone you love, contact the Parish Center.