

# Fides ♥ Spes ♥ Caritas

## PARISH COUNCIL

The St. Theresa Parish Pastoral Council will have two openings beginning in June as Bev Hart and Jeff Richmond are concluding their 4-year terms. Parish council members serve as a consultative leadership body that collaborates with the Pastor to guide the spiritual and pastoral life of the parish community. The council meets quarterly, with special meetings held as needed to meet the needs of the parish. The Parish Pastoral Council shall consist of the faithful who are registered Catholic parishioners, in full communion with the Catholic Church and who are designated for membership in a manner specified by the bylaws.

*If you are interested in joining the Parish Council or if you have any questions, please contact Gary Mastalish at 920-642-0058 or [GMBJMAST@gmail.com](mailto:GMBJMAST@gmail.com) by April 30th*

**Collection of non-perishable items for the Three Lakes Christian Food Pantry is the last weekend of each month!**  
**Baskets will be in the entryways!**

## The Pope's Monthly Intention for May

**That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



A huge thank-you to everyone who donated time and/or food to make the *Share Some Love* community Easter meal a success. We served about 85 meals with 13 of those being delivered to local families! Thank you for your support and commitment to serving the people of God!

**THANK you**



## Wine and Cheese

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> after Mass**  
**Please join us!!!**



## Thrift Store

**Open Fridays and Saturdays, 10AM-3PM**  
 Donation Drop-Off (at the store)  
 \*Wednesday 9AM-1PM\*  
 \*Friday and Saturday, 10AM-2:30PM\*  
**Summer schedule starting soon!!!**

## Coffee and Doughnuts

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> after Mass**  
**Faith, Fellowship, and Fun!!!**



**CATECHISM CORNER~~Test Your Knowledge!**

*answers and explanations on page 4*

- Which of the following is a symbol used in the Sacrament of Confirmation?
  - Bread
  - Palms
  - Ashes
  - Oil (Sacred Chrism)
- What is the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation?
  - Confirmation strengthens the grace received at Baptism
  - Confirmation replaces Baptism
  - They are unrelated sacraments
  - Baptism is optional after Confirmation
- Why is Pentecost sometimes called the “birthday of the Church”?
  - It is when Jesus was born
  - It is when the apostles first celebrated Mass
  - It is when the Church began its public mission
  - It is when the Bible was written
- At Pentecost, why were the apostles able to speak in different languages?
  - They had studied many languages
  - It was a natural talent
  - It was a coincidence
  - The Holy Spirit enabled them to proclaim the Gospel to all nations
- What words are typically spoken during Baptism?
  - “Receive the Holy Spirit”
  - “Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit”
  - “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”
  - “Go in peace”
- Which of the following best describes the role of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation?
  - To remove physical illness
  - To give strength to live and defend the faith
  - To replace the need for prayer
  - To guarantee happiness



The St. John Neumann fraternity of Secular Franciscans invite you for an afternoon of reflection focusing on our call to be \*bread\* for one another, and especially for those in need. Br. Jerome Schroeder, Capuchin Franciscan will be speaking

*\*the root meaning of “company” is “with bread”*

**Nativity of Our Lord Rhinelander, WI  
Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 12:30 PM-2:00 PM**

**for more information contact Mike 715-617-3158 or Liz Silber 715-617-5255**

**Women’s Book Study**



**JESUS and the  
JEWISH ROOTS  
of MARY**

*Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah*

**BRANT PITRE**

Bestselling Author of Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

Please join us to discuss the chapters outlined below:

**May 19**

Chapters 1- 2

**June 2**

Chapters 3-5

**June 16**

Chapters 6-8

During May and June, we will discuss “**Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah**” by Dr. Brant Pitre. Dr. Pitre uses the Old Testament and Ancient Judaism to reveal how the Bible teaches that Mary is the New Eve, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven and Earth. It is a fascinating look at how deeply biblical Catholic beliefs about Mary truly are.

**BEER AND BROTHERHOOD**

The Brew Station  
1803 Superior Street  
Three Lakes, WI

Listen for the date of our next gathering during the ambo announcements or contact Jeff Richmond for more information  
jtrichmond7@gmail.com  
(563) 340-7939

**MEN’S GROUP**

Every Wednesday  
6:45 AM

Lower Level of Church

Contact Bob Lang for more information  
disciplelang@gmail.com  
920-716-4898

**YOUNG MOMS**

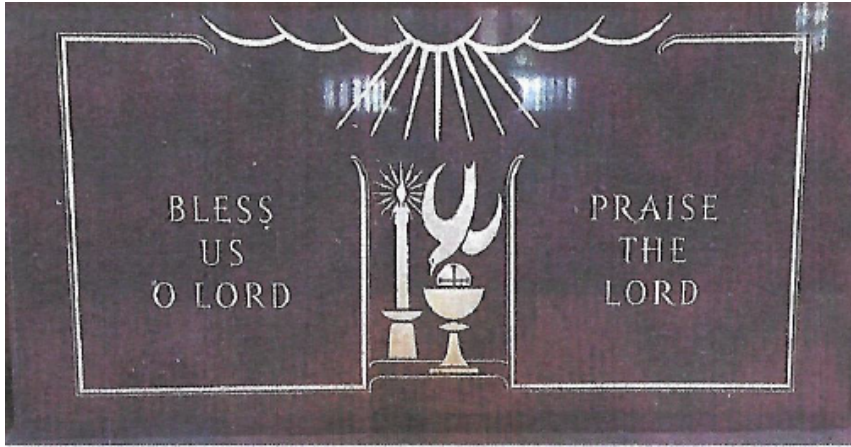
Every Monday school day  
8:10ish (after school dropoff)

Lower Level of Church

Contact Kathy Miller for more information  
skramcorp@gmail.com  
715-546-2139

## Father Joseph Himmelsbach Memorial Altar

In recognition for his leadership during the building of the new church parishioners donated the granite altar in 1971



- Seven curves--like clouds from heaven
- Seven downward lines--like graces streaming from the Sacraments on man from God
- "PRAISE THE LORD"--our prayers to God
- "BLESS US LORD"--our blessing from God
- Dove--Spiritual life given to man at Baptism
- Chalice--Spiritual life maintained throughout life by the Sacrament of the Eucharist

## May is the Month of Mary!!!

There are several ways you can make Marian devotions to the Blessed Mother more personal in May. Here are a few ideas to help you get started.

**Pray the Rosary** During May, set aside time to pray the Rosary daily. You can pray the Rosary while you get ready for work, while you walk or exercise, or as you're preparing dinner.

**Make a Marian Shrine** Find a quiet place in your home where you can pray daily. Put an image or statue of the Virgin Mary in that place and keep your rosary there. Make the space a part of your prayer routine while you ask the Blessed Mother for her intercession.

**Plant a Marian Garden** Spring is the perfect time to plant a garden dedicated to Mary. Give each flower you plant an intention so when it blooms in the garden, it blooms in your heart as well. If you don't have space for planting, try to keep fresh flowers in your home or on your Marian Shrine throughout the month.

**Create a Special Marian Prayer** The Hail Mary, Memorare, Magnificat and Rosary are all prayers you can say to honor Mary in May. But you can also devise your own personal prayer to Mary, thanking her for guidance, asking for her intercession, or just praying for peace.

**A Path to Christ** Marian devotion is a significant part of Catholicism. During May, you can show your love for and veneration of Mary in several ways. Take time to reflect on Mary's faith and her role as the mother of Jesus and the Church's spiritual mother. As a role model of faith, Mary lovingly brings your prayers to her son, Jesus.

### Seven Mothers Apostolate

We are a Catholic prayer ministry of Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers who support one another and their children (both physically and spiritually) through prayer.

If you worry about the future of our children, want powerful intercession for their souls from other prayerful moms, and think you can commit to one Holy hour per week for one year, contact Kathy Miller for more information. 715-546-2139

### Women's Book Study

We meet **monthly** to discuss a book or video centered on the Catholic faith and Christian principles. Participants share their insights and experiences, strengthening their faith and building friendships. All meetings will be from **2:00-3:30 PM** in the lower level of St. Theresa. New members are always welcome - please join us!

Contact Barb Mastalish with questions or for more information  
winneconnebarb@gmail.com  
920-642-0376

### Hot Breakfast!!!



Come downstairs for great fellowship and a delicious hot breakfast on the second Wednesday of every month after Mass!!! Hosted by the St. Theresa Men's Group



St. Theresa thrift store volunteers present Three Lakes Meals on Wheels (above), Sunshine for Humanity (right), and the Salvation Army (below) with monies obtained through sales by the dedicated crew of committed volunteers!!! Thank you for doing God's work in this ministry helping others!!!



### Catechism Corner Answers

- 1. Answer:** D) Oil (Sacred Chrism) **Explanation:** In Confirmation, the bishop anoints the person with sacred chrism, signifying the gift of the Holy Spirit and being sealed in faith
- 2. Answer:** A) Confirmation strengthens the grace received at Baptism **Explanation:** Confirmation completes and strengthens baptismal grace, deepening one's union with Christ and the Church
- 3. Answer:** C) It is when the Church began its public mission **Explanation:** After receiving the Holy Spirit, the apostles boldly preached, and many were baptized—marking the Church's public beginning
- 4. Answer:** D) The Holy Spirit enabled them to proclaim the Gospel to all nations **Explanation:** The miracle of tongues showed that the Gospel is meant for all people and that the Holy Spirit empowers the Church's mission
- 5. Answer:** C) "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" **Explanation:** These Trinitarian words are essential for a valid Baptism, as commanded by Christ (Matthew 28:19)
- 6. Answer:** B) To give strength to live and defend the faith **Explanation:** The Holy Spirit strengthens the confirmed person with gifts such as wisdom, courage, and understanding to live out and defend the faith.

Fr. Joey Evangelista is from the Philippines and is a member of the Missionaries of Jesus, an international missionary congregation. He was a missionary in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mozambique, and in his own country, working among indigenous peoples. Since 2024, he has worked with two other MJs in the twin parishes of Precious Blood and St. Kevin in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is an Associate Pastor in the twin parishes and is also the Director of the Missions Promotion Office of the Missionaries of Jesus in the United States. Father Joey will be joining us on Memorial Day weekend! There will be a second collection to support the Missionaries of Jesus at the following Masses:

**\*\*Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Peter 4 PM \*\*Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> St. Theresa 8:30 AM\*\***  
**\*\*Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> St. Kunegunda 10:30 AM\*\***

## NORTHERN LAKES CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

*Working together in faith*



St. Albert LAND O'LAKES | St. Kunegunda SUGAR CAMP | St. Mary PHELPS | St. Peter EAGLE RIVER | St. Theresa THREE LAKES  
[www.NorthernLakesCatholics.org](http://www.NorthernLakesCatholics.org)

### St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church

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 (mailing address) 5001 County Rd G Eagle River, WI 54521  
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**Pastor: Father Ron Serrao**  
 715-904-0501 or 715-547-3558  
 frron@northernlakescatholics.org  
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 715-337-5934  
 frraja@northernlakescatholics.org

### Mass

Wednesday 8:30 AM  
 Saturday 4:00 PM  
 Sunday 8:30 AM

### Adoration and Confession

Wednesday 8:00 AM  
 \*\*\*1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 9:00 AM-Noon\*\*\*

### Rosary for Priests

Wednesday 7:15 AM  
 \*\*\*1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:45 AM

### Confession

Saturday 3:00 PM-3:45 PM

## Talk To Us

Questions, Comments, Suggestions Welcome!  
 What would you like to see? Please email Liz at [liz@northernlakescatholics.org](mailto:liz@northernlakescatholics.org) or call/text 715-617-5255. Thank you for your input! June submission deadline: 05/27/2026

