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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 3, 2026



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MASSES & INTENTIONS

WEEKDAY MASSES

NOTRE DAME

MONDAY | 8am | May.4 – NO MASS

WEDNESDAY | 8am | May.6 – † Ralph Krumenauer

THURSDAY | 8am | May.7 – † Don & Kathy Scharlau

SATURDAY | 8am | May.9 – † Beverly Mattingly

HOLY GHOST

TUESDAY | 5:30pm | May.5 – † Clem (Huntz) Bowe

WEDNESDAY | 8am | May.6 – † Travis Meier

THURSDAY | 5:30pm | May.7 – † Rodney Henning

FRIDAY | 8am | May.8 – Mary Dowdle

SUNDAY MASSES

ST. BRIDGET

SUNDAY | 9:15am | May.10 – † Tonya Jacobson

HOLY GHOST

SUNDAY | 7:30am | May.10 – † Richard Eslinger

SUNDAY | 11am | May.10 – For the parishes

NOTRE DAME

SATURDAY | 4:30pm | May.9 – † Susan DeLong

SUNDAY | 8am | May.10 – † Les & Rosemary Davis

**SUNDAY | 10:30am | May.10 – † Mary Wadleigh
Grosskopf**

**SUNDAY | 7pm | May.10 – Living & deceased
members of the Zank & Lund families**

Confession Schedule

(Confessions also available by appointment)

ND: Weekdays beginning 5 min after daily Mass.

Saturday: 3:45-4:15pm | Sunday: 7:15-7:45am; 9:45-10:15am; 6:15-6:45pm.

HG: Tuesdays: 5pm-5:20pm. Thursday: 3pm-4:50pm | Fridays, 5 min after Mass.



From Fr. Daniel Sedlacek

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Please pray for our young people who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on this 5th Sunday of Easter at St. Charles. Speaking about prayers, the staff members of all five of the Chippewa area parishes will be taking a day-long retreat offsite on Monday. Because of this, there will not be an 8:00 AM Mass at Notre Dame on Monday, May 4th. The Parish offices will be closed that day. They will be open on Tuesday, May 5th. Please considering praying at home or going to the Goldsmith Adoration Chapel sometime on May 4th to pray for our priests and parish staff members, that they be filled with the graces that God desires to pour out on them! Note: There will be Mass available at 5:30 pm at St. Charles that day.

Another opportunity for prayer is during the week of May 11-15. Many of the priests of our Diocese will be on retreat that week together, including both Fr. Nowicki and I. Our daily Mass times will be very impacted those days, so please take note. And please pray for our priests and those whom the Lord is calling to serve as priests in the future in our Diocese.

Another great event that is being planned is a special Pentecost Vigil Mass at Holy Ghost on Saturday, May 23 at 7:00 PM. The Pentecost Vigil is a unique Mass which mirrors the Easter Vigil. There are extra Scripture readings and special prayers that focus on anticipating and expecting the grace and power of God the Holy Spirit. I am also planning a bonfire and s'mores after the Mass in the Holy Ghost rectory yard. Please consider attending this special Mass on the Patronal Feast Day of Holy Ghost parish!

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OUR LADY OF THE FALLS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Lady of the Falls

Contribution Envelope Announcement | Due to equipment problems and other issues, the company that prints and mails weekly contribution envelopes is experiencing delays in mailing them. In order for you to get credit for your contributions, cash contributions should be put in an envelope with your name written on it. Checks do not have to be in an envelope for you to get credit. We apologize for any inconvenience. **Reminder:** You can sign-up for monthly ACH giving and not have to deal with envelopes. The form is available at www.ourladyofthefalls.org/give or by contacting the parish office.

Rectory Office will be CLOSED Monday, May 4th for a Staff Retreat Day

St. Bridget

BIRTHDAYS: Joe Pickering, Joseph Wendtland, Tim Anderson, Kendall Rosemeyer, Lita Prorok.

THIS & THAT — "JESUS IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE" | As you read today's Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. There are physical resemblances and mannerisms that are shared by members of a family and so meeting one of the family, one knows that this person belongs to such and such a family because of the strong resemblance. Jesus tells his disciples about his relationship with the Father. Their relationship is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known him have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did. Jesus tells the disciples and us that "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE." Jesus invited the disciples to follow him, but Thomas asks, "How can we know the way?" As we continue to walk together as Our Lady of the Falls Catholic Community, we at times wonder the same thing. But by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus as THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE, we cannot go astray. Our culture today tells us it doesn't matter what way we follow, but we know that is not true. I am reminded of an old

gospel song that says, "We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord, trusting in his holy word, He's never failed us yet." And that's the truth! Have a blessed week and stay healthy. — Sr. Yvonne

Holy Ghost



Wisconsin Right to Life has its annual Rose Sale after the Holy Ghost Masses on Mother's Day, May 10. The rose reminds us of the dignity of each human life; its red color and thorns remind us of the untold lives lost to abortion. Consider purchasing a rose for the special woman in your life or in memory of that special person. Suggested donation is \$3 each or two for \$5.

Seeking Co-chair for the food stand to help with three events - Fair week, Holy Ghost Festival and Oktoberfest. This is a great opportunity - meet fellow parishioners. Please contact Gwen Steinmetz at 715-577-9932 if interested.

Notre Dame



Hospitium Sunday is this Sunday after the morning Masses! Come on over to the GREC for a light breakfast, coffee, and great company!

Honor Mom and support the gift of Life! Chippewa Valley Sacred Life (an affiliate of Pro-Life Wisconsin) will sell roses for \$3 per rose after all the Masses on May 9 & 10. Proceeds benefit the Saint Francesca Pregnancy Program & vital pro-life educational efforts. Show Mom how much she means, provide hope, and help to mothers and babies in our community. For more info, call Tina @ 715-933-0986

Help us plan, May 14th at 6:30pm! We are preparing for Notre Dame's big fundraiser, 2026's Laissez Faire. We'd love your help with this event, it consists of a sit down dinner and show. We'll meet in the GREC Mary Room. This is an all hands on deck kind of event!

The Men of Notre Dame invite you to join us for rehearsal on Wed. May 6 at 5:30pm in the choir loft as we prepare the music for the 10:30am Mass on Sunday May 10. Please contact Dave Van de Loo at 715-396-1895 with questions.



JOIN EPIC FAMILIES

Join EPIC families May 9 at 5:30pm for a shared potluck meal and then a faith based discussion with some adult beverages while we let the kids play. EPIC families is a social/community-building group that the whole family is invited to participate in. EPIC is hosted by different families in their homes so for the address and more information go to the Formation section of the Our Lady of the Falls website.

TOTUS TUUS

We will be hosting our summer program the following dates and times:
• TEEN program: July 5-9. St. Charles Community Center. 6am-8:15pm.
• ELEMENTARY program: July 6-10. Holy Ghost Elementary. 9am-2:30pm.
The teen program will be open to any and all so no registration is necessary, just stop by. The elementary program has a 90 student cap, so registration is necessary and we will take registrations in the order received. Registration will be open on Sunday, May 3rd. Please check bulletins and flyers for links.



INTERESTED IN CATHOLICISM?

Interested in Catholicism? OCIA is the process by which anyone (ages 7-107) can follow Jesus Christ in His Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, confirmation, and Holy Eucharist). OCIA is offered year-round – come anytime! Contact your rectory or an OCIA team members:

- Paul & Karla Roach - St. Charles
Scott & Jody Pulver - St. Bridget
Jeanette Prince - Holy Ghost
John Shakal - Notre Dame

St. Charles Borromeo & St. Peter the Apostle

Special Needs Friendship Ministry for Adults meets every first and third Monday in the St. Charles Fellowship Hall starting at 3:45. Join us for prayer, crafts and social time. Email Rolanda Rada with questions. jrada35@gmail.com

4th Friday Family Fellowship May 22nd, 2026 | St. Charles Parish welcomes you to share a meal and faith together! Bring your family, a friend, and a dish to share to the St. Charles Fellowship Hall.

5pm Doors open | 5:30pm Meal prayer | 6:30-7:30pm Gospel & Discussion

First Communion Date - May 17th

Notre Dame - 10:30am Mass Holy Ghost - 11am Mass

Please join us in praying for the little ones who are preparing for their first reconciliation right now and later receiving their first communion.

Congratulations

Cole Bowe & Ashley Hanley who were married from Holy Ghost.



PROLIFE WISCONSIN SPRING SOCIAL | MAY 7 | 5:30PM-8PM

Celebrating LIFE and honoring our Activist of the Year, Tina Simmons.

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin Spring Social held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 236 Pumphouse Rd., Chippewa Falls. Tina is the leader of Pro-Life Wisconsin affiliate Chippewa Valley Sacred Life as well as the director of Saint Francesca Resource Center. The evening will feature pro-life fellowship, and dinner. Tickets are \$35 each at ProLifeWI.org or call Lesley at 262.796.111 x116

LOCAL & DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father's Column (Cont.)

Lastly, mark your calendars for the Corpus Christi Procession which will take place in the early afternoon of Sunday, June 7th from St. Charles church to Holy Ghost church. We will prayerfully walk with the Holy Eucharist proclaiming our faith and professing our love for Jesus Christ, truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

Monthly Confession Opportunities During Adoration at St. Paul's in Bloomer & St. John the Baptist's in Cooks Valley every month. It starts each hour after St. John's 8:30am Mass t 6pm Thursdays before the 1st Friday of each month. Confession is also available at the start of each hour after St. Paul's 7:30am Mass until 6pm on Thursdays before the 2nd Friday of each month.

St. Paul's & St. John's Parishes - Men's Faith Formation Program Saturday mornings, 6:30am-8am. Enter at the front or back doors of St. Paul's school, 1222 Main Street, Bloomer. Deepen your faith through "That Man is You!" Contact Mark Anderson for questions: markjmjanderson@gmail.com or 715-933-0481 (text or call).

Feast of St. Isidore May 15 - Patron of Rural Life St. Isidore, patron saint of farmers, was himself a farm boy born in the city of Madrid, Spain, about the year 1110. He appeals especially to those who work the land as he did. But the good qualities that characterized him and his wife Maria – whole-hearted trust in God,

enthusiasm and vigor in working, and a deep spirit of prayer – should be admired and imitated by all. For prayers and blessings associated with the Feast of St. Isidore on May 15, visit the diocesan Rural Life website or scan the QR.



Job Opening: Client Advocate | The Saint Francesca Resource Center is seeking a part-time Client Advocate for our pregnancy and family support center. The heart of this role is providing a compassionate, listening presence to women and families facing difficult life challenges, while also facilitating our video-based "Earn While You Learn" program and material assistance. We are looking for a practicing Catholic living in accordance with Church teachings who possesses deep empathy and strong communication skills. Position is 20hrs a week with a set schedule of Wed. & Thur.(9am-4pm) & Fri. (9am-3pm) at \$15-\$18/hr depending on experience. To apply, please submit your résumé and two references by May 22, 2026, to st.francesca.rc@gmail.com or mail/drop-off to Saint Francesca Resource Center, 117 Allen Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.

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KC974 Friday Jackpot Bingo - Doors open @ 4, food @5, Bingo @7.
Details www.KC974BINGO.com. We can use more volunteers from our
KC Council!! Contact Mike @ 608-764-0113

What's coming up...

- **KC WI State Convention** – May 15th & 16th, Madison WI
- **Clergy Appreciation & Awards Banquet** – May 28, KC Hall, 5-6 pm Social, 6:15 pm dinner followed by awards.
- **KC974 Express Baseball Game** – Fan Deck, Saturday June 28th, Starts 2:05pm, Carson Park.

To become a member of the Knights of Columbus contact us at 715-271-4737 or ttozer77@gmail.com



St. Francesca Resource Center

Located on the west side of the GREC. Enter the single blue door by the flag pole.

Open Tuesdays: 9 am-1 pm & 4-7 pm

715-215-2638 | st.francesca.rc@gmail.com
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Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have contributed so far!

- Notre Dame: \$129,755 (132% of our \$98,145 goal) Congratulations!
- Holy Ghost: \$56,768 (101% of our \$56,420 goal) Congratulations!
- St. Bridget: \$15,795 (100% of our \$15,855 goal) Congratulations!

PARISH SUPPORT

St. Bridget Support

Collection ReceivedApr. 19: \$1,694.00

Holy Ghost Parish Support

Collection Received Apr. 19: \$3,820.00

Notre Dame Parish Support

Collection ReceivedApr. 19: \$10,270.17

We need your financial support! There are several ways you can contribute. You can place it in the collection basket at Mass or:

- Mail your envelope to us at Notre Dame, 117 Allen St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. | Holy Ghost, 412 S. Main St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.
- Contact the parish office to set up ACH automatic withdrawal, or visit the parish website for online giving via credit card.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May. 3** | Hospitality Sunday, After Notre Dame's morning Masses - Notre Dame GREC
- **May. 3** | Confirmation for Chippewa Falls, St. Charles parish
- **May. 7** | Source & Summit with Chippewa Catholic Young Adults, 7pm - Notre Dame Church
- **May.9** | at 5:30pm, EPIC Families Potluck Night, 5:30pm - Locations vary, call 715-723-7108 for address
- **May. 11** | Catholicism on Tap, 6pm - GREC Dining Hall
- **May. 21** | Christ with Us Adult Study: *Heaven*, 9am - GREC St. Joseph Room

WEEKLY EVENTS

- Sundays** | 9am-10:30am | Order of Christian Initiation Classes (Becoming Catholic) - GREC
- Mondays** | 9am-10am | Monday Prayer Group - Goldsmith Adoration Chapel
- Tuesdays** | 9am-1pm & 4pm-7pm | St. Francesca's Resource Center - GREC
- Tuesdays** | 9:30am-11am | Bible Study - GREC Mary Room
- Wednesdays** | Faith Formation - Locations and Times Vary
- Thursdays** | 10am-11:30am | Mom's Group - GREC Mary Room

OUR LADY OF THE FALLS MINISTRIES

The ministries below do not include Volunteer Ministries, for more information on volunteering or these ministries call/text 715-705-2240

- Moments of a Mother's Hope** - Women who have lost children
- Chippewa Catholic Young Adults** - Adults in their 20's & 30's
- Mom's Group** - Mothers with children still at home
- Ave Maria Homeschool Co-op** - Homeschooling Families
- Monday Morning Prayer Group** - Everyone
- Rooted** - Families with Young Children (0-6)
- E.P.I.C. Families** - Families looking for community
- Emmaus Discipleship** - Parishioners looking to become intentional disciples
- OLF Bereavement Ministry** - Those seeking comfort after loss
- Prayer Ministry** - Prays for all requested intentions

Adoration

By leaving us the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus gives us the chance to be with Him every day and every night. Would you like an audience with the King of kings and the Lord of lords? Then an hour of adoration may be the perfect thing for you. An adorer is needed for the following hours:

Sun. 4pm	Wed. Midnight	Wed. 1pm	Fri. Midnight
Sun. 11pm	Wed. 3am	Thur. 2am	
	Wed. Noon	Thur. 9am	

Please call or text Andy at 708-846-6681 if you can help with any of these hours. There are also many other afternoon and night hours that need a second adorer. You will not regret spending time with Jesus, who so much desires to spend time with you.



News from ...
**McDONELL AREA
 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

free through the state program. Applications are due by May 20. For more information scan the QR Code.

Parental Choice Applications Open Now The Wisconsin Parental Choice applications for May are open now! You can attend McDonnell Area Catholic Schools for



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Boys Basketball Summer Youth Camp Do you have a son that is thinking about trying basketball and wants to learn the fundamentals? Or a player who wants to work on their skills over the summer? McDonnell Boys Basketball Coaches Adam Schilling and Alex Baiert are hosting a youth basketball camp this summer for students entering grades 2-9! Sign up is open now. To fill out the registration, scan the QR code.



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