#### MAY 11, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Parish Web Site - www.superiorcatholics.org Superior Diocese Web Site - www.catholicdos.org In the event of an Emergency after Business Hours Call Fr. Andrew at 715-392-8511

#### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025**

8:30 A.M. – In Memory of the Edge, Kontrim, Ketchum, Pelletier, & Pitzen Families-M Doug & Marv Jo Edge WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025



#### 8:30 A.M. – Bernice & Chester Olenski-M The Olenski Sisters

**THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025** 8:30 A.M. – Jim Ksicinski-M Gronski & Martineau Families

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

8:30 A.M. - Rosemary & Ray McNamee-M Rita LaVenture & Family

## WEEKEND INTENTIONS

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025**

2:00 P.M. Wedding ~ Brandon Stemwedel & Molly Jelberg

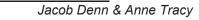
4:00 P.M. - Lucille Wildenberg-M Mary Beth & Bob Ahlborg SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 7:30 A.M. - The Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Cathedral Parishioners

10:30 A.M. - Greg Carlson-M Mom & Dad

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THE SANCTUARY CANDLE for the week of May 11th Will burn in Loving Memory of Bernice & Chester Olenski **Bv: Their Familv** 

\* WEDDING BANNS:



Ш Brandon Stemwedel & Molly Jelberg Ш

\* VOCATIONS ... On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and

religious life, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. (John 10:27-30)

Cathedral Church Calendar

May 11 – *Mother's Day!* Sun.

May 12 – 6:00pm - KC Council #16691 Mtg. KH Mon.

Tues. May 13 - 6:00pm - SVdP Meeting

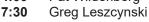
- May 14 5:00pm-Volunteer Mass/Dinner to Follow Wed. Thur.
- May 15 1:00-3:00pm Adoration
- Sat/Sun. May 17/18 Food Collection Weekend

PRAYER MINISTRY - There are people in the parish willing to share your needs and prayers. Please call Mary Jo 218-341-2606 if you or a loved one is in need.

# LITURGICAL ROLES for May 17 & 18

#### **READERS:**

#### 4:00 Pat Wildenberg



10:30 Lee Sims & Pam Tafelski

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

4:00 Dean Hansen (F) & Pat Wildenberg (B) **Need 2 Ministers for Communion Cup** Susan Collins (F) & Renee Wachter (B)



**Need 2 Ministers for Communion Cup** 10:30 Dcn. Tim Thom (F) & Katee Sims (B) Cup: Mary Davis & Erica Milliken

#### SERVERS:

4:00

7:30

- 7:30 Tom Tracy
- 10:30 Alice & Margaret Sims

#### USHERS:

- 4:00 Eric Williams (Lead) Bill Wildenberg Need 2
- 7:30 Bob Ahlborg (Lead) Jim Crawford Steve DeVinck Rose Kidd
- 10:30 Walt Tafelski (Lead) Jim Ronchak Steve Tanko Need 1

#### **GREETERS**:

4:00 7:30 Rose Kidd 10:30 Larry French



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

May 3/4	Last
129	127
\$6,600.00	\$6,5
\$3,672.00	\$4,18
\$1,460.00	\$ 62
	<b>129</b> \$6,600.00 \$3,672.00





Thank you for your generosity!

## WEEKLY MEDITATION

Let's examine some of the themes that we find in the Mass readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter.

#### 1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles 13:14,43-52

- Paul and Barnabas preach the Gospel in Antioch in Pisidia, what is today a central and southern region in Turkey.
- While many Jews accept their preaching, jealousy and abuse break out, so the Apostles turn their attention to the Gentiles and tell them about Jesus.



#### Psalm - 100:1-3,5

- "We are his people, the sheep of his flock."
- We sing joyfully to the Lord who made us, whose kindness endures forever.

#### 2nd Reading - Revelation 7:9,14b-17

- John's vision reveals a countless multitude who stand before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches.
- John is told that these people have survived great distress, and their robes were made white in the blood of the Lamb

#### Gospel - 10:27-30

- Jesus says that his sheep hear his voice; they • know and follow him.
- The Father has given them to Jesus, and no one • can take the sheep from his hand.
- Fr. Andrew



Question for Children: Jesus promises to guard us like a shepherd does the sheep. How do you experience his loving care in your life?

Question for Youth: Jesus said "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." How does Jesus speak to you? What new path is he asking of you?

Question for Adults: What is your experience of being a follower of Christ, of being cared for and guarded with him as shepherd?

### Readings for the week of May 11, 2025

THEAT OUTDAY.	(see 1)Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Next Sunday:	Jn 14:7-14 Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 Jn 13:16-20
Wednesday:	Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Ps 113:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8 Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c) Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

### **CATHEDRAL NEWS**

#### BACCALAUREATE MASS



Hello 2025 graduates! There will be a Baccalaureate Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 AM. This Mass is an opportunity to thank God for the blessings received by you and your families as well as an opportunity for the Cathedral community to pray for the next steps in your journey. You will receive a blessing by Fr. Andrew as you go forth to new adventures!



#### PRAYER GROUP MEETING

Monday, May 19th 6:30 PM Cathedral Kress Hall All are welcome! Any questions please call Anna Marie ~ 715-392-1673

#### CATHEDRAL'S CHICKEN DINNER COMMITTEE

would like to send out a big **THANK YOU** to all of you who filled the Parish Hall, kept the take-out and delivery team hustling, and in all other ways contributed to making the annual dinner not only a successful event, but also an enjoyable one as well! Special thanks to all of you who blessed the hall with your delicious desserts. Being able to offer such a beautiful array of after-dinner goodies again was a long overdue revival of a favorite tradition - hoping you enjoyed the

hunt! THANK YOU!!



- To all the volunteers who offered their time and talents in and out of the kitchen
- To LLOYD ETHIER and DAVE WINEK for their mechanical and electrical skills in keeping all the moving parts moving and the appliances operational
- To all sponsors for their wonderful display of • generosity in helping to cover costs
- To all who helped to promote the dinner by inviting friends and family to come and join us and to those who's kindness in purchasing angel tickets also invited others to join us for a meal.

#### Thank you so much and Blessings to you all! - The Chicken Dinner Committee

#### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

PRAYER OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Lord, teach us to be generous; to give without counting the cost;

To return good for evil; to serve without expecting some reward;

To draw closer to those whom we find repulsive; To do good to those who cannot reciprocate; to love generously;

To work without being concerned about rest; to be solely concerned about giving:

To give our whole self; to give to those who need us, Hoping to receive only you, Lord, as our reward. Amen.

Please join us for our next Conference meeting at Cathedral, Kress Hall on Tuesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Voicemail: 715-398-4039 Mailing Address: SVDP P.O. Box 98 Superior, WI 54880

## CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS

- May 14th Sacramental Mass at 8:30am
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Readers Theater at 1:30pm in Kress Hall May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Middle School Concert at 5:30pm in the
- Gymnasium
- May 23rd Preschool Concert at 10am in the Gymnasium Doors will open at 9:30am
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Elementary Concert at 1pm in the Gymnasium Doors will open at 12:15pm
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Lumen Christi Dinner at 5:30 at UWS
- May 26<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOOL
- May 29th 8th Grade Retreat at St. Williams Church
- May 30<sup>th</sup> Poetry Cafe at 1pm

#### **Preschool Registration Information**

Cathedral School continues our tradition of 3 year-old and 4 year-old Preschool, and enrollment has begun for the 2025-2026 school year. Preschool classes are 5 days a week with half-day or full day options available. Before and After school care is available for Preschool students through our Extended Care program. For more information, please contact us at 715.392.2976.

#### **PK-8th Grade Information**

K-8th grade registration for the 2025-2026 school year has begun for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information, please contact us at 715.392.2976.

## CALVARY CEMETERY

Flags, flower baskets and other decorations may be placed on graves five (5) days before Memorial Day and **MUST** be removed within fifteen (15) days thereafter. Flowers and other decorations placed in urns or containers built into flush monuments, foot markers or other ground level markers shall be placed and removed in accordance with this same schedule.

Flower baskets, urns and other decorations may be mounted on or attached to monuments. Attachments must be secured to the monument and provide a minimum clearance of 12 inches between the ground and the Artificial flowers must be secure in their decoration. containers.

Flowers and decorations placed for funeral services will be removed by the Sexton when the flowers fade.

The following installations at gravesites WILL NOT be allowed:



- Placement of fences, rocks, bricks or other permanent materials around monuments.
- Planting of flowers, trees or other vegetation around monuments or on graves.

Any such installation will be removed by the Sexton without liability.

Memorial trees may be planted at locations approved by the Sexton.

The Association shall not be responsible for theft, vandalism, or accident within the cemetery.

**Please Note:** *Due to theft and vandalism in previous years, we* ask that you mark your name (permanently) on flower baskets, urns and other decorations that you place **temporarily** on graves.

NOTE: There will be an 8:30am Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at Calvary Cemetery weather permitting.

#### **CLUSTER NEWS**

#### MASSES AT ST. MARY HOSPITAL-SUPERIOR

Masses are celebrated at St. Mary's Hospital, Superior, on Wednesdays at 11:15 A.M.

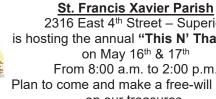
#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR CLUSTER:**

Cathedral – every Thursday from 1-3pm St. Anthony, L.N. – every Thursday from 9-10am St. William – 1st Saturday from 5:30-6pm Holy Assumption – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday from 7:30-8:00am St. Anthony, Sup. – 1st Tuesday from 8-8:30am





As was done a year ago, the Catholic Daughters in collaboration with the Superior Area Knights of Columbus are promoting a Baby Bottle Campaign with the proceeds being donated to the Lake Superior Life Care Center. Baby bottles will be distributed at all Masses on Mother's Day weekend and collected at the Masses on Father's Day weekend. All Superior Cluster parishes and St. Francis Church are participating. Last year's campaign resulted in a total donation of \$8,300 for the Lake Superior Life Care Center.



2316 East 4th Street - Superior is hosting the annual "This N' That" Sale on May 16th & 17th From 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Plan to come and make a free-will offering on our treasures.

#### WISCONSIN MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday, June 14, 2025, Pro Life Wisconsin, Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Wisconsin Family Council, and Pro-Life Wisconsin are sponsoring a Wisconsin March for Life at the steps of our capitol in Madison! This free event is open to all who wish to attend.

The March itself is free, but there are buses which will be bringing people from every corner of Wisconsin to Madison. Students under 18 who wish to ride the bus must either be with a youth group (with chaperones etc.) or with a parent/guardian. The early bird pricing is \$10/person and in a couple of weeks jumps to \$15. Use the QR code to register for the bus, or you can register for the bus ride and find more information

at: https://marchforlifewisconsin.org/



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AN EVENING OF OPPORTUNITY TO DISCERN GOD'S CALL IN YOUR LIFE

#### TALKS, DINNER, EVENING PRAYER

#### **OPEN TO YOUNG MEN:**

- MIDDLE SCHOOL
- HIGH SCHOOL
- COLLEGE

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5:00

• YOUNG ADULTS

AND THEIR PARENTS

2025

- 8:00 PM

# ST. PATRICK PARISH, HUDSON, WI

Contact your pastor or Fr. Dan Tracy

frdantracy@stpatrickofhudson.org 715-381-5120 ext. 104



# Father Andrew's Summer Challenge! Part II - What's the point?

Oh, have I received comments in the last week! And I have gotten "the look" from a number of people, ranging from sheepish grin to skin scorching stare!

Many people have started talking about my challenge, which is ultimately what I hope for from this annual event. The fact is, I want us to THINK about what we watch and when we watch it. Do we stop and choose to view a show, or are we so programmed that we automatically turn on the tube whenever we feel like it?

It is the unthinking, automatic, unfiltered approach that concerns me. Just because something is on doesn't mean that we have to view it. Consider the following:

- Do I turn on the TV for comfort or background noise?
- Do I watch TV because I can't think of anything else relaxing to do?
- Do I watch TV programming that I'm not interested in, only because I'm bored?
- Do I watch TV late into the night, losing sleep and gaining nothing in return?
- Does the content of my TV viewing conflict with my morality, integrity, and beliefs?
- Is TV keeping me from a relationship with: spouse, kids, family, friends, faith, or life?
- Am I constantly checking social media?
- Do I text spontaneously? Can I live without my phone for longer than one hour?
- Do I surf the web mindlessly? Do I find myself online even when it is not necessary?
- Am I using the web as a tool or an escape? Have I lost the ability to entertain myself?

Now, if you are looking for an excellent source for information about television and movies there is hope!

Common Sense Media	https://www.commonsensemedia.org/
Parents Television and Media Council	https://www.parentstv.org/
US Conference of Catholic Bishops (Catholic News Service)	https://www.catholicnews.com/movie-reviews/

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Next week I will offer some ideas for life apart from television. Now, for those who missed last week, here's the challenge:

1. Cold Turkey. That's right! Dump the screens and fill your life with 1001 activities that are good for your mind and your body. Unplug the set(s), stop the video games, and shut down the internet wherever possible. Take back your life and CHOOSE for yourself what kind and type of entertainment and recreation is good for you. And if you need "screen time," rent a movie (or check one out at the library), but only when YOU CHOOSE what and when you watch. If you can't handle this.....

**2.** Cut the time. The average American now watches 38+ hours of television a week (that's 5 hours and 31 minutes a day). Decide for yourselves what you choose to watch and set a goal for each person in the house to watch no more than 10 hours a week (about 1 ½ hours a day). If this is still too much for your electronic addiction then.....

3. Have a household discussion. Sit down and discuss what you are watching and come up with a plan. How much TV is too much? What kind of programming is being viewed? How much "surfing" on the web is really useful? What are some alternatives to the mind-numbing effects of the tube? Set limits for yourself.

<u>Talk about the challenge and decide if you would be willing to follow through for 3 months.</u> Some people think that I am crazy to even suggest this, but do we really want our lives completely wrapped around a screen? Do we really want to open our minds and hearts to programming, images, and ideas that are contrary to the Gospel?

*This can be an incredible opportunity* for all of us to rediscover the beauty and power of summer. In the coming weeks I will suggest different activities and ideas.

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#### Another thought for concern: TV & Violence

In a position paper citing research statistics, the American Academy of Family Physicians sites the following:

- The average American youth will witness 200,000 violent acts on television before the age of 18
- Cartoons are now available on demand and frequently have between 20-25 violent acts an hour, about five times the average prime-time program
- 46% of all violence on TV now comes from cartoons
- 91% of all movies on TV contain violence

 Taken from:
 Violence in the Media and Entertainment (Position Paper)

 <u>https://www.aafp.org/about/policies/all/violence-media-entertainment.html</u>

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# INP/

May 2025

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

# Discover true love.

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus met Peter, James, and John by the seashore, filling their nets to overflowing. They left their boats behind, awestruck and hopeful. After the resurrection, confused and out of sorts, the apostles returned to their fishing boats, seeking security in their previous way of life. They encountered Jesus on the seashore again, their fishing net and their hearts overflowing anew.

Even though the disciples had journeyed with Jesus for three years, he still had much to teach them about forgiveness, mercy, and love. Peter had denied Jesus during his passion; others had walked away, hidden,

fearful. Jesus did not come to condemn them, however. He came with love, seeking love. "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Jesus asked. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (Jn 21:15, 13:35)

Allow the Lord to come to you with love. Jesus sacrificed himself, giving himself completely so that God's love might be known. Listen to the gospels as though it's the first time you're hearing them and be awestruck by the miracle of Christ's undying love for all.

The love we encounter in Jesus is not easy, feel-good love, like young infatuation. Rather, the love of Christ is deep, unshakable, true. Jesus reveals God who is love: "God's very being is love. By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret. God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange." (CCC, 221)

Thank God for the gift of love through sharing and caring. Jesus asks, "Do you love me?" Respond to Christ's love in gratitude by putting love into action, especially for those who are poor, lonely, frightened, and sick.

#### because the cross is our desire to give ourselves away. It is our hunger to genuinely hand ourselves over, to give ourselves

to others, because it is in doing so that we are most who we are. If you hold onto your life, you will

Give yourself away.

"There the cross is found,

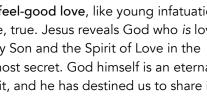
not have life, but if you give it away, you cannot exhaust life. It becomes everlasting life. You become absolutely you.

#### And who, finally, are you?

You are the image and likeness of God. If God is pure self-gift, then self-gift is

the image in which we are made, the blueprint on which we are built. Therefore, to give ourselves away is what we most deeply desire."

- Fr. Michael Himes, Doing the Truth in Love



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#### Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

No one can take them out of my hand.

-John 10:27-29, Fourth Sunday of Easter

# New life

What difference does the resurrection make in your every day life? At times, the richness of what we believe may seem distant from the way we live. In this season of Easter, our Sunday readings focus on the depths of Jesus' love for us and the fervor of the first disciples in witnessing to that love with others. These are perfect themes for us to explore this month, as we consider what followers of Jesus who live the new life of the resurrection are called to be and to do.

There are many moments when we face death. Perhaps we experience the physical death of a loved one, or we come to terms with our own mortality. There are other "deaths" we experience in life as well: illness, with the limitations it brings; fear, and the paralysis that may accompany it; anxiety, and the way it can diminish our sense of wellbeing and hope.

Christ's resurrection brings new life, transforming our experiences of death with ultimate meaning and the certainty of God's love through everything life holds.

As the Easter season unfolds, face death with the assurance that new life is yours in Christ! Be mindful that others wait for you to witness to and share that life as a faithful disciple and steward.

#### IMPACT THIS MONTH

#### Stewards of Hope

We all need a little hope now and then. It is easy in today's charged, polarized culture to be overwhelmed by fear, mistrust, anger, and frustration. Studies show that more people are lonely and isolated than in previous generations. Others long for support from family or friends who seem too busy to listen or pay attention to their dismay. The Jubilee Year theme "Pilgrims of Hope" is a reminder that we have hope and are called to



bring hope to others through our membership in Christ's Body. Jesus' resurrection and ascension gives us the certainty that this present moment, no matter

how dismal it may seem, is a passing thing - Christ's victory over death means that we have hope for eternity. The apostles understood that the hope that is found in Jesus' resurrection was a great gift that must be shared. They simply could not *not* share the Good News of Christ with all.

This month, reflect on the hope you have been given through your faith in Jesus Christ. When do you lean in to that hope in times of trial, loneliness, or frustration? How are you called to be a good steward of this hope? The world needs hope now more than ever. Be hope. Share it. Be a good steward of hope for all.

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April 2025

#### **Dear Friends:**

I am excited to invite you to our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Lumen Christi Award Dinner for Cathedral School. This award is presented to a member of our community who lives the values that our School strives to instill in our students. The award is called "Lumen Christi" which means "the Light of Christ," and it refers to Christ as the source of truth, faith, knowledge, and character.

The recipient of the **Lumen Christi Award** this year is **MaryJo Edge.** MaryJo is a graduate of Cathedral School, Class of 1967. Her involvement in the Cathedral and her passion to bring faith to the youth in our Catholic Community are inspiring and makes it easy to honor her with the Lumen Christi Award. She truly shines with the Light of Christ. I am excited that MaryJo is receiving this award. Her full bio can be found on the reverse side of this letter. The cost for the event is \$100 per person, and all proceeds directly benefit Cathedral School. Please join us if you can.

Open seating will be at round tables and a cash bar available. A professional photographer will be on hand for group photos and you will then be given a photo release for your printing as desired.

#### The Lumen Christi Award Dinner will be Friday, May 23rd in the UWS YellowJacket Union Great Room.

7:00-Formal Dinner

5:30-Social Hour

8:00-Dessert & Lumen Christi Award Presentation

If you would like to attend this event, please complete and return the form below marked "Lumen Christi Award Dinner" to the School Office with your contribution before May 13<sup>th</sup>. (You may place it in the offertory box or drop it off at the rectory office, also.)

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Andrew P. Ricci

Rector

#### Please detach and return to Cathedral School Office by Tuesday, May 13th

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Will attend (\$100 per person is enclosed)

Cannot attend, but please accept this contribution

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Mary Jo was born to military parents, between the horrors of World War II and the Korean War – Her mother, Sgt. Dorothy Pelletier met her father, Sgt. Lloyd Ketchum while serving with Army medical attachments in South Carolina, her father would later give his life in the Korean conflict in service of our country in 1950. This is to say that Mary Jo was destined in many ways for a life of service to others.

Education and faith were a formative part of Mary Jo's life from the very beginning. Mary Jo was brought up attending Saint Louis Grade School and later graduated from the class of 1967 from Cathedral School.

After graduation, she married her husband, Douglas Edge, and they welcomed their son Andy to the family in 1980.

The Edge family faithfully attended Saint Louis Parish until its closing in 1989 when they came to the Cathedral of Christ the King. While Saint Louis Parish closed its doors, Mary Jo has maintained close friendships with many of her former parishioners to this day.

Mary Jo went on to continue her life of service in 1992 when she became the long-standing housekeeper for the Cathedral Rectory, working for such memorable clergy as Fr. Ed Meulemans, Fr. John Gerrits, Fr. Jim Tobolski, Fr. John Anderson, Fr. Lee Flaherty and current Cathedral of Christ the King Rector, Fr. Andrew Ricci. As a housekeeper, Mary Jo got to know each priest very well and knew their specific dinner preferences, such as double meat on Fr. Meulemans plate- "hold the vegetables, because he wouldn't eat them anyway."

During her time as housekeeper, Janette Gil de Lamadrid would reach out to Mary Jo, asking for her help with the youth programs at Cathedral of Christ the King. When considering the call, she realized, "If everyone says no, who will do this?" Mary Jo went on to take on 10<sup>th</sup> grade religious ed, as well as helping with the TONs (Teens Only Night) youth group and the Ski Blast retreat for middle and high school students. Mary Jo loved "her kids," as she fondly remembers them and made every moment special. Many of Mary Jo's former "kids" will remember the Cathedral Cheeseballs she lovingly made to fundraise for the program for many years, and her boundless energy and enthusiasm. No one could forget Mary Jo, and she has not forgotten any of her "kids" either.

She retired from caring for the Cathedral Rectory after 13 years for her "higher calling" of being a grandmother, as her son Andy and his wife Sara welcomed her granddaughter, Alaina, but carried on her work with Youth Ministry for many years.

Mary Jo continued to live a life of service to the Church and to others as a Eucharistic Minister, and now leads the Prayer Chain Ministry, sharing the love of Christ through her indomitable positivity and occasionally a half-cup of black coffee in the mornings around the parish office table – to which she has never turned in her keys.

We are proud to honor Mary Jo's life of service to our church and to our community with the Lumen Christi award, recognizing her commitment to the values we are all called to as followers of Christ.

# MARCHFORLIFE WISCENSIN

# Saturday, June 14 at 2pm Wisconsin State Capitol

# Where

**Wisconsin State Capitol State Street Steps** 2 E Main Street Madison, WI 53703

# Who

YOU! All Wisconsinites are invited to participate in this joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life. Signs will be provided.

# Why

The overturning of *Roe v. Wade* was the beginning of the end of abortion. We must continue to make our voices heard until all women and children are protected from abortion and all families have the support they need to thrive.

For more info, including registration to travel on a bus to Madison, visit <u>marchforlifewisconsin.org</u> or scan the QR code.





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# THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

# for couples celebrating anniversaries ending in 0 or 5

# Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior

# Saturday, July 26, 2025

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# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May 8, 2025

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of myself, the priests, lay leaders, and parishioners of the Diocese of Superior, we join the Universal Church in heartfelt joy and gratitude for the gift of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

The inspiring journey of Pope Leo XIV, leaving Chicago to serve others in Peru, resonates deeply with our own call as missionary disciples here in northern Wisconsin. His dedication echoes the spirit of outreach and service that is central to our faith.

The choice of the name Leo recalls the legacy of great pontiffs like St. Leo the Great, a true reformer, and Leo XIII, whose profound teachings on social justice continue to guide our commitment to peace and justice in our faith communities across the Diocese.

We hold in prayerful remembrance Pope Francis and now joyfully welcome Pope Leo XIV with renewed faith and commitment. As Catholics in the United States, we recognize the unique significance of witnessing the leadership of the first American Pope and pray for his guidance upon the Church and the world.

May God grant Pope Leo XIV a blessed pontificate.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Rev. James P. Powers Bishop of Superior