



# St.Pauls CCD Monthly Newsletter

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## April 2026 K-5th Grade

Matthew 19:14: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"



Welcome Holy Week! We have entered into the most important week of our faith. As we near Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection I hope that you are able to find time with your families to reflect on the profound significance of His sacrifice and love for us.

Although this past month we only had two classes, we certainly packed them with fun! We are thrilled to have four new students join our program and everyone has been incredibly welcoming. We love having new friends at CCD. The kids have been working on a new song to sing during Mass on Easter Sunday. Please plan on attending so they can show off their hard work. (Be sure to stick around for donuts and fellowship after Mass). This past month all of the students were able to watch a video about Holy Week. They really liked getting to see a new perspective rather than just reading about it. This month our students also worked on a paper chain of Lenten activities, how to connect our lives to Jesus' life through stories and real world examples, Joseph's Coat of many colors and our First Communion students did incredibly well being tested on their knowledge of their prayers and the sacraments. It was such a joy to witness them this past Sunday as they served as greeters and cantors. Taking a more active role at church as they approach First Communion. They did an amazing job! All the kids continue to inspire us with their great questions and fantastic ideas about God and our church.

As the summer months approach, please remember that our Church is always here for you. Although our formal classes are wrapping up, there will still be many activities and events for you and your families to enjoy. I will continue to send out the monthly newsletter, and our website remains a wonderful resource for the most up-to-date information. Get ready for summer prayer challenges, fun community activities, and DIY ideas to keep your family engaged during vacation! I encourage you and your students to keep attending the Family Mass and Fellowship held on the 1st Sunday of each month throughout the summer.

As always, thank you for supporting your children through their faith journey. Please continue to pray with them and ask them what they are learning in CCD; they are so eager to share their experiences with you and build their lifelong relationship with Jesus and the Church.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### THIS MONTH



- April 1st Regular Classes- Parent “Shout outs” due today. Blessing of First Communion Gifts from the PCCW (First Communion students only)
- April 2nd Holy Thursday, Mass 7pm (Fr. Kyle Sladek)
- April 3rd Good Friday, Liturgy Service 3pm (Fr. Kyle Sladek)
- April 4th Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass 8pm (Fr. Kyle Sladek)
- April 5th Easter, Family Mass and Fellowship 8am: First Communion Students “Bread of Life”. Song by all K-5 Students “Thank You, Lord”
- April 8th Regular Classes
- April 12th Mass 8am- Pinning of First Communion Students
- April 15th Regular Classes- Last Class for all grades.
- April 18th First Communion Retreat 10am-Noon
- April 19th Mass 8am: First Communion Students receive the Eucharist for the first time! There will be a small reception afterwards.
- April 26th Mass 8am Confirmation Students @ Waupaca 3pm

### NEXT MONTH

- May 3rd Family Mass and Fellowship 8am.
- May 10th Mothers Day Mass 8am
- May 14th The Ascension of the Lord (Thursday)
- May 17th Mass 8am
- May 24th Mass 8am. Pentecost Sunday
- May 31st Mass 8am

### Keep In Mind

#### **First Communion Students:**

Student participation in the Mass is crucial for them to gain hands-on understanding and reinforce what they are learning while preparing for this exciting sacrament. Although attendance to Mass

should be weekly and on Holy Days of obligation, I understand circumstances and schedules don't always allow for this. With that in mind please be aware that the following dates are highly encouraged for attendance. These students will have more active roles as we get closer to the date in which they make their First Holy Communion. This is not only a celebration for the individuals receiving the sacrament but also for the entire Church community as we welcome more practicing Catholics into the fullness of the Mass and Eucharist.

**April 5th: Easter:** "Bread of Life" -Students will be handing out loaves of bread to parishioners.

**April 12th:** Pinning of First Communion students. **Parent/Family "Shout Outs" are Due April 1st.**

**April 18th: Saturday:** First Communion Retreat **10am-12pm**, this will include reconciliation.

**April 19th:** First Holy Communion **8am** Mass. A reception with cake will follow after in the dining hall.

## **Extras:**

### **Vacation Bible school: Should it return to St. Paul's?**

We would love to bring VBS back, but we need your input! We are looking for interested families to gauge the level of participation and volunteers. Please take a moment to fill out this [short survey](#) to let us know if this is something your family would enjoy.

### **Camp Tekawitha Camperships are back!**

As Camp Tekawitha celebrates their 100th year as a Catholic Camp for kids and teens, the PCCW has generously offered to supplement the cost of the program, up to \$250 per student. If anyone is interested in the camping sessions they offer please contact me. There are many sessions all summer long and for all age groups, also day camp opportunities at area churches in the diocese. You can find more information on their [website](#). The PCCW will reimburse the payments with proof of registration and receipt of payment.

### **Raise Right Cards:**

Raise Right gift cards directly support our Religious Education programs, from purchasing our curriculums, to paying for sacramental costs, to feeding our kids and everything in between. Please consider using the program to purchase gift cards. At no cost to you, we receive a kick back, in some cases up to 50%!

Signup for your Mass Ministries using the link below

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0845AFAB22A5FA7-58623956-family#/>

### **Join Our Team: We need you!**

As our program continues to grow, so does our need for passionate teachers and aides. Please consider volunteering as a Catechist to help nurture the faith of our youngest parishioners.

-No experience? No Problem! We'll provide all the guidance and support you'll need, and the kids are truly a joy to work with.

-Flexible roles: We are also looking for snack helpers, walkers/drivers and fresh ideas to make our program even better.

If you feel called in any way -big or small- please reach out! I love hearing from you and am happy to answer any questions.

[Click here to visit our webpage](#)

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