

Diocese of Milwaukee Parish Prayers, Second Quarter 2015 (March through May)

March 1 - Trinity, Wauwatosa

Almighty and everlasting God, you create families and bring people together to share, live and love in your name. Help the people of Trinity Church, Wauwatosa, to do the same with the people who come worship with them, the people in their daily lives and the people they have yet to meet. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

March 8 - St Luke's Church & Campus Ministry, Whitewater

Loving God, we pray for the student ministries of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry in Whitewater, giving thanks for the opportunities for fellowship fostered by these ministries. May the volunteers grow in their own strength as they demonstrate Faith in Action by providing both nutritional and spiritual sustenance. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

March 15 - St Andrew's, Monroe

Loving God, we give thanks for the open hearts of the people of St. Andrew's Church, Monroe. May your lifegiving spirit continue to move them to acts of grace and charity in their community. Nurture and care for them even as they nurture and care for one another. Protect and strengthen them, and make them ever more your people, serving you in love. In the name of Christ, Amen.

March 22 - Trinity, Platteville, and Trinity, Prairie du Chien

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, we pray for the people of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Prairie du Chien and Trinity Episcopal Church, Platteville. Send your Holy Spirit upon them as they explore new pastoral leadership. Help them to grow as your disciples and be a beacon of God's love in their communities. Renew their energy and resolve to love and care for each other while inviting and welcoming all who desire such a community of faith. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns in perfect unity, now and forever. Amen.

March 29 - St. Mark's, Beaver Dam

Generous God, we give you thanks for the many blessings you have given to the congregation of St. Mark's, Beaver Dam. Fill them with grateful hearts to give you praise in their worship and live reaching their hands out in love that they may bring others to know and to love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

April 5 - Holy Cross, Wisconsin Dells

Loving God, we pray for the people of Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Wisconsin Dells. Grant them grace and courage to live into their mission of following Christ's teachings, growing spiritually, and serving the needs of their neighbors. Help them to develop and deepen partnerships and walk with them on every road, familiar or new. Guide, guard, and strengthen them as your people. We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

April 12 - St. Luke's, Racine

O God, who called your servant Luke to be a healer and to proclaim your gospel to all people: We give you thanks for the ministry of St. Luke's parish in Racine. Send your Holy Spirit to guide them; help them to know where you are calling them to serve your people; give them grace to proclaim to the good news, both in word and deed; and raise up leaders among them to continue the mission to which you have called them. This we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, the healer of all souls. Amen.

April 19 - St. Mark's, Milwaukee

Father in heaven, who brings together new relationships, new opportunities and new challenges as a way to deepen our bond with you, bless the people of St. Mark's, Milwaukee, to enter joyfully enter into such experiences as their community seeks new clergy leadership and a new chapter in their shared life of mission and ministry. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

April 26 - Good Shepherd, Sun Prairie

Loving God, we hold before you in prayer the parish of Good Shepherd, Sun Prairie. Grant them faithfulness in living out the gospel for one another and the world, wisdom and patience as they become a multicultural faith family, grace as they seek a sustainable foundation for ministry, and a spirit of sharing their gifts with generosity and joy as they care for their building

and one another. May they continue to discern together their part in your great purposes. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

May 3 - St Mark's, South Milwaukee

Dear Lord, you watch over us and guide us with your love; continue to guide the people of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in South Milwaukee during this time of transitional ministry. We give thanks for their commitment to youth ministries and dedication to making life better across the local community through their outreach missions. We pray for these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

May 10 - St. John the Divine, Burlington

Almighty and loving God, we pray for the faithful people of St. John the Divine in Burlington. Grant them your strength and guidance as they continue in the ministry you have called them to do: Feeding God's People, Body, Mind, and Spirit. In the name of your son Jesus Christ, Amen.

May 17 - St Dunstan's, Madison

Almighty God, we pray for the faithful people of St. Dunstan's, Madison. May they deepen their lives of faith, growing in leadership, hospitality, care for the environment, and above all, growing ever closer to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

May 24 - Trinity, Janesville

Almighty God, grant the congregation of Trinity, Janesville, the courage to wholeheartedly seek your will for their mission and purpose. Guide them by your Holy Spirit to find a Priest who will guide and equip them for their ministries, for the honor of your Son. Amen.

May 31 - Trinity, Mineral Point

Gracious God, we hold in prayer today the people of Trinity Church, Mineral Point. May they continue to follow the call of the Trinity, gathering to support and promote the journey of spiritual growth and the furtherance of your kingdom. Be with them now and always, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.