

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from, or lack understanding of, the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: His Real Presence in the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year movement in the United States, sponsored by the U.S. Bishops, to restore and deepen understanding and devotion to this great mystery. You are encouraged to participate in this important Eucharistic Revival. Visit: eucharisticrevival.org.

Message for the week of February 12:

Jesus wants us to know that He is continually present with us. Oftentimes, our mind begins to wander at Mass because we only see bread and wine. What contributes to our distractions is the bombardment of noise and images on our mind that come through our physical senses (hearing, seeing). Therefore, we are much less attuned (aware) to the world of the spirit and the much deeper spiritual realities that are right here, all around us.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to learn to be quiet and reveal to my heart the truth that this is really You present under the appearance of bread and wine.

This week, read about Jacob in the desert, who was very much afraid, and came to realize that God was present right there with him. As with Jacob, we can say as we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." (Genesis 28:10-17)

Caregiver Opportunities: The Villa St. Joseph is seeking applicants for part time evening's caregivers. The shift time is 2:30 to 10:30 PMs Starting pay is \$18.95/hr and training is provided. Interested applicants can get more information and Apply at fspa.org/careers.

Do you have a need for healing - spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional? Join us for a Mass and a Healing Service on Monday, February 27th at Sacred Heart Church in Cashton, WI (1205 Front Street). Schedule of the evening: 5:30 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the evening beginning at 5:30 pm. 6:30 pm - Holy Mass After Mass - Adoration continues with Prayers of Healing & Deliverance. Our clergy and prayer teams will pray over those who desire it.

Morning of Reflection: *Two Lost Souls, One Good Shepard: Finding Faith, Hope & Love in the Lord and One Another* will be held Saturday March 4th. The guest speaker will be Elizabeth Kelly, an award winning author of over 10 books. All women are welcome to this free event. The day begins with Mass at 8 AM (optional) followed by a light buffet breakfast. The speaker will begin around 9:30 AM. Please contact Kathryn Kesler for more information at 608-780-0485 or kay@pmcmgmt.com to RSVP. This program is sponsored by the La Crosse DCCW and the Catholic Daughters of America, Branch 1183.

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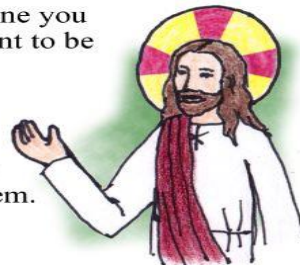
What does Jesus say about the Commandments?



In today's Gospel reading Jesus was talking about the laws of God. Some people thought that He would take away the old law that God had given the Jews. But Jesus said that He didn't come to take away the law. He came to fulfill the law.

The old laws tell us the things that we shouldn't do, like worship false gods or kill people or steal. Jesus is telling us that just obeying the commandments isn't enough. He wants us to do everything out of love. If you really love a person then of course you won't kill them! But He says you shouldn't get angry at them either. You wouldn't steal from someone you love- but wouldn't you want to be generous to them too?

Jesus says that the Ten Commandments are very important, but we have to do more than just obey them. We need to love!



Psalm 119 Word-Find



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

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 B L A M E L E S S L B
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Blessed are they who FOLLOW the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they whose way is BLAMELESS, who WALK in the LAW of the Lord. BLESSED are they who OBSERVE his DECREES, who SEEK him with all their heart.

You have COMMANDED that your PRECEPTS be DILIGENTLY KEPT. Oh, that I MIGHT be FIRM in the ways of keeping your STATUTES!

Be GOOD to your SERVANT, that I MAY LIVE and keep your WORDS. OPEN my EYES, that I may CONSIDER THE wonders of your law.

If you obey God's law, _____

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....8:00 PM

Sunday.....10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Friday.....8:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesday.....7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Adoration & By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Gary Flock, Michael Hundt, Rachel Persson, Brandon Flock (Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery, Peter Benzing, Chris Pundzak, Kathy Flock

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla, LaVonne Hundt

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

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Leland Gregorich, Organist

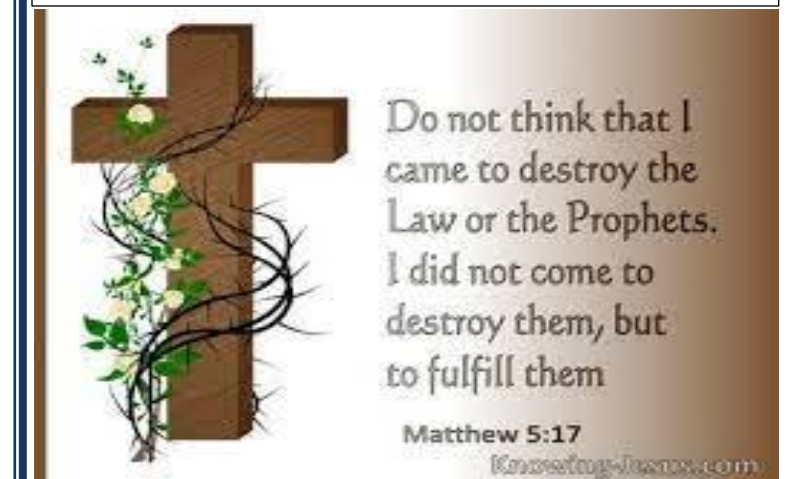
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 12, 2023



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish • Weddings • Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (Please call Father Biju's cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Parish Intentions

2/15 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Fred Peltz (ANN)

2/17 Fri. 8:00 AM – † David Cummings (PTS)

2/18 Sat. 8:00 PM – St. Peters Parish family

2/19 Sun. 10:00 AM – Living & deceased members of the Al & Anna Mae Antony family (AA)



This year our Diocesan Annual Appeal will be held in conjunction with the Inspired by the Spirit campaign and will benefit our own parish and the larger Church of La Crosse for years to come. The Diocese plans to raise \$40,000,000. Our parish goal over a 5 year time period is \$85,000 with \$55,250 coming back to our parish for our own needs and projects.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$4,387.25
	\$2,687.25
Year to Date Target -	\$54,400.00
Year to Date Total -	\$54,933.37
	\$533.37

Readings for February 19, 2023

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

Prayer for Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.

Ministry Servers

Saturday February 18 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Matthew Schaub & Volunteer

Ushers: Mike Schaub & Ron Hurtz

Lector: Kristen Schaub

Sunday February 19 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Lukas & Max Slattery

Ushers: Rob Slattery & Mark Stephenson

Lector: John Hundt

Wednesday February 22 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Madi Gronemus & Arnie Nicolai

Ushers: Don Halderson & Gary Gronemus

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. Feb 15 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Fri. Feb. 17 – St. Peter's Couples Night 6:30 - 9 PM

Sun. Feb. 19 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Tues. Feb. 21 – Parish Finance council mtg @7:30 PM

Wed. Feb 22 – No Class for Grades 7-10 CCD – All students should attend Ash Wednesday Mass

Wed. Feb 22 – Ash Wednesday Mass @ 8:00 PM

Sun. Feb. 26 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sun. Feb. 26 – Cabin Feverfest Noon – 4:00 PM

Fri. March 3 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. March 5 – Donuts & coffee with the Knights of Columbus

March 4th & 5th – Blest Art will be selling religious items after masses

Sun. March 5 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Mon. March 6 – PCCW Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Tues. March 7 – Parish Advisory mtg @ 7:00 PM

St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday Mass.....8:30am

Confession time available after Mass

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel passage of this weekend is taken from the "Sermon on the Mount discourse". Selections from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) will be the Gospel proclamations for the remaining Sundays up to Ash Wednesday. The sermon on the mount is Matthew's version of the moral and ethical behavior which Jesus expects and demands of all baptized followers of Jesus Christ. He says that He did not come to destroy the Torah but to bring it to perfection. The law was never intended to divide people into categories of good or bad, right or wrong, law abider or law breaker. It was to point the way to life. That's what Jesus does. That's why he could say that he came not to destroy but to fulfill the law. Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

By this Jesus does not reveal new teaching. He simply offers deeper insights into the Law. In fact, the statement "if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and the Pharisees", means that we must not settle for the literal sense of the Law rather the spirit. The problem of the Pharisees and the Scribes is that their desire to keep everything in the Law easily led them to the desire to keep only that which is in the Law. He speaks about Law, anger, reconciliation, adultery, divorce, oath. In each of the examples that Jesus took to illustrate the fact that it is not enough not to break God's commandment, he demonstrates the full length of the application of the Law. Can I go beyond the literal meaning to the spirit of the law?

Today is World Marriage Day. The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 12) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with marriage and the family. World Marriage Day is an annual observance to honor husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. I pray for God's blessings upon you. Also, my thoughts and prayers are with those who struggle in their marriage and those who are separated/divorced.

There is an annual Euchre party, Cabin Feverfest, at St Peter on Sunday February 26.

Have a blessed week

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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Cabin Feverfest: Our annual Euchre party, Cabin Feverfest, will be held Sunday February 26th. There are fliers in the back of church that can be taken around to local places. There is also a sign up sheet for items needed. There is a need for a few helpers too.

Love is in the Air: Valentine's day is a time to celebrate your love. St. Peter's Couples Night will be **Friday February 17th** from 6:30 - 9 PM in the church basement. There will be an inspirational speaker, intimate multi-course meal with your Sweetheart, romantic music and Christian fellowship. Make your reservations by February 12th by calling the parish office (486-2180) or send an email to stpetersrectory@centurytel.net. This event is open to all married or engaged couples.

Blest Art visiting March 4th & 5th: Purchasing Blest Art's beautifully hand-crafted Christian items gives you the advantage of being able to reach out beyond our borders with uniquely, real, tangible and effective help. Your support for these craftsmen and hard-working Christian artists helps to ensure a viable Christian presence in the land where the gospel was first preached. Please plan on browsing through their beautiful items on March 4th or 5th.

VOTE: Feb. 21 Wisconsin Supreme Court Election May Determine Abortion Law: The Wisconsin spring primary election will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 21. The highest stakes are for a new seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and the outcome may well determine whether the current state statute that prohibits abortion will remain standing or be struck down. The Associated Press underscored this in a story titled, "Abortion front and center in Wisconsin Supreme Court race." To read that story and for links to learn more about the candidates for the State Supreme Court and other races, visit diolc.org/social-concerns.

First Sunday Rosary: We pray the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at **7:30 PM**. The next one will be **March 5th**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Anointing of the Sick: Fr. Biju will be available to perform this Sacrament on the first Friday of the month after daily mass. Please contact him directly if you or a family member would like to receive. **This is available Friday March 3rd.**