

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of July 16:

The Eucharist is called the Memorial of the Lord's Death and Resurrection Jesus instructed the Apostles at the Last Supper to "do this in memory of Me." The Eucharist is a memorial, but this means much more than recalling something to mind, or remembering an event from the past. At Mass, the Death and Resurrection become present and real so that our lives may be conformed to them. "When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, She commemorates Christ's Passover [Jesus passing over from death to life], and it is made present: the sacrifice of Christ offered once for all on the Cross remains ever present" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 1363, 1364). Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please help me to prepare beforehand to enter into the Memorial – the making present – of Your Death and Resurrection at Mass. This week, read how St. Paul describes the Last Supper, capturing Jesus' words: "Do this in remembrance of Me" in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

Art Fair: On Saturday August 26th the Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse will hold an art fair including a bake sale, silent auction and ice cream social from 9 AM – 4 PM hosted by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Proceeds will go to the priest and seminarian education fund.

Virgin Statue Pilgrimage: The Blue Army/World Apostolate of Fatima will be hosting the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, which has been traveling since 1947 will be at our Diocese of La Crosse this year starting from August 16th thru August 27th at several parishes. The Pilgrimage will also feature 2nd class relics of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco. Please see flier in the back of church for a schedule of dates and places. The pilgrimage will come to the Shrine of Guadalupe on Saturday August 26th from 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

Caregiver Opportunities: The Villa St. Joseph is seeking applicants for part-time help on all shifts for LPN's or RN's. Includes every other weekend. Training provided. Apply at fspa.org/careers and look under Villa tab.

Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available: Make a confidential call to Catholic Charities at 844.644.7223 (844.64.GRACE) or text 715.600.6391. To learn more visit cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant. For additional pregnancy support resources and locations, visit diolc.org/pregnancy-resources.

Kids Korner

God's Word is Like Seed...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seed to the disciples. Like the seed, the word of God comes to all sorts of people. Some people hear it and the devil takes it away, like the seed that falls on the path and is eaten by the birds. Some people hear God's word and love it for a little while, but they don't let it grow deeply in themselves, like the seed on rocky ground that doesn't grow good roots. Some people hear God's word and it starts to grow in them, but they have so many other things going on in their lives that they forget God.



The people who hear the word of God and let it grow in them are like the good soil. When the sower plants the seed in the good soil it gets deep roots, grows high and produces a good harvest. When we receive the word of God well, it takes root in us so that it is really deep in our hearts. It grows when we feed it by learning more about God and trying to love Him more. It produces a harvest when other people come to love God because of us.



What kind of soil are you like? Do you let God's word be snatched away as soon as you hear it? Do you let it take root in your heart and love it, or is it like the seed sown on rocky ground that is too shallow? Do you let other things in your life crowd out God's life in you, or do you let God's word in deep and feed it and let it grow?



Isaiah 55 Unscramble

Unscramble the words to finish today's first reading!

Thus says the _____: [DRLO]
 Just as from the heavens
 the _____ [NIRA] and _____ [OWNS]
 come down
 and do not return there
 till they have watered the _____, [HRATE]
 making it fertile and fruitful,
 giving _____ [EDSE] to the one who sows
 and _____ [EBDRA] to the one who eats,
 so shall my word be
 that goes forth from my _____; [TOUMH]
 my _____ [DOWR] shall not return to me void,
 but shall do my will,
 achieving the end for which I _____ [NTSE] it.



PASTOR

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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 – 3:00 PM

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

Office Phone: (608) 452-4680

Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.org

PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary Hundt, Coordinator.....(608) 780-6172

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla, LaVonne Hundt

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus,
 Jared Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

CEMETERY SEXTON

Tom Schaub...(608) 486-4012

FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Debra Leis.....(608) 632-7830

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 Leland Gregorich, Organist

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15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2023

**"He who has ears,
 let him hear."**



-Matthew 13:9

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

7/19 Wed. 8:00 AM –

† **Joyce DeFlorian (BDF)**

7/21 Fri. 8:00 AM –

NO MASS

7/22 Sat. 8:00 PM –

† **Donna Leis (CDW)**

7/23 Sun. 10:00 AM –

† **Stanley B Hundt (AH)**



Total Pledged/Paid: \$97,825/\$31,705

Thank you!

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,414.00
	-\$286.00
Year to Date Target -	\$3,400.00
Year to Date Total -	\$2,791.60
	-\$608.40

Readings for July 23, 2023

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30

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 July 22 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Isabell Korn

Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen

Ushers: Bill Korn & Don Halderson

Lector: Julie Lundeen

Sunday July 23 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Josh & Joe Peterson

Ushers: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis

Lector: Pam Benzing

Reminder We understand everybody's schedules get busy. If you are not able to make it on a day you are scheduled PLEASE make the effort to find a replacement or at least let somebody know ahead of time!!

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday @ 7:30 until 8:30 PM

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. July 16 – Parish Potluck Picnic at Ballfield after mass – Bring a dish to pass – Brats are provided

Fri. July 21 – No Mass

Fri. Aug. 4 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. Aug. 6 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM



***NOTE*:** When sending money for flowers, mass intentions, church support or special collections PLEASE make out separate checks or cash as these things go into different accounts and it is easier for bookkeeping purposes. Thank you.

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

“A Sower went out to sow”

Fifteenth Sunday of the Gospel taken from St. Matthew 13:1-23 marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus. 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel offer several parables to illustrate what it means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the Sower. The parable is not so much about the Sower (God) or about the seed (God's word). It is about the soil (us) and the reception we give to God's word. The same batch of seed will produce differently, depending upon the soil in which it is planted. Seed planted in more fertile soil will produce more fruit. If we are to be the productive soil, we may need to be “worked up” and “fertilized.” We must cultivate an appreciation for God's word and take the time to reflect on it. Be open to the grace of the Sacraments, especially Penance and the Eucharist. Rosary or prayer before the Blessed Sacrament are all matters when it comes to building up our relationship with Jesus to yield a rich harvest. Remember how magnanimous the Sower, not stingy, as he sows the seed. We all want to have rich harvest. Don't we?

In our recent parish pastoral council meeting there were questions on the synod on synodality. The Vatican meeting of the Synod of Bishops, will be held across two sessions: one in October 2023, and another in October 2024. You can have more information on it in the following links:

<https://diolc.org/synod-on-synodality/>

<https://www.synod.va/en.html>

I also request you to keep northeastern states of India in your thoughts and prayers. A lot of unrest is going on there where I was working before coming to USA. It is said “Arson and unrest refuse to subside in India's northeastern Manipur state more than 50 days after an ethnic riot”. The unprecedented violence between Meitei and Kuki ethnic groups has already claimed some 115 lives and displaced over 50,000 people, mostly Kuki Christians homeless in refugee camps. Many churches were destroyed along with homes. Please pray for peace and harmony in that region of India.

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Inspired by the Spirit: Last week you may have received a letter from the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign requesting you to pledge. This letter was supposed to go ONLY to parishioners that had not pledged or donated. We apologize to the parishioners who have donated or pledged—and still received this letter. We sincerely thank you for your generosity. Please send your pledges directly to the Diocese of La Crosse P.O. Box 4004 La Crosse, WI 54602. These payments do not need to go through the St. Peter's parish office.

Parish Advisory Council: We are looking for parishioners willing to join the parish council. The committee meets once per quarter. Please contact the parish office or Fr. Biju if interested.

Cemetery Flowers: Flowers are a beautiful & prayerful sign of remembrance for our beloved dead. A volunteer checks on the flowers in St. Peter's Cemetery from time to time, but please be responsible for the regular maintenance of yours. Thanks!

Pilgrimage for Sr. Wilhelmina: A motor coach pilgrimage is planned July 31 - Aug. 1 to the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of the Apostles Convent in Gower, MO to pray at the tomb of Sister Wilhelmina, who is incorrupt. Father Joe Redfern will serve as chaplain. Overnight accommodations will be in Kansas City. For more information email pjslattery9@protonmail.com or call (608) 452-4605. An itinerary can be found in the back of church.

Hearing Assistance: For anyone finding it difficult to hear during mass we now have head-sets available in the sacristy that can be used to help. They are linked into our sound system directly.

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 August 4th.**

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 **August 6th**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.