

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of July 23:

The Eucharist is called the Holy Sacrifice
A sacrifice is the act of giving up something highly valued for the sake of something else, considered to have a greater value or claim out of love for another person and/or for God. The perfect sacrifice was Christ's death on the Cross, by which He offered Himself to the Father out of love for us, which accomplished our salvation. The Holy Mass is a sacrifice because it is the re-presentation and the memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. The sacrifice of Calvary is being made—present in an unbloody manner on the altar at Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please give me the grace to appreciate the sacrifice that is made present at every Mass in which You offer Yourself to the Father out of love for me. This week, read Luke's account of Jesus offering Himself in sacrifice to the Father for love of us in Luke 22:14-20.

Picnic on the Lawn: July 29th from 11 AM to 4 PM at St. Mary Parish, 900 Central Ave, Coon Valley. Includes a hog roast, bounce house, dunk tank, snow cones, kids games and more. Live music with Leather and Lace from 12 (noon) until 2 PM. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a fun afternoon with family and friends. ALL WELCOME!

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.

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

Weeds Among the Wheat



Weeds are plants that shouldn't be there. They use the sun and water that the good plants need. Have you ever helped pick weeds in the garden? In today's parable Jesus tells about a man who lets the weeds grow along with the wheat until harvest time, so that the good plants don't get pulled up along with the weeds.

The weeds represent the bad people, who will go to Hell at the final judgement. God lets them stay alive as long as the good people. He wants to give sinners lots of time to repent so that they can go to Heaven instead.

All the readings today are about God's mercy. God is the most powerful of all, but instead of destroying sinners He wants to give them more chances. When you think about it, you will realize God has already been merciful to all of us- because we have all sinned. We should thank God for His mercy, and if we do sin again we should show Him we are sorry by going to Confession.



Congratulations to Stella Kathryn Steiger, daughter of Jake & Mandi, who was baptized on July 9th. May God bless her abundantly!



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, 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

MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605
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16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 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

7/26 Wed. 8:00 AM –

† **Connie Goodreau (AH)**

7/28 Fri. 8:00 AM –

† **Elrita Leis (MLH)**

7/29 Sat. 8:00 PM –

† **Jerry Hundt (AMH)**

7/30 Sun. 10:00 AM –

† **Rick Schermerhorn (DKS)**

Parish Calendar of Events

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

Sun. Aug. 6 - New Member Reception after mass

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



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,668.00
	-\$32.00
Year to Date Target -	\$5,100.00
Year to Date Total -	\$4,459.60
	-\$640.40

Readings for July 30, 2023

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52

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 29 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Matthew & Andrew Schaub

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Ron Hurtz

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday July 30 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Kate Gronemus & Arnie Nicolai

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Stephenson

Lector: Kathy Flock

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.

Welcome to new members who have registered, married into OR re-registered at St. Peter's in the past 18 months:

Justin & Louisa Peterson and family

Kirk & Nicole Koplín and family

Kristen Koplín

Mark & Patti Koplín

Mike & Kindra Leis

Jake & Madi Steiger

Justin & Miranda Flock

Josh & Brianna Lucey

Dylan & Kayla Scharping

Chad & Stephanie Tollefson

Vicki Walters

Chuck & Cheryl Arentz

Cody & Mysterie Eirschele

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weeds & Wheat, mustard Seed, and yeast (Matthew 13:24-43)

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday. We find different elements of the kingdom of Heaven in these parables. The first parable is the parable of *wheat and the weeds*. The coexistence of good and evil is an enigma for us. How about God? He says "*Let the wheat and the weeds [darnel] grow together till the harvest time.*" Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

God is patient and can bring about superabundance even from little and insignificant. Pope Francis will be visiting Mongolia on Aug. 31-Sept. 4. It will be the first time a pope visits the Asian nation sandwiched between Russia and China. It has a tiny catholic community about 1,450 members- world's smallest national Catholic communities. The Italian missionary Cardinal Marengo is the newly appointed prelate. He is the youngest member of the College of Cardinals at 49 years old. Marengo has been a missionary in Mongolia for more than 20 years. Mongolia, the country of about 3.3 million people is strategically significant for the Roman Catholic Church because of its proximity to China.

On July 22 we celebrate the feast of St. Mary Magdalene. She is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's saving mystery through mercy and grace. She is believed to have come from Magdala, a town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, near Tiberias. The Gospel of Luke says Mary Magdalene was the woman from whom Jesus cast out seven demons. What she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. Mary Magdalene was a devoted follower of Jesus during his earthly ministry and was a model of penitence. She is the first to witness the risen Lord. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. She is patron of the Order of Preachers.

Have a blessed week

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Sympathies: St. Peter's expresses sympathy to the friends and family of Alice Kotek who passed away this week. May she rest in peace with our Lord.

Welcoming New Parishioners: There will be a reception after mass on Sunday August 6th to welcome those who have joined our family in the past 18 months. Please join us for coffee, donuts & fellowship.

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.