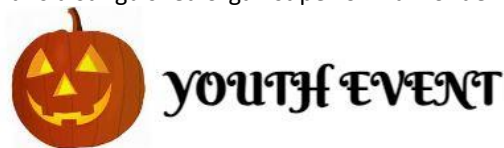


**Diocesan and Community News**

**Message for the week of October 20:**

**A Minute with Jesus:** Receiving the Eucharist is our Closest Union with Jesus on Earth God will never stop loving me. Our heavenly Father speaks these words to me in the Bible: "My steadfast (unwavering, always ongoing) love shall not depart from you" (Isaiah 54:10). God proved His love for me in this way: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him may not die but may have eternal life" (John 3:16). God's boundless love includes Jesus establishing one Church and instituting seven sacraments so that we may be united with Him. The closest union we can have with Jesus on earth is receiving the Eucharist – His own body and blood. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Heavenly Father, help me to know how much You truly love me. This week, read how nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus Christ except our own choice to reject His love in Romans 8:35, 37-38.

**ORGAN RECITAL:** The second in a series of three autumn organ recitals will be performed at Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman (530 Main Street, La Crosse) on Sunday October 20 at 2:00 by Bruce Bengtson. After over 40 years as Director of Music at Luther Memorial Church in Madison WI, Bruce retired in 2018. He won state and national competitions during his college years and has been featured in concerts in the U.S., Mexico, Canada, and Europe. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Ample parking available. Come hear this distinguished organist perform a wonderful program!



**All Saints Day Costume Extravaganza**

Friday November 1st  
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m



Games and Food 5:00 through 8:00

(a pizza meal will be provided)

Everyone is asked to dress in costume as their favorite saint.

(Prizes will be awarded for best costumes)

All youth are invited to attend.

We will be attending All Saints Day Mass at 8:00 p.m.

Hope you can come join us for the fun!!  
Please RSVP to Carol G (608)487-6170



**Kids Korner**

**Great People Serve Others!**

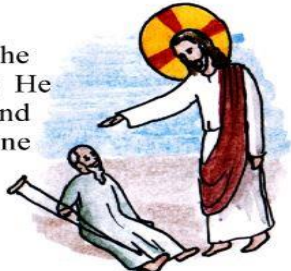
In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that the people who are really great are those who serve. Here are some really great people:

Mary, the Mother of Jesus- God asked her to be the mother of His Son. Our Lady spent her whole life caring for Jesus, and now she watches over us and helps us. She is the greatest saint of all.



The pope has a very big job- looking after the whole Church. Did you know that the pope is called "The servant of the servants of God?" He is great because he is using his life to take care of God's people.

But who do you think is the best example of all? Jesus! He helped people all His life, and then He died so that everyone would have the chance to go to Heaven.



Answer to word-find: Jesus died for our sins

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S S E R V A N T G Y

**Isaiah 53  
Word-Find**



Try to find in the puzzle the words written in CAPITALS in today's first reading.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

The Lord was PLEASD  
to CRUSH him in INFIRMITY.

If he GIVES his life as an OFFERING for sin,  
he shall see his descendents in a long LIFE,  
and the will of the Lord will be accomplished  
through him.

Because of his AFFLICTION  
he shall see the LIGHT in FULLNESS of DAYS;  
through his SUFFERING, my SERVANT shall  
JUSTIFY many,  
and their GUILT he shall bear.

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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](mailto:parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.org)

**PARISH WEBMASTER** Christopher Pundzak

**SACRISTANS** Richard Korish & Austin Menn

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Fr. Biju

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

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

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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

**PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women**

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla

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**CEMETERY SEXTON**

Tom Schaub...(608) 486-4012

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

**MUSIC**

Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605  
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**OCTOBER 20, 2024**



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

**10/23 Wednesday 8:00 AM –**

**† Chelsea Mashak (MF)**

**10/25 Friday 8:00 AM –**

**† Orvin Lee (ML)**

**10/26 Saturday 8:00 PM –**

**Living & deceased members of the Korish family (RK)**

**10/27 Sunday 10:00 AM –**

**† Ruth Ann Rowell (MLH)**



“For we are co-workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

1 Corinthians 3:9

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER

GOAL

**\$12,520.00**



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# OF DONORS

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$2,089.00
	\$219.00
Year to Date Target -	\$28,050.00
Year to Date Total -	\$19,847.01
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Readings for October 27, 2024

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:7-9

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 5:1-6

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:46-52

Ministry Servers

**Saturday October 26 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Mike Schaub & Tom Schaub

Lector: Melissa Schaub

**Sunday October 27 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson & Sawyer Tollefson

Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Leo Leis

Lector: Joseph Peterson

**\*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.

**8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~**

- Read Spiritual Books - Ask for Intercession - Meditate
- Offer a Holy Hour - Write a Prayer Journal - Read the
- Pray Spontaneously - Ask the Saints for help Scriptures

Parish Calendar of Events

**Sun. Oct. 20** – World Mission Sunday collection

**Tues. Oct. 22** – Cemetery Committee meeting @ 7:30 PM

**Wed. Oct. 23** - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

**Sun. Oct. 27** - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

**Sun. Oct. 27** – CCD Brat & Hotdog sale after mass

**Wed. Oct. 30** - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

**Fri. Nov. 1** - No Morning Mass

**Fri. Nov. 1** – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

**Fri. Nov. 1** – Youth event to celebrate All Saints Day

**Fri. Nov. 1** – All Saints Day mass @ 8:00 PM

**Sun. Nov. 3** - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

**Sun. Nov. 3** – Rosary in church @ 7:30 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

Monday .....5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor’s Pen

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Money and power tempt human beings. Last Sunday, we saw how the rich youth chose to retain his wealth and reject following Jesus. Today’s Scripture readings describe leadership as the sacrificial service done for others and offer Jesus as the best example. We get the prelude to it in the first reading. It’s about the Messianic prophecy taken from the *Fourth Servant Song* in the second part of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. It tells how the promised Messiah will save mankind by dying in atonement for our sins. Jesus has done this out of love for us, becoming the *Suffering Servant*, crucified *as an offering for sin, interceding for us, and taking our punishment on Himself*. The second reading reiterates the first reading. Taken from the letter to the Hebrews, St Paul tells us that, Jesus has offered a fitting sacrifice to God to ransom us, liberating us from enslavement to sin.

Contrary to this fact of salvation history and God’s ways, James and John ask for key positions in the Messianic kingdom. Jesus challenged his followers to become great not by aspiring for the best places of honor but by serving others: *Whoever wishes to be great must be a servant*.

We are challenged to give our lives in loving service to others. The best place to begin the process of service by “self-giving” is in our own homes, our community and workplaces. When we sacrifice our time, talents, health, and blessings for the welfare of others we are serving others. By serving others we follow the footprint of our Master and Lord. Yes, often it’s a struggle but it’s the way that Jesus invites us to.

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

CCD News:

-There will be a CCD Brat & Hotdog sale fund raiser on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>. Pre-orders will take place at the weekend masses on October 19 & 20. Please contact Carol Gronemus with questions.

-There will be a Youth event Friday November 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 – 9:00 PM to celebrate All Saints day. There will be games, activities and fun. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite Saint. Mass will follow at 8:00 PM.

**World Mission Sunday:** This weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Extra envelopes can be found in the back of church. Thank you in advance for your generosity towards the missions of the church!

**Diocesan Annual Appeal:** Our goal this year is \$12,520. The funds collected go towards the running of the Diocese and other smaller collections. Keep in mind that any donations over our goal come back to our parish to use for our own projects. Watch your mailbox for donation information.

**Heavenly Voices:** The Children’s Choir will sing the second Sunday of November, the 10<sup>th</sup>. Practice will follow mass on the same Sunday because Terese will be gone on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Your voices are a gift to the parish. Thank you!!

**Sauerkraut Supper Winners:** \$300 – Harris Halderson, \$200 – Rebecca Korish, \$100 – Pat Slattery, \$50 – Loretta Sanders, \$50 – Rick Lasko. We served 385 dinners in the basement and had 549 carry outs for a total of 934 meals. Thank you to ALL who came to help with our annual fundraiser.

**Remembering the Lost:** October is infant and miscarriage awareness month. We would like to add the names of children to the intentions at the last mass of October for families in our parish who have lost babies. If you would like to submit names of babies who passed before or shortly after birth so that we can pray for them please send a note or email to the parish office. These will be announced at the October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> masses.

**Calling all couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025 or 2026:** Every year we are honored to do something special for couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Each couple receives a packet and certificate, as well as an invitation to attend one of three celebrations that include Mass with the Bishop followed by a dinner. We are preparing for the anniversaries happening in 2025 and would like to get a head start on the 2026 anniversaries as well. Please contact your parish office to ensure your wedding date is listed in the parish’s records.

**DRE Needed:** Position open for parish director of religious education. The DRE is responsible for implementing the parish religious education program that occurs on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during the school year. Duties include: managing student registrations, the religious education schedule, the program content, staff and budget. The DRE also serves as the parish Safe Environment coordinator. Salary is paid bi-annually. Please contact Fr. Biju if interested.