

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of November 17:

A Minute with Jesus: Give Thanks for God’s Greatest Gift! God’s greatest gift to you is the gift of His own Son. Jesus is your Savior and loves you unconditionally. Jesus desires to be with you always and therefore Jesus gives Himself to you in the holy Eucharist so that He can live in your heart. The holy Eucharist is Christ Himself. You know that Jesus is your greatest friend because He gives Himself to you completely in the holy Eucharist. It is helpful to remember that the word Eucharist means thanksgiving. Be thankful to our Heavenly Father in a much deeper way this Thanksgiving for the incredible gift of the Eucharist. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for giving Yourself to me in holy Communion and being my closest friend. This week, prayerfully read how you are called to be thankful in Colossians 3:15.

St. Mary’s Annual Craft Show: Come join the fun on Saturday, December 7, 2024 and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St. Concessions available throughout the show. Free admission! Visit our website: www.stmarycv.org/craft-show or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or Peters@mwt.net.

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The Cathedral (530 Main Street, La Crosse) annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale will be Saturday, December 7th from 8 am - 2 pm in the church undercroft. There will be a wonderful selection of unique gift items, Christmas decor, hand made greeting cards and religious items. The bake sale will feature a fabulous selection of cookies, cakes, breads and candy.

Cookie Walk & Craft Sale: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 14, in the parish hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies, candies, breads, pies, Scandinavian sweets, handcrafted items, Scrip gift cards and raffles are available for sale. Serving breakfast (featuring egg bakes and cinnamon rolls) and lunch (homemade soup and chili). Door Prizes announced every half hour.

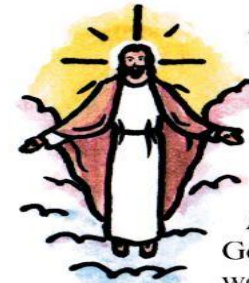
Holy Trinity Cookie Walk: Saturday, December 14, 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Large assortment of Christmas Cookies. Basket raffle drawing at 11 (need not be present to win). **ATTENTION CRAFTERS** - there are still some tables available for crafters to rent during the Holy Trinity Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 14th. Email us at htstannes@gmail.com for information!!

Meet St. Nicholas: St. Nicholas of Myra Celebration for Children 1:00 - 4:15 p.m. December 1, 2024. Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI on Sunday, December 1! Come for Mass at 1:00 p.m. and stay to meet Saint Nicholas. The day will conclude at 4:15 p.m. More information at GuadalupeShrine.org/events

Kids Korner

The End...

The readings in today's Mass tell us about some of the things that will happen at the end of the world. It seems pretty scary- the sun and moon will stop shining and the stars will fall down. But it should also be a very happy thing to think about- Jesus is coming back!



When the end of this world comes, all the good people will go to live with God and will be completely happy forever!

As long as we stay close to God and keep away from sin, we can be happy when the end of the world comes. Are you ready for it?

Congratulations and Thank You to our new DRE here at St. Peter’s. Here is her introduction: *“My name is Miranda Flock. My husband, Justin, and I live in Rockland. We have a 10-year-old daughter and a 7-year-old son. I teach fourth grade in Onalaska. Our family enjoys being active with sports, traveling, and camping. I am looking forward to serving the families of the Parish.”*



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

Miranda Flock

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

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus,
Pat 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
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 17, 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

11/20 Wednesday 8:00 AM – For the intentions of Melinda (RK)

11/22 Friday 8:00 AM – Fr. Paul Check (RK)

11/23 Saturday 8:00 PM – † Jacob Gronemus (ANN)

11/24 Sunday 10:00 AM – † Alberta Kick (MAS)



“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



PLEGDED AND RECEIVED

\$5,319.00

OF DONORS

18

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,260.75
	\$609.25
Year to Date Target -	\$35,530.00
Year to Date Total -	\$25,679.26
	-\$9,850.74

Readings for November 24, 2024

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14
Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8
Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37

Ministry Servers

Saturday November 23 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Isabell Korn & Volunteer

Ushers: Bill Korn & Ron Hurtz

Lector: Lynda Hurtz

Sunday November 24 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Arnie & Adeline Nicolai

Ushers: Peter Benzing & Mark Gronemus

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.

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

Wed. Nov. 20 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM

Sun. Nov. 24 - Grades 1-6 NO CCD Class

Wed. Nov. 27 - Grades 7-10 NO CCD Class

Sun. Dec. 1 - Grades 1-6 NO CCD Class

Sun. Dec. 1 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Tues. Dec. 3 - Parish Advisory Council meeting @ 7 PM

Fri. Dec. 6 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sat. Dec. 7 - PCCW meeting & Cookie sorting @ 11 AM

Sat. Dec. 7 - Casa Hogar Cookie sale after mass

Sun. Dec. 8 - Casa Hogar Cookie sale after mass

Tues. Dec. 10 - Parish Finance Council meeting @ 6:30 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
 Monday5:30pm
 Tuesday..... 5:30pm
 (Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)
 Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor’s Pen

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The end of the liturgical year brings with it, gospel reflections on the end of creation and the Second Coming of Christ. The Prophet Daniel (12:1-3) and Jesus (Mark 13:24-32) both describe cosmic signs that God’s plan is nearing culmination. The cosmic signs described are “*the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken*”. Amidst this imagery of chaos and uncertainty, we find a powerful message of hope. Jesus assures us that even in the darkest times, there is hope. He says, *at that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory*. This promise reminds us that no matter how dire our circumstances may seem, Christ’s return will bring ultimate redemption and restoration.

In order to live out our life in expectation of the great day, we must cultivate a deep relationship with Christ through prayer, the Sacraments, and reading Scripture. By staying close to Jesus, we anchor our hope in His unchanging love and mercy. Let us embrace the virtue of hope, especially in times of uncertainty and trial. Let us remember that our hope is anchored in the sure promises of Christ, who will come again in glory. May our lives be a testament to this hope, bringing light and encouragement to all we encounter. May God bless you all and fill your hearts with His enduring hope.

I like to share with you an exciting news. I had a phone call from the bishop’s house on Tuesday. Rev. Bp. Gerard William Battersby will be celebrating mass with us at St Joseph Ridge on 5th of January 2025. I like to invite you all for the liturgy and to spend time with our beloved bishop as he visits us. He will be visiting St Peter on another occasion.

Have a wonderful week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

DRE Position: A huge *THANK YOU* to Miranda Flock for accepting this position. See her introduction on the back page.

Children’s Choir: There will be practice on SATURDAY AFTERNOON November 23rd at 3:00 PM. We are learning new mass parts which will be introduced to the rest of the parish soon.

Thanksgiving Mass: There will be a mass celebrated on **Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 PM**. We will need volunteers for mass assignments. This mass will take the place of the morning mass. Please note the mass time!!!

Sauerkraut Supper: There is an addition to the finance report that was distributed last week. There should be \$200 more in the raffle ticket sales bringing our total net profit to \$14,610.89 .

PCCW News: There will be a PCCW meeting Saturday Dec. 7th at 11:00 am. We are once again having a Christmas cookie sale with proceeds going to Casa Hogar orphanage and would like to request donations of Christmas cookies or treats from parishioners. The sale will be after Dec. 7th and 8th masses. Please have donations to church by Dec. 7th at 11:00 am. Please attend the meeting as we will be repackaging and sorting cookies, discussing Sauerkraut Supper finances, and yearly donations.

Thanksgiving: The very best way to offer thanks to God is through the holy Eucharist. The word Eucharist, from the Greek, means “thanksgiving.” When the holy Eucharist is celebrated, it is an action of thanksgiving to God for His works of creating everything out of nothing, redeeming us through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus and sanctifying us in being cleansed, healed and strengthened through our cooperation with God’s grace received in the sacraments. Let us join the people in our parish community and attend Mass on our national day of Thanksgiving. Receiving Jesus in the holy Eucharist and expressing gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all of His benefits will help us to keep the proper focus amidst family relations, good food and the other enjoyable activities of Thanksgiving Day.

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 for our own projects.

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 December 1st**. 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 next on December 6th**. Contact Father if there is a need before then.

Fundraising Help Needed: If you would like to help brainstorm and execute a new fundraiser for the parish, please contact Rachel Persson: 608-386-9543. We are looking for alternative ways to help financially support our parish. **There is a new fundraiser currently being planned.** Please contact Rachel if you would like to help!