

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of January 26:

A Minute with Jesus: Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. When we look at the consecrated Host at Mass, we see only bread, but the reality is we are looking at Jesus truly present. We may ask Jesus to grant us the grace to believe this truth, that though “hidden”, He is truly present in holy Communion. It is important to remember that what we are not able to see with our eyes, we grasp by choosing to believe, with faith’s consent. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Lord, I want to believe. Please help me believe what You say is true, especially helping the part of me that sometimes questions. This week, read about the father of a sick boy who asked Jesus to help him believe what seemed impossible in Mark 9:20-27.

Suffering from Chronic Pain? Gundersen Health System will be hosting a Healthy Living with Chronic Pain VIRTUAL workshop Wednesday mornings for 6 weeks starting Feb. 12. This workshop is designed to help adults with strategies for understanding and managing pain and more. For information, please call Vicky at 608-775-6870 or go to Gundersenhealth.org/events.

Help Defund Planned Parenthood: In just one year, Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion business in America, violently ends the lives of more than 390,000 unborn children. When a pregnant woman walks into a Planned Parenthood, 97% of the time she'll leave without her child. In 2023, Planned Parenthood received \$699 MILLION of taxpayer dollars, almost \$2 million PER DAY. Please help end taxpayer funding of this holocaust. Visit sba-list.quorum.us/campaign/defund-planned-parenthood/ or scan the QR code to the right. Fill out the form to email your U.S. Representative urging them to support and cosponsor H.R.271, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2025.

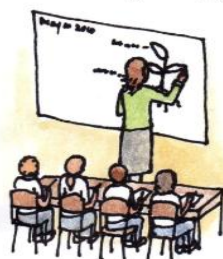
Calix - A Catholic Substance Abuse Recovery Support Group: Calix is an association of Catholics wanting to live free of addiction to alcohol or drugs, and it is also for affected family members. It is not a substitute for AA or Al-Anon, which are strongly recommended, but it provides a Catholic perspective for these 12-step programs. “Calix” is Latin for “chalice,” and it was founded in Minneapolis, MN in 1947 by a group of five men, all recovering alcoholics, who saw their Catholic faith as a sure path to serenity without alcohol. If you are interested in more information about a Calix group forming in the Diocese of La Crosse, email Christine at healthandharmonywi@gmail.com.

Developing a Daily Habit of Prayer: Children and young people need help to develop a daily habit of prayer. A critical aspect is the importance of commitment—deciding on a specific time to pray each day. A helpful resource for parents can be found by clicking here: diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info

Kids Korner

The Church is a Body

The Catholic Church isn't a building. Did you know that? The Church is actually the group of people who have been baptized into the Faith. All the different kinds of people in the Church work together, just like a person's body.



Think about the different parts of your body. What do your eyes do? What about your ears? Hands? Feet? Brain?



Now think about the Church. It has a pope, bishops and priests, teachers, doctors, musicians, mothers and fathers, and even children. What do each of these people do for the Church?

What is your job in the Church right now? What do you think it will be when you are grown up?



Answer to Word-Find: We are one body in Christ.

'ONE BODY' WORD-FIND


 TWCHRISTAEB
 OARACPAULEAH
 GONNABIELBPU
 EOMDRONEGHTR
 TFEYEDTAIEIC
 HOMANYDRFAZH
 EOBYAPOSTLES
 RTEACHERSIDI
 NPROPHETSNCH
 RISMELLSTGOD


 Find the words that are written in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.




SAINT PAUL tells us that we have been BAPTIZED into the ONE body of CHRIST which is the CHURCH. There are MANY MEMBERS, but they all work TOGETHER and CARE for each other. But the parts of a BODY are not ALL the same as each other! An EYE is different from an ear, and a HAND is not the same as a FOOT. If all your body was an EAR, then how could you SMELL?

In the Church there are many different GIFTS. Some people are APOSTLES, some are PROPHETS, some are TEACHERS. Some people have the gift of HEALING. GOD has made all these different sorts of people to work together in the Church.

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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,
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 26, 2025



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

1/29 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
Bill & Mary Turner family (PTS)
1/31 Friday 8:00 AM–
† Jerry Hundt (AH)
2/1 Saturday 8:00 PM –
Ethan & Claire Long (PTS)
2/2 Sunday 10:00 AM –
St. Peter’s Parish Family

Ministry Servers

Saturday February 1 – 8:00 PM
 Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
 Ushers: Mike Schaub & Tom Schaub
 Lector: Melissa Schaub
Sunday February 2 – 10:00 AM
 Servers: Arnie Nicolai & Adeline Nicolai
 Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Leo Leis
 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.
8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~
 - Read Spiritual Books - Ask for Intercession - Meditate
 - Offer a Holy Hour - Write a Prayer Journal -
 Pray Spontaneously - Ask the Saints for help - Read the Scriptures

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. Jan. 29 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sat. Feb. 1 - Confirmation Retreat to the Shrine
Sun. Feb. 2 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. Feb. 2 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Wed. Feb. 5 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Fri. Feb. 7 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule
Sat. Feb 8 - St. Peter’s Beer, Wine & Cheese Tasting Event and Fundraiser at Timmers 10-Mile Pub from 2-5 PM
Sun. Feb. 9 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Fri. Feb. 14 - St. Peter’s Couples Night



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.

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 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we learn the importance of listening to God’s word. Nehemiah showed the people that reading and understanding Scripture brings joy and strength. When we take time to listen to God’s word, we find guidance and comfort. It helps us grow in our faith and live better lives.

The gospel also shows us that Jesus studied and understood Scripture. Jesus knew God’s word well and used it to teach and help others. By following His example, we can also learn more about God and how to follow Him. Studying Scripture helps us know what God wants for us and how we can live in a way that pleases Him.

The readings for this week encourage us to not just hear God’s word but to act on it. It is not enough to listen and understand; we must also live out our faith. This means helping others, being kind, and following God’s commandments. By doing this, we show our love for God and others.

Living out God’s word every day can be challenging, but it is what we are called to do. The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us that God’s word is our guide and strength. When we listen, understand, and act on it, we grow closer to God and become better people. Let’s make a commitment to read, study, and live out God’s word in our daily lives.

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Prayers Appreciated: Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers as they have their retreat to the Shrine on February 1st with their sponsors. Pray that they deepen their faith. The class includes Jack Christenson, Cameron Olson, Emery Klinkner & Evelyn Weber. Their teacher Tom Schaub will accompany them on this retreat.

Special Collection: Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the U.S. live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd . Look for an envelope in next weeks bulletin.

NEW FUNDRAISER! A Beer, Wine and Cheese Tasting evening is being planned at Timmers 10-Mile Pub on February 8, 2025 from 2-5pm. Call 608-796-2270 to reserve your tickets as seating is limited. Tickets are \$25 per person and include the choice of wine or beer tasting with cheese and chocolate pairings, and an artisan pizza buffet. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:** approximately 8 volunteers are needed for day-of help, and we are asking for items/cash donations to help put together raffle baskets. Please contact Rachel Persson at 608-386-9543 if you have items to donate or wish to help.

4th Annual St. Peter’s Couples Night: Valentine’s day is a time to celebrate your love. St. Peter’s Couples Night will be held **Friday February 14th** from 6:30 - 9 PM in the church basement. There will be an inspirational speech by Deacon Christopher Kabat, intimate multi-course meal with your Sweetheart, romantic music and Christian fellowship. Make your reservations before **February 7th** by calling or emailing the parish office or speak to Tom or Melissa Schaub. This event is open to all married or engaged couples. This is spiritual food for your marriage!!

Children’s Choir: We thank you for praising Jesus, the Newborn King, with your voices this Christmas season. We will be practicing at 3 PM on the last Saturday of each month for 45 minutes. This will help keep us united. Even if you can’t make the practices, please come up and sing on Sundays. Thank you again!

Mark Your Calendars: We are planning our annual Cabin Feverfest Euchre Tournament & Luncheon for Sunday March 2nd. The doors will open at Noon with card games beginning at 1:00 PM. The cost will be \$15 per person. Please watch for a sign up sheet for food donations and fliers in the coming weeks. Let’s have a good ST. PETERS PARISHIONER turn out!!

Knights of Columbus Breakfast: The Father McCaffrey Council 9438 will be holding a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast on Sunday February 23rd from 8:30 am to Noon in the basement of St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish in West Salem. This will be a free will offering for the breakfast. Proceeds from the Breakfast go to seminarians for their religious education.

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 February 2nd.** 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 February 7th.** Contact Father if there is a need before then.

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.

“For we are co-workers;
 you are God’s field,
 God’s building.”
 1 Corinthians 3:9
 DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER

GOAL **\$12,520.00**

PLEGDED AND RECEIVED **\$12,335.00**

OF DONORS **34**

Pray Often & Daily!!!



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$813.00
	-\$1,057.00
Year to Date Target -	\$54,230.00
Year to Date Total -	\$51,013.13
	-\$3,216.87

Readings for February 2, 2025

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40