

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of June 22: A Minute with Jesus:

The Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ, really and truly present. The Feast of Corpus Christi celebrates the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At the consecration of every Mass, the priest prays the words which Jesus Himself pronounced over bread and wine, “This is My Body,” “This is My Blood.” The bread is no longer bread, and the wine is no longer wine. We receive Jesus Himself as nourishment for our souls. This week read these words of Jesus every day: “Whoever eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day”.

RESCHEDULED March for Life Wisconsin: Because of the national mass demonstrations organized suddenly for this past Saturday, June 14, and expected to draw thousands, closing streets around the Capitol, the Wisconsin March for Life has been rescheduled. In the interest of ensuring the safety of our attendees, including families with children, this joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life has been rescheduled to 2-4pm on Saturday, July 26, 2025, on the State Street steps at the State Capitol in Madison. Please join us then to stand for life! For future updates, please visit MarchforLifeWisconsin.org

3rd Annual Picnic on the Lawn: Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM at St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley, WI. All are welcome to join us for a fun-filled afternoon at our 3rd Annual Picnic on the Lawn! This free community event features delicious pork prepared by Simply Smoked, walking tacos, stuffed baked potatoes, kids’ hot dogs, desserts and ice cream treats. Live music by Jen Wilder (11:30 AM – 1:00 PM) and Leather and Lace (1:00 – 3:00 PM), a bounce house, dunk tank, parents vs. kid’s games, and more! Goodwill donations are appreciated. Some of the entertainment and beverages will be available for a small fee. Don’t forget your lawn chair—and come enjoy a wonderful summer day with friends, family, and neighbors!

Parish Picnic: The 122nd St. Charles Homecoming Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 6th, at the church, 707 Eagle St., Genoa, WI. The annual event is held on the first Sunday in July. Food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each meal includes Pogy’s grilled chicken and sides, as well as a serving of homemade risotto, which is a cheesy rice delicacy passed down through generations of Italian immigrants who settled in the area. Raffle drawings will begin at 3 p.m. Entry is free and open to the public. Meals cost \$15 each, smaller hot dog plates available for younger attendees for \$6. For more information, visit St. Charles School and Parish Facebook page.

Vocations: Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don’t be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don’t hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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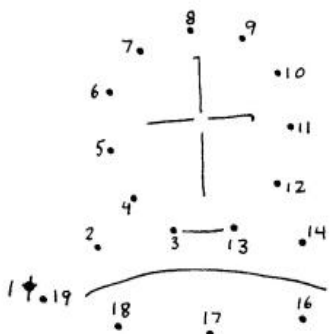


The Body and Blood of Christ

When Jesus went back to Heaven He didn't want to leave us all alone, so He gave Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. First He gave Himself to the Apostles at the Last Supper, and today He gives Himself to us in Holy Communion.

Normally when we eat something it gets absorbed into our body. But receiving Jesus in Holy Communion does something different. It makes us more into Jesus' Body! It brings our soul closer to God and closer to all the other people in the Church. That's what "Communion" means.

When we go to Communion in a state of grace we can get so much more grace from God. Our venial (small) sins can be taken away and we can get more strength to do His will. In fact, the time that your prayers are the most powerful is right after you receive Holy Communion, when Jesus is right inside you. He is your closest friend and only wants what is good for you. When you go to Communion remember Who you just received and don't forget to thank Him for coming to you!



Today is the feast day of the Body and Blood of Jesus.

When He died on the cross He offered up His Body and Blood for us.

Jesus also gave us His Body and Blood to eat and drink at the Last Supper.

Connect the dots to see where He comes to us now!

Luke 9:11b-17

PARISH DIRECTOR Deacon David J. Allen
PRIEST MODERATOR Msgr. Robert P. Hundt
PARISH PRIEST

Rev. Sengole Vethanayagam (Fr. Sen)
(Arriving August 1, 2025)

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....8:00 PM
Sunday.....10:00 AM

COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday7:00 PM

ADORATION

Wednesday.....7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Before Saturday mass & By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Miranda Flock & Carol Gronemus (assistant)

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

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MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)
JUNE 22, 2025



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish • Weddings • Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Parish Intentions

6/25 Wednesday 7:30 –
Eucharistic Adoration
6/28 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† Stanley B & Steven B Hundt
(MLH)
6/29 Sunday 10:00 AM –
For the Hundt, Perrson &
Gronemus mothers (JH)

Ministry Servers

Saturday June 28 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Matthew Schaub & Mason Leis
Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Volunteer
Lector: Lynda Hurtz
Sunday June 29 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Lukas Slattery & Sawyer Tollefson
Ushers: Peter Benzing & Mark Stephenson
Lector: John Hundt
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!!

Communion Service & Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday @ 7:00 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

Tues. July 1 - Sauerkraut Supper meeting @ 7:00 PM
Sun. July 6 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Sat. July 19 & Sun. July 20 - Our Lady of Fatima School in India Mission Appeal
Fri. Aug. 1 - Arrival of Fr. Sengole Vethanayagam
Wed. Aug. 13 thru Thurs. Aug. 14 - St. Peters Youth Event



A huge THANK YOU to all who helped move things out of the basement this past week. Your help is very much appreciated!! There will be help needed to clean and move items back in after the floor project it completed.

St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday (Communion Service) 5:30 p.m.
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 p.m.)
Thursday (Communion Service) 8:30 a.m.

Encouragement

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

Jesus makes a gift of himself to us. On the feast of Corpus Christi, the second reading offers the earliest account of the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus tells his disciples that his body and blood are given for them and commands them to do this in remembrance of me. Jesus provides more than a meal; he gives us his very self, broken for us on the cross. Every time Mass is offered, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is re-presented and we are once again able to receive this gift of himself.

In the first reading Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram. Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything. In the second reading, Paul tells the Corinthians that on the night Jesus was handed over, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me". In the Gospel, the Twelve tell Jesus to dismiss the crowds so they can obtain food, but Jesus takes five loaves and two fish, blesses them, and feeds the crowd with them.

Parish News

Help Needed: Our CCD program is needing to fill two volunteer teaching positions starting this fall. We are seeking a 2nd grade and 6th grade CCD teacher for Sunday mornings starting mid-September. Please contact Miranda Flock at 608-487-2270 for more information or if interested. Please prayerfully consider helping guide our young Catholics.

Finance Council Opening: There is currently an opening on the Parish Finance Council. If you would like to have more say in the financials and projects at St. Peters, please contact the parish office or the chairman, Mark Nicolai.

Sauerkraut Supper: It's that time of year again!! Time to make plans for the greatest church dinner around. There will be a planning meeting on **Tuesday July 1st** at 7:00 PM in the rectory. Please plan to attend and lend your ideas. This is our largest fundraiser and we need EVERYBODY'S help!!! Your participation is KEY to our success!

Building Improvements: We have received a date for the basement project to begin. Legacy Concrete will be here July 15th. If anybody is willing to donate monetarily towards these projects, we would greatly appreciate it so that we don't deplete our maintenance budget. Please place donations in a marked envelope & place in the offertory.

Celebrate NFP Awareness: There will be a gathering at the St. Peter's rectory on Wednesday July 16th at 6 PM for couples currently using or interested in Natural Family Planning. Dr. & Mrs. Mark Koehne will speak on the beauty of NFP in marriage. Come connect with other couples. One lucky couple will win a date night gift certificate! See the flier in the back of church for more information and RSVP to Rachel Persson by July 13th.

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. Also, please keep in mind the people who are mowing our cemetery. There have been many items left & propped up against stones right in the way of the mower & trimmer. Please refer to our policy on graveside decorations. Thank you!

Conforming Hearts to Christ the High Priest: On June 28, three men will stand before the Church to receive the sacrament of holy orders, drawn into the eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ. Through prayer and the laying on of hands, they will be configured to Christ the High Priest, entrusted with His ministry of word and sacrament. As they prepare for ordination, we join together in prayerful anticipation of this joyful day. Join us for the ordination at 10 a.m. on June 28 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral.

Dare To Follow: Attention young men!! We are called to be Holy Men of God. Dare to Follow is for young men in grades 6-10 who are interested in hearing where God is calling them. Join us for activities, discernment, and time with Bishop Battersby and priests from our area. July 8-10 at Holy Cross Diocesan Center 3710 East Ave S | La Crosse, WI. Pre-registration is required and ends July 2nd. The fee is \$30. Register at: <https://diolc.org/priesthood/2025-dare-to-follow/>.

"Still the Answer" Eucharistic Rally 2025: You are invited to join faithful from across the diocese on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Pablo Center in Eau Claire for a new opportunity to pause, reflect and renew our love of the gift of the Eucharist, as Jesus continues to give us His body and blood, strengthening us through life's joy, sorrows and challenges. The day's events will include a river walk procession, Mass, engaging speakers, live music and Eucharistic adoration. Take this time to remember how much you need Jesus - and that He is Still the Answer for you, for your family, for your parish and for the world. Visit diolc.org/still-the-answer to learn more about the event and to register or see the poster in the back of church.

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PLEASE JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY

JULY 16, 2025
AT 6PM

IN THE ST. PETER'S PARISH RECTORY

- FOR COUPLES CURRENTLY USING OR INTERESTED IN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING
- LIGHT SNACKS AND WINE WILL BE SERVED.
- FOLLOWED BY DR. AND MRS. MARK KOEHNE WHO WILL SPEAK ON THE BEAUTY OF NFP IN THEIR MARRIAGE. DR. KOEHNE TEACHES RELIGION AT AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND IS TRAINED IN CATHOLIC BIOETHICS.
- COUPLES WILL CONNECT WITH OTHER COUPLES IN THE CHURCH COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS ONE-ON-ONE WITH THEIR SPOUSES. ONE LUCKY COUPLE PRESENT WILL WIN A DATE-NIGHT GIFT CERTIFICATE!

RSVPS ARE REQUESTED FOR FOOD COUNTS TO RACHEL PERSSON BY JULY 13, 2025 AT 608-386-9543.

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$12,009.00</u>
	\$10,139.00
Year to Date Target -	\$93,500.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$98,188.13</u>
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Readings for June 28, 2025

First Reading: Acts 3:1-10
Second Reading: Galatians 1:11-20
Gospel Reading: Luke 21:15-19