

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of June 29: A Minute with Jesus:

"Need Hope? Take a Minute to Get to Know the God of All Hope"
 "May the God of all hope fill you with joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Romans 15:13). Hope is a theological virtue that we receive from God at Baptism, which disposes us to live in a relationship with our heavenly Father, Jesus – the Son of God – and the Holy Spirit. (See *Catechism*, paragraphs 1812-1813) We grow in this profound gift when we ask God to increase hope in us. The gift of hope enables us to trust in God's promises that are expressed throughout Sacred Scripture and fulfilled by Jesus, and to trust in His faithfulness and love.

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.

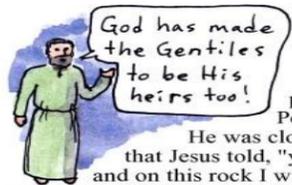
RESCHEDULED March for Life Wisconsin: Because of the national mass demonstrations organized suddenly for this past Saturday, June 14, and expected to draw thousands, closing streets around the Capitol, the Wisconsin March for Life has been rescheduled. In the interest of ensuring the safety of our attendees, 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

St. Patrick's Church Rummage Sale and Bake Sale: Located at 127 11th Ave. N., Onalaska, WI on Friday, July 25, 7:30 am - 4 pm and Saturday, July 26, 7:30 am - 3 pm. Holiday items, Collectors corner with antiques and unique items, household items, furniture, bikes, toys, bedding, jewelry, baked goods, and so much more! **Donations for the St. Patrick Rummage Sale** will be accepted starting June 25. Contact the parish office for drop-off times and information at 608.783.5535, ext. 2.

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!

Kids Korner

Peter and Paul

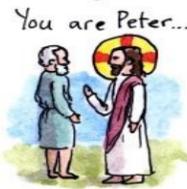


Today we are celebrating the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. They are such important saints that their feast day takes the place of the usual Sunday. Saint Peter was the chief of the Apostles. He was close to Our Lord, and the only one that Jesus told, "you are Peter (which means rock) and on this rock I will build my Church..." Saint Peter had a hard time accepting that Jesus had to die, and he also denied Jesus. But he was sorry afterward and became a strong leader for the disciples after Jesus went back into Heaven. Saint Peter was the Church's first pope.

Saint Paul was a Jew who at first was against the Christians. He even helped to persecute them. But then Jesus appeared to him and Paul became a Christian and a great preacher. His mission was to preach to the Gentiles, the people who didn't know about God or His promises. He wrote many letters that are now part of the Bible.

Both Saint Peter and Saint Paul preached and taught about Jesus and brought the Faith to many people and places. But the Roman government did not like the Christians. The emperor Nero began killing the Christians, and among those killed were Peter and Paul. Their deaths didn't stop the Church from growing, though. When people die for God it brings even more grace into the Church.

Today we should thank God for sending us these great saints, and we can also pray that we will help to spread the Faith.



Answers to True or False: 1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True 6. True 7. True

True or False: Who Knows Who Jesus Is?

Jesus asked His disciples "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" See if you know how they responded.

1. The apostles said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." True or False?
2. The apostles said, "Some say Methuselah, others say Barnabas, and still others say Solomon." True or False?
3. Then Jesus asked the disciples Who THEY thought He was. True or False?
4. Peter said, "You are John the Baptist resurrected from the dead!" True or False?
5. Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." True or False?
6. Jesus told Peter that the Father in Heaven had told him Who He was. True or False?
7. Jesus said to Peter, "...you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it." True or False?



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

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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

FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Deborah Leis

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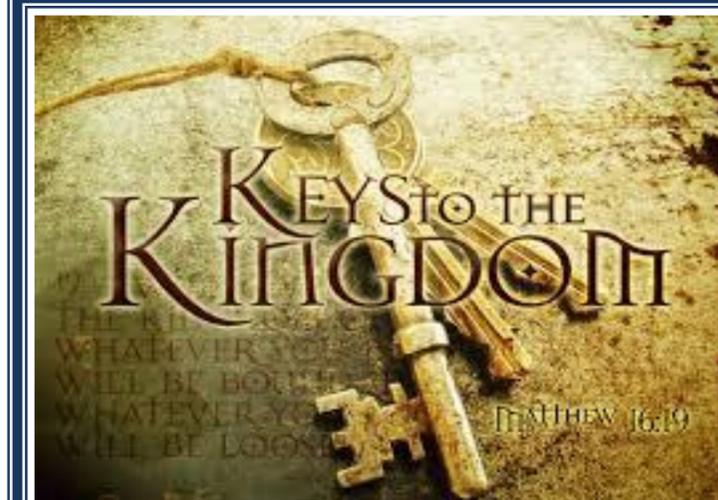
Terese Slattery, Coordinator
 Leland Gregorich, Organist

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FEAST OF STS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES
JUNE 29, 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

7/2 Wednesday 7:00 –
Communion Service & Eucharistic Adoration
7/5 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† Arnie Von Ruden (TMS)
7/6 Sunday 10:00 AM –
St. Peter’s Parish Family

Ministry Servers

Saturday July 5 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Phil Gronemus
Lector: Melissa Schaub
Sunday July 6 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson
Ushers: Leo Leis & Mark Gronemus
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!!

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



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

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

While preaching and spreading the Gospel after the Resurrection, Peter was arrested by King Herod. Meanwhile, prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on his behalf. The early Church offers us an example of intercessory prayer that we should imitate by praying fervently for the successor of Peter, the pope.

In the first reading Peter is arrested, but prayer is made on his behalf and he is rescued by the angel of the Lord. In the second reading, Paul tells Timothy that he is being poured out like a libation and that he has finished the race. In the Gospel, Peter responds to Jesus’ question about his identity by saying, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus declares that he will give Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

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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.

Council Openings: There is currently an opening on the Parish Finance and Advisory councils. If you would like to be more active in the decisions at St. Peters, please contact the parish office. We are called to use our time, talent & treasure!

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.

ONE FLESH

A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT NIGHT TO CELEBRATE NFP AWARENESS WEEK



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.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$753.00
	-\$1,117.00
Year to Date Target -	\$95,370.00
Year to Date Total -	\$98,941.13
	+\$3,571.13

Readings for July 6, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14
Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18
Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-20