Diocesan and Community News

"Need Hope? Take A Minute to Get to Know the God of All Hope"

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Pet 1:3). Our hope rests on the faithfulness of God who always keeps His promises. We trust with confidence in His plan of perfect goodness as He re-united us with Himself after the original sin of our first parents. This union with our heavenly Father was made possible through Jesus' death and resurrection. We experience this union with God by receiving His very life into our soul in the sacrament of baptism, and through the reception of Jesus in holy Communion each Sunday (or Saturday evening), as well as receiving any of the Sacraments.

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.

<u>3rd Annual Picnic on the Lawn</u>: 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!

Live Christian Concert: THE SCALLY BROTHERS Friday, August 1st at the Riverside Park, Mauston. Concert begins at 6:30 PM. Concessions open at 5:30 PM. Get ready for an electrifying night of Christian Rock music that's great for the whole family! Feel the pulse of live music, energy-packed performances and a stage set to ignite your senses! The Scally Brothers are a dynamic music duo from Toledo, Ohio composed of Jake and Zach Scally. From an early age the brothers developed a passion for their faith and love of all things music. The duo makes a powerful statement with their much anticipated album, KEEP HOPIN' // KEEP DREAMIN', an epic, sweeping musical landscape that encompasses themes of ambition, dreams, and purpose. Bring your lawn chair! Sponsored by St. Patrick Parish and the Mauston Area Ministerial Association. Joyful. Energetic. Magnetic. Passionate. Real.

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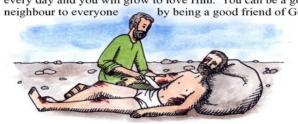
Loving God and Our Neighbour

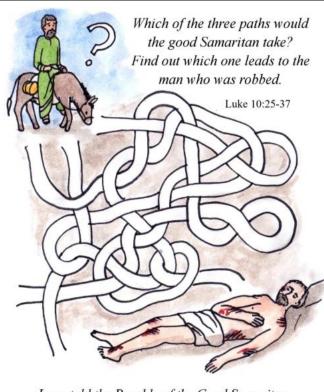
In today's Gospel reading we learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because he loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important person in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbour to everyone by being a good friend of God.





Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show the people what it means to love your neighbour after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?" 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

Melissa Schaub......Secretary/Bookkeeper

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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

FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Deborah Leis

MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator Leland Gregorich, Organist

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JULY 13, 2025



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

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

Parish Intentions

<u>7/16 Wednesday 7:00</u> –

Communion Service & Eucharistic Adoration 7/19 Saturday 8:00 PM —

- † Bonnie Hemmersbach (TMS) 7/20 Sunday 10:00 AM –
- †Asa & Ruth Ann Rowell (MLH)



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 - \$1,900.00 Last Week's Total - \$875.00

-\$1,025.00

Year to Date Target - \$1,900.00 Year to Date Total - \$875.00

-\$1,025.00

Readings for July 20, 2025

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10
Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Ministry Servers

Saturday July 19 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen Ushers: Tim Leis & Duane Leis

Lector: Julie Lundeen

Sunday July 20 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Allis Gronemus, Avin & Brynn Stephenson

<u>Ushers</u>: Rob Slattery & Mark Stephenson

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!!

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

<u>Sat. July 19 & Sun. July 20</u> – Our Lady of Fatima School in India Mission Appeal

<u>Sat. July 26 & Sun. July 27</u> – Knights of Columbus selling Sportsmen Knight Out tickets after mass

<u>Fri. Aug. 1</u> – Arrival of Fr. Sengole Vethanayagam Sun. Aug. 3 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Tues. Aug. 12 – Parish Finance Meeting @ 6:30 PM
Wed. Aug. 13 thru Thurs. Aug. 14 – St. Peters Youth Event
Sun. Aug. 17 – Parish Potluck Picnic at the ballfield after

mass. Brats & hotdogs provided. Bring a dish to pass.



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

Encouragement

In today's Gospel passage from Luke, we read the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. Here, Jesus teaches us in rich detail what stewardship in action looks like. This parable could just as accurately be called the parable of the Good Steward. The first thing we note about the Good Samaritan is that he is aware of the needs of those around him and responds generously. While the priest and Levite brush right past the man on the side of the road, the Samaritan is attentive to those who might need help. He has a hospitable way of viewing the world around him, enabling him to "see" in a way that the others did not, and he was "moved with compassion at the sight" of the man. Next, we see the Good Samaritan spring into action to help this man, setting aside his schedule and plans to address his needs. He doesn't just hand the man a few dollars or offer quick words of encouragement from across the road. He approaches the man directly, cleans and bandages his wounds, puts him on his animal, and takes him to an inn where he can recover. He ensures that the innkeeper will continue to care for him and commits to returning to the man on his way back. That is how we fulfill God's commandments. That exemplifies genuine hospitality and service. That is how a good steward springs into action upon encountering a neighbor in need. And Jesus says to each of us, just as He did in today's Gospel, "Go and do likewise."

Parish News

<u>Sympathies</u>: Our deepest condolences go out to Vince Hundt, his family and friends on the passing of Dawn. She touched many lives on this earth. She will be missed by many. May she rest in peace.

<u>Building Improvements</u>: 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.

We have dates set for cleaning and moving things back into the basement after the floor project is completed. We need EVERY ABLE-BODIED PARISHIONER to help with this project! Please choose from these dates to come and help: Tuesday July 22 from 6-8 PM, Thursday July 24 from 6-8, Friday July 25 from 10 AM-Noon, Tuesday July 29 from 6-8 PM, Thursday July 31 from 6-8 and Friday August 1 from 10 AM-Noon.

Mission Appeal: On the weekend of July 19 & 20 we will have a visit from Fr. Victor Inbam from the Vellore Diocese in Tamil Nadu, India for an appeal for his mission. There will be a second collection. Thank you for your generosity.

<u>Father Victor sends this message:</u> "There was a boy named Samuel who grew up in a small village. He was poor, hungry, and had never heard the name of Jesus. But through a mission school, he received food, education, and—most importantly—the gospel. Today, Samuel is a pastor, leading others to Christ in the same community that once lived in darkness." One small donation helped Samuel hear the gospel. Your gift can do the same. Thank you.

PCCW News:

- There will be a Parish Potluck Picnic on <u>Sunday August 17th</u> after mass. Brats & hotdogs will be provided. Bring a dish to pass. Join us for food, games & fellowship. Come meet Fr. Sen! Fun for the whole family!
- We would appreciate any updates on your contact information (cell phone & email addresses) as there are times we need to contact everybody with important information.

<u>Knights of Columbus</u>: The KC's will be selling tickets for their Sportsmen Knight Out event after masses here on Saturday July 26 & Sunday July 27. Prizes include jewelry, guns, hunting/fishing/camping gear and CASH! Please support the KC's!

<u>Help Needed</u>: 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.

<u>Council Openings</u>: 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!

<u>Celebrate NFP Awareness</u>: 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 and in this bulletin for more information and RSVP to Rachel Persson by July 13th.

<u>Cemetery Flowers</u>: 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!