

Diocesan and Community News

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

“But this I call to mind, and therefore I have *hope*: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; so great is His faithfulness” (Lam 3:21-23). Christian hope is a theological virtue. The word “theological” means that hope is a gift from God and leads us to God. It is through hope that” we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (CCC #1817). Hope has to do with the future, which deals with the unknown and so is directly related to trusting Jesus. Ask Jesus for an increase of the gift of hope so that your trust in Him will grow.

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.

Enjoy Teaching History and Geography? Sacred Heart Catholic School is looking for a Catholic middle-school history and geography teacher. This is a part-time position for the afternoons. We are seeking someone who is interested in the Catholic intellectual tradition, dedicated to the formation and well-being (including spiritual) of students, and devoted to the Catholic apostolate of forming disciples of Christ. A teaching license is preferred but not required. For more information, email principal@smash3p.org or call (608) 654-7733.

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.

Food for your Marriage: Retrouvaille \Retro- vī\Marriage Help Weekend Coming Soon! Retrouvaille offers hope and a path to a joyful marriage with forgiveness & trust. The next program begins with a weekend stay August 15-17. Fully confidential, affordable, and open to couples of all faiths or no faith background. For availability call, 1-877-922-HOPE (4673). More info at HelpOurMarriage.org

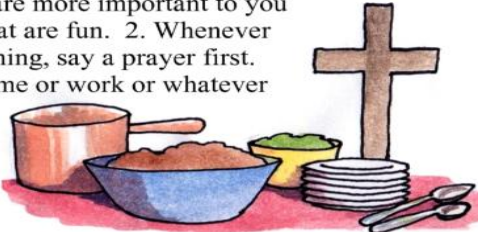
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Putting Jesus First

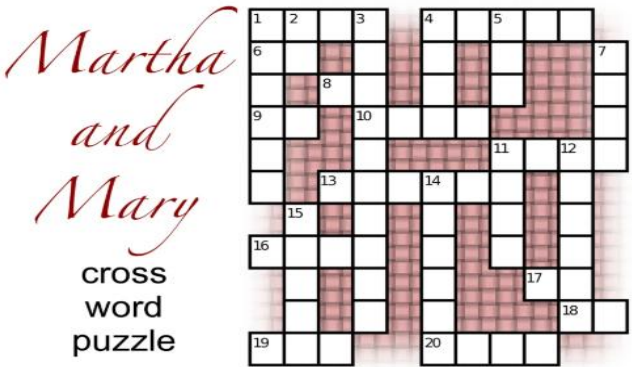
Jesus went to Martha and Mary's house for dinner one day and while Martha got the food ready her sister Mary just sat near Jesus to listen to Him. Martha was upset because she had so much work to do and Mary wasn't helping at all. It doesn't sound quite fair, does it?

But Jesus told Martha that there was only one thing that was important, and that Mary had chosen it. Mary had chosen to be with Him and listen to Him. Martha was concerned about all the details- making good food and setting things out nicely, but she wasn't thinking about Jesus.

Jesus was not saying that cooking or working in the house is bad. He was only showing Martha and Mary that we need to put God first in everything. Here are a couple of ways you can keep God first: 1. Always make sure that things like going to Mass and saying your prayers are more important to you than things that are fun. 2. Whenever you do something, say a prayer first. Offer your game or work or whatever you are doing for the glory of God.



Answers to Cross-Word: ACROSS: 1.Lord 4.chose 6.in 8.is 9.to 10.when 11.mary 13.Martha 16.feet 17.be 18.do 19.her 20.said DOWN: 1.listen 2.on 3.distracted 4.care 5.one 7.away 11.Mary 12.needed 14.things 15.serve



Across:
1. The _____ came to Martha's house
4. Mary _____ the better part
6. Jesus was _____ Martha's house
8. "One thing _____ needed."
9. Jesus said _____ her, "Martha, Martha."
10. "Do you not care? _____ tell her to help me!"
11. Martha was concerned about _____ things.
13. Which sister was working in the kitchen?
16. Mary sat at Jesus' _____.
17. "Mary has chosen the better part, which shall not _____ taken...
18. "_____ you not care?"
19. ...away from _____.
20. Jesus _____ to her, "Martha, Martha."

Down:
1. Mary just wanted to _____ to Jesus speak.
2. She sat _____ the ground near Him.
3. Martha was _____ with much serving.
4. "Lord, do you not _____ that my sister has left me to serve?"
5. "_____ thing is needed..."
7. The better part would not be taken _____ from Mary.
11. Which sister was not in the kitchen?
12. "...one thing is _____."
14. Martha was anxious about many _____.
15. "My sister has left me to _____ alone."

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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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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JULY 20, 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

7/23 Wednesday 7:00 –
Communion Service & Eucharistic Adoration
7/26 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† Leo Bouska (AB)
7/27 Sunday 10:00 AM –
St. Peters Parish Family

Ministry Servers

Saturday July 26 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Matthew Schaub & Mason Leis
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Don Halderson
Lector: Melissa Schaub
Sunday July 27 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Marlayna O’Heron, Arnie & Adeline Nicolai
Ushers: Leo Leis & Mark Gronemus
Lector: Ann 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

Sat. July 19 & Sun. July 20 – Our Lady of Fatima School in India Mission Appeal
Sat. July 26 & Sun. July 27 – Knights of Columbus selling Sportsmen Knight Out tickets after mass
Fri. Aug. 1 – 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

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Gospel reading from St. Luke, we are reminded about the proper use of the gift of time, an essential part of living as good stewards. Our passage highlights one of the most famous dinner parties ever hosted, recalling the day when Martha and Mary welcomed our Lord into their home. We are told that Martha, as a faithful steward, welcomes Christ in but then becomes “burdened with much serving,” while her sister and fellow hostess chooses to sit with Jesus, listening to Him speak.

Martha becomes indignant at Mary’s behavior and complains to Jesus, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” But Jesus, in His infinite wisdom, refuses to get pulled into this sisterly spat. Instead, He offers Martha a new perspective on the situation. “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing.”

What is that one thing? It is to put Jesus first in our lives and above all else; to “sit at his feet” and listen as Mary did, giving Him the priority of our time, no matter how busy we think we are. When we genuinely commit to putting Christ first in our daily routines through regular prayer and frequent participation in the sacraments, we can be confident that all our other concerns, no matter how urgent or overwhelming they seem, are under His loving care.

Why is this so? Because the time we invest in our relationship with God saturates all aspects of our lives with His grace, transforming even the most mundane tasks into opportunities for spiritual growth. And because God cannot be outdone in generosity, He will abundantly reward any sacrifice we make to spend time with Him.

Parish News

AED: Last week the parish installed an AED - Automatic Electronic Defibrillator in the rear of the church. As you know this device is to be used in case of an adult cardiac emergency. The device is completely automatic and once opened the AED will provide audio instructions on what to do and how to proceed. In a few weeks additional training will be provided for interested parish members on using the AED. For those interested, below is a link to a demonstration on using the AED.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= bxWTVJCI5c>

Building Improvements: 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: This weekend we welcome 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.
Father Victor sends this message: "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 Sunday August 17th 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.

Knights of Columbus: 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!

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!

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!

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week’s Total -	<u>\$1,653.00</u>
	-\$247.00
Year to Date Target -	\$3,800.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$2,528.00</u>
	-\$1,272.00

Looking Ahead: Readings for July 27, 2025

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13