

**Diocesan and Community News**

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

Our hope is in Jesus because we know that we can trust Him. Why? The reason is because all the promises of the Old Testament were fulfilled by Christ. The initial promise God made to us was given when our first parents committed the original sin. Through their free act of choosing against God, Adam and Eve became separated from Him, with the loss of God’s life within them, which we call sanctifying grace. Thankfully, God promised a Savior to draw us back into union with Himself. Jesus came and gave His life for us on the cross and rose from the dead, opening the gates of heaven and allowing for this re-union for us with the Father. Throughout this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us ask for an increase of hope, and trust that God is a promise keeper.

**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](mailto:principal@smash3p.org) or call (608) 654-7733.

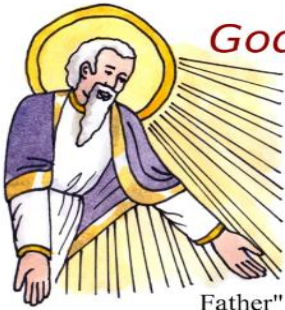
**Live Christian Concert: THE SCALLY BROTHERS** Friday, August 1st at the Riverside Park, Mauston. Concert begins at 6:30 PM. Concessions open at 5:30 PM. Get ready for an electrifying night of Christian Rock music that's great for the whole family! Feel the pulse of live music, energy-packed performances 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.

**Jubilee 2025 - “Pilgrims of Hope”:** A meaningful way to participate in the Jubilee Year of Hope is by making a pilgrimage, which is different from a vacation. A pilgrimage is to a sacred place and involves stepping out of the normal routine with the goal of coming closer to God. Making a pilgrimage reminds us that in our everyday lives we are pilgrims on a journey to heaven, and therefore, our desire is to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ with whom we hope to spend eternity. Take this opportunity to receive an abundance of God’s grace by making a pilgrimage. The following locations have been set aside as places of pilgrimage:

- The Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman - La Crosse
- The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe - La Crosse
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Church - Eau Claire
- Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church - Wausau
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church - Nekoosa

If planning a pilgrimage outside of normal open hours, call ahead to ensure that the church will be unlocked. For more information on Jubilee 2025 visit: [diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope](http://diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope)

**Kids Korner**



**God Gives us What We Need**

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, so He taught them the "Our Father."

In the first part of the "Our Father" we give glory to God by praising Him, and in the second part we ask Him for the things we need. First we ask for our daily bread. This can be asking both for the things like food that our bodies need, and for the spiritual things as well, especially Holy Communion. Next we ask for forgiveness for our sins and for God to keep us away from temptation and evil.

Jesus said that if a father on earth would give his children the things they need, then God, Who is our Father in Heaven, will certainly give us what we need. All He wants us to do is show that we trust in Him by asking Him.

Make sure you say the "Our Father" every day to praise God our Father and ask Him for everything you need.



Answers to "The Lord's Prayer" Puzzle: Father, Heaven, us, lead, deliver, evil. "Ask and it will be given you."

**The Lord's Prayer**

Fill in the blanks to complete the "Our Father." Use the letters from the numbered boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

Our <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, who art in  
<sup>17</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, hallowed be thy  
<sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_ <sup>14</sup>\_\_\_\_. Thy <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_ <sup>19</sup>\_\_\_\_ come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.  
<sup>15</sup>\_\_\_\_ us this day our <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_ <sup>20</sup>\_\_\_\_  
<sup>13</sup>\_\_\_\_ and <sup>21</sup>\_\_\_\_ <sup>16</sup>\_\_\_\_ us our  
trespasses as <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_ forgive those who  
<sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_ <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_ against <sup>22</sup>\_\_\_\_ and  
<sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_ us not into temptation but  
<sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_ <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_ us from <sup>18</sup>\_\_\_\_ <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_.



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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**

Wednesday .....7:00 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

**FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Deborah Leis

**MUSIC**

Terese Slattery, Coordinator

Leland Gregorich, Organist

**St. Peters  
Catholic Church**  
**Middle Ridge, WI**  
**W697 State Hwy 33**  
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**608-452-4680**

Parish website: [www.saintpetersparish.net](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 27, 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

7/30 Wednesday 7:00 –  
**Communion Service & Eucharistic Adoration**  
8/2 Saturday 8:00 PM –  
**† Theresa Schaub (AMM)**  
8/3 Sunday 10:00 AM –  
**St. Peters Parish Family**

Ministry Servers

**Saturday August 2 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Volunteers  
Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Phil Gronemus  
Lector: Lynda Hurtz

**Sunday August 3 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson  
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Stephenson  
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

**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**

**Wed. Aug. 6 – CABBAGE CUTTING: Unloading @ 5:00 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

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In our Gospel reading from Luke, some of Jesus's disciples ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus immediately gives them the beautiful prayer, which we, of course, call the Our Father.

The Our Father is truly a prayer of stewardship. In it, we intimately call upon God as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, and everything belongs to Him. Our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give us our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim our complete trust in His provision for us and His mercy towards us. We, too, have the responsibility to extend mercy ourselves, as we forgive those who sin against us.

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we acknowledge this fundamental truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This forms the foundation of a stewardship lifestyle. At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to build a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, and knock on His door!

He eagerly anticipates blessing us, His children. Keep this in mind throughout the week; then go out and be a source of blessing to others! Stewardship is as joyous and straightforward as that.

Parish News

**Words from Deacon David Allen:** I wanted to thank everyone for being so welcoming to me in the parish this summer. It has been a treasure. My time with you has been a blessing to me on my own journey in faith, and as a Catholic deacon. You are such a great people of faith. I know that many of you have never spent much time with a deacon, and I hope I represented the order well. To anyone I may have disappointed I am sorry, and to anyone who I assisted in their faith journey it is for the Lord's glory. St Peter Parish, you are a faith filled, and affirming community, and I am confident that God will continue to bless all of you on our great journey of Hope. Please pray for me, as I pray for all of you. Blessings, Deacon David

**Sauerkraut Supper:** Cabbage cutting is scheduled for Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup>. We will unload at 5 PM and start cutting by 5:30. There will be a brief Sauerkraut Supper meeting during cutting. Please plan to help out. Older youth are encouraged to come, especially for unloading.

**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 29 from 6-8 PM, Thursday July 31 from 6-8 and Friday August 1 from 10 AM-Noon.

**Thank you to those who have come to help so far!!! We will need strong backs & muscles to help move things back!!!**

**AED:** 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.

**PCCW News:** There will be a Parish Potluck Picnic on Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup> 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 this weekend. 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 -	\$999.00
	-\$901.00
Year to Date Target -	\$5,700.00
Year to Date Total -	\$3,527.00
	-\$2,173.00

Looking Ahead: Readings for August 3, 2025

**First Reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 12:13-21