

Diocesan and Community News

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

It is by God’s gift of hope that we trust Jesus is with us and will help us through every difficulty, so that we might live with Him forever. Hope helps us to put our priorities in order, so that our relationship with God is central in our lives. We cannot “muster” the virtue of hope with our own will power, but we can ask Jesus for an increase of hope and cooperate with this gift so that our trust in Him might increase. “May the God of all hope fill you with a joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope” (Rom 15:13)

Diocesan Rural Life Day Mass at Van Wychen Farm: Join us for the 44th annual Rural Life Day at the Van Wychen Family Farm in Warrens on Monday, Sept. 22! Mass with Bishop Battersby at 10:00 AM will be followed by awards, the blessing of farm animals, crops, and machinery and a delightful lunch. The Van Wychen Farm is located at 3365 Auger Road, Warrens, WI 54666. This is a day to celebrate rural life and to rejoice in the way its values contribute to the Church at large.

Mass of Hope and Healing at Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman: Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main St, La Crosse. This Mass will be offered for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident or infant death. A book of remembrance will be available before and after Mass for those who would like to inscribe the name(s) of their child(ren). Votive candles will be given to families before Mass in remembrance of each child. Candles will be lit and carried forward by family members, just before the entrance procession, and placed before the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. After Mass, refreshments will be served along with a display of resources and books in the Gathering Space. Volunteers will be present to offer assistance, support, and comfort.

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

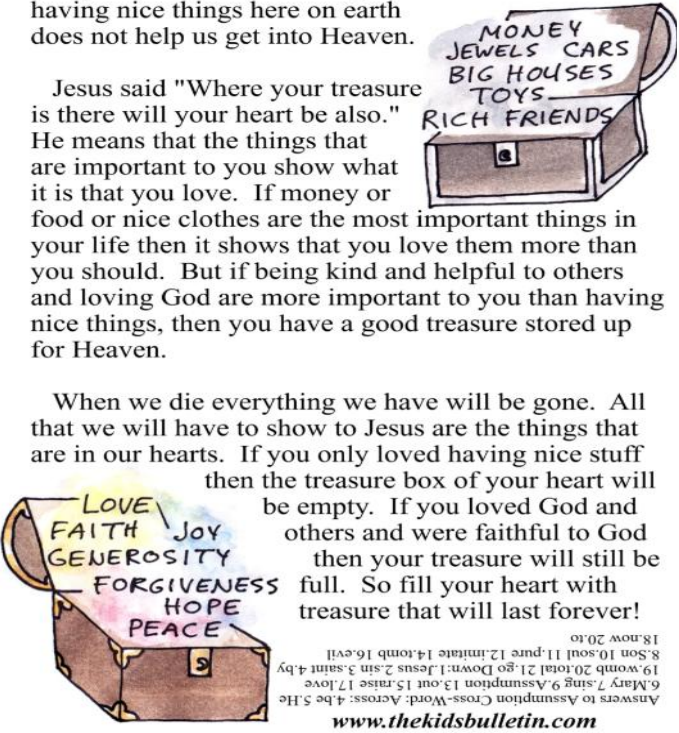
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What is Your Treasure?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about being ready for when He comes again. He reminds us that having nice things here on earth does not help us get into Heaven.

Jesus said "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." He means that the things that are important to you show what it is that you love. If money or food or nice clothes are the most important things in your life then it shows that you love them more than you should. But if being kind and helpful to others and loving God are more important to you than having nice things, then you have a good treasure stored up for Heaven.

When we die everything we have will be gone. All that we will have to show to Jesus are the things that are in our hearts. If you only loved having nice stuff then the treasure box of your heart will be empty. If you loved God and others and were faithful to God then your treasure will still be full. So fill your heart with treasure that will last forever!



Assumption Cross-Word

We celebrate Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven this Friday, August 15th.

Across:

4. God chose a holy young woman to _____ His mother.
5. _____ wanted her to be perfect.
6. Her name was _____.
7. We _____ hymns about her.
9. Today we celebrate her _____ into Heaven.
13. God took her body _____ of the tomb
15. so He could _____ it up into Heaven.
17. She had lived a life of _____ for God.
19. "Blessed is the fruit of thy _____, Jesus."
20. Mary had given herself as a _____ sacrifice to God.
21. When we die, we hope to _____ to Heaven too.

Down:

1. She was the mother of _____.
2. Mary never committed any _____.
3. She is the greatest _____ in Heaven.
4. She proved her love of God _____ her obedience to His will.
8. Her _____ was God.
10. Mary's _____ went straight to Heaven
11. because she was so _____ and free from the stain of sin.
12. We should try to _____ her virtues.
14. God would not permit His mother's body to decay in the _____.
16. Mary's obedience to God overcame the _____ of Eve's sin.
18. _____ Mary is in Heaven with her Son.
20. We will try _____ love and obey God like Mary did.

PARISH PRIEST

Rev. Sengole Vethanayagam
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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Friday.....8:00 AM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

ADORATION

Wednesday....7:00 PM with Benediction at 8:00 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

Office Phone: (608) 452-4680

Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.org

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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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 10, 2025



O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and Mother of humanity, we believe with all the fervor of our faith in your triumphal Assumption, both body and soul, into heaven, where you are acclaimed as Queen by all the choirs of angels and all the legions of the saints. And we unity with them to praise and bless the Lord who has exalted you above all other pure creatures, and to offer you the tribute of our devotion and our love.

Pope Pius XII

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

8/13 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
The living & deceased members
of the Joseph & Marie Kaiser
family (KF)
8/15 Friday 8:00 AM –
† Stanley Hundt (AH)
8/16 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† Gene & Rosie Hurtz (HF)
8/17 Sunday 10:00 AM –
St. Peter’s Parish Family

Come Join
St. Peter’s Youth
The Jewel on the Hill, for Games, Movie, and
Sleepover Night at the Middle Ridge Ballfield
Wednesday August 13, 2025
4:00 PM
Thursday August 14, 2025

*Hot dogs, Brats & Homemade Pizza with the trimmings and drinks

* Games/Crafts/Fun

- Treasure Escape Plan (Inside the Belly of the Whale)
- Relay Games/ Crafts/Water Activities
- Kickball/Dodgeball

* Candle light Rosary/ Campfire Songs/Movie

Movie-- Popcorn, treats and drinks Wednesday evening

A light pancake breakfast will be served Thursday morning

- * All ages are welcome to attend. (Adults too)
- * Come join for as much as you would like, staying the night is optional.
- * Bring your own tents, sleeping bags / blankets & pillows

Please RSVP by calling or texting Carol 608-487-6170 for planning purposes.

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$2,228.05
	\$328.05
Year to Date Target -	\$9,500.00
Year to Date Total -	\$5,755.05
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Looking Ahead: Readings for August 17, 2025

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-10
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-53

Ministry Servers

Saturday August 16 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Duane Leis
Lector: Julie Lundeen
Sunday August 17 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Evelyn Flock, Madi & Sadie Gronemus
Ushers: Peter Benzing & Gary Gronemus
Lector: Pam Benzing
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!!

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday @ 7:00 until 8:00 PM Benediction
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. Aug. 12 – Parish Finance Meeting @ 6:30 PM
Wed. Aug. 13 thru Thurs. Aug. 14 – St. Peters Youth Event
Fri. Aug. 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary mass
Sun. Aug. 17 – Parish Potluck Picnic at the ballfield after mass. Brats & hotdogs provided. Bring a dish to pass.
Sun. Sept. 7 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM



Sunday, August 17th after 10:00 AM Mass
Bring a Dish to Pass. Brats & Hotdogs will be
provided. Join us for food, fun & fellowship!
Come introduce yourself to Fr. Sen!

St. Joseph’s Ridge Mass Times

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

Stewardship Reflection

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whether you are just starting your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship lifestyle for years, today’s readings encourage us to ask ourselves an important question.

The question is this: “What do you treasure?” Of course, we all know the “right” answer: we treasure our faith, our family, and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the honest answer to this question. He says, “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

To discover what we treasure, we need to take a moment to examine our hearts. Each of us can ask ourselves, “Where do I spend most of my energy? Where do my thoughts tend to settle? How do I choose to spend my time when I have a few free moments? What do my spending habits say about what matters most to me?”

As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in grateful response to everything God has given us. Do I recognize and cherish these gifts?

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Holy day: On Friday August 15th we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be mass here at 8:00 AM (our normal daily mass time) and at St. Joseph Ridge Parish at 4:00 PM.

Eucharistic Adoration: Please note the time change to 7:00 PM. Come to pray the rosary. Benediction will be at 8:00.

Sauerkraut Supper: Thank you to all who helped with cabbage cutting for our annual fundraiser.

Children’s Choir: Beautiful music enhances the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We appreciate our children’s voices in this regard. Thank You to the children who make a weekly commitment to sing in the choir and to those who come up whenever they are able. There will be a 45 minute practice every last Saturday of each month at 3:00 throughout the school year. We will learn some new songs to praise the Lord and His & our Mother Mary. The more the merrier!

St. Peter’s Youth Event: Please join us on Wednesday August 13th at the ballfield for a meal, movie, games and praise!! See the flier in this bulletin for more information. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age!!

Building Improvements: Thank you to those who have come to help so far with cleaning!!! We will need strong backs & muscles to help move things back!!! Please contact the Benzing’s with your availability.

Parish Fellowship: 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!

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 or Fr. Sen.

Calling All Catholic Women! If you are a Catholic woman over the age of 21, please consider joining our Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court La Crosse #1183. We are currently fifty-two members strong and we want to grow! We meet monthly, the second Wednesday, from Sept. – June, 10:00 am, at Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main, Undercroft. The Catholic Daughters are one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. Catholic Daughter women enjoy each other’s company at monthly meetings, share Catholic spirituality, give generously to local and national charities, and work for the church and community. To learn more about our court and the Catholic Daughters, please contact Karol Smith, 608-769-1270, email: kschlo3004@aol.com or visit www.catholicdaughters.org.

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE: The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.