

Diocesan and Community News

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

Each of us has many things for which we can be grateful to God. However, the greatest blessing that we can ever have is Jesus. God the Father gave us His Son, who endured horrific suffering, died and rose again to overcome the power of Satan, sin and eternal death because of His profound love for us. Further, Jesus wanted to remain with us always and so He instituted one Church – the Catholic Church – so that we can receive His very life and truth. Jesus is the Savior of the world, the real reason for hope. Let us ask Christ to help us grow in the gift of hope, thereby trusting Him more.

Our Tuckpointing Project is COMPLETE! Thank you to all who donated!



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Fire in Our Hearts

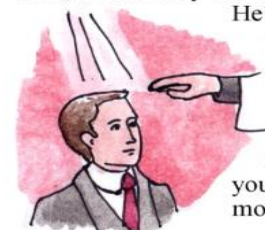


In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course He didn't mean that He wanted everything to burn up. He meant that He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.

What do you think happens when the Holy Spirit is in someone's soul? The Holy Spirit pulls us closer to Himself and God the Father and Jesus. When we are closer to God that means we love Him more, and the more we love God the more we will love other people too. We were made to love God and be happy with Him, so we want the Holy Spirit to live in us and bring us close to Him!



How does the Holy Spirit come into our souls? When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes into us for the first time. He will stay with us unless we sin and close our hearts to Him. But when we go to Confession He comes back, and in Holy Communion and the other Sacraments



He becomes even stronger in us. He comes in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, when He gives us grace and strength to live as grown-up Christians and soldiers for God. Pray to the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and make you love God more every day!



PARISH PRIEST

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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

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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
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 17, 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

8/20 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

† Richard Lothe (MLH)

8/22 Friday 8:00 AM –

† Carol Bakkestuen (MLH)

8/23 Saturday 8:00 PM –

**The Living & deceased members
of the Joseph & Marie Kaiser
family (KF)**

8/24 Sunday 10:00 AM –

† Leo & Carol Bina (TMS)

Pilgrimage to Mexico with Fr. Tim – Marian Messengers

Join us February 8-13, 2026. Come and visit Our Lady of Guadalupe with Fr. Tim Oudenhoven. We will be walking the actual steps of St. Juan Diego and learning firsthand of the incredible message and mission that Mary has for us! See the flier in the back of church for more information!



For More information visit: www.marianmessengers.org
or call 800-842-4842 (Select International Tours in
partnership with Theology of the Body Institute)

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,581.00</u>
	-\$319.00
Year to Date Target -	\$11,400.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$7,336.05</u>
	-\$4,063.95

Looking Ahead: Readings for August 24, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:22-30

Ministry Servers

Saturday August 23 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Matthew Schaub & Mason Leis

Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Don Halderson

Lector: Lynda Hurtz

Sunday August 24 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Lukas Slattery & Sawyer Tollefson

Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Rob Slattery

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!!

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

Mon. Aug. 18 – Safe Environment training @ 7:30 PM

Sun. Aug. 31 – CCD Registrations Due

Sun. Sept. 7 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Wed. Sept. 10 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Sept. 14 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Wed. Oct. 8 – SAUERKRAUT SUPPER



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 5:30 p.m.

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 p.m.)

Thursday.....8:30 a.m.

Stewardship Reflection

Today's readings set a high standard for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

In the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him, He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues with this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A few verses later, Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought weren't meant to simply make us feel good. His words can sometimes make us feel uncomfortable. That's because His Good News (and it truly is good news!) is intended to transform us, to make saints out of us.

The stewardship way of life sets a high standard indeed. However, when fully embraced, this way of life, focused on God and others, will help us become the saints we are called to be.

Parish News

CCD News: Parents and Families, please check your email for the CCD registration form and important documents for the 2025-26 school year. You can also obtain a copy of the necessary registration forms in the back of church. Registration is due by **August 31st**. Classes begin on either Wednesday, September 10 or Sunday, September 14. Please see Miranda Flock with any questions.

- A safe environment training will be held in the church basement on **Monday, August 18th at 7:30 pm** for all paid staff, volunteers and anyone else that is interested.

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

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: Thank you to all who participated and helped with this event. It gets better every time! See the insert here for pictures of all the fun!!! Special thanks to Carol Gronemus, our head event planner!! You ROCK!!!

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.

Knights of Columbus: The KC's will be here on Sunday September 14th. They will host coffee & doughnuts after mass along with fellowship. There will be a short meeting. Anyone interested in joining the Knights is encouraged to attend the meeting.

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.