

Diocesan and Community News

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

In the Book of Genesis, when Adam and Eve were tempted by the devil, they let their trust in their Creator die in their heart and, abusing their freedom to do good, they disobeyed God's command. All personal sin committed subsequently is disobedience toward God and lack of trust in His goodness. God is perfect goodness and only wants what is best for us. After this Original Sin, God did not stop loving our first parents, as shown through His promise of a Savior who would rescue us from the consequence of being separated from our Heavenly Father. The promise was kept as Jesus came to rescue us from Satan, sin and eternal death. Let us ask Jesus to strengthen the gift of hope in us, to trust in His goodness.

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*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Dubuque, IA. Married couples, Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Our next weekend is September 12-14 in Dubuque. For more information call Greg and Denise at (563) 920-9419 or drubner9419@gmail.com.

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!

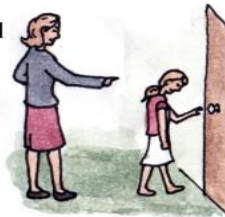


For More information visit: www.marianmessengers.org
or call 800-842-4842 (Select International Tours in partnership with Theology of the Body Institute)

Kids Korner

Being Punished...

In today's second reading, Saint Paul wrote to the Hebrews about being disciplined by God. When we are young God wants our parents to make sure we behave well. When we don't behave He wants them to discipline us so that we will learn to be good.



Our parents don't punish us just because they are angry at us; they do it because they really love us and want us to learn to be better. Saint Paul says that the Lord disciplines the people that He loves.

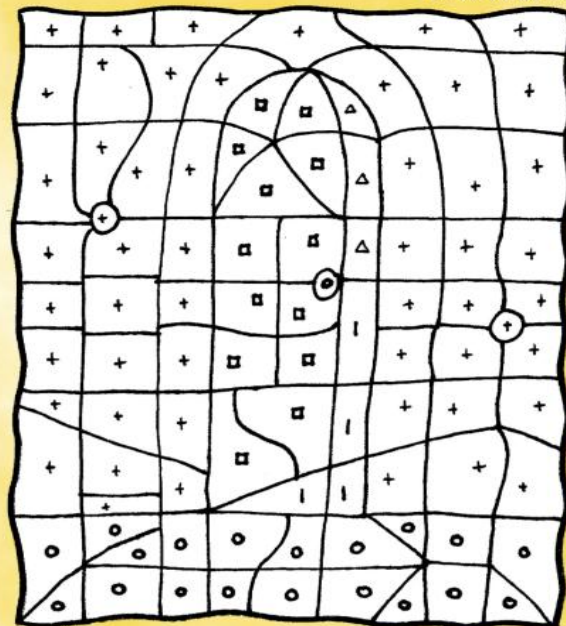


Being punished is a painful thing, but we will be happy once we have learned our lesson and become a better person. Saint Paul says, "make a straight path for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed." He means that when you are punished, you should stop doing the wrong thing so that you won't be hurt worse from the punishment, but will get better instead. So the next time you are disciplined or punished, remember that God is allowing it to help you become a better person. If you can, even thank God for giving you the chance to make up for your sin and learn a good lesson!



Inside: Some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.
Picture on front: the narrow door

Luke 13:22-30



What was the way that Jesus told the people to enter the Kingdom of Heaven by?

Colour in the spaces using the code to find out.

△ Blue ■ Brown + White
! Green ● Grey

PARISH PRIEST

Rev. Sengole Vethanayagam
(Fr. Sen) (715) 615-1774
frsengolevema@gmail.com

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

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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 Rockland, WI 54653 608-452-4680

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TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 24, 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

8/27 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

† Chelsea Mashak (MF)

8/22 Friday 8:00 AM –

† Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)

8/23 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† Otto & Theresa Schaub (SF)

8/24 Sunday 10:00 AM –

**The Deacons of the Diocese of
La Crosse (DA)**

Ministry Servers

Saturday August 30 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen

Ushers: Bill Korn & Phil Gronemus

Lector: Julie Lundeen

Sunday August 31 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Allis Gronemus, Avin & Brynn Stephenson

Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Gary 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!!

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

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

Sun. Sept. 14 – Knights of Columbus will host doughnuts & coffee after mass along with Fellowship

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 remind us that merely calling ourselves Christ's disciples isn't enough. To be genuine followers, we must live for Christ every day and in every part of our lives. This kind of life requires strength and discipline.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship lifestyle is a form of spiritual discipline. Stewardship, which involves managing and sharing our resources in a way that honors God, is a key spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become increasingly aware of God's constant provision for us, and they keep us on the narrow path that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself talks about the challenging path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel reading from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus replies, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." This narrow path, though difficult, is the path of true discipleship. Attending Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. Moreover, this attitude toward our faith is an unfair and unloving response to our good God, who has given us everything we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to go through the motions of faith merely. He wants much more from us and for us. He desires a deep, personal relationship with each of us, inviting us to become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. However, it does require discipline —the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

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CCD News: Parents and Families, please check your email for the CCD registration form and important documents for the 2025-26 school year. Registration is due by **August 31st**. Classes begin on either Wednesday, September 10 or Sunday, September 14. We still need to teachers for Sunday mornings! Please see Miranda Flock with any questions.

Reasons To Celebrate!

-Wedding Anniversary Blessing: At the first weekend masses in September (6th & 7th), Father Sen will bless all of the *Wedding Anniversaries* for the month of September. This Wedding Anniversary Blessing will continue for each subsequent month at the first weekend masses.

-Birthday Blessings: At the second weekend masses in September (13th & 14th), Father Sen will bless the September *Birthdays*. The *Birthday* Blessing will continue each subsequent month at the second weekend masses.

Sauerkraut Supper: Mark your calendars for Wednesday October 8th! Help will be needed all day the Tuesday before and the day of the supper. Raffle tickets and donation slips are in the back of church. PLEASE PICK YOURS UP TODAY along with any family members or neighbors you could deliver to. There are also fliers to take around to places you frequent.

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: 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!

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.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

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| Weekly Target - | \$1,900.00 |
| Last Week's Total - | \$6,141.00 |
| | \$4,241.00 |
| Year to Date Target - | \$13,300.00 |
| Year to Date Total - | \$13,477.05 |
| | \$177.05 |

Looking Ahead: Readings for August 31, 2025

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-29

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-24

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14