

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 or call (608) 654-7733.

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

Food for your Marriage: Retrouvaille \Retro- vi\ 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

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.

Kids Korner

Jesus teaches us not to be greedy



In today's Gospel reading, a man tells Jesus that his brother is being unfair to him. But Jesus knows that the man is just being greedy, so He tells him the parable of the rich farmer. One year he had such a good harvest that he couldn't fit it all into his barns. He tore down his old barns and built new ones, so that he could store his food for many years. But just when he thought he would be able to rest and enjoy his food, God told him that he would die.



This parable is a warning against being greedy. Jesus is not saying that we should not save some food or that we shouldn't save our money. He is just telling us to remember that we are going to die one day, and then everything we saved is going to be useless for us. He wants us to use the things we have wisely, but not be too attached to them.



Think of something that is really special to you. How would you feel if you lost it or it was taken away? Do your feelings show that you care too much about things? Try to think of your belongings in such a way that if you lost them you wouldn't be too upset. After all, none of your stuff is going to matter to you when you die!

Answer to the Rich Farmer Word-Find: Blessed are the poor in spirit.
Answer to Puzzle on front page: Blessed are the poor in spirit.

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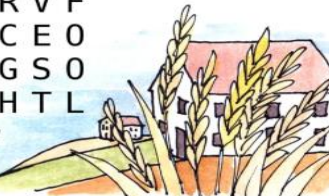
The Rich Farmer Word-Find

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does NOT consist of POSSESSIONS." There was a rich man whose LANDS PRODUCED a BOUNTIFUL HARVEST. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have SPACE to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall TEAR down my BARNs and build LARGER ones. There I shall store all my GRAIN and other GOODS and I shall SAY to MYSELF, "Now as for you, you have so MANY good things STORED up for many years, REST, EAT, DRINK, be MERRY!"' But GOD said to him, 'You FOOL, this NIGHT your LIFE will be DEMANDED of you; and the THINGS you have PREPARED, to whom will they belong?'

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Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not RICH in what matters to God.

Find the words from today's Gospel that are written in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.



PARISH PRIEST

Rev. Sengole Vethanayagam
(Fr. Sen) (715) 615-1774
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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

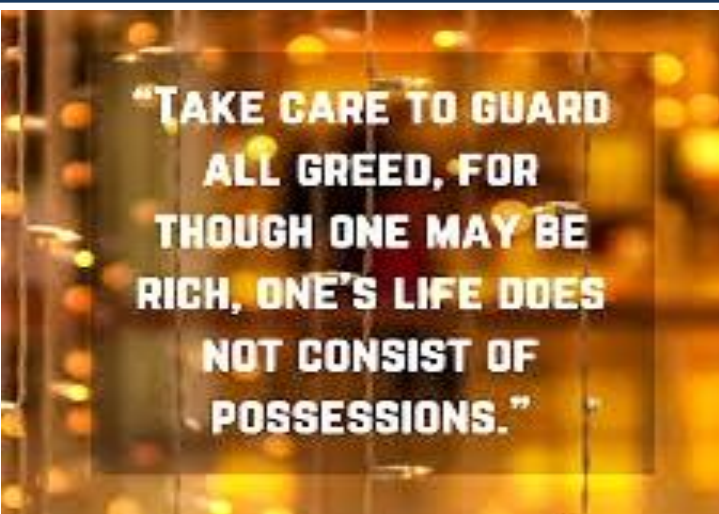
Terese Slattery, Coordinator
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 3, 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

8/6 Wednesday 7:30 PM –
Eucharistic Adoration
8/9 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† Edward Soukup (MLH)
8/10 Sunday 10:00 AM –
† Otto & Theresa Schaub (SF)

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.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week's Total -	\$556.83
	-\$1,343.17
Year to Date Target -	\$7,600.00
Year to Date Total -	\$3,527.00
	-\$4,083.83

Looking Ahead: Readings for August 10, 2025

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12
Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-48

Ministry Servers

Saturday August 9 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Matthew Schaub & Mason Leis
Ushers: Bill Korn & Tim Leis
Lector: Melissa Schaub
Sunday August 10 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Max & Abel Slattery
Ushers: Rob Slattery & Leo Leis
Lector: John 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 @ 7:30 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.



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 (Communion Service) 5:30 p.m.
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 p.m.)
Thursday (Communion Service)8:30 a.m.

Introducing Fr. Sen

Greetings! I was born in 1967 in a little village in India. My dad died about three months before my birth. My saintly mom lived 46 years after the death of my father. In the year 2013, my mother died unexpectedly due to heart attack.
My parents had 8 children. Three of my siblings died in their infant ages. Now we are five alive. My siblings had 12 children all together. Two of my nieces are nuns. I can never explain enough about my lovely mom. She inspired me to become a priest.
It is God's plan that I am your shepherd. God knows that you needed me and I needed you. By the grace of God, I will dedicate myself to you my God given people. I encourage you all to keep up the family spirit between our parishes.
Please do not hesitate to reach out to me in any situation. I will do what I can. And God will do the rest. I will be with you as long as God wants me to. I am a strong believer of the Plan and Providence of God.
Let us listen to Him.

With Prayers and Blessings, Father Sen

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!!
Thank you: A special thank you to Andrew & Rachel Persson (along with Sherwin Williams) for painting the back kitchen and furnace room. It looks wonderful and we greatly appreciate it!
Sauerkraut Supper: Cabbage cutting is scheduled for Wednesday August 6th. 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: 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. We are called to use our time, talent & treasure!
"Still the Answer" Eucharistic Rally 2025: You are invited to join faithful from across the diocese on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Pablo Center in Eau Claire for a new opportunity to pause, reflect and renew our love of the gift of the Eucharist, as Jesus continues to give us His body and blood, strengthening us through life's joy, sorrows and challenges. The day's events will include a river walk procession, Mass, engaging speakers, live music and Eucharistic adoration. Take this time to remember how much you need Jesus - and that He is Still the Answer for you, for your family, for your parish and for the world. Visit diolc.org/still-the-answer to learn more about the event and to register or see the poster in the back of church.
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.