

Diocesan and Community News

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

Jesus is Our Hope (1 Tim 1:1) In our culture in which the rates of anxiety and depression are at an all-time high, hope is a profound gift from God that is especially important for each person. Scripture connects the gift of hope with the symbol of the anchor because hope grounds us in the sure and firm foundation of salvation in Christ. We open ourselves to the gift of hope when we read Sacred Scripture. During this Jubilee of Hope 2025, we do well to commit to five minutes a day of slowly reading one passage from the Bible, starting with the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke. As we reflect on God’s Word, our hope will be strengthened, and we will trust Our Lord in a more profound way.

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*

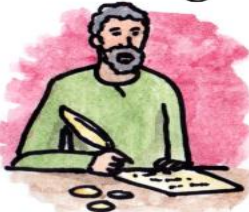
40 Days For Life; September 24 – November 2: You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion. With God’s help over 25,000 babies have been saved, more than 170 facilities have closed and more than 270 workers have converted. Join us for an opening rally at the Northside Community Church in La Crosse on Thursday September 25th at noon with speaker Ramona Trevino, a former manager of a Planned Parenthood in Texas. See the flier in the back of church for more information or go to 40daysforlife.com/lacrosse.

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!



Kids Korner

Being a Good Steward



Jesus tells the story of a steward who looked after a rich man's wealth. When he was about to lose his job, he quickly made friends by letting the rich man's debtors pay less than what they owed. Then when he couldn't work anymore these friends would look after him.

What Jesus is telling us through this parable is that we should use the money and things we have on earth to make friends with God and the saints so that they will be happy to take us into Heaven when we die and have nothing left.

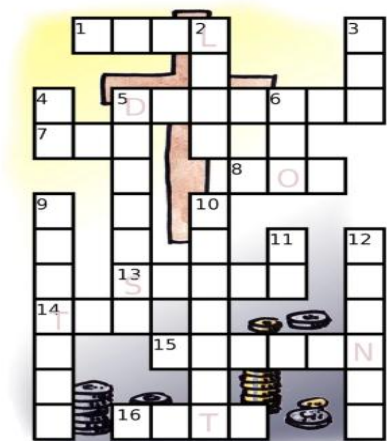
How can you make friends with God using your money? First of all, God wants us to be good stewards. That means spending money when it is good or necessary, and not foolishly. We can also please God by giving money to the Church and the poor. He wants us to show that we can do well looking after small things like money so that He can trust us with bigger jobs.



Answers to Cross-word: Across: 1.will 5.devoted 7.one 8.you 13.serve 14.the 15.mammon 16.hate Down: 2.love 3.God 4.no 5.despise 6.rich 9.masters 10.servant 11.the 12.cannot

Whom Do You Serve?
Cross-Word

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and fit them into the puzzle.
A=Across D=Down



CANNOT
HATE
MASTERS
SERVANT
MAMMON
THE
SERVE
HE
DESPISE
YOU
TWO
ONE
LOVE
NO
DEVOTED
GOD
WILL

" ____ 4D ____ 10D can serve ____ 6D
____; 9D for either ____ 11D will ____ 16A
the one and ____ 2D ____ 14A other, or he
____ 1A be ____ 5A to the ____ 7A
and ____ 5D the other. ____ 8A
____ 12D ____ 13A ____ 3D and
____." 15A

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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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 21, 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

9/24 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
† Gene & Rosie Hurtz (HF)
9/26 Friday 8:00 AM –
† Shirley Huber (MLH)
9/27 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)
9/28 Sunday 10:00 AM –
† Dawn Hundt (SSM)



The new large refillable oil candles on the altar were donated by the Arnie Hundt family in honor of Madonna. We would like to transition the taller altar candles to refillable oil candles also. If you would like to donate towards this, you can place a marked envelope in the offertory. Each replacement candle is about \$100.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$2,272.00
	\$372.00
Year to Date Target -	\$20,900.00
Year to Date Total -	\$20,358.65
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Looking Ahead: Readings for September 28, 2025

First Reading: Amos 6:1-7
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Ministry Servers

Saturday September 27 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
Ushers: Duane Leis & Bill Korn
Lector: Julie Lundeen
Sunday September 28 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Evelyn Flock, Madi & Sadie Gronemus
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Leo Leis
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

Wednesdays: Rosary @ 7:00 PM – Eucharistic Exposition @ 7:20 PM – Quiet Prayer/Confession - Benediction @ 8:00 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

Sun. Sept. 21 – Catechetical Weekend
Wed. Sept. 24 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Sept. 28 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. Sept. 28 – Rebuild My Church mtg in Sparta @ 1:00 PM
Wed. Oct. 1 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Oct. 5 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. Oct. 5 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Tues. Oct. 7 – Sauerkraut Supper Prep – Help Needed!
Wed. Oct. 8 – SAUERKRAUT SUPPER

Pray for Peace

Let us pray to the Lord for an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference. May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace. May God hold us in the palm of his hand. Amen.

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.
First Saturday Mass..... 8:30am

Stewardship Reflection

After today’s readings, we cannot say we haven’t been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God’s Word is very clear today on the importance of putting Him first in all parts of our lives.
We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has strong words for those who would exploit the poor and whose priorities are not in line with God’s.
In the Second Reading from St. Paul’s letter to Timothy, Paul provides the solution to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The solution is to imitate Christ, “who gave Himself as a ransom for all.” Instead of focusing on Himself and how to “get ahead,” Christ gave Himself completely for our sake. That is how we should live.
In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly priorities and eternal priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the dishonest but clever steward who is about to be fired when the master discovers the steward has been wasting his property. Realizing he will soon be unemployed, the clever steward reaches out to the debtors of his master to negotiate deals, making friends who will look out for him when he loses his job.
What if we applied that same effort to our own tasks as faithful stewards of all God’s gifts to us? To our ministries, and to the ways we could create more time for prayer as individuals, couples, families, and a parish? What if we got as inventive with managing our finances as the “bad steward” did, so we could give more generously to the poor and to advancing God’s kingdom here on earth? That’s our lesson and our challenge.

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Catechetical Weekend: September 21st has been designated Catechetical Sunday 2025. The theme is “Always be ready to give an explanation for a reason for your hope.” (1 Pet 3:15) This corresponds beautifully with the Jubilee Year of Hope. Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil, plant the first seeds of faith and are to foster faith in an ongoing way. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. Please join us in thanking the teachers and parents of St. Peter’s for guiding the next generation.
Rebuild My Church: The Diocese is beginning a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. We trust Jesus, the Good Shephard, to guide us into more abundant life. You are invited to a town hall meeting at a location near you. **There will be a meeting at St. Patrick’s in Sparta on September 28th at 1:00 pm. All council members and parishioners are encouraged to attend.** You can find more information at diolc.org/rebuildmychurch.
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.
Mass Intentions: We are finally getting caught up on our back log of mass intentions and are seeking more. If you would like to have a mass said for your intention, you can place it in a marked envelope in the offertory. The mass intention fee is now \$20.
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.
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.
Reasons To Celebrate! Wedding Anniversary Blessings: At the first weekend masses Father Sen will bless all of the Wedding Anniversaries for the month. This Wedding Anniversary Blessing will continue for each subsequent month at the first weekend masses. Birthday Blessings: At the second weekend masses, Father Sen will bless the birthdays for the month. The Birthday Blessing will continue each subsequent month at the second weekend masses.
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.