

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) God created you out of love. He knows and loves you unconditionally and He wants you to know Him. As with any relationship, you need to continue to deepen your friendship with Jesus in an ongoing way. Ask Jesus to increase your hope in Him, with the confidence that He knows you, even with your weaknesses and sins and He will always love you unreservedly. You can trust Him! Jesus said, “I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Let us not miss this opportunity during the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025.

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!



For More information visit: www.marianmessengers.org

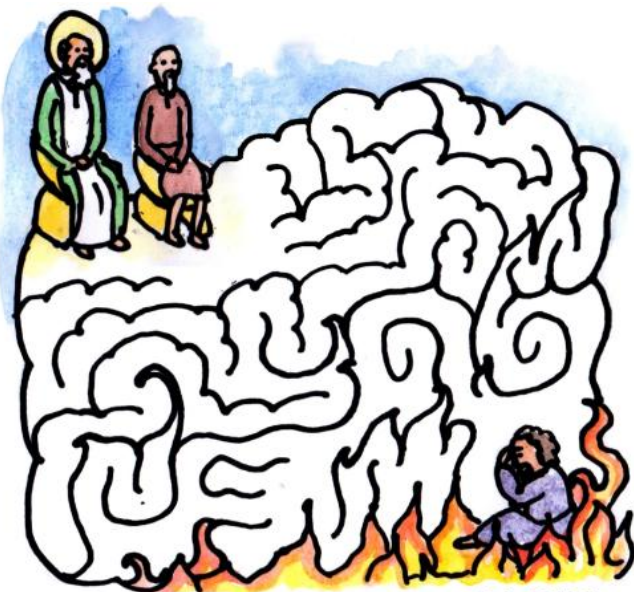
Kids Korner

Lazarus and the Rich Man

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and a poor man. While they were alive, the rich man had everything he wanted. He feasted every day and was never hungry. Meanwhile Lazarus, the poor man, lay in the rich man's gate, always hungry and sick. Even the dogs came to lick the sores on his body.

Once the men died everything changed. The rich man went to Hell. He got what he deserved for thinking only of himself while he was alive. Lazarus, on the other hand, went to be with Abraham in Heaven. He had suffered so much while he was alive, but now he was perfectly happy.

The rich man wanted a drop of water to cool his tongue but Lazarus couldn't help him. He found out what happens if you only think about getting the best for yourself. What does this story make you want to do for the poor and suffering people around you?



Luke 16:19-31

*In Jesus' parable, the rich man
asks Abraham to send Lazarus to him
with a drop of cool water.
But can Lazarus cross between
Heaven and Hell?
See if the maze will let him cross.*

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

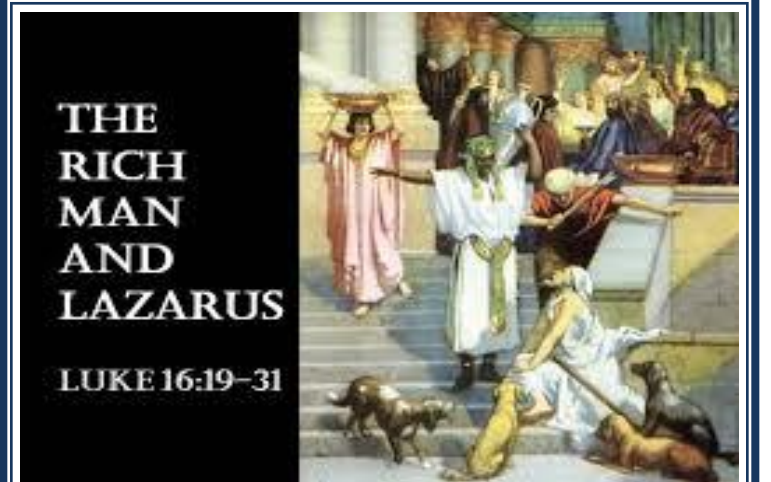
Terese Slattery, Coordinator
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 28, 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

10/1 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

† Dick McCormick (MLH)

10/3 Friday 8:00 AM –

For the Deacons of the Diocese of La Crosse (DA)

10/4 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† Mary Weber (BJL)

10/5 Sunday 10:00 AM –

St. Peter’s Parish Family

Ministry Servers

Saturday October 4 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Matthew Schaub & Mason Leis

Ushers: Mike Schaub & Tim Leis

Lector: Lynda Hurtz

Sunday October 5 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Avin & Brynn Stephenson

Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Mark Gronemus

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

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. 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 - Grades 7-10 NO Class – Help with Supper

Wed. Oct. 8 – SAUERKRAUT SUPPER – Serving 4 – 7:30 PM

Sat. Oct. 11 – Public Square Rosary Rally near statue of Mary in front of church at Noon

Sun. Oct. 12 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM



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

We have all been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today’s readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for good. And that failing to do so has eternal consequences.

We recognize the urgency of using our gifts wisely, as highlighted in today’s Gospel passage from Luke. Our Lord shares the powerful parable of the rich man who neglects poor Lazarus during their lives. At the moment of the rich man’s death, he descends to the netherworld, while Lazarus is taken to eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man deeply regrets his neglect of Lazarus’s needs, but it is too late for regret. His actions have unfolded, and now he must face the consequences of not using the gifts God provided. This parable also reassures us that living a stewardship way of life brings joy and comfort in this life and the next.

Pursuing God’s kingdom and caring for the poor are not trivial matters. Our Lord clearly emphasizes this repeatedly in the Scriptures and through the ongoing teachings of our 2,000-year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live for ourselves instead. However, there will be tragic consequences for us in the end. Since we are meant for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn’t truly bring us lasting happiness.

So, how can we use our great powers for good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives — in how we spend our time, how we share our talents, and how we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living challenges us to step out of our comfort zones and into commitment to the Lord and what matters to Him.

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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.

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.

Public Square Rosary Rally: On October 13, 1917, Our Lady performed the Miracle of the Sun, witnessed by 70,000 people at Fatima, including atheists, communists, and anti-Catholics (leading many to convert). To honor this miracle, which occurred around noontime, and to show Our Lady we hear her request to stop offending God by our sins, we are hosting a public rosary rally **Saturday, October 11th at Noon.** We will be 1 of 23,000 rallies happening across America. In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: “Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.” **Please join us October 11th!**

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.

St. Mary Parish Annual Pancake Breakfast: St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 12, 2025 from 7:30 AM – gone or Noon (whichever comes first). Meal includes: delicious stack of pancakes with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free. Make your pancakes just the way you like them with our topping bar! Your choice of maple syrup, blueberries, strawberries, chocolate syrup, sprinkles, whip cream and peanut butter (while supplies last).

Your Help Needed: Connect College Freshman from the Parish with the Campus Minister: As your college freshman embark on this exciting new journey, help them stay connected to their faith by introducing them to their campus minister. By signing up through Newman Connection, their campus minister will personally reach out—helping them feel at home and introduce them to like-minded students. It takes just 30 seconds to sign up. Thank you. Your time and effort in this regard, greatly increases the likelihood that these students will continue to grow in their Catholic faith as they embark on this journey.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week’s Total -	<u>\$2,083.00</u>
	\$183.00
Year to Date Target -	\$22,800.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$22,441.65</u>
	-\$358.35

Looking Ahead: Readings for October 5, 2025

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-14

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10