

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) Take a few quiet moments to look at Jesus hanging on a Crucifix, and you will recognize that He gave everything for you. Pope Benedict XVI explained how God “gives the cross to prove to us: ‘I love you. You can trust Me.’” During this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, ask Jesus to increase in you the gift of hope so that you will trust Him through life’s challenges and suffering, believing that He “works all things together for the good of those who love Him” (Rom 8:28).

St. James & Providence Academy 59th ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY FAIR:

WHEN: Saturday, November 8, 2025, 8am-2pm. **WHERE:** In the Providence Academy Gymnasium, 716 Windsor St. across the street from St. James church.

WHAT: Booths include Bakery (We have lefse!), \$5 Fill-a-Bag Rummage & Antiques, Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Jewelry, Mystery Gifts, Religious Items. Win a 55” LED Smart TV! Visit Santa from 10am-Noon. NEW! Kid’s Games to win prizes from 9am-1pm. Homemade Beef Stew, Gourmet Coffee & refreshments available for dine in or take out.

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.

A Home for the Holidays Gala Benefiting Karuna House: *Together, we’re creating brighter futures!* Karuna House is thrilled to announce the purchase of our first building on Copeland Avenue. We will add eight new housing units by year’s end, more than a year ahead of schedule! Karuna Inc. provides safe, sustainable housing and 24-hour peer-based support, helping residents find a “life worth living.” We offer stability, warmth, and hope for those facing homelessness, health risks, and life on the streets.

Join us for the **2nd Annual “A Home for the Holidays” Gala** as we celebrate this milestone and raise support for our mission.

Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 5:30 – 11:00 PM

Radisson Hotel Ballroom, La Crosse

Enjoy a fun evening with a cocktail reception, formal dinner, auctions, dancing, and more! Ways to Help:

- Donate auction items (gift baskets, tickets, getaways, experiences)
- Sponsor the event
- Purchase tickets and attend

Visit karunahousing.org/gala or call **Kristine at 612-803-3684** to donate or sponsor. Let’s create **A Home for the Holidays** for those who need it most this holiday season.

Kids Korner

thankfulness

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cured ten lepers. Leprosy is a horrible disease that eats away at a person's body until they die. It was pretty amazing for those people when Jesus just told them to go and show themselves to the priests and they realized that they were cured!



But then something interesting happened. Only one of the ten who had been cured came back to say 'Thank you' to Jesus. Do you think that the other nine were not happy that they were better? Why do you think they didn't come back to thank Jesus?

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME RECEIVE YOU!



Now think about your life. You've probably never had a disease like leprosy, but God has still done amazing things for you. He made you and gave you everything you need to live. He gave you your friends and family, and most especially He gives Himself to us in the Mass and at Holy Communion.

Do you remember to say 'Thank you' to God?

Answers to True or False: 1.true 2.false 3.true 4.false 5.false 6.true 7.true

True or False?
Jesus Cures the Ten Lepers

How well do you know the story of Jesus and the Lepers?

1. When Jesus was walking to Jerusalem, he met ten lepers. True or false?
2. The lepers came right up to Jesus and touched Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't touch them; all He said was, "Go show yourselves to the priests." True or false?
4. Half of the lepers were healed and half weren't. True or false?
5. All of them came back to thank Jesus. True or false?
6. Only one man came back to thank Jesus, and he was a foreigner. True or false?
7. Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you." True or false?



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

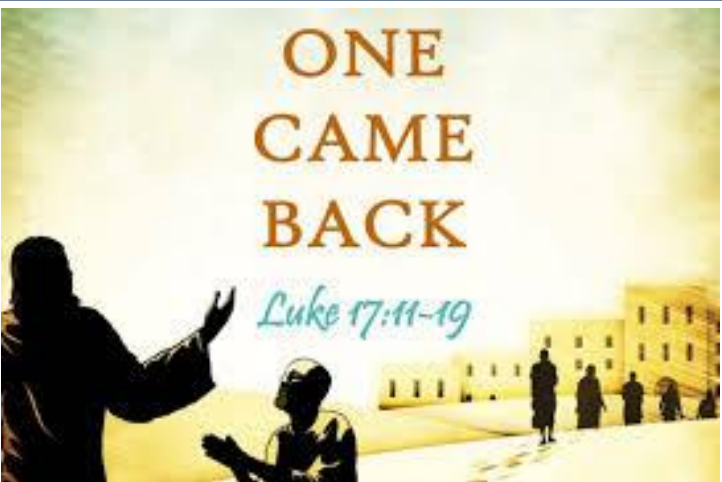
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 12, 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

10/15 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

† Ione Hauser (TMN)

10/17 Friday 8:00 AM –

† Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)

10/18 Saturday 8:00 PM –

St. Peter’s Parish Family

10/19 Sunday 10:00 AM –

Living & deceased members of the (†)Otto & Theresa Schaub family (RJK)

Thank You to everyone who helped with the Sauerkraut Supper. We served 308 Dine-in dinners and 550 Carry-out dinners, totaling 858 meals.

The raffle ticket winners are as follows:

- \$300.00 – Abby Gilbertson
- \$200.00 – John Hundt
- \$100.00 – Larry Cavadini
- \$50.00 – Phyllis Cavadini
- \$50.00 – Lavina Flock

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,027.32
	-\$872.68
Year to Date Target -	\$26,600.00
Year to Date Total -	\$25,280.09
	-\$1,319.91

Looking Ahead: Readings for October 19, 2025

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Ministry Servers

Saturday October 18 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Matthew Schaub & Mason Leis

Ushers: Mike Leis & Ron Hurtz

Lector: Lynda Hurtz

Sunday October 19 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Lukas, Max & Abel Slattery

Ushers: Rob Slattery & Peter Benzing

Lector: Pam Benzing

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 @ 8:05 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

Tues. Oct. 14 – Parish Finance Council meeting @ 6:30 PM

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

Thurs. Oct. 16 – Rebuild My Church meeting at Blessed Sacrament in La Crosse @ 6:30 PM

Sun. Oct. 19 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Tues. Oct. 21 – Joint council meeting with St. Joe’s @ 7:15

Wed. Oct. 22 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Oct. 26 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sun. Nov. 2 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM



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

Gratitude, as we learn from today’s readings, is not just a feeling, but a transformative force in the life of a Christian disciple. It leads us to worship God, the source of our salvation, and shapes our stewardship way of life.

The Gospel passage from Luke vividly illustrates the role of recognition in gratitude. Only one of the ten lepers recognized the blessing he had received from Jesus and returned to thank him. This prompts us to reflect: how often do we fail to acknowledge the blessings, answered prayers, and healings that the Lord showers upon us?

The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gift to us. However, we can become so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose sight of this truth.

The Samaritan's response to his healing is a powerful example of the connection between gratitude and worship. His recognition of the Lord's blessing led him to glorify God and express his gratitude. This sequence of gratitude leading to worship is a profound spiritual truth that we should all strive to embody.

And because of this response, Jesus offered him a far more precious gift than physical healing; He offered him the gift of salvation. “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”

Too often, we hear the phrase, “Count your blessings,” and write it off as nothing more than a trite saying. Today’s Gospel shows us otherwise. Gratitude is powerful. It deepens our faith in God and leads us to fitting worship of Him.

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World Mission Sunday October 19: Please join all Catholics in our global annual celebration of worship, prayer and collection on World Mission Sunday (always the penultimate Sunday of October and not to be confused with summer Mission Coop Program). Your prayers and sacrifices support over 1,124 mission territories where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, courageously upheld despite persecution, or brought to communities still discovering Christ’s love. Watch for an envelope in your bulletin.

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 Blessed Sacrament in La Crosse on October 16th at 6:30 pm.** All are encouraged to attend with Fr. Sen. 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.

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.

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!

The Renewal Project: Simple, Achievable, Life-Changing: The Renewal Project is not a checklist or a program—it’s a personal invitation for you to engage with your faith on your time and on your terms. Rooted in prayer and community, this diocesan-wide effort encourages each of us to take a simple step deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ. You will find a variety of invitations to help you reflect, grow and respond to the Lord in your daily life—whether as parents, couples, singles or students. It’s about opening your heart to His presence and letting Him renew you from the inside out. To learn more and begin your journey, visit <https://diolc.org/marriage/renewal-project>.

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.

Employment Opportunities at Aquinas Schools:

-Cathedral Elementary School is looking for a full-time Custodian. This is a 40-hour per week position that includes cleaning and light maintenance. If you are interested in this position, please contact CES Principal, Mrs. Teresa Eliason (teresa.eliason@aquinasschools.org) or HR Specialist, Mrs. Lisa Caya (lisa.caya@aquinasschools.org)

-Blessed Sacrament Elementary School is looking for a part-time Food Service Assistant. The position runs approximately 7:00 am - 1:00 pm. Candidates should be willing and able to take the ServSafe food safety class at WTC, have strong time management and attention to detail, and be able to follow directions while also working independently when needed. Basic kitchen skills are preferred, and the role requires the ability to stand for several hours, lift 20-30 pounds, and perform repetitive tasks. If you are interested in this position, please contact BSE Principal, Mrs. Megan Bauser (megan.bauer@aquinasschools.org) or HR Specialist, Mrs. Lisa Caya (lisa.caya@aquinasschools.org)