

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 us for life with Him - life without sorrow, pain, tears and all the difficulties that go with life on planet earth. Jesus gave His life for us so that our sins can be forgiven and we can spend eternal life with Him—a life of joy, peace and perfect love in the presence of God—a life that never ends. Wherever you are on your journey of friendship with God, ask Him for the grace to be more committed to deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ through daily conversation, attending Mass every Sunday and growing in the gift of hope to be with Him, along with family and friends, forever.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, November 2, All Souls Day Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be held in the Catholic Cemetery on Losey Blvd, La Crosse at 3:30pm. Come and pray for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

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 lefts!), \$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.

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 or HR Specialist, Mrs. Lisa Caya

-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)

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.

Kids Korner

Never Give Up!

Have you ever felt like giving up on praying because it seemed like God wasn't listening?

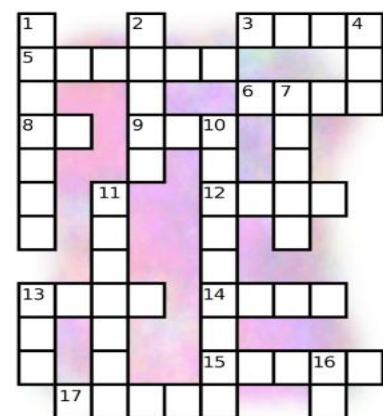
In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples a parable about a widow who kept bothering a bad judge to help her. Finally he did what she asked so that she would stop bothering him. Jesus said that if someone like that will do what a person asks, God will certainly listen to everything we ask him.

But does God always do what we ask when we ask Him to? God always hears what we say to Him, but He has a few ways of answering our prayers. Sometimes He gives us what we ask for right away, but sometimes He lets us wait a while before we get it. And sometimes He doesn't give us what we are asking for because He has a better plan for us.



So always persevere when you're praying for something. God hears you and you can trust Him to do what is the very best for you!

Never give up!



the
parable
of the
unjust
judge

Here's a puzzle
about the story in
today's Gospel
reading.



Across:
3. Jesus _____, "There was a judge..."
5. The judge was _____ (not fair)
6. The judge wanted the widow to go _____.
8. We should pray _____ God.
9. Who will always listen when we pray?
12. The judge was _____ to listen; God is fast.
13. The unjust judge did not _____ God.
14. What we do when we are talking to God.
15. The widow needed help against her _____.
17. Who told the story about the widow and judge?

Down:

1. Fairness.
2. What sort of person did the widow ask for help?
4. We pray to God _____ and night.
7. The parable is about a _____ and a judge.
10. Who did Jesus tell the story to?
11. Another name for the stories Jesus told.
13. God will do what is good _____ us.
16. The judge thought, "She will wear _____ out."



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

Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diocparish.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

St. Peter's Catholic Church Middle Ridge, WI W697 State Hwy 33 Rockland, WI 54653 608-452-4680

Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 19, 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

10/22 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
St. Peter’s Parish Family
10/24 Friday 8:00 AM –
† Bernie Kitzhaber (MLH)
10/25 Saturday 8:00 PM –
For the living & deceased members of
the Roy & Heather Kramer family
(RK)
10/26 Sunday 10:00 AM –
† Francis & Annetta Benzing &
family (PPB)

Youth

Brat/ Hot Dog Sale

Proceeds go to Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II
Children’s Orphanage

Sunday, October 26th, 2025

St. Peter’s, Middle Ridge
After 10 a.m. Mass

Brat Plate-\$7.00

(includes a brat, bag of chips, treat and a beverage)

Hot Dog Plate \$6.00

(includes a hot dog, bag of chips, treat and beverage)

Hungry- man Plate \$9.00

(includes two Meats brat & hot dog, bag of chips, treat and beverage)



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,151.30
	-\$748.70
Year to Date Target -	\$28,500.00
Year to Date Total -	\$26,431.39
	-\$2,068.61

Looking Ahead: Readings for October 26, 2025

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Ministry Servers

Saturday October 25 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Duane Leis

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday October 26 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Arnie & Adeline Nicolai

Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Mark Gronemus

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 @ 8:05 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. 21 – Joint council meeting with St. Joe’s @ 7:15

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

Sat. Oct. 25 & Sun. Oct. 26 – Bishops Annual Appeal begins

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

Tues. Oct. 28 – Cemetery Committee meeting @ 7:30 PM

Wed. Oct. 29 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Nov. 2 - 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

The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. These pillars serve not only as a guide but also as a reassurance of our spiritual growth. Today’s readings highlight the profound importance of prayer and its unique role in both our individual lives and the life of our parish community.

Our Lord Himself calls us to prayer and persistence in prayer in the Gospel passage from Luke. Jesus shares the parable of the persistent widow who finally wears down the judge with her relentless pursuit of a just ruling on her behalf. This story powerfully reminds us of the transformative power of persistent prayer. Even a judge who “neither feared God nor respected any human being” was moved to deliver a just judgment because of the widow’s persistence. This should fill us with hope and empowerment, knowing that our loving, all-merciful Father will respond to our persistent prayers to Him.

Jesus uses this vivid example to compare a reluctant, dishonest judge with our loving, merciful Father. This stark contrast should help us understand the depth of God's love and mercy. If even a bad judge responds to persistent requests, how much more will our good Father eagerly and perfectly answer our persistent prayers?

Even if God's response seems delayed or different from what we expected, we can remain confident and trust in His goodness. His response, whenever it comes and in whatever form, will be the very best for us. This reassurance should bring us peace and security in our faith.

Our role as Christian stewards is to stay faithful in our relationship with God through prayer. We should rely on each other in our communities—whether family or parish—as we support one another through prayer and mutual encouragement. Remember, a strong foundation of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts successful. Together, we can strengthen our faith and community through prayer.

Parish News

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.

CCD Brat Sale: There will be a Youth Brat/Hot Dog sale put on by the CCD students on Sunday October 26th after mass. Proceeds of this sale will go to Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II Children’s Orphanage. Pre-orders are appreciated.

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. You can find more information at diolc.org/rebuildmychurch.

Mass Intentions: We are in need of more mass intentions. If you would like to have a mass said for your intention, you can place it in a marked envelope in the offertory. If you have a certain date you would like, please specify. 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!

October is Respect Life Month: In October, the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. For links to a pro-life article on La Crosse’s Alliance Women’s Clinic in the current issue of *Catholic Life* magazine, and to a video-recorded interview with Ginna Cross, founder of Alliance, visit the diocesan Respect Life website. You will also find a link there to the U.S. Bishops’ Respect Life website, featuring many downloadable resources.

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>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter | November 7-9, 2025 & Feb 13-15, 2026 | Dubuque, IA: Married Couples; would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming experiences are a non-residential weekend in Ankeny November 7-9 and a residential weekend February 13-15, 2026. For more information contact Greg and Denise at drubner9419@gmail.com. Your marriage should be celebrated every day! Not just on your anniversary or Valentine’s day.