

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) Jesus gave the apostles the power and authority to forgive sins, and this same power and authority is passed on to ordained priests. It is a beautiful gift to be forgiven of our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation. The cleansing and healing that takes place in our soul through the grace of the sacrament allows us to experience real joy and peace, to begin again in living with greater charity and to deepen our friendship with Christ. During this Jubilee Year, let us frequent the sacrament of penance and be strengthened in hope that Jesus, who began the good work in us will carry it on to completion.

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 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.

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

Be humble.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story about two men praying in the temple. One of them, a Pharisee, always looked like he loved God, but on the inside he really only loved himself. The other man was a tax collector. The people in those days hated tax collectors because they took too much money and worked for their enemies.

When the Pharisee was praying he was really just telling God how much better he was than other people. Do you think that God was pleased with his prayer?



The tax collector, on the other hand, was standing far off and prayed to God with his head bowed down, asking God to have mercy on him. He knew that he was a sinner and that he needed God's help. Do you think that God was pleased with the tax collector's prayer?

Being humble isn't a sad or bad thing. It means knowing that all the good things we have and do come from God. Being humble also lets us be sorry for the selfish things we have done, because it lets us admit that it was our own fault and God can help us overcome our selfishness.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner!

Answers to Match-up: 1. the good fight 2. the race 3. the faith 4. strength 5. the message 6. glory for ever and ever.

Saint Paul Match-Up

*What comes next?
Match up the first parts with the next parts
from today's second reading.*

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| 1. I have fought | ■ | ■ | strength |
| 2. I have finished | ■ | ■ | the faith |
| 3. I have kept | ■ | ■ | the good fight |
| 4. The Lord gave me | ■ | ■ | the message. |
| 5. so that the Gentiles could hear | ■ | ■ | glory forever and ever. |
| 6. To Him be | ■ | ■ | the race |



2 Timothy 4:6-18

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 8:05 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

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
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 26, 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

10/29 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
† Asa & Ruth Ann Rowell (MLH)
10/31 Friday 8:00 AM –
St. Peter’s Parish Family
11/1 Saturday 8:00 PM – (All Saints)
St. Peter’s Parish Family
11/2 Sunday 10:00 AM – (All Souls)
Members of the Al Antony family
(AA)

This weekend we kick off our yearly Diocesan Annual Appeal. Please watch for donation information in your mailbox this week.
Thank you for your generosity!

GOAL

\$13,405.00

COMMITTED AND RECEIVED

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OF DONORS

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Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,976.00
	\$76.00
Year to Date Target -	\$30,400.00
Year to Date Total -	\$28,407.39
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Looking Ahead: Readings for November 2, 2025
First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9
Second Reading: Romans 5:5-11
Gospel Reading: John 6:37-40

Ministry Servers

Saturday November 1 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Matthew Schaub & Mason Leis
Ushers: Mike Schaub & Ron Hurtz
Lector: Lynda Hurtz
Sunday November 2 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Allis & Sadie Gronemus
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & 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

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

Sat. Oct. 25 & Sun. Oct. 26 - Bishops Annual Appeal begins
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
Mon. Nov. 3 - PCCW meeting @ 7:00 PM
Wed. Nov. 5 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Nov. 9 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM



NOTE: When sending money for flowers, mass intentions, church support or special collections PLEASE make out separate checks or cash as these things go into different accounts and it is easier for bookkeeping purposes.

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

In last week’s readings, we were encouraged to stay persistent and consistent in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward during prayer.
In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus vividly portrays the stark contrast in the attitudes of two men as they approach God in prayer. One is a Pharisee, a man of esteemed status, who confidently strides to the front of the temple to offer a self-centered prayer, thanking God for his perceived superiority. The other, a tax collector, known for his dishonesty, stands at the back and humbly cries out to God: "Be merciful to me, a sinner."
The other man is a tax collector, known during his time as a cheat and someone who betrayed his fellow Jews. Unlike the Pharisee, he stands at the back and honestly cries out to God: “Be merciful to me, a sinner.”
Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector, not the Pharisee, who leaves the temple justified. Why?
The Pharisee was full of himself as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his list of good works and spiritual practices. He was going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility kept him from engaging in a genuine dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that he left no space for God to enter.
The tax collector, in his humility, emptied himself as he approached God. He acknowledged his sinfulness and asked for mercy, leaving everything else to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God’s will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God guides.

Parish News

Fueling Missions of Hope: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” – John 20:21
Today marks the beginning of our Diocesan Annual Appeal for this year. We are reminded that every baptized Christian shares in Christ’s mission to bring light, love, and healing to the world. Through our Diocesan Annual Appeal, we come together to fuel missions of hope—acts of mercy, service, and evangelization that flow from the heart of the Church. The blue cross anchors our mission in Jesus Christ, the source of grace and truth. The red flame symbolizes the Holy Spirit’s power to renew and transform us. The golden waves represent the far-reaching impact of our generosity, touching lives in every corner of our Diocese and beyond. When we support the Annual Appeal, we: - Educate future priests and support seminarians - Feed the hungry and serve the poor - Form the youth and evangelize families - Empower parishes and proclaim the Gospel Let us respond to Christ’s call with hope and joy. Your gift is a spark that God can transform into a flame. **Pray: ** Lord, send me. Let me be a bearer of hope. Go to <https://diolc.org/stewardship/appeal-portal> to watch this year’s video. Our goal this year is to collect \$13,405 for this appeal. Please make a prayerful donation.

Mass Times Changes:
There was a joint meeting of the Pastoral and Finance councils from St. Joseph’s and St. Peter’s Parishes. There was good conversation regarding things that we can work together on. One of the conversations was regarding Mass times.
... Due to the time constraint for Father to travel between masses on Sunday, the councils agreed to Father Sen’s suggestion to move the St. Joseph’s Sunday mass to 8:00 am effective January 1, 2026.
... In order to be uniform, the Thursday mass and the First Saturday mass at St. Joseph will be at 8:00 am effective January 1, 2026.
... The councils discussed in detail about the Saturday masses and decided to take a survey in November to get the input of the parishioners of each parish. Let’s make our Parishes Vibrant!

PCCW Meeting: There will be a meeting on Monday November 3rd at 7:00 PM. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend!
Sauerkraut Supper: Thanks again to all who helped with our annual dinner. We are still collecting bills and will get a financial report out soon.
World Mission Sunday—Thank you! Your generous response to the personal message of Pope Leo XIV for World Mission Sunday to help him help the missions through your prayers and financial support is much appreciated! You may still return your envelopes this week. There are more in the back of church.
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.