

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) During this *Jubilee Year of Hope*, you will want to ask God, in an ongoing way, to deepen your gift of hope. Hope is based upon trust. You can place your trust in Jesus as He desires to give you everything that is good. When you pray for something, you can trust that Jesus will answer every prayer in a way that is best for you. Remember, sometimes the answer will be "yes," sometimes the answer will be "no" and sometimes the answer will be "not now, but later" as God's timing is perfect.

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).

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter | 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. Join us February 13-15, 2026 in Dubuque, Iowa. Sign up soon as space is limited. For more information contact Greg and Denise at drubner9419@gmail.com.

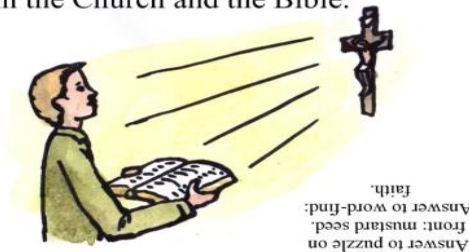
Kids Korner

faith...

In today's Gospel we learn a little bit about faith. In fact, Jesus says we only need a tiny bit of faith to do amazing things. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, He said, you can tell a tree to throw itself into the sea and it will!

But what is faith? Faith is believing. We have faith in our parents and teachers. That means that we believe what they tell us and we trust them. We have faith in our friends too. Faith in God is a little bit different, though. It is a gift He gives us so that we can believe in Him.

When we are baptized God gives us the gift of faith. Then it's up to us to use it. We use that gift when we decide to believe in God and what He tells us in the Church and the Bible.

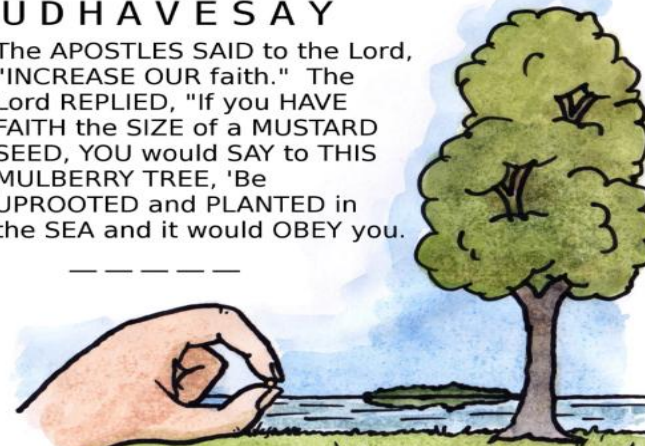


Mustard Seed Word-Find

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The APOSTLES SAID to the Lord, "INCREASE OUR faith." The Lord REPLIED, "If you HAVE FAITH the SIZE of a MUSTARD SEED, YOU would SAY to THIS MULBERRY TREE, 'Be UPROOTED and PLANTED in the SEA and it would OBEY you.

Here is part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can find all the words written in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.



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

Office Phone: (608) 452-4680

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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

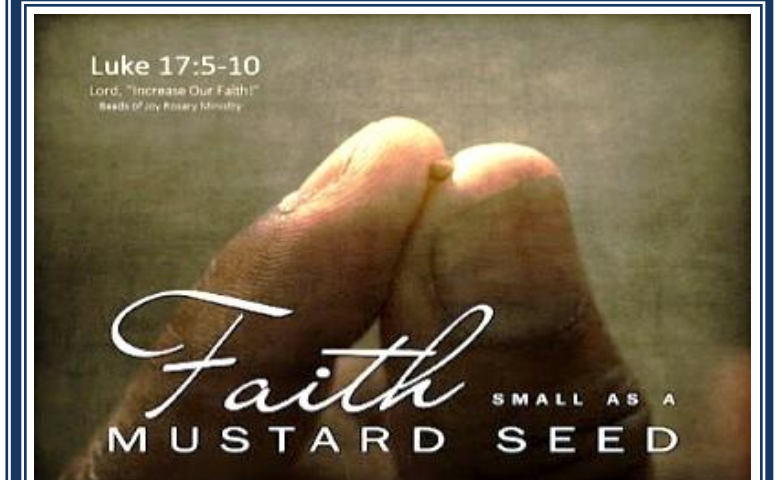
St. Peter's Catholic Church

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 5, 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

10/8 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

† Chelsea Mashak (MF)

10/10 Friday 8:00 AM –

† Dorothy Capper (MLH)

10/11 Saturday 8:00 PM –

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

10/12 Sunday 10:00 AM –

The living & deceased members of the (†)Joseph & Marie Kaiser family (KF)

Ministry Servers

Saturday October 11 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen

Ushers: Phil Gronemus & Don Halderson

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday October 12 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson & Sawyer Tollefson

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Leo Leis

Lector: Joseph Peterson

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

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

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



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

Our readings today remind us that living a stewardship way of life — a life centered on serving God and His kingdom — is not just a duty, but a source of joy. They also show us that our lives truly belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His Kingdom. We must have faith that He can do it and dedicate ourselves to our small part in His grand plan. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards, a joyful journey of faith.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is enough to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). This is a testament to His grace, a gift for which we should be grateful. We only need to take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

But living our lives in His service is also our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene where a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to start waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue serving his master until he had finished the work the master had given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us all belong to God. Our very lives are His. The trust He places in us, His children, demonstrates our value in His eyes. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and gifts is our God-given responsibility, a sign of His trust and love for us.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality

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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 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.

Sauerkraut Supper: It's happening Wednesday October 8th! Help will be needed all day on Tuesday the 7th and all day Wednesday. We need ALL parishioners to come out and help! There is help needed the following day for clean-up also. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

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!**

Please Prayerfully Consider: There are currently openings 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 as soon as possible!!!

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.

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,811.12</u>
	-\$88.88
Year to Date Target -	\$24,700.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$24,252.77</u>
	-\$447.23

Looking Ahead: Readings for October 12, 2025

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19