

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) Everyone loves gifts. Hope is a spiritual gift that only God can give us through baptism and strengthened in confirmation, and all we need to do is receive it. In difficult times, it is especially important to stay focused on the reasons for our hope. St. Paul's words in Scripture help us with insight: "We even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Rom 5:3-5). Let us pray during this Jubilee Year of Hope that the Lord will increase in us the gift of hope that we may trust Him even in difficult times.

We have had quite a baby boom at St. Peter Parish lately! Please welcome these new members who were baptized recently.



Cassius Joseph, son of Robert & Nicole Slattery – September 28



Isaac David, son of Austin & Marv Menn – October 19

Kids Korner

Praying for the Holy Souls

All Souls' Day is a special day when we pray for the souls in Purgatory. Do you know what Purgatory is?

*Eternal rest
grant unto
him, O Lord.*



When people die, their souls go either to Heaven or Hell- if they loved God they will go to Heaven, and if they chose not to love God then they will go to Hell. But some people love God and still do sins. Their souls are dirty with the stain of sin, but they did not choose to reject God altogether. Those souls need to be cleaned before they can go into Heaven.

Purgatory is the place where the souls go who are not clean enough to go straight to Heaven. They have to wait until they have suffered enough to make up for their sins.



Probably most people we know who have died are in Purgatory. We should pray for them whenever we think of them- if we see a picture of them, or hear someone talking about them, or if we hear of someone who just died.

God will hear our prayers and accept the sacrifices we make for the holy souls so that they can go to Heaven sooner. Do you think they will pray for us when they get there?



Lord! Answer to the Word-Find: PURGATORY



Luella Margaret, daughter of Timothy & Hannah Leis – October 26

PARISH PRIEST

Rev. Sengole Vethanayagam
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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.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
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ALL SOULS' DAY
NOVEMBER 2, 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

11/5 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

† Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)

11/7 Friday 8:00 AM –

† Richard Clements (MLH)

11/8 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† Mary Weber (BJL)

11/9 Sunday 10:00 AM –

† Chelsea Mashak (MF)

Attention: If you would like to have a mass prayed 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.

Ministry Servers

Saturday November 8 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Matthew Schaub & Mason Leis

Ushers: Bill Korn & Phil Gronemus

Lector: Volunteer

Sunday November 9 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Sawyer Tollefson, Jake & Josh Peterson

Ushers: Rob Slattery & Mark Gronemus

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. 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

Wed. Nov. 12 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Nov. 16 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM



Listening Sessions – Virtual Options Now Available!

Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. Thank you to over 3,000 of our people who attended a 90-minute session. If you missed your chance, there are now two virtual options available.

Tues, Nov 11 (7:00-8:30pm)

Thurs, Nov 13 (6:00-7:30pm)



www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch

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 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

On All Souls Day, the Church unites in prayer for all who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith. The Scriptures remind us of the hope we all share in Christ. The Book of Wisdom assures us that “the souls of the just are in the hand of God” (Wis 3:1), while St. Paul teaches that through Baptism, we were all united with Christ in His death so that we might also live with Him forever (Rom 6:3-9).

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers us words of profound comfort and promise: “Everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day” (Jn 6:40). This promise of eternal life, God's greatest gift to us, shapes the way we live today, giving us comfort and security.

As Christian stewards, we are called to use the time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us in ways that prepare us for eternity. A Christian steward recognizes that everything we have is a gift from God and is responsible for managing these gifts wisely. Each day offers an opportunity to serve God, love our neighbor, and share the gift of faith with others.

As we pray for the faithful departed today, may we also renew our own commitment to live as disciples who wisely use the gifts we have received. This could mean spending our time volunteering for those in need, using our talents to serve the church community, and offering our treasure to support those less fortunate. In doing so, we prepare ourselves to share in the fullness of life with Christ, who has promised to raise us on the last day.

Parish News

Brat Sale: A huge THANK YOU to those who helped with this fund raiser put on by the CCD students and to those who supported them by purchasing a meal. The proceeds of \$461 will go to the Casa Hogar Orphanage. Special thanks to Carol Gronemus for organizing this effort.

PCCW Meeting: There will be a meeting on Monday November 3rd at 7:00 PM. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend!

Collection for Cemetery Perpetual Care: During the month of November, we remember those who have passed on. We do this by taking care of their final resting place. On the weekend of November 8th & 9th there will be a second collection taken up for the perpetual care of our cemetery. Please make a prayerful donation.

Fueling Missions of Hope: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” – John 20:21 Last week was the kick-off of our Diocesan Annual Appeal. 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://dioc.org/stewardship/appeal-portal> to watch this year's video. Our goal this year is to collect \$13,405 for this appeal.

Mass Time 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!

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.

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.



**AS THE FATHER HAS
SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU.
- JOHN 20:21**

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GOAL

COMMITTED
AND RECEIVED

OF DONORS

Pray Often & Daily!!!



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,665.34</u>
	-\$234.66
Year to Date Target -	\$32,300.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$30,072.73</u>
	-\$2,227.27

Looking Ahead: Readings for November 9, 2025

First Reading: Ezekiel 47: 1-12

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22