

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 the month of November we especially remember the people in our lives who have died. We are invited to pray for them and have Masses offered at the parish, if further purification is needed, as is the case for every person, before they are able to enjoy the vision of God. During this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us ask Jesus to help us place all our hope in Him, to trust that He is “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6), whose death on the cross and resurrection save us from death. A verse from the hymn “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” expresses this thought well:

**For them, we humbly pray:  
Perfect them in Your love!  
O may we share eternal day  
With them in heaven above!**

**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](http://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.

**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.*

Kids Korner

Birthday of the Church's Church!

Today is a rather unusual feast day. On most feast days we celebrate Our Lord or Our Lady or one the saints. But today we celebrate the day that a church in Rome was started.

Did you know that every parish has a special feast day when it has its birthday or the feast day of its patron saint? The Saint John Lateran Basilica in Rome was dedicated to God, sort of like its birthday, on November 9. And because it is the Pope's main church- and all Catholics belong to his parish, we celebrate its birthday because it's our church too!

You might be wondering why we have a birthday for a building, though! Well, a church is not just an ordinary building. It is made specially for the worship of God in the Mass. A church is also a symbol of the mystical Body of Christ, which is the people who belong to His Church. Today is a good day to remember and celebrate that we are part of Jesus' Church and His family on earth!

Jesus in the Temple  
Fill in the Blanks!

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the very end.

...Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and \_\_\_\_\_ and pigeons, and the money-changers at their business. And making a \_\_\_\_\_ of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple; and he poured out the \_\_\_\_\_ of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples \_\_\_\_\_ that it was written, "Zeal for thy \_\_\_\_\_ will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "\_\_\_\_\_ this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three \_\_\_\_\_?" But he spoke of the temple of

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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

Wednesday during Adoration  
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](mailto: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  
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](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)



**THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 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

11/12 Wednesday 8:00 AM –  
St. Peters Parish Family  
11/14 Friday 8:00 AM –  
† Stanley Hundt (AH)  
11/15 Saturday 8:00 PM –  
† Otto & Theresa Schaub (SF)  
11/16 Sunday 10:00 AM –  
St. Peters Parish Family

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 15 – 8:00 PM  
Servers: Matthew Schaub & Mason Leis  
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Mike Leis  
Lector: Melissa Schaub  
Sunday November 16 – 10:00 AM  
Servers: Madi Gronemus, Evelyn Flock & Marlayna O’Heron  
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Peter Benzing  
Lector: Pam Benzing

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

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  
Wed. Nov. 19 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM  
Sun. Nov. 23 - Grades 1-6 NO CCD Class  
Sun. Dec. 7 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM



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 Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome — the cathedral church of the Pope and the mother church of all Christendom. While this feast honors a sacred building, it also reminds us of a deeper truth: we, the People of God, are the living temple of His presence.

In the first reading, Ezekiel describes life-giving water flowing from the temple, bringing renewal everywhere it goes. This image calls us to be channels of God’s grace in the world. St. Paul tells us, “You are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you” (1 Cor 3:16). As stewards, we are entrusted with the sacred task of caring for this temple — our own hearts and our parish community — so that God’s presence may shine through us.

In the Gospel, Jesus cleanses the temple, declaring that His body is the true dwelling place of God. Through our baptism, we share in this mystery and are called to reflect God’s holiness in all we do.

Today’s feast is an invitation to renew our commitment to the Church — to participate actively in her mission, to serve generously, and to let our lives be signs of God’s living presence in the world.

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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. This weekend we will take up a second collection for the perpetual care of our cemetery. Please make a prayerful donation.

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 Cookie Sale Information: We will be having a Christmas cookie sale after the December 6th and 7th masses with proceeds going to the Warming Center and Cashton Cupboard. We would like to request donations of Christmas cookies or treats from parishioners. Please have donations to church by Dec. 6th at 11:00 am. There will be a PCCW meeting at 10:30 am while we repackage cookies and discuss yearly donations. Please plan to help. It goes quickly with many hands!

Job Opportunities:

-The Administrative Assistant position for St. Joseph Parish is open. The position is part time (10—12 hours per week) and consists of bookkeeping, preparing the bulletin and general office duties. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the Parish Office (608)788-1646 or speak with Father Sen.

- Fr. Matthew Bowe and the Tri-Parish Catholic Community of Cashton-Norwalk is seeking a part-time bookkeeper. If interested, please inquire at (608) 654-5654 (please leave a message) or email secretary@smash3p.org.

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.

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!

Diocese Of La Crosse Guidelines For Reporting Instances Of Child Abuse: The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@dioc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: dioc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@dioc.org.



AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU.  
- JOHN 20:21  
DIOLC.ORG/STEWARDSHIP

GOAL	\$13,405.00
COMMITTED AND RECEIVED	0
# OF DONORS	0

Pray Often & Daily!!!



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,501.19
	-\$398.81
Year to Date Target -	\$34,200.00
Year to Date Total -	\$31,573.92
	-\$2,626.08

Looking Ahead: Readings for November 16, 2025

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20  
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19