

Diocesan and Community News

Small Group Study for the New Year - Rescue Project: An engaging faith study for small groups is entitled "Rescued" by Fr. John Riccardo of Acts XXIX. This will be the focus for the New Year. There are nine sessions with FREE videos, a compelling book for a reduced price, discussion questions and other FREE materials are available. Go here for more information: <https://watch.actssxxix.org/therescueproject>.

Healing Ministry for those Who Have Lost a Baby: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of losing a child through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or abortion? Rachel Ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email Hope4U@diolc.org. There are also healing retreats offered in the Diocese of Madison. For more information, visit <http://madisondiocese.org/rachel>.

CALIX: A Catholic Substance Abuse Recovery Support Group: Calix is an association of Catholics wanting to live free of addiction to alcohol or drugs, and it is also for affected family members. It is not a substitute for AA or Al-Anon, but provides a Catholic perspective to complement these 12-step programs. "Calix," Latin for "chalice," was founded in Minneapolis in 1947 by a group of five men, all recovering alcoholics, who saw their Catholic faith as a sure path to serenity without alcohol. If you are interested in learning about the Calix group that meets every other Tuesday by Zoom in the Diocese of La Crosse, email Christine at healthandharmonywi@gmail.com. To learn more about Calix <http://www.calixsociety.org/>.

Welcome to new parishioners Jared & Rebecca Verdon and their son, Peter Michael, who was baptized recently.



Kids Korner

Beatitudes Word Find

GREATW MERCY I
KINGDOM L THEY
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N HEAVEN B E L E F
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R S A P M E R C I F U L
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H S A T I S F I E D D Y
O S P I R I T C L E A N

Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle and use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks.

"Blessed are the POOR in SPIRIT, for theirs is the kingdom of HEAVEN. Blessed are they who MOURN, for they will be COMFORTED. BLESSED are the meek, for they will INHERIT the land. Blessed are THEY WHO hunger and thirst for RIGHTEOUSNESS, for they will be SATISFIED. Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for they will be shown MERCY. Blessed are the CLEAN of HEART, for they will see GOD. Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS, for they will be called CHILDREN of God. Blessed are they who are PERSECUTED for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the KINGDOM of heaven. Blessed are you when they INSULT you and persecute you and utter every KIND of evil against you FALSELY BECAUSE of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be GREAT in heaven."

If you be like Jesus, you

Congratulations to Barbara Grace, daughter of Andrew & Rachel Persson, on her recent baptism.

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

CONFESIONS

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

PARISH WEBMASTER

Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS

Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Miranda Flock & Carol Gronemus (assistant)

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mark Nicolai (Chairman), Brandon Flock, Louisa Peterson, James Hundt & Nick Gronemus (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

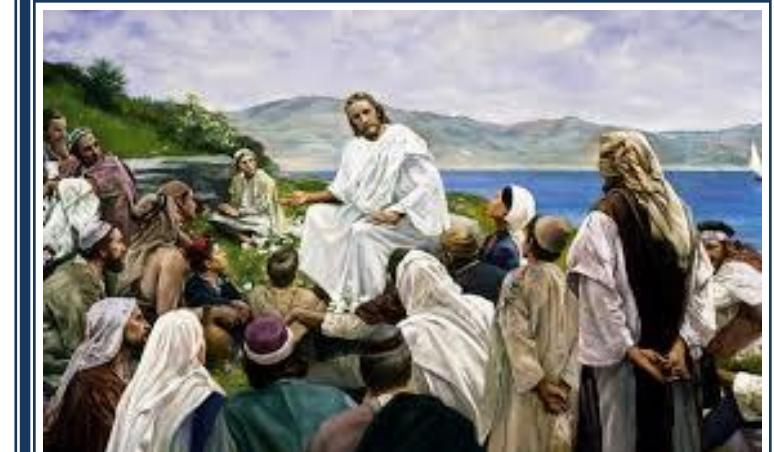
Terese Slattery, Coordinator
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 1, 2026



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

2/4 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

† Adeline Clements (ML)

2/6 Friday 8:00 AM –

St. Peter's Parish Family

2/7 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† Deceased members of the Adolf & Helen Ronnfeldt family (THW)

2/8 Sunday 10:00 AM –

† Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)

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.



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

DIOLC.ORG/STEWARSHIP

GOAL

\$13,405.00

COMMITTED
AND RECEIVED

\$10,990.00

OF DONORS

28

Pray Often & Daily!!!



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,499.97
	-\$400.03
Year to Date Target -	\$57,000.00
Year to Date Total -	\$56,662.19
	-\$37.81

Looking Ahead: Readings for February 8, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Ministry Servers

Saturday February 7 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen

Ushers: Don Halderson & Tim Leis

Lector: Julie Lundeen

Sunday February 8 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Madi Gronemus & Evelyn Flock

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Peter Benzing

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. Feb. 1 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Wed. Feb. 4 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

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

Tues. Feb. 10 – Parish Finance Council meeting @ 6:30 PM

Wed. Feb. 11 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Fri. Feb. 13 – St. Peter's Couples Night (tentative)

Sun. Feb. 15 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Wed. Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday mass @ 8:00 PM

Sun. March 1 – St. Peters Annual Cabin Feverfest Euchre Tournament & Luncheon



***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 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 p.m.)

Thursday.....8:00 a.m.

First Saturday Mass.....8:00 a.m.

Stewardship Reflection

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Gospel Reading for today is commonly known as the Sermon on the Mount. Many consider it the epitome of Jesus' teachings. To be sure, it tells us how we are to live and the attitudes we are to adopt. We must remember that those who were waiting and hoping for the Messiah expected a military leader who would lead them in battle against their oppressors. Reflect on how these teachings challenge your daily actions and attitudes, thereby deepening your spiritual life.

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers a perspective that invites us to embrace spiritual humility. He begins the Beatitudes with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Recognizing our own spiritual poverty can foster humility and dependence on God's guidance, which are essential to our growth and faith journey.

That is why we often say that living God-centered lives is central to stewardship. Being a disciple of Christ means being a steward of our many gifts and blessings. Some scholars believe that Jesus may have given this sermon often during His ministry. Those who followed Jesus and became the earliest Christians, the first members of the Church, were fond of quoting and referring to what the Lord said on this occasion. As stated, Jesus provides the secret to living a good life. If we rely on Him and follow Him, we will be blessed.

Parish News

Honoring our Intentions: If you have requested a mass intention, Fr. Sen would like you to volunteer to bring up the gifts for that mass. This is a way to be more involved in the mass. Parishioners, if you see there isn't a family coming forward, please help out. The masses for our Parish Family are open for ANYONE to help! The younger kids love to be a part of this and it gives them something to watch for & get excited about. Let us all be more present and participate in the Mass.

Mass intentions: We are getting low on our mass intentions once again. If you would like to order one, please place your request with \$20 per mass in an envelope and drop it in the offertory basket.

Celebrating Growth: The 156 parishes of our diocese have been taking Mass counts for over two decades. Even with a large number of deaths, our Mass attendance has increased each year for five straight years. Praise God! See the latest updates here: <https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>

Following up on Listening Sessions: After some unexpected technical delays, you can now view comments and analysis from the 40 listening sessions that were held throughout the diocese this fall at <https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates/>. One of the biggest themes was a desire to grow by drawing young people and new families into the Church. With that desire, people named a need for guidance and training in evangelization and accompaniment. We will begin hosting Evangelization Summits and follow up resources for that purpose. Stay tuned!

Keep in Your Prayers: World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of Jan. 31-Feb.

1. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joyful holiness in the service of the Church and world. Pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved.

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.

January Pro-Life Initiatives, Prayers and Intentions: Though the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision declaring a right to abortion was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2022, many states' laws are hostile to preborn children. And so our pro-life prayers and efforts are just as important as ever. Learn more and find parish and personal resources from our U.S. Bishops at respectlife.org.

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@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.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@diolc.org.