

Diocesan and Community News

Religious Freedom Week—June 22-29, 2026: Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, the U.S. Bishops invite Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom. To learn more and to participate, visit <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>.

Rachel Ministries: Hope and Healing after the Loss of a Child: Anyone suffering the loss of a child as a result of miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or abortion knows that the tremendous pain of losing a child, no matter the circumstance, holds a sacred place in a parent’s heart. Grief can be stifled by the busyness of our lives, the immensity of the pain, the difficulty of the circumstances, or the feeling of being alone. Volunteers at Rachel Ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse desire to walk alongside those suffering in this way on a journey of healing, offering spiritual accompaniment and connections with needed resources within the Catholic Church. To learn more about Rachel Ministries’ pathways to healing, including special Masses and a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, go to <https://diolc.org/rachelministries>.

New Initiative: Mom Group starting for local parishes! If you are a mom looking to enrich yourself spiritually, join the GroupMe group called “Gathered in Grace -Driftless Region” for more information. We will gain interest from the community and begin meeting once a week in September. If you have any questions or issues joining the group, please contact Sarah Gronemus at 608-386-9546.

Kids Korner

Jesus Sends Us to Do His Work

Today's Gospel reading tells the story of Jesus sending out His twelve apostles to do His work in the nearby towns. He was teaching them to do His work: healing the sick, raising the dead, and even driving out demons. Do you think they might have been a bit nervous, or even scared, to do this work?



Did you know that you are also called to be a disciple of Jesus? Some people are called to be missionaries and bring Jesus' word to far away places, but most of us - especially when we are young - are called to do Jesus' work close to home.

What are some of the ways you can be an apostle for Jesus? Maybe you can pray for sick or hurt people that you know of. You can tell people the stories of Jesus that you know. And did you know that even by being a good example to others, you are teaching them about the love of Jesus by your actions?



Don't be scared - do Jesus' work for the people around you today!

Answer to Word-Find: APOSTLES

Jesus Sends out His Followers Word-Find

Find the words in CAPITALS hidden in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called PETER, and his brother ANDREW; JAMES, the son of Zebedee, and his brother JOHN; PHILIP and BARTHOLOMEW, THOMAS and MATTHEW the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and THADDEUS; SIMON from Cana, and JUDAS Iscariot who betrayed him.

JESUS sent out these twelve after INSTRUCTING them thus, “Do not go into PAGAN territory or enter a SAMARITAN town. Go rather to the lost SHEEP of the HOUSE of ISRAEL. As you go, make this PROCLAMATION: ‘The KINGDOM of heaven is at hand.’

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SABNTHOMASEO
RGASSHEEPASD
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LDHUKMAHERHO
PROCLAMATION
HELTETEDETUS
IWOIPTSDRASJ
LYMNEHTELNEO
IOEGREJUDASH
PUWESWSSIMON

Cure the SICK, raise the dead, cleanse LEPERS, drive out DEMONS. Without cost YOU have received; without cost you are to GIVE.”



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.... Eucharistic Exposition and Rosary @ 7:00 PM
Quiet Prayer/Confession
Benediction @ 7:55 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

PARISH WEBMASTER

Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS

Austin Menn & Andrew Schaub

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

Mark Stephenson (Chairman), Rob Slattery, Tom Schaub, Peter Benzing, Kathy Flock, Sarah Gronemus (Secretary)

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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ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 14, 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

Saddle up, Mosey on over for a BIG Hoedown at St. Peter's Youth Summer Event

For Games, Movie and Sleepover at the Middle ridge Bullfield

Wednesday June 23, 2026 3:00 PM to Thursday June 24, 2026 10:00 AM ish

Hobo Dinners of Hamburgers, Brats, Hot Dogs with potatoes and carrots, treats and drinks

Games/Crafts/Fun

- ♦ Horse and Wagon Rides
- ♦ Obstacle Course Games
- ♦ Hoedown Dancing
- ♦ And Much More

Western/Cowboy Fun

Let's have a Hoot'in and Holler'in Good time

- ★ Popcorn, treats and drinks Wednesday evening
- ★ A light pancake breakfast will be served Thursday morning
- ★ Candle light Rosary
- ★ Campfire Songs
- ★ Movie

❖ Come join for as much as you would like, staying the night is optional.

❖ Bring your own tents, sleeping bags, blankets and pillows

Please RSVP to Carol G 608 487 - 6170 by June 22, 2026

Parish Intentions

6/17 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

St. Peters Parish Family

6/19 Friday 8:00 AM –

† Rick Schermerhorn (JPS)

6/20 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† Art & Alvena Leis (GDF)

6/21 Sunday 10:00 AM –

St. Peters Parish Family

Happy Flag Day!



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,830.00
	- \$70.00
Year to Date Target -	\$93,100.00
Year to Date Total -	\$89,396.97
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Looking Ahead: Readings for June 21, 2026

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15
Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:26-33

Ministry Servers

Saturday June 20 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Matthew Schaub & Mason Leis

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Mike Schaub

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday June 21 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Madi Gronemus & Evelyn Flock

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Stephenson

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: Eucharistic Exposition and Rosary @ 7:00 PM

Quiet Prayer/Confession - Benediction @ 7:55 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

Tues. June 16 – Parish Finance council meeting @ 6:30 PM

Tues. June 16 – Parish Pastoral council meeting @ 7:00 PM

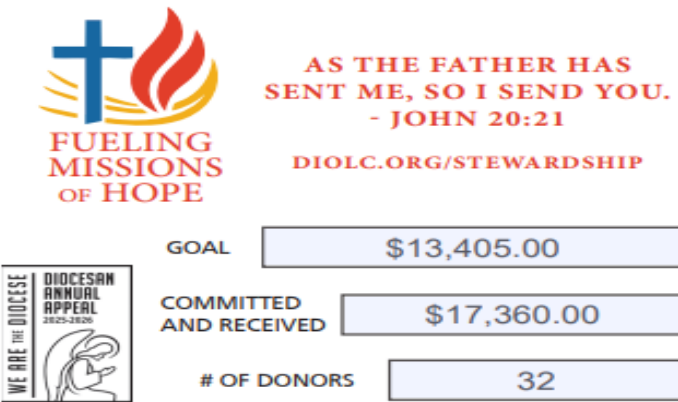
Tues. June 23 – Wed. June 24 – Summer Youth Event @ 3

Thurs. June 25 – Sauerkraut Supper Planning Mtg @ 7 PM

Sun. July 5 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Mon. July 6 – PCCW Mtg/Ladies Fellowship Gathering @ 7

Sun. July 12 – Parish Picnic @ ballfield after mass



Diocesan Annual Appeal: Congratulations! We have surpassed our goal and are now receiving our rebates back to the parish to use on projects of our choice. If you would still like to donate toward this appeal, the deadline is 6/30/2026. Please mail it early.

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings remind us of the power of God's mercy and the call to respond with gratitude, which naturally inspires us to serve others actively.

In the Gospel, we see a powerful contrast between those who recognize their need for God's mercy and those who do not. The woman who approaches Jesus recognizes her need — and her response is one of deep love and gratitude.

As Christian stewards, recognizing how much God has shown us mercy can ignite a sense of purpose, prompting us to respond with genuine gratitude and active service.

The gratitude we feel is expressed in the way we live — in how we use our time, talent, and treasure in service to God and others, such as volunteering, giving generously, or offering kind words.

The more we recognize God's mercy in our lives, the more generously we will respond.

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Summer Youth Event: Due to the volatile weather this week, this gathering has been moved to **Tuesday June 23rd**. If you haven't RSVP'd or were not available before and are for this date, please join us for our Western themed, rootin' tootin' good time! Enjoy a horse & wagon ride, obstacle course, games, hoedown dance & of course, FOOD!!! There will also be a candlelight rosary, movie and a campfire including campfire songs (just like the cowboys do)! Contact Carol Gronemus to RSVP. All ages are welcome!!!

Sincere Gratitude: The parish family extends a huge Thank You to Richard Korish for his service as our sacristan for the past few years. Enjoy your retirement! Thank you to Andrew Schaub for stepping up to fill this roll. God bless you both!!

Thank You: We would like to thank Fr. Sen for his help, the choir for their beautiful singing, Matthew & Andrew Schaub for serving mass, the PCCW for the wonderful lunch and the parish family for all the thoughts & prayers. ~ The Mary Jean Halderson family

Parish Pastoral Council: Looking for a way to give back to your parish? We are still seeking an individual to join the PPC as we have a member retiring in July. **There is a meeting coming up June 16th** if you would like to "see what it's all about". Please talk to Fr. Sen if interested. This council only meets 4 times per year unless there is a pressing subject that warrants a special meeting.

Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 12th** for fun, food, fellowship & maybe another surprise! We will meet at the ballfield after mass. Please bring a dish to pass. Come spend time with your Parish family!!!

Help Needed: Our housekeeper/cleaner/decorator/master of all things, Margie Lee, has expressed wanting to retire soon. If you are interested in doing all or even part of what she does please contact Margie, the parish office or Fr. Sen for more information.

Summertime Adoration: There will be a slight change to the times of our Wednesday night adoration. Please see the block to the left and front page for more information. Please take the opportunity on a quiet summer evening to spend some time with Jesus in prayer.

Attention Sunday Mass Servers: Please note that there are only 2 "teams" to serve on Saturday nights and there is always something going on during the summer where they are not available. Please let us know if you are willing to serve on Saturday's. In August we will lose our eldest server. If any family is available to commit to 1 or 2 Saturdays per month, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please Help! Our CCD program is seeking catechist teachers for the 2026-2027 school year. Classes begin mid-September. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office or reach out to Miranda Flock with questions. Parents, since you are bringing your children to class anyways, why not take this opportunity to help shape our students' lives.

Rural Life Day Nominations: We are seeking nominations for the following recognition awards for Rural Life Day (Sept. 23, 2026 at Creamery Creek Farms in Bangor – **St. Peter Parishioners Justin & Louisa Peterson**):

- "Friend of Rural Life" – Makes a significant contribution to the farming community. Not necessarily direct farmers themselves.
- "Strangers and Guests" – Farm family that exemplifies Catholic life, involvement in parish and community activities, hospitality, generosity.
- "Century Farms" – Families that have maintained 100+ years of continuous family ownership of their farm.

If you have someone in mind, please contact Rural Life Chairperson Anne Marie Elwing with their name and phone number: annemarie.elwing@wallstonellc.com.

"Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life." We are pleased to introduce a new way of celebrating wedding anniversaries in our diocese! Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, or 80th will be invited to participate in *Legacy of Love: Celebrating Decades of Married Life*. This free event will begin with Mass and include pictures with Bishop Battersby followed by a simple reception. Each couple is invited to bring two guests with them. Couples can register by going to <https://dioceseoflacrosse.regfox.com/legacy-of-love> or calling Laura Boden at 608.791.2680 or emailing her at lboden@diolc.org.

What is "Rebuild My Church"? The Rebuild My Church Initiative exists to accompany the priests, people and parishes of the Diocese of La Crosse as we go through a process of pastoral planning that will allow us to live more abundantly as disciples of Jesus who make disciples. Change is inevitable, but we want to choose changes that build a culture of discipleship and accompaniment in our parishes. Piloting of local pastoral planning begins in August. You can stay updated here: <https://diolc.org/rebuildmychurch/updates>.