

Diocesan and Community News

A Catholic Phrase to Understand Better - A disciple of Jesus Christ:

Those who believe and live out by imitating Jesus' message and way of life are His disciples (meaning pupil or learner). To His disciples, Jesus reveals the mystery of His Kingdom and gives them a share in His mission, joy, and His sufferings. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, glossary) Jesus wants an intimate communion with His disciples, which He expresses in these words: "Abide in Me, and I in you" (John 15:5). "He who eats My flesh and drinks My Blood abides in Me and I in Him" (John 6:56).

The word disciple relates to the word discipline, specifically regarding a student learning a discipline, which is a process. We are children of God in a life-long learning process. As collaborators, Jesus wants us to learn so we can, by the power of the Holy Spirit, interiorize His teaching and His very Life and become co-laborers to help others encounter Him and become His disciples.

American Saints: In celebration of America's 250th birthday, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion will host a nine-day in-person observance featuring a novena for the United States, praying for unity, holiness, and renewal through Our Lady's intercession. The Shrine will also present a Carlo Acutis-inspired exhibit on American Saints, Blessed's, Venerable's, and Servants of God - including Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski of the Diocese of La Crosse - with talks on their lives and causes, along with opportunities for prayer and veneration of relics. All are invited to join in prayer and reflection for our nation. Learn more about this event at: <https://championshrine.org/americansaints> or see the flyer in the back of church.

Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical addressing Artificial Intelligence: To read Pope Leo's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, in which he addresses the need to safeguard the human person in this age of artificial intelligence, visit <https://www.usccb.org/magnifica-humanitas>. At the same website there are additional resources from the U.S. Bishops related to the encyclical and to both the benefits and the dangers associated with AI.

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, see the flyer in the back of church or 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

"I Will Give You Rest"

Today Jesus tells us, "Come to Me, all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you rest." God understands that we get tired and worn out. He wants us to come to Him when we need to rest. He refreshes our souls and gives us the energy and strength to carry on.



Do you ever feel like quitting when a job gets hard? Maybe you get tired of school or helping your Mom or Dad. When you feel like giving up it's time to start praying! Your work might seem easier when you pray, but even if it still seems hard you will be happier knowing that you are doing it for God.

Jesus tells us to take His yoke on our shoulders. A yoke is a sort of bar that is used to help carry heavy things. Jesus is saying that we should do His work. For some people that means preaching like He did, or healing the sick, or being a priest, but for most people it means just doing everything we have to do out of love for God.



Answer to word-find: He is compassionate.

Psalm 145 Word-Find

L H A N G E R Y O U G
O E F O R E V E R I O
R B S F A L L I N G D
D L C O C M P G O O D
M E R C I F U L A W K
K S A S O A S O W O I
I S I U I P R O R N
N P S M S T R Y R D D
G E E I T H A N K S N
D A S G O F I A S L E
O K N H A U S M T O S
M E X T O L E E E W S

Find the words from today's Psalm that are in CAPITALS. Use the letters that are left over to fill in the blanks:

What is one of the things this Psalm tells us about God?

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I will EXTOL you, O my GOD and King, and I will bless your NAME forever and ever. Every day will I bless YOU, and I will PRAISE your name FOREVER and ever.

The Lord is GRACIOUS and MERCIFUL, SLOW to ANGER and of great KINDNESS. The Lord is GOOD to all and compassionate toward all his works.

Let all your works give you THANKS, O Lord, and let your faithful ones BLESS you. Let them discourse of the GLORY of your KINGDOM and SPEAK of your MIGHT.

The Lord is FAITHFUL in all his WORDS and holy in all his WORKS. The LORD lifts up all who are FALLING and RAISES up the bowed down.

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.... 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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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JULY 5, 2026

Then Jesus said,
"Come to me,
all of you who are
weary and carry
heavy burdens,
and I will
give you rest."

-Matthew 11:28



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

7/8 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

† Steven Hundt (AH)

7/10 Friday 8:00 AM –

St. Peters Parish Family

7/11 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† Dustin Bekkum (MLH)

7/12 Sunday 10:00 AM –

† Robert & Dorothy Slattery (PTS)

Ministry Servers

Saturday July 11 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Volunteers Needed!!

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Tim Leis

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday July 12 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Avin & Brynn Stephenson

Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Peter Benzing

Lector: Kathy Flock

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

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

Mon. July 6 –Ladies “Whine, Cheese & Chocolate”

Gathering @ 7 pm at the church rectory

Sat. July 11 & Sun. July 12 – Mission Coop visiting priest

Sun. July 12 – Parish Picnic @ ballfield after mass



***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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The theme of humility is central to our readings today. God Himself, in His humility, shows us the way. Recognizing His humility can inspire us to emulate His example, making us feel reverent and motivated to follow Him as Christian stewards. In fact, humility is key to the stewardship way of life and to a peaceful and fulfilling life.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus Himself speaks to the Father about the privileged role that humble souls play in God's plan of salvation. "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to little ones."

What does it mean to be a "little one"? It means that we acknowledge we don't have it all figured out, which can make us feel humble and open. It also reminds us of our deep need for a savior, fostering a sense of dependence on God. It means we recognize that all we are and all we have been given are gifts from God. It means we embrace the stewardship way of life, encouraging humility and trust in divine guidance.

It is not easy, but deep peace and consolation come with this way of life. Jesus offers these warm and reassuring words to inspire confidence and trust. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Let us resolve to follow in the footsteps of our Savior, embracing the humble path of stewardship. Though it may be challenging at times, this path leads to peace here and now and ultimately to heaven. By trusting in God's grace and taking small, consistent steps, we can grow in humility and stewardship, transforming our lives and our community

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Summer Youth Event: Thank you to all the cowboys & cowgirls who attended this Western themed event. A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU to Carol Gronemus (the mastermind of this rodeo), Miranda Flock, other parents and Tom & Melissa Schaub (with shotgun riders Abigail Leis & Rebecca Schaub) who provided horse & wagon rides across the rough terrain. A great time was had by all!!

Attention Ladies!! Please join us on Monday, July 6th for a ***"WHINE, Cheese & Chocolate"*** gathering at the church Rectory. This will be a social and information gathering event. All ladies are welcome! Let us be the leaders that God has created us to be!

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. Brats and hotdogs will be provided. Come spend time with your Parish family!!!

Choir News: Eternal rest grant unto Leland Gregorich, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. We are in need of an accompanist for St. Peter's masses. Please let Terese Slattery know if you, or someone you know, can play the piano or organ. Perhaps we can work something out to glorify God with music!!

Mission Coop: Fr. Juby Chacko V.C, a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India will be in our parish next weekend to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will share his missionary experience at all the Masses and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions.

The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India in 1904, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation are engaged in mission work in all parts of India and in East Africa and in Peru. Please visit their web site, <https://www.vincentians.in/> to learn more about them.

The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities. They need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. There will be special mission collection to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Fathers. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. Please keep Fr. Juby and all the Vincentian Missionaries in your prayers. Thank you.

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.

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.



Sunday, July 12th

At the ballfield after mass

Bring a dish to pass

Brats & Hotdogs will be provided

Food, fun, fellowship & a special surprise!

**Come spend time with
your parish family!!!!**



Parish Finances (Final for Fiscal Year)

Weekly Target - \$1,900.00

Last Week's Total - \$749.00

- \$1,151.00

Year to Date Target - \$98,800.00

Year to Date Total - \$103,820.44

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Looking Ahead: Readings for July 12, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9