

Diocesan and Community News

Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Obedience

The fourth characteristic is that we seek to understand and obey the teaching of Christ as passed on to us through the Apostles and modern-day apostles of the Catholic Church, which are the bishops.

The Church is our Mother and she shares with us the revelation of Jesus. The disciple understands there is not a difference between what Jesus taught and what the Church teaches, just as the head cannot be separated from the body. He or she humbly seeks to learn more about what God has revealed through the Church and live in obedience to it.

Local Mom Group: This new initiative will begin on September 15th at Sacred Heart in Cashton from 9:30 to 11 AM and will meet here on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the basement starting in October. They will meet at other local churches on the other Tuesdays of the month. The rosary will be prayed, followed by fellowship, coffee for the moms and snacks for the kids. If you are a mom looking to enrich yourself spiritually, join the GroupMe group called "Gathered in Grace - Driftless Region" for more information. If you have any questions or issues joining the group, please contact Sarah Gronemus. **Scan this QR code to learn more info.**



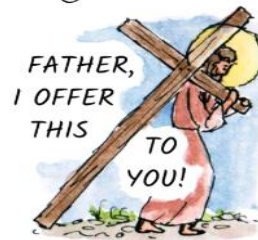
Rachel Ministries: Hope and Healing after the Loss of a Child: Anyone suffering the loss of a child as a result of miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or abortion knows that the tremendous pain of losing a child, no matter the circumstance, holds a sacred place in a parent's heart. Grief can 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>.

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.

Retrouvaille: Whether you have drifted apart, or arrived at separation or divorce, there is hope. Retrouvaille ['retro- vi]: means rediscovery or joyful reunion. The Retrouvaille® program is a lifeline of hope and healing for marriages of all ages... even couples who are separated or divorced but want to try again. For More Information, frequently asked questions, or to register for the next program, visit <https://helpourmarriage.org/>. Register online or by phone: Fully confidential Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille® toll free local program info: 1-877-922-HOPE (4673).

Kids Korner

If you want to be my disciple...



What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him they would have to take up their crosses and follow Him.

Jesus was teaching them that this world is a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.

Sometimes we think that we need nice things or to be with fun people if we want to be happy. It's easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it's a cross that can help you get to Heaven!



What did Jesus say that the people would have to do to be His disciples? Find your way through the maze and then use the letters from that path to fill in the blanks.

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

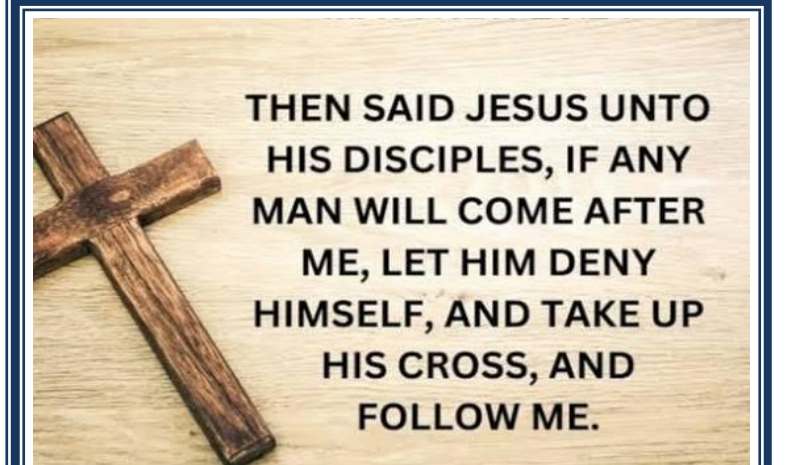
Terese Slattery, Coordinator

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 30, 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

9/2 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
All the dying & the souls in Purgatory (RJK)
9/4 Friday 8:00 AM –
† Norb Hansen (JLP)
9/5 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† Leo Bouska (AB)
9/6 Sunday 10:00 AM –
St. Peter Parish Family

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.

Ministry Servers

Saturday September 5 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Madi & Sadie Gronemus
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Gary Gronemus
Lector: Melissa Schaub
Sunday September 6 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Elaine & Evelyn Flock, Sawyer Tollefson
Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Mark Gronemus
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

Thurs. Sept. 3 – Safe Environment training @ 7:30 PM
Sun. Sept. 6 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Wed. Sept. 9 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Sept. 13 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Tues. Sept. 22 – Parish Pastoral Council meeting @ 7 PM
Wed. Sept. 23 – Rural Life Day at Creamery Creek Farms
Sat. Sept. 26 – Clean Garage & Basement for Sauerkraut Supper beginning @ 9 AM PLEASE COME HELP!!!



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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living the stewardship way of life is never easy. It calls us to die to self and to live for Christ and others through sacrifice and surrender, yet it is the path that gives life its truest meaning.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." These words challenge us because they run against our desire for comfort and control. Yet Jesus is not asking anything of us that He has not first lived Himself. He gave everything for us on the Cross and continues to give Himself to us in His Word and in the Eucharist.

Each day, we choose to live either for ourselves or for God and others. The first path may seem easier, but it leaves us empty. The way of Christ is more demanding, yet it leads to joy, peace, and eternal life. May we have the courage to take up our cross each day and offer our lives back to Him in gratitude and love.

Parish News

Blessings: We welcome the daughter of Steven & Hannah Hundt who was baptized recently. Congratulations to the family!
Safe Environment Requirements: There will be a Safe Environment training for all paid employees, catechism volunteers, and anyone else who would like to attend on **Thursday September 3rd at 7:30 PM** in the church basement. This training is required by the Diocese.
CCD Registration: CCD Registration is now open for the 2026-27 program year. Current families, please watch for an email containing registration forms. Registration forms can also be picked up in the church vestibule. Forms may be dropped off at the church or put in a sealed envelope and placed in the offertory. Registration is due on or before September 6th to allow for staffing and material distribution. Please contact Miranda Flock with questions.

Mass of Hope & Healing: Join us Tuesday September 8th at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral for a mass offered for anyone suffering the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, or infant death. A candle ceremony will begin before the mass so please arrive early to receive a votive light for your cause. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Gerard W. Battersby. For more info call 608-788-3854. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome!

We Need Your Help: Rural Life Day is coming up on September 23 at 10:00 AM at Creamery Creek in Bangor, and we're hoping for a few helping hands! We're putting together volunteer teams to help bake dessert bars, direct parking, run golf cart shuttles, serve as ushers, transition tables and chairs between Mass and the meal, and assist with some light post-event cleanup. Your support is truly appreciated. **Please find a sign up sheet in the back of church along with pans for making bars.**

Save the Date for the 45th Annual Rural Life Day Celebration: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Creamery Creek Farms, W1250 County Road U, Bangor. There is something special about gathering on a farm with people who understand the work, the worry, the weather and the faith it takes to keep going. Join us for the Diocese of La Crosse's 45th Annual Rural Life Day Celebration, hosted by the John and Donna Hansen family and the Justin and Louisa Peterson family (**St. Peter's parishioners**). The day includes Mass beginning at 10 a.m. with Bishop Gerard W. Battersby, joined by priests and deacons from across the diocese, recognition of those who support rural life and families whose farms have remained in operation for more than 100 years, the blessing of crops, animals and farm machinery and finally lunch and fellowship with farm families, neighbors and friends from across the diocese. A freewill offering will benefit Project Milk. No matter how many acres you farm, or whether you farm at all, you are welcome.

Mark Your Calendars: Our Sauerkraut Supper is Wednesday October 14th!! It may seem like a long way in the future but getting ready for the Sauerkraut Supper starts *months* in advance! Here are some important dates to get on your schedule!! **Clean garage & Basement:** Sat. September 26 @ 9 AM, **Scrub pots/roasters/general prep:** Tues. September 29 **AND** Thurs. October 1 @ 6 PM (TWO dates to choose from for your convenience), **Food prep:** Tues. October 13 @ 8 AM, **More food & grounds prep:** Wed. October 14 @ 8 AM. Please plan to help!!!

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](https://diolc.org). 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.

Welcome One Home - The Power of Your Invitation: Though there are many reasons why Catholics stop attending Mass and other aspects of parish life, it is safe to assume the majority will only come back if they are personally invited. A simple invitation to someone who has been away from the parish can remind them that they are remembered, loved, and always welcome. A personal invitation can become the first step toward someone coming home. No matter how long someone has been away or what circumstances have shaped their journey, the Catholic Church remains a place where God's mercy, healing, and love are always offered. If even one person is absent from our parish family, their absence has an impact on the community.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,263.00
	-\$637.00
Year to Date Target -	\$15,200.00
Year to Date Total -	\$10,351.57
	-\$4,848.43

Looking Ahead: Readings for September 6, 2026

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20