

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- vī]: 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

What should I do when somebody else sins?

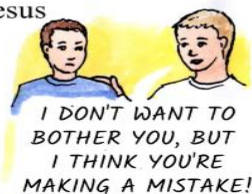
In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that if someone sins against us we should quietly go and talk to them about it. Have you ever seen someone else do something bad? Did you talk to them about it?



When we talk to somebody about something bad they are doing we should do it with love. We aren't trying to make them feel bad; we're trying to help!

Has anyone ever told you when you were doing something wrong? Did you find it easy to listen to them? When we try to help people who do bad things, what God wants us to do is be kind to them and help them to turn away from their sins. It's hard to do, but it makes God so happy to see us helping people come back to Him!

Answer to word-find puzzle:
Pray with others



...Where two or three are gathered in my Name...

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

Here is the last part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks.

What is Our Lord asking us to do?

AGAIN, AMEN, I SAY to YOU, if two of you AGREE on EARTH about ANYTHING for WHICH they are to PRAY, it SHALL be GRANTED to them by my HEAVENLY FATHER. For WHERE TWO or THREE are GATHERED TOGETHER in my NAME, THERE am I in the MIDST of them.



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

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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

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE
ARE GATHERED IN
MY NAME,
THERE AM I AMONG THEM.
-MATTHEW 18:20

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

9/9 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
† Otto & Theresa Schaub (SF)
9/11 Friday 8:00 AM –
St. Peter Parish Family
9/12 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† Alvena Leis (GDF)
9/13 Sunday 10:00 AM –
† Adeline Clements (ACF)

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 12 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Brielle, Brooklyn & Emerson Lundeen
Ushers: Bill Korn & Don Halderson
Lector: Julie Lundeen
Sunday September 13 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Max & Teddy Slattery
Ushers: Leo Leis & Rob Slattery
Lector: John Hundt

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. 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
Wed. Sept. 16 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Sept. 20 - 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!!!!



CCD classes start this week! Welcome Back!

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s readings call us to take the gift and responsibility of our relationships seriously. God created us not to live for ourselves, but in communion with Him and with one another. Our families, neighbors, friends, and parish community are not accidents of daily life; they are part of the mission God has entrusted to us. We are called to help one another grow in holiness and to build up the Body of Christ.

In today’s Second Reading, St. Paul gives us the heart of that mission: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love is not passive. It is the active, sacrificial stewardship of every relationship God places in our care. To love well is to live as true disciples.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us what that love requires when relationships are strained. “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” Christ does not call us to avoid conflict, but to face it with humility, charity, and a sincere desire for reconciliation.

That is the mission at work — bringing healing where there is hurt, truth where there is confusion, and peace where there is division. This is how Christian stewardship bears fruit.

Jesus also reminds us of the power of faith-filled community: “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” We are never sent out alone. The Lord is present whenever His people gather in His name, strengthen one another, and witness to His love.

May we care more deeply for the relationships God has entrusted to us, and may our lives together become a stronger sign of Christ’s mission in the world.

Parish News

Adoration: Please take note that with the start up of our CCD classes, our Eucharistic Adoration will go back to our previous schedule.

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 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. This is our duty as the host parish!!

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!!!

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.

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.

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.

Congratulations to Wesley Nathan, the son of Zachary & Ashley (Hurtz) Hall, who was baptized last weekend. May God bless you all!!



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,475.45
	-\$424.55
Year to Date Target -	\$17,100.00
Year to Date Total -	\$11,827.02
	-\$5,272.98

Looking Ahead: Readings for September 13, 2026

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7
Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35