

Diocesan and Community News

Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ:

Sharing the "Good News"

In both words and action, we share the "Good News" of Jesus Christ, and we commit ourselves to helping others be His disciples. "It is unthinkable that a person should accept the Word and give himself to God's Kingdom without becoming a person who bears witness to it and proclaims it in his turn" (*On Evangelization in the Modern World*, Pope St. Paul VI, 24). A disciple takes the command of Jesus to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) seriously knowing Christianity is not just a philosophy, but a matter of eternal salvation. Jesus said, "A thief comes only to seal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The Good News is not just life changing but life saving and a disciple is eager to share that message with others.

Join us for Oct. 16 Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet: On Friday, Oct. 16, at 6:00 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, Bishop Battersby will celebrate the "White Mass," at which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. A banquet will follow, with Fr. Justin Kizewski speaking on the vital topic of "The Art of Dying Well: Spiritual Preparation for Death." As the end of life draws near, much attention is paid to medical decisions, life insurance, a will, a cemetery plot, etc., but nothing is as important as preparing the soul for passage into eternal life. Fr. Kizewski will shine a light on the beautiful teaching and practice of the Church as she accompanies us, and our loved ones, in the last days and hours of life. All are invited to attend this special evening. Visit here to learn more: <https://diolc.org/social-concerns/gospel-of-life>.

Just in time for Sauerkraut Supper! Our chairlift has been installed and is ready to take our visitors into the basement from the cemetery side. Spread the word !



Kids Korner

Invitation to the Wedding Feast



Imagine that you live in a great kingdom with a king and queen and many other great people. You hear that the king's son is going to get married and there will be a great wedding feast. All the lords and ladies and rich land owners are invited. On the day of the wedding the servants go out to call the guests to the wedding, but all those important people refuse to go! They say they are too busy with other things, and can't be bothered to go!

Now imagine that you are one of the children in a poor family that lives down a back street. Suddenly you hear people calling out that the king has invited your family to the feast! What excitement! Everybody puts on their best clothes and goes to the castle. In a little while the king comes in and you see him pointing to a man who isn't dressed neatly, and hasn't washed his face or brushed his hair. He sends the man out of the hall.



This is the story that Jesus told about the kingdom of Heaven. Many important people have been invited, but they have decided that they were too busy with other things. But the King has invited us too! We should rejoice and "dress" our souls by being the best we can be! Don't be a half-hearted Christian!



True or False: Who is Invited to the Wedding?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compares the kingdom of Heaven to a king giving a wedding feast for his son. What happened in the story? See if you know which of these are true statements and which are false:

1. The first time the servants went out to call those who were invited, all the guests came. True or false?
2. When the king sent out the second group of servants, some people didn't come, but went off to their farms and businesses. True or false?
3. Some people mistreated and even killed the servants. True or false?
4. The king decided that nobody else was worthy to come to his son's wedding. True or false?
5. The king decided to send his servants out into the streets to call everyone to come to the wedding. True or false?
6. When the servants called the people in the streets, they all came and filled the banquet hall. True or false?
7. When the king came in to look at his guests and found one that wasn't dressed for the wedding, he had him thrown out of the place. True or false?



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

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 11, 2026



**"FOR MANY ARE INVITED,
BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN."**

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

10/14 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

† Stan Hundt (AH)

10/16 Friday 8:00 AM –

† Adeline Clements (ACF)

10/17 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† Douglas Hurlburt (PPB)

10/18 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 October 17 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Madi & Sadie Gronemus

Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Mike Schaub

Lector: Lynda Hurtz

Sunday October 18 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Arnie & Adeline Nicolai

Ushers: Peter Benzing & Mark Gronemus

Lector: Pam Benzing



Help is needed on Tuesday and Wednesday with our annual dinner fundraiser. Please come lend a hand!

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. Oct. 11 – Donuts w/ Knights of Columbus after mass

Tues. Oct. 13 – Food prep for supper @ 8 AM

Wed. Oct. 14 - Grades 7-10 CCD - NO Class!

Help at Sauerkraut Supper (Report to teacher for check in)

Wed. Oct. 14 – SAUERKRAUT SUPPER – Help needed all day beginning at 8 AM. All hands on deck!

Sat. Oct. 17 & Sun. Oct. 18 – World Mission Sunday

Sun. Oct. 18 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Tues. Oct. 20 – Cemetery Committee meeting @ 7:00 PM

Wed. Oct. 21 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Oct. 25 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sat. Oct. 24/Sun. Oct. 25 – Diocesan Annual Appeal Kickoff

Sun. Nov. 1 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM



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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Life's immediate concerns can distract us from what matters most: our call to live for the Kingdom of Heaven. Stewardship keeps our priorities centered on God, teaching us to receive his gifts with gratitude, share them generously, and participate in his mission by inviting others to encounter Christ.

Today's First Reading presents a beautiful image of the Lord preparing a rich feast for all peoples and wiping away every tear. God's abundant gifts are not ours to keep. As faithful stewards, we are called not only to enjoy the banquet but also to help set the table for others.

In the Gospel, the king sends his servants into the streets to invite all to the wedding feast. This is missionary discipleship in action. Each of us is sent to welcome those who have drifted away, are searching for meaning, or have not heard the Good News. We are called not merely to attend but to participate fully in Christ's life and mission.

St. Paul reminds us, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Whether God asks us to give, serve, or invite someone to Mass, he provides what we need. Our response is to trust him, say yes, and take our place at the table as grateful guests and missionary disciples sent to bring others in.

Parish News

Sauerkraut Supper is Wednesday October 14th!! Help is needed for food prep: Tues. October 13 @ 8 AM, and Wed. October 14 @ 8 AM. Serving begins at 4 PM until 7:30 PM. Please plan to help!!! Wednesday night CCD students are required to help at this annual fundraiser in lieu of class time.

Many Thanks: Much appreciation goes out to Margie Lee for donating the new flag and flag pole that stands at the corner of our cemetery. Thank you also goes out to Leo Leis & Tom Schaub who helped install it. Thank you for your generosity!!!

Local Mom Group: This new group 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. **Gathered in Grace will be meeting here at 9:30 on Tuesday October 13th. Since there will be prep for Sauerkraut Supper, we will be meeting at the ball field. We will be reading through the coming Sundays gospel and discussing the reading. Bring your child's favorite outside toy. We hope to see you there!**

Respect Life Month: October is Respect Life Month. Catholic Charities offers free, confidential pregnancy and parenting support and adoption services. For pregnancy support, call 1.844.64GRACE (1-844-644-7223) or text 715.600.6391. For adoption information, call 888.212.4357. Remember that you have options and God's way is always the best one!

Queen of the Americas Guild Conference: Join the Queen of the Americas Guild for a 2-day conference examining Our Lady's role as Compassionate Mother to All That Live Together in This Land. Open to all those who wish to enhance their faith and learn more about this important topic. Date: October 16 and 17. Location: Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Cost: \$125. See the flier and brochures on the bulletin board in the back of church for more information.

World Mission Sunday Oct. 18, 2026: Please join all Catholics in our global annual celebration of prayer and sacrifice on World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and offering support over 1,150 mission territories where the Gospel is proclaimed to bring the consolation of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Watch for an envelope in your bulletin next week. Thank you for your generosity. Watch a message from Pope Leo here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1Bwzdet1_o.

The Rosary is a Powerful Prayer: October is the month of the Rosary. In praying the Rosary, we think about one great saving event in the life of Jesus while we pray a decade: one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's and a Glory Be. While we meditate on a mystery of Jesus' life, we come to know Him better and find that the events of Jesus' life guide us in dealing with the challenges we face. Further, we will find greater peace by praying a decade, each day, or even a full Rosary.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: We will kick off this year's appeal on Sunday October 25th. Watch the appeal video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00yZat_UY3I. Our goal this year is \$13,195. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Building Brighter Futures: Legacy Guild Dinner Celebrates Casa Hogar's Strong Foundation: Supporters of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II are invited to the 2026 Annual Legacy Guild Benefit Dinner on Friday, November 6, 2026, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse. Every strong future starts with a solid foundation - and that's exactly what Casa Hogar provides for the children and young people who call it home. This dinner is a chance for supporters to gather, reconnect, and hear stories from the past year at Casa. Thanks to the generosity of faithful supporters, Casa continues to offer a foundation of faith, family, education, and opportunity for its children - a foundation that stands strong because of you. RSVP by Friday, October 23, 2026. Contact info@frjoesguild.org.

Reasons To Celebrate! Wedding Anniversary Blessings: At the first weekend masses Father Sen will bless all of the Wedding Anniversaries for the month. **Birthday Blessings:** At the second weekend masses, Father Sen will bless the birthdays for the month.

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$2,416.00</u>
	\$516.00
Year to Date Target -	\$26,600.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$21,452.52</u>
	-\$5,147.48

Looking Ahead: Readings for October 18, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-21