

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.

Save The Date: Monday, November 2, All Souls Day Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be held at noon in the Catholic Cemetery on Losey Blvd, La Crosse. Come and pray the Stations for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

St. James & Providence Academy 60th ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY FAIR:

WHEN: Saturday, November 14, 2026, 8am-2pm **WHERE:** In the Providence Academy Gymnasium 716 Windsor St. across the street from St. James church.
WHAT: Booths include Bakery (We have Homemade Pies, Lefse & Egg Rolls!), \$5 Fill-a-Bag Rummage, Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Jewelry, Mystery Gifts, NEW BOOTH Vintage Village! Win a 55" LED Smart TV! Visit Santa from 10am-Noon. Kid's Games to win prizes from 9am-1pm. Homemade Chili, Gourmet Coffee & refreshments available for dine in or take out.

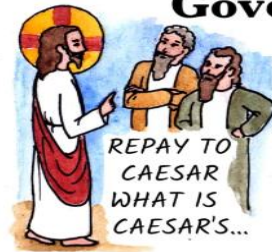
Organ Recitals at the Cathedral: A series of three autumn organ recitals will be performed at the Cathedral. See the flier in the back of church for information on October 25th and November 22nd, upcoming recitals featuring wonderful talents.

Congratulations to Wyatt Lucey, son of Josh & Breanna, who received the sacrament of baptism last weekend. May God bless you all!



Kids Korner

Should we Obey the Government?



was good for the Jews to be ruled by the pagan Romans.

But Jesus knew what the Pharisees were trying to do. He told them to show Him a coin, and asked them whose picture was on it. They said it was Caesar's (the Roman emperor's,) so Jesus told them, "Then repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." He was telling them that they should obey the rulers of the land, but also that they should obey God.

We have two kinds of laws: God's laws and the laws of our governments. Both are for our own good, but God's laws are more important. We should obey the government's laws as long as they agree with God's laws, but we must always obey God's laws. Can you think of some laws that the government makes that are for our good?



Answers to math puzzle: words are in this order: 8: Lord, 5: song, 6: sing, 9: lands, 7: glory, 2: nations, 3: peoples, 4: deeds.

Sing 2 the Lord... a math puzzle

Figure out the answers to the math questions and use the answers to find the right words to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm.

Sing to the _____ a new _____;
4+4=_____ 1+4=_____

_____ to the Lord, all you _____.
4+2=_____ 6+3=_____

Tell his _____ among the _____;
3+4=_____ 1+1=_____

among all _____,
2+1=_____

his wondrous _____.
2+2=_____

2 nations 6 sing
3 peoples 7 glory
4 deeds 8 Lord
5 song 9 lands

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.... Rosary @ 7:00 PM
Eucharistic Exposition @ 7:20 PM for
Quiet Prayer/Confession
Benediction @ 8:05 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.diocparish.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-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 18, 2026

Render to Caesar
the things that are Caesar's,



Matthew 22:21

And to God
the things that are God's.

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

10/21 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
St. Peter Parish Family

10/23 Friday 8:00 AM –

† Otto & Theresa Schaub (SF)

10/24 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† Art & Alvena Leis (GDF)

10/25 Sunday 10:00 AM –

† Doug McGrath & Mike Bohl (THW)

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 24 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Brielle, Brooklyn & Emerson Lundeen

Ushers: Phil Gronemus & Duane Leis

Lector: Julie Lundeen

Sunday October 25 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson

Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Leo Leis

Lector: Joseph Peterson

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

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

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. Oct. 25 – CCD Brat Sale Fundraiser after mass

Wed. Oct. 28 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

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

Sun. Nov. 1 – All Saints Day Celebration after mass

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



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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings remind us to be mindful not only of who we are but also of whose we are, and once we know whose we are, we are sent to help others discover it as well.

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus by asking whether it is lawful to pay the tax to Caesar. Their question is meant to force Him to choose sides, but Jesus refuses to be drawn into their narrow way of thinking.

Instead, He asks whose image appears on the coin. When they reply, "Caesar," Jesus says, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Those words remind us that although we have responsibilities in this world, our first allegiance belongs to God. Everything we have comes from Him, and through Baptism we have been stamped with His image, made His sons and daughters, and sent, as the Thessalonians were in today's second reading, to be living witnesses of the Gospel wherever we go.

Our time, talents, treasure, and very lives are gifts entrusted to us by the Lord, not to be hoarded but to be used generously in His service and shared boldly with others. True stewardship is fundamentally missionary: when we willingly give what God has provided, our lives become a testimony that attracts others to Christ. May we offer these gifts each day with gratitude for His goodness, always remembering we belong to Him above all else. As His disciples, we are sent to invite others to join Him too.

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Sauerkraut Supper: Thank you to ALL who helped clean, prepare food, serve & helped clean up for our annual dinner. Congratulations to the raffle winners! Brandon Geier - \$300, Patti Kopplin - \$200, Arnie Hundt - \$100, Lavina Flock - \$50 & Patti Kopplin - \$50. We served 552 carry-outs and 309 dine in dinners, for a total of 861 meals.

Condolences: The parish family extends our sympathies to the family and friends of Agnes Bouska who passed away last week. Imagine what she saw in her 100 years on this earth! May she rest in peace in God's loving arms.

100 years of World Mission Sunday: Oct. 18th marks the centenary of the Church's worldwide missionary collection under the theme "One in Christ, united in mission." Bishop Battersby has asked the faithful of the Diocese of La Crosse to pray and give generously. In his *Catholic Life* message, he highlights our diocese's missionary connections with Peru, including Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II and Project Milk. Please join all Catholics in our global annual celebration of prayer and sacrifice. 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. Please find an envelope in your bulletin this week. Thank you for your generosity.

Watch a message from Pope Leo here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1Bwzdet1_o AND from Bishop Battersby here: <https://catholiclife.dioclc.org/2026/09/15/celebrating-100-years-of-world-mission-sunday>.

CCD Brat Sale: Once again the religious education students will be having a fundraiser for a charity of their choice by selling brat/hotdog meals after mass on October 25th. Meals will include a brat or hotdog, chips, drink and a sweet treat. Proceeds will go to the Casa Hogar Orphanage.

Youth Sunday/All Saints Day: The CCD program and PCCW are partnering to host a Halloween celebration following the 10:00 mass on November 1st. The youth of the parish are invited to dress up as a Saint or something that the saint represents (for example: St. Isadore, patron saint of farmers = Farmer costume). There will be light refreshments, activities, fellowship & fun. All ages are invited!

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=0QyZat_UY3I. Our goal this year is \$13,195. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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!!!

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.

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.

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!

Annual Appeal Kick-off weekend
Sunday October 25, 2026



MANY GIFTS,
ONE MISSION

As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another.
— Peter 4:10

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Goal	\$13,195.00
Committed and Received	
# of Donors	

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week's Total -	\$2,085.25
	\$185.25
Year to Date Target -	\$28,500.00
Year to Date Total -	\$23,531.77
	-\$4,962.23

Looking Ahead: Readings for October 25, 2026

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40