

Diocesan and Community News

Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Profession of Faith

The Profession of Faith is a verbal expression of belief in what is revealed by God and taught by the Church. This is publicly professed in either the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed at Mass. The first words of the Creed are "I believe," because faith is a personal response to God, accepting what He has revealed to be true. The Creed is a summary of the most important teachings of the Church.

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.

Gone But Not Forgotten: A Mass for the Dead will be celebrated on All Souls' Day, Monday November 2, in the Saint Francis of Assisi Mausoleum Chapel of the Catholic Cemetery, 519 Losey Boulevard South, at 5:15 pm. A *plenary indulgence*, under the usual circumstances, can be gained for the souls in purgatory by the Christian faithful who, within November 1-8, devoutly visits a cemetery and prays for the dead. All are invited to attend.

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.

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!

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.

Kids Korner

The Greatest Commandment

I WILL DO EVERYTHING TODAY FOR YOU, LORD!

What does Jesus say the greatest commandment is? At first you might think that the most important thing would be to not kill anyone, wouldn't you? But that's not what He says! The very most important thing is to love God with our whole heart and soul and mind! It means that we must do everything we do for love of God, and live our whole life completely for Him.

But how can we love God so much? Well, we can practice little by little, loving Him more each day. Paying attention at Mass every Sunday and saying a prayer every day would be a good start. Every morning tell God that you will do everything for Him today and every night before you go to bed, thank God for all that He has done for you and tell Him you're sorry for the bad things you did that day. Then try to think about God through the day.

I'M SORRY FOR BEING MEAN TO MY BROTHER.

The second greatest commandment that Jesus tells us is that we should love others as much as we love ourselves. If we really love God then we will want to love other people too, because God loves them! If you don't love others, it shows that you don't really love God as much as you should. What can you do today to start loving God more?

GOD WOULD WANT US TO BE KIND TO HER.

Answer to front page: heart, soul and mind
Answers to Unscramble: greatest, Lord, heart, soul,
mind, first, love, yourself, whole, TO LOVE GOD

Unscramble The Gospel

Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading, and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the _____?" He said to him, "You shall love the _____, your God, with all your _____, with all your _____, and with all your _____. This is the greatest and _____ commandment. The second is like it: You shall _____ your neighbour as _____.

_____ The _____ law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

What is the most important thing for us to ever do?

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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.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

A photograph of the Holy Family Church in Chicago. The church is a large, multi-story brick building with a prominent red-tiled dome on the left side, topped with a cross. The main facade features a large circular rose window above three arched doorways. The roof is red-tiled, and the side walls have tall, narrow arched windows. The church is surrounded by a green lawn and some trees, with a few street signs visible in the foreground.

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God
with **ALL YOUR HEART** and
with **ALL YOUR SOUL** and
with **ALL YOUR MIND.**
This is the great and first commandment.

- Joining the Parish • Weddings • Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Parish Intentions

10/28 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

For the Diaconate Ordination of Patrick Brueggen (MLH)

10/30 Friday 8:00 AM –

† Orvin Lee (ML)

10/31 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† Dick & Eunice Reget (MLH)

11/1 Sunday 10:00 AM –

St. Peter Parish Family

11/2 Monday 8:00 PM – All Souls’ Day

The intentions of the Tom & Melissa Schaub family (TMS)

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 31 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Mason Leis & Allis Gronemus

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Mike Leis

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday November 1 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Sawyer Tollefson, Elaine & Evelyn Flock

Ushers: Peter Benzing & Mark Gronemus

Lector: Kathy Flock

Monday November 2 – 8:00 PM

All Souls’ Day - Volunteers needed for all spots

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

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

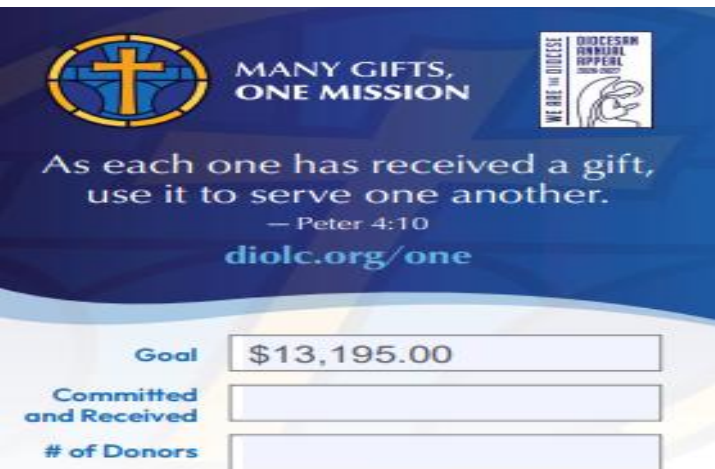
Sun. Nov. 1 – All Saints Day Celebration after mass

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

Mon. Nov. 2 – All Souls’ Day mass @ 8:00 PM

Wed. Nov. 4 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

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



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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus calls us to love God with our whole heart and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Stewardship gives these commandments a daily shape: we offer God our time, talents, and treasure, then use them to serve others.

In Exodus, God asks His people to protect the stranger, the widow, the orphan, and the poor. Love becomes real when we notice those in need and respond with compassion.

Saint Paul praises believers whose faith has sounded forth beyond their community.

As missionary disciples, we are sent to do the same. By prayerfully giving generously of our time, talents, and treasure, we can support the Church’s mission and care for those in need.

How will you use the gifts God has entrusted to you this week to love Him and serve your neighbor?

Parish News

Diocesan Annual Appeal: Today we kick off this year’s appeal. Look for information in your mailbox this week. You can find more information and watch the appeal video at <https://diolc.org/stewardship/>. Our goal this year is \$13,195. Please prayerfully consider helping us reach our goal and thank you in advance for your generosity!

Condolences: The parish family extends our sympathies to the family and friends of Agnes Bouska. 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: Your prayers and offerings support over 1,150 mission territories where the Gospel is proclaimed to bring the consolation of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Extra envelopes can be found on the bookshelves behind the last pews. Please return your envelopes by the end of the month and thank you for your generosity.

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!

Cemetery News: After years of planning, the addition to the cemetery has been completed. It has been surveyed and plotted and is ready for plot sales. On November 8th Father Sen will dedicate the addition as we pray for our beloved dead. Thank you to the Cemetery Committee for their work on this project. There will be a second collection taken up on November 7th & 8th for the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.

All Souls Day: There will be masses for this Holy day of Obligation on Monday, November 2nd. St. Josephs Parish at 6:00 PM and St. Peters Parish at 8:00 PM. Come to honor and pray for the souls of our dearly departed.

Mass for Infant Loss: On Friday, November 13th, there will be a memorial Mass for children lost anytime from conception through infancy at 6:00 pm at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Viroqua. The Mass will be followed by an hour of Adoration with prayer teams and confessions available, with a soup dinner to conclude the evening down in Marian Hall. This will be a time set apart to remember and pray for the little lives lost to miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, or any other cause of early child loss. It also will provide a space to properly grieve the loss of these little lives. All are warmly welcome, whether you have personally lost a child, grandchild, niece/nephew, or friend, or you simply would like to support and pray for those who have experienced this kind of loss.

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.

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. 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.

Annual Appeal Kick-off weekend

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year)

Weekly Target -	\$1,900.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$2,166.00
	\$266.00
Year to Date Target -	\$30,400.00
Year to Date Total -	\$25,697.77
	-\$4,702.23

Looking Ahead: Readings for November 1, 2026

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12