Diocesan and Community News

Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Grace

Sanctifying grace is a share in God's life, a free and undeserved gift which makes us children of God. The grace He imparts to us by the Holy Spirit strengthens and empowers us to follow Him in all the details of life. We receive sanctifying grace in the sacraments.

Let Us Always Be Thankful: In these next few weeks, before we gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, let's pause to recognize the gifts that fill our lives—and the One who gives them. Everything we have is a gift of God's generous love, freely given through His boundless goodness. This month, let gratitude draw you closer to our Heavenly Father, who knows you, loves you, and invites you into friendship with Him. What better way to thank Him than to gather at Sunday Mass, where we receive His greatest gift: the holy Eucharist - Jesus Himself? Eucharist means thanksgiving. Let's begin now with a thankful heart:

O God, our Heavenly Father, giver of all good gifts, thank You for the blessing of life and the innumerable ways that You sustain us. Above all, thank You for the new life of grace You offer us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, and the one Church that He established. Kindle in our hearts a joyful gratitude for Your goodness and generosity. Draw us closer to You, and help us respond to Your love with lives of thanksgiving. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Mary's 25th Annual Craft Show: Get into the holiday spirit at St. Mary Parish's 25th Annual Craft Show on Saturday, December 5, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt Street, Coon Valley. Enjoy a wonderful selection of handmade crafts, baked goods, holiday treasures, and delicious concessions. Admission is FREE! Come shop, visit, and celebrate 25 years of this wonderful community tradition! For more information, visit www.stmarycv.org or call Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034.

Shelter Volunteers Needed: Catholic Charities needs volunteers throughout the winter at the La Crosse Warming Center, Good Shepherd Shelter in Wausau, and year-round Sojourner House in Eau Claire. Help provide hospitality and support for adults experiencing homelessness. Find more information here: https://cclse.org/volunteer-opportunities.

Homeless for the Holidays

As temperatures drop, many of our neighbors face the harsh reality of homelessness. Through Catholic Charities of West Central Wisconsin, your generosity helps provide warm shelter, hot meals and compassionate support to individuals experiencing homelessness.

This holiday season, help ensure that those in need have a safe place to turn.

Catholic Charities of West Central Wisconsin
A Ministry of the Diocese of La Crosse

Give Today
www.cclse.org

Kids Korner

Use Your Talents!



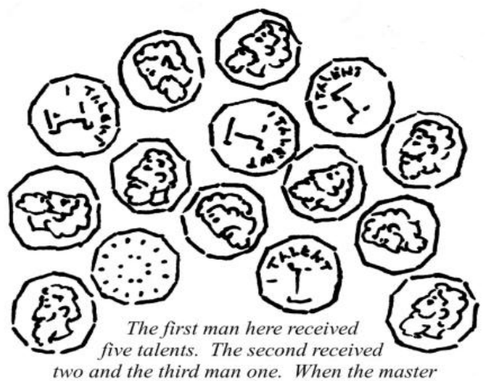
God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.



Some people have many talents and can do lots of good things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.

What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can show God's love and make people happy. Some people have a talent of being patient with others, and show Jesus' love that way. What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer to God?





The first man here received five talents. The second received two and the third man one. When the master returned, how many did each man have? Colour them this way to find out:



Colour the coins with faces gold. Colour the coins with letters silver. Colour the coin with dots bronze.

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
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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

FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Deborah Leis

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 15, 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

11/18 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

An increase in Marion devotion (RJK)

11/20 Friday 8:00 AM –

† Dan Kotek (TMS)

11/21 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† Mary & Charles McGrath (THW)

11/22 Sunday 10:00 AM –

† Larry Cavadini (PC)

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.



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year)

Weekly Target -	$1,900.00
Last Week's Total -	$1,803.00
	-$97.00
Year to Date Target -	$36,100.00
Year to Date Total -	$30,870.27
	-$5,229.73

Looking Ahead: Readings for November 22, 2026

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Ministry Servers

Saturday November 21 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Mason Leis & Allis Gronemus
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Mike Schaub
Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday November 22 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson
Ushers: Leo Leis & Mark Gronemus
Lector: Joseph Peterson

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: 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. Nov. 18 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Nov. 22 & 29 - Grades 1-6 NO CCD Class (Thanksgiving break)

Wed. Nov. 25 - Grades 7-10 NO CCD Class (Thanksgiving break)

Thurs. Nov. 26 – Have a Blessed Thanksgiving day!

Sat. Dec. 5 & Sun. Dec. 6 – PCCW Cookie Sale

Sun. Dec. 6 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Mon. Dec. 7 – Mass of Anticipation for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary @ 8:00 PM (Holy Day of Obligation)



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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings remind us that every gift God entrusts to us carries a call to mission. Our time, talents, and resources are given to help others encounter Christ and His love.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the talents. A master entrusts his wealth to three servants according to their abilities. Two put their portions to work, while the third buries his portion out of fear. As missionary disciples, we are called to respond with faith and courage, putting God's gifts to work so that His love reaches others through us.

Stewardship is a way of life rooted in gratitude and discipleship. Missionary stewardship begins when we recognize that our gifts belong to God and are meant to advance His mission. Our time, abilities, and material resources are gifts to be offered freely, according to our circumstances. Each of us has something to offer: time to accompany someone who is lonely, faith to share with someone seeking hope, or resources to support our parish's evangelization and mercy. This week, ask: What gift have I held back, and whom is Christ calling me to serve?

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to offer our gifts generously and faithfully, so that through the Church's life and mission, others may come to know Jesus. Then may we hear the Lord's words: "Well done, my good and faithful servant… Come, share your master's joy."

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Brat Sale: The CCD program raised $638 with their brat sale this year. The proceeds will go to the Casa Hogar Orphanage. Thank you all for your participation in this fundraiser.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: Our goal this year is $13,195. Please prayerfully consider helping us reach our goal and thank you in advance for your generosity! Any money collected over our target comes back to the parish for our own needs.

PCCW Cookie Sale Information: We will be having a Christmas cookie sale after the December 5th and 6th masses with proceeds to be determined at the meeting. We would like to request donations of Christmas cookies or treats from parishioners. Please have donations to church by Dec. 5th at 11:00 AM. There will be a PCCW meeting at 11:00 AM while we repackage cookies and discuss yearly donations. Please plan to help. It goes quickly with many hands!

Pre-menopause Workshop: Join Rachel Persson, Hormone Expert and NFP Teacher for an evening of charcuterie and conversation about pre-menopause, hormonal shifts, and the ways these changes can impact our relationships, communication, and connection. Best suited for women who are actively charting and at least 35 years of age, or if you think you are entering pre menopause, or are experiencing cycle changes. Join us Thursday November 19th in the basement of St. Peters' from 6 – 8 PM. Tickets are $5. See flier in the back of church to learn more and how to get tickets.

Gathered in Grace: This local moms group will meet at St. Peter's on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9:30 – 11 AM. There will be coffee for moms and snacks for the children. They will meet at other local churches on the other Tuesdays of the month. If you are a mom looking to enrich yourself spiritually, join the GroupMe group called "Gathered in Grace -Driftless Region" for more information.

Vatican Theologians Affirm Cause of Father Joseph Walijewski: With gratitude to Almighty God, I am pleased to announce that I have been informed that the Theological Congress of the Vatican's Dicastery for the Causes of Saints has concluded their review for the Cause of Father Joseph Walijewski. This marks a significant milestone and an important step forward in the advancement of the Cause for canonization.

The nine members of the Theological Congress carefully examined the documentation and theological considerations associated with the life, heroic virtue, reputation for holiness, and intercessory power of our Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski, and unanimously returned a favorable vote, affirming the merits presented for their consideration. This positive outcome allows the Cause to proceed to the next stage of the process which involves consideration of the Positio by the Cardinals and Bishops who are members of the Dicastery. While additional steps remain, the favorable vote of the Theological Congress represents a noteworthy affirmation and source of encouragement.

We give thanks to God, whose grace was evident in Father Joe's priestly ministry and continues to bear fruit today through the lives he touched and the mission he inspired. I ask you to pray, pray for the Cause, and pray through Father Joe's intercession for your own needs and for those you love. If you receive a grace or favor you believe came through his prayers, please let us know. The road from Venerable to Blessed runs through exactly such answered prayers. See more information here - https://frjoesguild.org/prayer.

Catholic Integrated Counseling/ Therapy: Vita Psychological Services has added a new psychologist to their Catholic-integrated clinical practice. The new psychologist will work with clients in person at their location in the Holy Cross Diocesan Center or online appointments are available. If you are interested in scheduling a Catholic integrated counseling/ therapy appointment with Dr. Casselman or his new associate, you can reach them at vitapsychologicalservices@outlook.com .

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.