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.

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.

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. We hope to see you there!

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).

Congratulations to Rhett Kurtis, son of Dylan & Kayla Scharping, on his baptism on October 25th.

May God bless you all!!



Kids Korner

Always be Ready



Have you ever thought to yourself that it would be better to have fun and be bad now, and then be good later? That's what some of the bridesmaids in today's parable were like. They only brought enough oil for their lamps, and didn't bother to bring any extra. But the other bridesmaids had been wise and took along extra flasks to refill their lamps when it got late. When the bridegroom came, those who hadn't brought extra oil were gone, getting more oil, and missed the feast!



Sometimes people say that they have lots of time to change from their evil ways, so they don't repent right away. This parable shows us that it is very foolish to leave important things until later. Nobody knows when they will die, so we should always be ready.

The oil of the bridesmaids is like the grace in our souls. We need to make sure that our soul always has sanctifying grace, which we need to get into Heaven. We lose that grace when we do a serious sin. That is why if we ever commit a serious sin, we should go to confession as soon as we can so that we will always have grace and be ready for when we die.



All Saints' Day Gathering

The kids had a great time dressing up as a character depicting the saint of their choice. We had animals for St. Francis of Assisi, food items for St. Lawrence, hunters for St. Hubert, etc. The winners were Margaret H., Stetson Happel, Emery Flock & Lennox Stephenson. Food & fun was enjoyed by all.



PARISH PRIEST

Rev. Sengole Vethanayagam
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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

St. Peter's Catholic Church

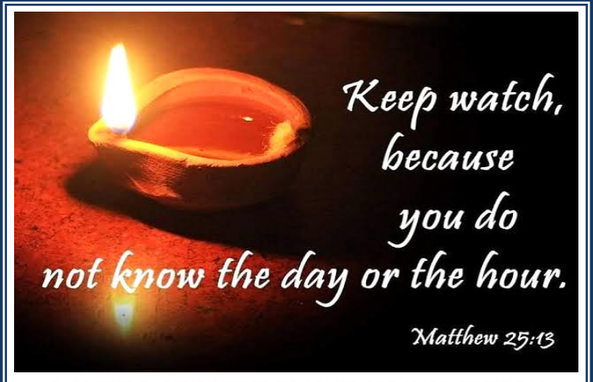
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 8, 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

11/11 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
St. Peter's Parish Family
11/13 Friday 8:00 AM –
† Jeannie Halderson (JP)
11/14 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† Alvena Leis (GDF)
11/15 Sunday 10:00 AM –
St. Peter's 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.



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year)

Weekly Target -	$1,900.00
Last Week's Total -	$1,871.50
	-$28.50
Year to Date Target -	$34,200.00
Year to Date Total -	$29,067.27
	-$5,132.73

Looking Ahead: Readings for November 15, 2026

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Ministry Servers

Saturday November 14 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Brooklyn, Brielle & Emerson Lundeen
Ushers: Tim Leis & Phil Gronemus
Lector: Julie Lundeen

Sunday November 15 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Avin & Brynn Stephenson
Ushers: Peter Benzing & Mark Stephenson
Lector: Pam Benzing

***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

Sun. Nov. 8 – Dedication of Cemetery addition after mass
Mon. Nov. 9 – PCCW meeting @ 7:00 PM
Wed. Nov. 11 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Nov. 15 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Wed. Nov. 18 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Nov. 22 & 29 - Grades 1-6 NO CCD Class (Thanksgiving break)
Sun. Dec. 6 – 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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom helps us recognize that everything we have comes from God. As missionary stewards, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in using our time, abilities, and resources, in gratitude for God's gifts and in service to Christ and his Church.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells of ten virgins awaiting the bridegroom. Five are prepared; five are not. Jesus warns: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." This call to readiness invites us to persevere in faith as we await Christ, nourished by prayer and the sacraments. Our generous service is one way we live out that faith.

We keep our lamps burning by following Jesus: accompanying someone who is struggling, inviting a neighbor to Mass, and supporting the Church's mission with generous giving according to our circumstances. These acts can make Christ's love visible and help others encounter him. This week, ask: Who needs the light of Christ, and what gift can I share?

Wise stewards remain ready for Christ by living as his disciples and by helping others follow Him.

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PCCW Meeting: We will meet on Monday November 9th at 7:00 pm**. ALL ladies of the parish are members of this group!!** Please plan to attend. We will be planning our annual cookie sale and Epiphany potluck, to name a few. See you there!!

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.

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. Contact the Cemetery Sexton if interested. Thank you to the Cemetery committee for all their hard work.

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.

Preparation for the Future: On Tuesday, November 10th beginning at 6:30 PM there will be a series of speakers that will talk about Retirement Planning, Wills & Trusts and Funeral Planning. They will meet at the Cathedral St. Joseph Hall in La Crosse. Light refreshments will be served. You are never too young to start thinking about the future!

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.

Job Opportunity: Aquinas Catholic Schools is seeking a long-term substitute for the 4K class at the Cathedral Elementary school from November 12th – January 7th. They are also looking for a Paraprofessional at the St. Patrick Elementary school. Please contact Ellen Monhaut at (608) 784-8585 ext. 5123 or email at: ellen.monhaut@aquinasschools.org .

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.

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.