

Diocesan and Community News

Supporting your Church: In good times and bad times, Catholic faithful have supported the church generously. Your Parish needs your generous support to continue. Collections at Weekly Masses are the main source of income. We need to consider alternative options to continuing your contributions to the Church. Our bank is not able to process ACH payments. You can mail in your weekly/monthly offering to the parish office. (W697 State Hwy 33 Rockland, WI 54653)

October is the month of the Rosary: The victory of the Battle of Lepanto is the reason that Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on Oct. 7 and the whole month is dedicated to the Rosary. After the Turks of the Ottoman Empire had conquered the Middle East, killing millions and forcing Islamic conversions, Pope Pius V called on religious communities and the laity of Europe to join him in praying the Rosary for protection through the intercession of the Blessed Mother. The Catholic League headed into battle against the Turks to save Italy, even though they were vastly outnumbered. Miraculously, the Catholic League were victorious after a daylong battle known as the Battle of Lepanto. In thanksgiving for answered prayers and even miracles through praying the Rosary, let us turn to Our Blessed Mother with our intentions and pray at least a decade of the Rosary each day in October.

Turkey Dinner: St. Mary's Parish of Viroqua, WI will be holding their annual turkey dinner on October 19, 2022 from 4 – 7 PM. This is an annual fundraiser for our Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW). The money made from this fundraiser goes to many good causes, both locally and worldwide. Carry outs are available: Adults-\$15, Youth-\$10.

Holy day of Prayer & Meditation: The La Crosse Diocesan Women invite you for a holy day of prayer and meditation at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday October 29th from 9 am- 5 pm. This event includes lunch and is free to the first 200 women who RSVP. Please contact Candace McGrath at candymcgrath@yahoo.com for more information or see the flier in the back of church on the announcement board.

Help Needed: Are you looking for a way to live your faith through service? Then become a volunteer or employee with Catholic Charities of the La Crosse Diocese! We are currently looking for volunteers to help in our La Crosse Warming Center this season. Take a look at the Volunteer website at: <https://cclse.org/volunteer-opportunities/> for information on how to get signed up! We also have excellent career opportunities! Check out the employment page at: <https://cclse.org/employment-opportunities/>.

Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet with Bishop Callahan: Join us Tuesday evening, Oct. 18, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. The keynote presenter, Father Paul Check, Executive Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will speak on: "Witnessing to Life, Truth and Love in a Hostile World." Schedule: 6 p.m. – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7 p.m. – Banquet; 7:45 p.m. – Presentation. \$20/person, \$10/students, teachers & school administrators. For more information and to register, visit diolc.org/gospel-of-life.

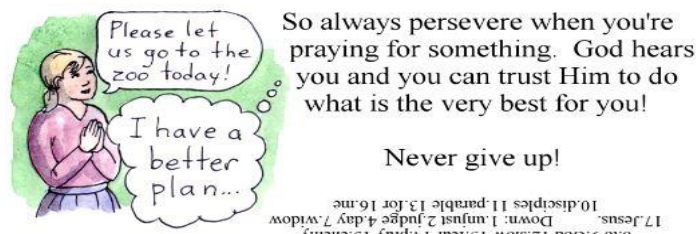
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Never Give Up!

Have you ever felt like giving up on praying because it seemed like God wasn't listening?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples a parable about a widow who kept bothering a bad judge to help her. Finally he did what she asked so that she would stop bothering him. Jesus said that if someone like that will do what a person asks, God will certainly listen to everything we ask him.

But does God always do what we ask when we ask Him to? God always hears what we say to Him, but He has a few ways of answering our prayers. Sometimes He gives us what we ask for right away, but sometimes He lets us wait a while before we get it. And sometimes He doesn't give us what we are asking for because He has a better plan for us.



Congratulations to Millie Rose, daughter of Cody & Mysterie Eirschele, on her baptism last week. May God bless you all!!!



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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....8:00 PM
Sunday.....10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Friday.....8:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesday.....7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Adoration
& By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Friday 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary Hundt, Coordinator.....(608) 780-6172

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Dan Korn, Gary Flock, Michael Hundt
(Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery,
Peter Benzing, Chris Pundzak, Kathy Flock

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla, LaVonne Hundt

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus,
Jared Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

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FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Debra Leis.....(608) 632-7830

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Leland Gregorich, Organist

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 16, 2022



LUKE 18:1-8

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish • Weddings • Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (Please call Father Biju's cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Parish Intentions

10/19 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Fred Peltz (ANN)

10/21 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Mark Thelen (MLH)

10/22 Sat. 8:00 PM – † David Antony (AH)

10/23 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Joyce DeFlorian (DF)

Thank you to all who helped with the Sauerkraut Supper!! We served 770 dinners.

The raffle winners are:

\$300.00 - Bryan Rudi

\$100 - Ashley Hall

\$50 - Brenda Steffes

\$50 - Cletus Hurtz

\$50 - Kathy Scharping

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$992.68
	-\$707.32
Year to Date Target -	\$25,500.00
Year to Date Total -	\$21,876.02
	-\$3,623.98

Readings for October 23, 2022

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14,16-18

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Prayer for Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.

Ministry Servers

Saturday October 22 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew Schaub & Joseph Peterson

Ushers: Tim Leis & Don Halderson

Lector: Kristen Schaub

Sunday October 23 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Madi Gronemus & Arnie Nicolai

Ushers: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis

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

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Tues. Oct. 18 – Cemetery Committee mtg @ 7:30 PM

Wed. Oct. 19 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Oct. 23 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Tues. Oct. 25 – Parish Finance council mtg @7:30 PM

Wed. Oct. 26 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Oct. 30 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sun. Oct. 30 – CCD Grab & Go Brat/Hotdog sale

Fri. Nov. 4 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. Nov. 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. Thank you.

St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday Mass.....8:30am

Confession time available after Mass

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend we will listen to the parable of the persistent widow. It challenges how we approach God in prayer. Widows, along with orphans and foreigners, were the most vulnerable groups of society. The widow of Jesus' parable lives among us: she is the poor, the struggling, the ignored, the forgotten, the victimized and the vulnerable whose sense of her own dignity and worth enables her to fight on. The persistent widow in the parable boldly faces the judge's indifference, with her only weapon: to bother him incessantly with her request for justice. And because of her insistence, she achieves her end. At a certain point, the judge grants her request. From this parable Jesus draws conclusion: if the widow could manage to bend the dishonest judge with her incessant requests, how much more will God, who is the good and just Father will act "speedily". It teaches us to wait on God. The parable of the persistent widow challenges how we approach God in prayer: we don't pray trying to wring favors from God but we pray to determine how God calls us to act in this set of circumstances. We don't pray trying to move God to our will but to let God move us to God's will. God's judgment may not be what we hoped for or expect, but if we listen with humility and trust, it will be our next step in the direction of justice and compassion.

Thanks to every one for your hard work to make the Sauerkraut Supper possible. I wish to thank everyone individually for all the time and effort that you had put in. There were a lot of people who spent many days of planning and preparation before the day. Thanks to everyone. I heard a lot of good feedback from the people. Some told me how they relish the food prepared and that they been coming for many years. Some were wondering about when will the old way of celebration be back with sit and dine. All who came appreciated the food. The flavor brought them memories of childhood days when their mothers cooked the same food.

Last Monday and Tuesday we had our Fall Clergy Conference at La Crosse. Bishop and most of the priests were present. It was a joy for me to be there with other priests. The main presenter for this conference was Fr. Sakowski from St. Mary's, Altoona. His talks were really excellent and focused on emotional health and healing for clergy.

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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World Mission: On Sunday October 23rd we celebrate World Mission Sunday across the Diocese. Please watch for an envelope in your bulletin next week. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CCD Fundraiser: The Wednesday night CCD students will host a Grab and Go Brat/Hotdog Sale on Sunday, October 30th after the 10:00 AM Mass. Pre-orders can be placed by signing up on the sheet in the back of the church or by contacting Mary Hundt at hundthill@gmail.com. Options will include a Brat Plate with chips, dessert and drink, a Hotdog Plate with chips, dessert and drink or a Hungry Man Plate with a brat, hotdog, chips, dessert and a drink.

Remembering the Lost: October is infant and miscarriage awareness month. We would like to add the names of children to the intentions at the last mass of October for families in our parish who have lost babies. If you would like to submit names of babies who passed before or shortly after birth so that we can pray for them please send a note or email to the parish office.

Politics, Voting and the Christian Faith: With the November elections approaching and so much political unrest in our country, visit www.dioc.org/faithful-citizenship for guidelines to assist the Christian faithful as they prepare to vote. There you can read and download a brief commentary on "Politics, Voting and the Christian Faith," find a comparison of the platforms of the two major political parties and access resources from the Wisconsin Catholic Conference and the USCCB.

First Sunday Rosary: We pray the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at **7:30 PM**. The next one will be **November 6th**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Anointing of the Sick: Fr. Biju will be available to perform this Sacrament on the first Friday of the month after daily mass. Please contact him directly if you or a family member would like to receive. **This is available Friday November 4th.**