

Diocesan and Community News

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.

Crafter Registration Open: St. Mary's Parish is now registering Crafters for their Annual Craft Show held on December 3, 2022 at the Coon Valley Village Hall. Visit our website for registration information at: www.stmarycv.org/craft-show or call the coordinator Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or the parish office at 608-452-3841.

Cookie Walk & Bake Sale: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 10, at the Parish Hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade Candies, Breads, Pies, Handcrafted Items and Scrip Gift Cards available for sale. Serving Continental Breakfast and Lunch (homemade soup and chili). Raffles and hourly Door Prizes.

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025: Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from, or lack understanding of, the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: His Real Presence in the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year movement in the United States, sponsored by the U.S. Bishops, to restore and deepen understanding and devotion to this great mystery. You are encouraged to participate in this important Eucharistic Revival. Visit: eucharisticrevival.org.

How do we get to know Jesus better? Jesus knows each one of us better than we know ourselves and He loves us. Friendship always involves two persons. We want to get to know this Person who loves us so much through reading the Scriptures (the Bible). As we enter Advent, it is a perfect time to read the Scriptures and remember how Jesus came to us, born as an infant. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, give me the desire to read the Bible a few minutes each day. This week, read how Mary gave her 'yes' to be the Mother of the Savior in Luke 1: 26-38

Young women, is He calling you? Beginning on the Feast of Our Lady's Presentation in the Temple, Nov. 21, "Stay with Us" is a 5 to 12 day opportunity offered to single women who wish help in discerning a vocation to religious life. "Stay with Us" is offered Monday, Nov. 21 to Friday, Nov. 25, 2022 or Monday, Nov. 21 to Friday, Dec. 2 on the Merciful Heart of Jesus Farm, Marshfield. For more information, contact Mother Mary Veronica at 715-451-2395

Bambino Gesù ("Baby Jesus") Christmas Collection for Ukraine: As we approach the Advent and Christmas season, Valentyna Pavsyukova is organizing a diocese-wide charitable collection for the suffering children, women, and men of Ukraine. To learn what is needed, how you can give, and to find a parish or school collection site near you, visit diolc.org/Chalice-of-Mercy. To make a much-needed financial donation, visit chaliceofmercy.org/donate

Kids Korner

It's Time to get Ready for Christmas!

Advent is here! In a few weeks it will be Christmas, so it's time to start getting ready!



During Advent we remember Jesus' first coming, and get ourselves and our homes ready to celebrate His birthday.

Lighting the candles on an Advent wreath helps us to remember that Jesus, the light of the world, is coming. We start with one candle, and every week light one more, so that the closer we get to Jesus' coming the brighter it gets.



In Advent we also think about Jesus' second coming. In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be prepared for that time. We must never let ourselves forget that this world and this life are only temporary and that we have something much greater to look forward to: Jesus and Heaven!



Fill in the Blanks: The Lord is Coming!



Use the words in the list at the bottom to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading. Use the letters in the boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

Matthew 24:37-44 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

In those days _____ the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah

_____ the ark.

They did not know until the flood came and _____ _____ them all away.

So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man.

Two will be out in the field; one will be _____, and one will be left.

Two women will be

_____ _____ at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.

Therefore, _____ awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

STAY ENTERED MEN BEFORE GRINDING TAKEN CARRIED



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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 10:00 AM - 2:00 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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

*Stay awake!
For you do not know
on which day
your Lord will come.*

Matthew 24:42

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

**11/30 Wed. 8:00 AM –
† Jim Smith (ANN)**
**12/2 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Jerry
Hundt (AMH)**
**12/3 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Orvin Lee
(ML)**
**12/4 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peter’s
Parish Family**
**12/7 Wed. 7:30 PM – Feast of
the Immaculate Conception -
† Thomas Chennala (MLH)**



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$877.00
	-\$823.00
Year to Date Target -	\$35,700.00
Year to Date Total -	\$29,545.66
	-\$6,154.34

Readings for December 4, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

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 December 3 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Andrew Schaub & volunteer
Ushers: Don Halderson & Ron Hurtz
Lector: Dan Korn
Sunday December 4 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Madi Gronemus & Arnie Nicolai
Ushers: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis
Lector: Kathy Flock
Wednesday December 7 – 7:30 PM
CCD Students will serve, usher & lector

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!!

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. Nov. 30 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Fri. Dec. 2 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule
Sun. Dec. 4 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. Dec. 4 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Tues. Dec. 6 - Parish Advisory Council mtg @ 7 PM
Wed. Dec. 7 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Wed. Dec. 7 - Anticipation Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary mass @ 7:30 PM
Sat. Dec. 10/Sun. Dec. 11 - Holiday Bake Sale
Sun. Dec. 11 - Retired Fund for Religious Collection
Sun. Dec. 11 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Wed. Dec. 14 - Confessions available @ 6PM
Sun. Dec. 18 - Church Christmas decorating



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

The Color Purple – The First Sunday of Advent Happy New Year!

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year and the countdown to Christmas. We start the Year A of the Liturgical calendar with Gospel of St. Matthew for our reflections. Advent extends over the next four Sundays and culminates on Christmas Eve. The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word Adventus, which means “coming.” Like Lent this is a preparatory season, one that has us looking forward and waiting for something greater. Here are a few lines from our tradition on what Advent is about. “Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare us for Christmas when Christ’s first coming is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and the heart to await Christ’s second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.” (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, #39). Therefore, Advent has two parts, and we need both of them. The first is a preparation not for Christmas, but for the Second Coming. The second part of Advent is from December 17 to the 24 which prepares us to celebrate the First Coming, Christmas.

This weekend all the readings of the liturgy point to the last things, inviting us to live sober and alert, full of expectation and hope at the coming of the Lord. We are invited to be vigilant, to keep watch. 'Stay awake', 'keep watch', the Scriptures will tell us, urging us to live in expectancy and hope. How can we do that? Other than the external preparations it’s also a time to prepare our soul. The sacrament of penance is an important part of our Advent preparation for a worthy celebration of Christmas. There will be additional opportunities for confession as Christmas approaches. Look for more details in the bulletin. I wish you all a blessed preparatory time during this Advent to receive the Lord. May he dispel darkness and bring you life. Let the celebration of Advent be not just mere four weeks in my calendar but it is my life’s calendar.

Have a blessed Advent!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Saint of the Week

St. Andrew Feast Day: November 30
Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John’s Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus’ twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew’s life. According to Christian tradition Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint’s life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus. Famously Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country’s flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth. Regulus set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. Today relics of St. Andrew which had been held by the Vatican are now at a shrine in Patras.

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Condolences: Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the family of Marcella (Marcie) Hundt who passed away Tuesday evening.

Holy Day: We will have mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Wednesday December 7th at 7:30 pm. CCD students should report to class at 7 pm and then come up to mass with their class. St. Joseph Ridge parish will have mass at 6:00 PM on the 7th and 8:30 AM on the 8th.

Holiday Bake Sale: The PCCW will have a holiday bake sale after Masses December 10/11. All proceeds will go to Casa Hogar. The PCCW is requesting contributions of your favorite holiday treat of cookies, baked goods, or candies. Please bring a dozen or more of your favorite treat or treats to church Friday Dec. 9 or if possible, by Saturday 10 am. Treats may be left in the church basement or garage and will be repackaged. Door prizes will be available.

Serving Schedules: The new serving schedules can be found in the back of church. Please volunteer if there is a need.

Mark your Calendars: We will decorate the church for Christmas on December 18th after mass. Please plan to help!

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 **December 4th**. 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 December 2nd**.