

## Diocesan and Community News

### Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) for more information.

### Message for the week of October 15:

**"God is love."** It's so important to remember that God is not just loving but He is LOVE itself. Our Heavenly Father reveals – shows us – that He is love and that He desires to share His love by creating us. He created each one of us out of love. Our Heavenly Father only wants to love us. We are able to recognize His love in that Our Father sent His only Son to give Himself to us in the Eucharist and to give His life for us on the Cross. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Heavenly Father, thank you for Your love for me. This week, read how St. John the Evangelist explains how we know that God is love: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us" (1 John 4: 7-12).

**Annual Pancake Breakfast:** St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM – Noon. There is also a bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free.

### Registering Crafters for December 2<sup>nd</sup> Craft Sale:

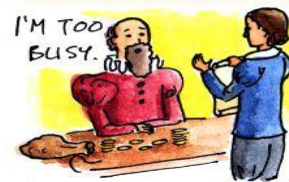
St. Mary's Annual Craft Show in Coon Valley is now accepting crafters. Save \$5 by registering before November 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit our website at: [www.stmaryscv.org/craft-show](http://www.stmaryscv.org/craft-show) for more information and download the registration form. Coordinator is Nancy Peters, call (608) 790-6034 or email: [Peters@mwt.net](mailto:Peters@mwt.net)

**Gospel of Life White Mass, Banquet & Presentation:** Join us at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Wed, Oct. 18, the Feast of St. Luke, Patron of Physicians, for the 'White Mass' celebrated by Bishop Callahan, in which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. The Mass will be followed by a banquet and a keynote presentation by Fr. Justin Kizewski on "Standing Strong for Conscience in Healthcare: A Battle that Touches us All." Cost for the banquet and presentation is \$20/person, \$10/students. All the faithful are warmly invited. To learn more and to register, visit [www.dioc.org/GospelofLife](http://www.dioc.org/GospelofLife).

**Advent Christmas Fair:** Saturday, November 18 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Please use the parking lot or side streets. Please keep the Drop Off Area for those with special needs. Use the Losey Blvd. entrance. Visit or have a photo with St. Nick or our Living Advent Candles. There will be Raffle Baskets (drawing at 1:45, need not be present to win), Giving Tree, Children's Secret Store, Grandma's Pantry, Cache of Jewelry, Catholic Family Room, Attic Treasures, Book Nook (with kids corner while you shop). St. Lucy Cinnamon Rolls from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Join us for lunch from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm. Lunch is \$5 and includes: pulled pork / bun (add your own sauce), chips, cookie & beverage.

### Kids Korner

## Invitation to the Wedding Feast



Imagine that you live in a great kingdom with a king and queen and many other great people. You hear that the king's son is going to get married and there will be a great wedding feast. All the lords and ladies and rich land owners are invited. On the day of the wedding the servants go out to call the guests to the wedding, but all those important people refuse to go! They say they are too busy with other things, and can't be bothered to go!

Now imagine that you are one of the children in a poor family that lives down a back street. Suddenly you hear people calling out that the king has invited your family to the feast! What excitement! Everybody puts on their best clothes and goes to the castle. In a little while the king comes in and you see him pointing to a man who isn't dressed neatly, and hasn't washed his face or brushed his hair. He sends the man out of the hall.



This is the story that Jesus told about the kingdom of Heaven. Many important people have been invited, but they have decided that they were too busy with other things. But the King has invited us too! We should rejoice and "dress" our souls by being the best we can be! Don't be a half-hearted Christian!

Answer to front page: Everyone's invited! Answers to True or False: 1. false 2. true 3. true 4. false 5. true 6. true 7. true

WHY AREN'T YOU PROPERLY DRESSED?

### True or False:

#### Who is Invited to the Wedding?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compares the kingdom of Heaven to a king giving a wedding feast for his son. What happened in the story? See if you know which of these are true statements and which are false:

1. *The first time the servants went out to call those who were invited, all the guests came. True or false?*
2. *When the king sent out the second group of servants, some people didn't come, but went off to their farms and businesses. True or false?*
3. *Some people mistreated and even killed the servants. True or false?*
4. *The king decided that nobody else was worthy to come to his son's wedding. True or false?*
5. *The king decided to send his servants out into the streets to call everyone to come to the wedding. True or false?*
6. *When the servants called the people in the streets, they all came and filled the banquet hall. True or false?*
7. *When the king came in to look at his guests and found one that wasn't dressed for the wedding, he had him thrown out of the place. True or false?*



### PASTOR

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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 8:30 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 – 3:00 PM

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

Office Phone: (608) 452-4680

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Bulletin deadline: .....Wednesday

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PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Gary Flock, Rachel Persson, Brandon Flock,  
Mark Nicolai & Louisa Peterson  
(Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery,  
Peter Benzing, Kathy Flock, Sarah Gronemus

### PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla

### CEMETERY COMMITTEE

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

### CEMETERY SEXTON

Tom Schaub...(608) 486-4012

### FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

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

### MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605  
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 15 2023



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

10/18 Wed. 8:00 AM –

† **Josephine A. Clements (MLH)**

10/20 Fri. 8:00 AM –

† **Vickie Anderson (AH)**

10/21 Sat. 8:00 PM – † **Harold**

**& Susan Muenzenberger (RBM)**

10/22 Sun. 10:00 AM – † **Asa &**

**Ruth Ann Rowell (MLH)**

Ministry Servers

**Saturday October 21 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Phil Gronemus

Lector: Melissa Schaub

**Sunday October 22 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Arnie Nicolai & Kate Gronemus

Ushers: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis

Lector: Pam Benzing

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. Oct. 18 - Eucharistic Miracles Speaker @ 7 PM  
Exhibit will be here until Sunday Oct. 22

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

Thurs. Oct. 19 - Parish Finance meeting @ 6:30 PM

Sun. Oct. 22 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sun. Oct. 22 - Bishops Annual Appeal Kick-off

Sun. Oct. 22 - World Mission Sunday

Oct. 25 thru Nov. 3 - No Weekday Masses

Wed. Oct. 25 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Oct. 29 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Wed. Nov. 1 - All Saints day Mass @ 8:00 PM

(This is a Holy day of Obligation)

Sun. Nov. 5 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Fri. Dec.1 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament  
available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule



**\*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 8:30 a.m.

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

Confession time available after Mass

Monday .....5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Through the parable of the Royal Wedding Banquet, we hear the thrilling invitation of Jesus: Come to my feast! Put on your glorious attire! Enter into my joy! This is God's invitation to us to enter eternal life. And yet: this parable does not make us feel at all comfortable. For the weight of this story falls not so much on the invitation, as on the refusal of those invited.

In the journey of Christian Discipleship, responsiveness to God's call is paramount. Spiritual growth is anchored in our ability to recognize and honor these divine invitations, stepping into the fullness of life they promise. The essence of Christian discipleship lies in our daily choices. Each decision to embrace God's call propels us closer to spiritual growth and eternal fellowship with Him. Obstinate saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us. Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. There is freedom. There is mercy in him. Remember how Peter who denied him gets reunited with Christ. Ultimately our choice for him matters.

The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit will be at St Peter October 18-22. I hope everyone take advantage of the exhibit and grow in our faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. There will be a speaker here on the 18th to talk to the CCD students, parents and parishioners on the related topic at 7:00 pm.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. There is an envelope for this collection attached to the bulletin. Please return it next week and be generous in support of the Church's missionary effort throughout the world.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week the priests, deacons and pastoral associates of our diocese will gather at Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse for the Fall Ministry Conference. Mass on Monday will be at 8:30 am at St Joseph.

I just want to say "THANK YOU" to all of the amazing people who helped out at the Sauerkraut Supper. I remember gratefully all those who have spent several days in planning, organizing and finally in executing it. I appreciate the sacrifice of their time and talents. As with every year, our picnic would not have come together the way it did without all the volunteers who helped on the day. The people who setup, cooked and served the food, helped at the carry out and managed the tent and bake sale, also in the basement as people enjoyed once again their sit and dine. Thank you. Also, thanks to the people who helped to take down and clean up. We even had a DJ. Bravo for a job well done!

Have a great week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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**Attention Ushers:** We will be taking the mass count during the month of October. Please be sure to count and record the numbers on the sheets in the back of church.

**Rosary in the Home:** In October we celebrate our Holy Mother, Mary. As in the past, we would like to meet in the homes of parishioners for fellowship and reciting the rosary on Sunday's. If you would like to host a rosary in your home please contact Jan Korish or Terese Slattery.

**Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition Coming to St. Peter's:** In the entire history of the Catholic Church, there have been numerous Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church as truly worthy of belief. The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Photographic Exhibition faithfully recounts many well-documented miraculous occurrences for us. Knowledge of these miracles strengthens our faith in Christ and His Church. They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Exhibit was created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old from Milan, Italy, who was beatified on October 10, 2020. **The Exhibit will be available for viewing at our parish October 18-22. We will have a speaker on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to talk to the CCD students, parents and parishioners about Blessed Carlo & other miracles.** We highly encourage you to schedule a time to view the exhibit during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival.

**World Mission Sunday:** This collection will take place on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please find an envelope attached to the bulletin.

**Help Needed:** Caregiver Companion needed for elderly female parishioner. Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 1:00 OR 2:00 to 6:00. Call Karen at 972-464-6807.

**Bishops Annual Appeal:** On the weekend of October 22<sup>nd</sup> we will kick off our annual appeal for the Diocese. Our goal this year is \$11,760. Keep in mind that any money collected above this goal comes back to the parish for our own use.

**Men of the Cross Conference | Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.) at The La Crosse Center:** Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! If you are planning to bring your son, please put his name in the comment section on the online registration form. For registration and more information visit [www.menofthecross.org](http://www.menofthecross.org) or pick up a card from the back of church.

**Thank you to all who helped with our annual fundraiser. Here are the raffle ticket winners:**

**\$300 – Finnley Leis**

**\$200 – Asher Stephenson**

**\$100 – Cameron Olson**

**\$50 – Brooklyn Lundeen**

**\$50 – Jake Steiger**

**We served 962 meals.**

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target - \$1,870.00

Last Week's Total - \$1,159.60

-\$710.40

Year to Date Target - \$26,180.00

Year to Date Total - \$19,361.35

-\$6,818.65

Readings for October 22, 2023

**First Reading:** Isaiah 45:1-6

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:15-21