

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of October 8: We are in the midst of a three-year Eucharistic Revival. This movement is to help all Catholics know and believe that the Eucharist is Jesus. "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. 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).

Chicken Q: Chicken-Q and Bake Sale Thursday, October 12, 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish 13th and Park Avenue, La Crosse. ½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans and Bun for \$11.00. Carry Out, Drive Through or Delivery. For Delivery call 608-782-2028 Ext 2

Rummage Sale: Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, October 13, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, October 14, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items are priced individually.

Annual Pancake Breakfast: St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 15th from 7:30 AM – Noon. Includes: delicious stack of pancakes with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! There is also a bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free.

Registering Crafters for December 2nd Craft Sale: St. Mary's Annual Craft Show in Coon Valley is now accepting crafters. Save \$5 by registering before November 1st. Visit our website at: 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

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.

Kids Korner

Tenants of the Vineyard

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard that was leased out to tenants. When the owner's servants came to collect the pay, the tenants beat them. When the owner sent his son, they killed the son because they thought they would be able to take the vineyard if the son was dead.



This story is about God's people. For hundreds of years God cared for His people, leaving leaders in charge. But when He sent His Son Jesus, the leaders did not respect Him. In fact, they killed Him on the cross! God's people were like the vineyard and the leaders were like the tenants who killed the son.

In a way your life is like a vineyard too. God has given it to you and cared for you all your life. When God wants you to do something for Him, you have the choice of doing what He asks or being like the bad tenants and refusing. Whenever we don't do what is right, we are offending Jesus. But you don't want to be like those bad tenants, do you? Make sure that everything you do is for God!

Answer to Word-Find puzzle: They killed His Son.



The Evil Tenants Word-Find



Find the words that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle and use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks:

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 R I N I T D L E V N L
 E Z A T S U E C A E E
 W E G A T C H T N D A
 I D A N B E A T T S S
 S O I C O M E S S N E
 O W N E R K I L L E D

Jesus told this PARABLE: There was a landowner who planted a VINEYARD and built a tower and a WINE PRESS. When he went away, he LEASED it to tenants. In time, he sent SERVANTS to get his PRODUCE, but the tenants BEAT one, killed one, and STONED another. The man sent more servants, but the TENANTS did the same thing AGAIN. Finally, he sent his SON, thinking that they would RESPECT him at least. But the tenants saw the son coming and said, "Here comes the HEIR. If we kill him we can get his INHERITANCE!" So they SEIZED him, THREW him out and KILLED him too! Jesus asked, "What will the land OWNER do when he COMES?" The people said, "Put the tenants to DEATH and lease the vineyard to tenants who WILL pay."

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

Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diocparish.org

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, 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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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net
 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
 OCTOBER 8, 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

**10/11 Wed. 8:00 AM –
Thanksgiving to God for 54
years of marriage for Richard
& Janice Korish (RJK)**
**10/13 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Matt &
Frances Muenzenberger (SBB)**
**10/14 Sat. 8:00 PM –
† Leo Bouska (AB)**
**10/15 Sun. 10:00 AM –
St. Peter’s Parish family**

Ministry Servers

Saturday October 14 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Isabell Korn
Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
Ushers: Don Halderson & Tim Leis
Lector: Julie Lundeen

Sunday October 15 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Madi & Allis Gronemus
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Stephenson
Lector: John Hundt

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday @ 7:30 until 8:30 PM

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~

- Read Spiritual Books - Ask for Intercession - Meditate
- Offer a Holy Hour - Write a Prayer Journal - Read the
- Pray Spontaneously - Ask the Saints for help Scriptures

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. Oct. 11 – Sauerkraut Supper 4-8 PM
NO CCD class – Students should help at Supper
Sun. Oct. 15 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
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
Fri. Nov. 3 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament
available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule
Sun. Nov. 5 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM



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 Parable of the Tenants

This weekend we hear twice about vineyards. One in the first reading and another in the gospel. In the first reading we hear “My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes”. (Isa 5:1-2). The Bible often expresses the relationship between God and His people through the imageries of vine and vineyard. Through Isaiah God described his chosen people as vine. He was disappointed as they only bore wild grapes.

In the gospel we have the parable of the wicked tenants and the vineyard. This parable of the wicked tenants is a theological summary of the entire history of the ingratitude, infidelity, and hard-heartedness of the Chosen People. This story is one of the three “*parables of judgment*” which Jesus told in response to the question put forward by the Scribes and the Pharisees about his authority to teach in the Temple. It was intended to be a strong warning to the Jews in general and to the Scribes and the Pharisees in particular, as they were planning to kill Jesus, the Messiah for whom Israel had waited for centuries.

We see that the landowner sent servants many times to collect the produce of the vineyard which he took much care. The servants represent the prophets of the Old Testament. The people of Israel mistreated the prophets, and some were killed. Showing unbelievable patience, God sent His Son as His representative, thinking the tenants would welcome Him. Instead, they killed Him. In both cases God is disappointed. Through the parable of today’s Gospel and the first reading, the Church confronts you and me to bear much fruits which God expects and be faithful.

Congratulations to Emma Gronemus and Jaymeson Freit as they are united in Holy matrimony. May the good Lord who united them bless them with graces to preserve the unity.

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju MSFS

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Sauerkraut Supper: Please pick up your raffle tickets & take any around to friends, neighbors and family. The sign up board is now in the back of church. Please note that there is more than one day that we need help!!! Many volunteers are needed so mark your calendars for October 10th & 11th to help.

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 hope to have a speaker come on the 18th 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.

Bishops Annual Appeal: On the weekend of October 22nd 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 or pick up a card from the back of church.

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 October 6th.**

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 5th.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,142.94
	-\$727.06
Year to Date Target -	\$24,310.00
Year to Date Total -	\$18,201.75
	-\$6,108.25

Readings for October 15, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14