

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of July 21: A Minute with Jesus:

The Eucharist is called the Holy Sacrifice
 A sacrifice is the act of giving up something highly valued for the sake of something else considered to have a greater value or claim out of love for another person and/or for God. The perfect sacrifice was Christ's death on the Cross, by which He offered Himself to the Father out of love for us, which accomplished our salvation. The Holy Mass is a sacrifice because it is the re-presentation and the memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. The sacrifice of Calvary is being made –present in an unbloody manner on the altar at Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please give me the grace to appreciate the sacrifice that is made present at every Mass in which You offer Yourself to the Father out of love for me.

This week, read Luke's account of Jesus offering Himself in sacrifice to the Father for love of us in Luke 22:14-20.

50th Anniversary Celebrations: Each year there are three dates that are options for couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary to come together to have Mass with the Bishop, followed by a dinner celebration. Invitations were mailed to couples with wedding dates listed in our records. If you do not receive an invitation this week, please contact your parish office and/or email Laura Boden at lboden@diolc.org to let us know. We will be happy to be sure you are on the list and receive an invitation. The scheduled dates, times and locations are as follows: August 11, 2024 at 1:00pm at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse.

2nd Annual Picnic on the Lawn : Saturday, July 27, 2024 from 11 AM – 4 PM at St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley, WI. The event is free to everyone. Join us for a hog roast by Simply Smoked, live music by Leather and Lace, bounce house, dunk tank, snow cones, bingo, kids games and more. We are accepting good will donations and some entertainment is at a nominal fee. Bring your lawn chair and join us.

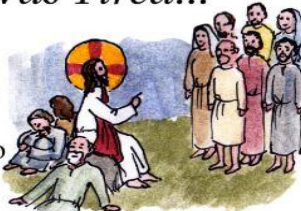
16th Dedication Anniversary: You are invited to come and celebrate the Anniversary of the Shrine's Dedication on July 31, 2024 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. This is a day to thank God for all who have shared in Cardinal Burke's vision for this place of pilgrimage under Our Lady's mantle since 2008. At its dedication in 2008, the church became a true sacred space, set apart for divine service, for prayer and especially for the Sacred Liturgy. His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke will be the celebrant for the 12:15 pm Holy Mass.

Pontifical Mass with Cardinal Burke: Please join us as His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke offers the Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Usus Antiquior. The Pontifical Mass with Cardinal Burke takes place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI. August 5th is the patronal feast day of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome. In 2011 Pope Benedict the XVI affiliated the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe with the Papal Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore (Saint Mary Major) in Rome. On August 5, pilgrims have the occasion to gain a Plenary Indulgence. 10:30 AM Confessions available 11:00 AM Solemn Pontifical High Mass. His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke will be the celebrant.

Kids Korner

When Jesus Was Tired...

The apostles were tired when they came back from their mission trip, so Jesus took them across the lake to a quiet place to have a rest.



But the other people saw where they were going and got there ahead of them! Jesus saw that these people were like sheep without a shepherd, so He felt sorry for them. Even though He was tired and hungry He decided to teach the people who needed Him, without taking a rest.



Have you ever been asked to help someone when you were tired? It isn't easy, is it? But we can learn from Jesus that no matter how tired we are, we should still be ready to help others who are in need.



Answers to Psalm 23 Word Puzzle: green, soul, for, dark, side, that, me, spread, sight, head, overflows, Lord, GOOD SHEPHERD

Psalm 23 Word Puzzle

Who is this Psalm about?
 Unscramble the letters in blanks and use the ones in circles to fill in the answer at the bottom!

In (EGRNE) pastures
 he gives me repose;
 beside restful waters he leads me;
 he refreshes my (LOSU)
 He guides me in right paths
 (FRO) his name's sake.
 Even though I walk
 in the (AKRD) valley
 I fear no evil, for you are at my
 (IEDS)
 with your rod and your staff
 (HATT) give (EM) courage.
 You (EADSRP) the table
 before me
 in the (HGTSI) of my foes;
 you anoint my (EAHD) with oil;
 my cup
 (FOWLVOESR)
 Only goodness and kindness follow me
 all the days of my life;
 and I shall dwell
 in the house of the (DOLR)
 for years to come.



This Psalm tells us about the

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

Fr. Biju

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mark Nicolai (Chairman), Rachel Persson,
 Brandon Flock & 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,
 Pat Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

CEMETERY SEXTON

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

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 Leland Gregorich, Organist

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JULY 21, 2024



He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

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

7/24 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
†Roger & Irene Cummings (PTS)
7/26 Friday 8:00 AM –
† Wilfred Clements (MLH)
7/27 Saturday 8:00 PM –
† Leo & Carol Bina (TS)
7/28 Sunday 10:00 AM –
† Reinald Kammel (MLH)

Thank you to all who attended our Parish Potluck Picnic. There was fun & good food!



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,118.25
	-\$751.75
Year to Date Target -	\$3,740.00
Year to Date Total -	\$2,672.25
	-\$1,067.75

Readings for July 28, 2024

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel Reading: John 6:1-15

Ministry Servers

Saturday July 27 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Isabell Korn & Volunteer
Ushers: Bill Korn & Duane Leis
Lector: Julie Lundeen
Sunday July 28 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson & Sawyer Tollefson
Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Leo Leis
Lector: Joseph Peterson
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 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

Sat. July 20 - Usher meeting after 8:00 PM mass
Sun. July 21 - Usher meeting after 10:00 AM mass
Fri. Aug. 2 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule
Sun. Aug. 4 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Wed. Aug. 7 - Cabbage cutting for Sauerkraut @ 5:30 PM
Mon. Aug. 12 - Parish Finance council meeting @ 6:30 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 8:30 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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

Indeed, a man needs not only to sleep, eat, work and repeat, but also needs to rest. Moving away from physical or intellectual engagement, towards the spiritual realm, is what God commanded us regarding the Sabbath. Jesus knew it was important for people to get away from time to time. Jesus and His apostles had been out preaching and teaching and healing and ministering to the public. So, Jesus suggested that they get away from the crowds for a while to a deserted place and rest.

A deserted place is a place where – without unnecessary obstacles – God reveals himself to us. A desert is a space of spiritual reunion with God, as well as getting closer to oneself. Getting closer to God and yourself is extremely useful in building relationships with others. Unfortunately, there are those who never spend time in a spiritual desert.

A person “addicted to action” will eventually burn out, leaving only a rubble inside, manifesting itself by insomnia, irritation, and emotional chaos. This weekend Jesus teaches us to rest in God, withdraw for a moment from everything we are engaged in and entrust all worries to Him. It’s in fact the recipe for happiness - resting in God.

Thanks to all those who were involved in organizing the parish picnic last Sunday. I was really impressed by the gathering. Thanks again for the wonderful time, delicious food and your presence.

Have a blessed weekend!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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Sauerkraut Supper: Please mark your calendars for the upcoming supper related activities. We need parishioner HELP on these dates leading up to the supper:

- Wednesday August 7 at 5:30 pm – Cabbage cutting
- Saturday September 14 at 9:00 AM – Basement cleaning & preparations
- Saturday September 21 at 8:00 AM – Garage clean up & Coffeecake baking
- Tuesday October 8 & Wednesday October 9 **ALL DAY** – Preparations for dinner
- Wednesday October 9 from 4 PM – 7:30 – Serving dinner. Help needed afterwards for clean up.

Serving Schedule: The new schedule can be found in the back of church. We understand summertime can be busy for everyone. If you are not able to make it on a day you are scheduled PLEASE make the effort to find a replacement.

CCD Summer Fun: We are planning another fun activity in August. Watch the bulletin for details soon.

Fundraising Help Needed: If you would like to help brainstorm and execute a new fundraiser for the parish, please contact Rachel Persson: 608-386-9543. We are looking for alternative ways to help financially support our parish due to today's financial climate.

Mass Intention Fee Change: The mass Stipend fee has changed to \$20 (formerly \$10) as of July 1, 2024.

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 August 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 August 2nd.**

Parishioners: Please remember that we have a group of ladies willing to help with meals or visit for you or a family member if needed. Please call or text LaVonne at 608-317-9541 for more information.

DRE is STILL Needed: Position open for parish director of religious education. The DRE is responsible for implementing the parish religious education program that occurs on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during the school year. Duties include managing student registrations, the religious education schedule, the program content, staff and budget. The DRE also serves as the parish safe environment coordinator. Salary is paid bi-annually. Please contact Fr. Biju or the parish office if interested.