

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of September 29:

A Minute with Jesus: The Eucharist strengthens our love for our neighbor. In reading the life of any saint, we see clearly that they “constantly renewed their capacity for love of neighbor from their encounter with the Eucharistic Lord” (Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical “God is Love”). When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, He strengthens us with His Divine power to seek to live with charity toward every person that we meet. We cooperate with this power – His grace – by asking for His help as we encounter any situations, particularly difficult ones. In continuing to seek to live with love, we become more and more the person that God created us to be. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, as I receive You in Holy Communion, help me to see You in every person I meet and give me Your love for them in my heart. This week read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 which concludes with: “These three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

Pro-Life Witness – Join 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse:

From Sept. 25 to Nov. 3, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – to stand and peacefully pray at a particular hour during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia St., La Crosse. For more information and to sign up, please get in touch with Marie Allen by visiting 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse. The 40 Days for Life opening rally will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia St., La Crosse. Topic: Post-abortion ministries in our area. All are welcome!

St. Wenceslaus Parish Chicken Dinner: (Milladore, WI) October 6th Drive-THRU ONLY serving from 11am to 1pm meals are \$14 and include: Chicken breast and thigh with every dinner, dressing, Potatoes, Sauerkraut with sausage, carrots, dessert and Kolache.

Annual Pancake Breakfast: St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 7:30 AM – Noon. Meal includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free. New this year – Pancake topping bar! Your choice of maple syrup, blueberries, strawberries, chocolate syrup, sprinkles, whip cream and peanut butter (while supplies last).

Holy Trinity Chicken-Que and Bake Sale: Thursday, October 10, 11:00-5:30, 13th and Park Streets, La Crosse. 1/2 Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw and Roll \$11.00. Carryout, Drive Through, Delivery. Presales preferred—Call the Chicken Line at 608-782-2028 Ext. 2.

Marian Parish Mission: Fr. Tim Oudenhoven is providing a parish mission for the Marian Messengers at St James in La Crosse on October 6-8 to promote Marian Devotion and Evangelization through Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please see the fliers in the back of church for more information.

Kids Korner

Guardian Angels

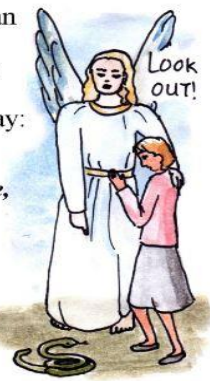


On October 2nd we celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels. Did you know that God has an angel specially looking after you? God gave you a guardian angel to help guard you against temptation and danger.

Angels are pure spirits. Even though we draw them like people with wings, they don't have bodies, so they don't take up space. They can see and understand much more than we can, and they know God much better than we do, too. They are very powerful and can help us very much.

We should try to talk to our Guardian Angel every day. Thank your angel for looking after you, and ask him to keep protecting you from evil. Here is a good prayer you can say every day:

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.
From sinful state O keep me free,
and at death's hour my helper be.
Amen.*



Answer to Word-Find: (It is better to suffer than to sin.)
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"If it causes you to sin" Word-Find

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

See if you can find all the words from this part of today's Gospel passage that are in CAPITALS.

Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end



...if your HAND causes you to SIN, cut it off; it is BETTER for you to enter life MAIMED than with two hands go INTO hell, to the unquenchable FIRE.

And if your FOOT causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life LAME than with two FEET to be THROWN into HELL.

And if your EYE CAUSES you to sin, pluck it out; it is better for you to ENTER the KINGDOM of GOD with one eye than with TWO eyes to be thrown into hell, where the WORM does not DIE and the fire is NOT QUENCHED.

It is better

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.diolcparish.org

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

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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Middle Ridge, WI
W697 State Hwy 33
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



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

10/2 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
† Peter & Mary Leis (TS)
10/4 Friday 8:00 AM – NO MASS
10/5 Saturday 8:00 PM –
St. Peter’s Parish Family
10/6 Sunday 10:00 AM –
Living & deceased members of
the (†)Francis & (†)Annetta
Benzing family (PPB)



Annual Sauerkraut Supper
Eat-In or Carry-out

St. Peter’s Church
Middle Ridge, Wisconsin
(W697 Highway 33, Rockland, WI)

Wednesday October 9, 2024
Serving 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Church-made Kraut & Pork, Polish Sausage, Glazed carrots, Mashed potatoes and Gravy, Home-made pie

Cost of Dinner **\$15.00**
Raw Kraut (2.5 lb)
available for **\$5.00**

Beverage Tent
Bake Sale
Raffles



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	<u>\$1,004.00</u>
	-\$866.00
Year to Date Target -	\$22,440.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$14,589.86</u>
	-\$7,850.14

Readings for October 6, 2024

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24
Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

Ministry Servers

Saturday October 5 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Mike Schaub & Ron Hurtz
Lector: Lynda Hurtz

Sunday October 6 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Arnie & Adeline Nicolai
Ushers: Leo Leis & Mark Gronemus
Lector: Ann Hundt

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

Wed. Oct. 2 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Fri. Oct. 4 - NO DAILY MASS

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

Sun. Oct. 6 - Knights of Columbus meeting after mass

Sun. Oct. 6 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Wed. Oct. 9 - Grades 7-10 No Class – Come to help at Sauerkraut Supper!!!!!!

Wed. Oct. 9 - Sauerkraut Supper serving 4 – 7:30 PM

Sun. Oct. 13 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sun. Oct. 20 - World Mission Sunday collection

Tues. Oct. 22 - Cemetery Committee meeting @ 7:30 PM

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



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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Do Not Prevent Him -

This weekend we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. We read that John the Apostle was scandalized by someone driving out demons in Jesus’ name and not belonging to the Twelve Apostles or Jesus’ followers. John may have expected Jesus to condone his arrogant behavior. However, Jesus rebuked John, saying, 'Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us' (Mark 9:39-40)."

John had to learn to be open to the good done by those outside the community of the followers. It’s a great truth that there are elements of truth and holiness outside the visible confines of the Church and these need to be appreciated and valued. Jesus emphasizes how his Father is generous toward all people and that no good humble act of service will be overlooked by God.

Rebuke of Jesus toward John resonates even today, and it is no longer just addressed to John but to all of us. God loves everyone. He asks us to broaden our narrow minds and accept the good works done in his name. Jesus challenges us to pay attention to our attitude and inner motivation. The true disciple will be the one who knows how to rejoice in good.

We celebrate many feast days this week:

Oct 1st is the feast day of St Terese of the child Jesus. She is also called St Terese of Lisieux or Little Flower. In her autobiography the story of a soul urged all to follow the little way. She is the patroness of the missions.

Oct 4th is the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. He was a deacon and founded the Franciscan family. Received stigmata on 14th Sept. 1224. Blessing of pets and other animals done on this day.

Oct 5th is the feast of St Faustina Kowalska. Apostle of divine mercy.

Have a blessed weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

CCD News:

-There will be no class for grades 7 – 10 on Wednesday October 9th due to the Sauerkraut Supper. Students are required to come help lend a hand. The earlier you can arrive, the better.

-DRE 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.

Sauerkraut Supper: The sign-up board is in the back of church with MANY spots empty. Please sign up today! We need parishioner HELP on these dates leading up to the supper as well:

-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.

Funeral Information: The parish extends our sympathies to the family of Eugene Hurtz who passed away recently. There will be a visitation here on Monday September 30th from noon until the time of service at 1:00 PM.

Upcoming Nuptials: Please pray for Timmy (TJ) Leis & Hannah Schmitz who will be joined in Holy Matrimony on October 5th. May God bless your union!!

Children’s Choir: It’s good to hear your voices again!! Practice will follow mass on Sunday October 6th. We will be learning new mass parts (Gloria, Lamb of God, etc). New singers are always welcome!

Knights of Columbus: The KC’s will sponsor donuts and coffee after mass on October 6th in the basement and will hold their meeting afterwards. If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus please plan to attend the meeting.

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 October 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. **Father will be out of town on October 4th. This is available next on November 1st.** Contact Father if there is a need before then.

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