

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of February 23:

A Minute with Jesus: We need God’s help to believe
The Eucharist is beyond our ability to grasp fully. The Eucharist is a mystery, which means we would not know this is Jesus’ body and blood without the Lord specifically saying these words to us in Scripture. We can understand this mystery to an extent, but not fully because this mystery is of God, Who is infinite. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please open my heart to believe that You are truly present in the holy Eucharist. This week, read how St. Paul speaks of this mystery of the Eucharist in 1 Cor 11:23-26.

Unplug! Set an easy goal: The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5. It is helpful for us to decide on what we will do before Lent actually begins so that we are ready on Ash Wednesday. Would you like to “unplug” from screens by setting an easy goal of time to fast? There will be a simple theme for each week to help stay committed:

- Set aside social media and phones
- Step out of your comfort zone
- Stand tall against what is difficult
- Spend time with family
- Savor sacred Scripture - renew your mind
- See better what is true, good and beautiful

Men of the Cross “Freedom in Forgiveness”: Our relationship with Christ is many things. He is your refuge, someone to celebrate your joys, mourn with you in your sorrows and is the one to break the chains that bind you and set you free. What are the chains that bind you? The world tries to convince you that the baggage you carry is not too heavy and that you probably deserve to carry that burden. But that is a lie. Christ wants you to be set free. There is Freedom in Forgiveness! Maybe you have been carrying around the same burden for a long time. Maybe you really don’t understand forgiveness, how to forgive others, or how to forgive yourself. You may have forgotten what it feels like to be free. Join men from all over the Diocese of La Crosse and beyond, to experience Freedom in Forgiveness through Mass, inspiring talks, honest discussion and fellowship. The Church needs men to live free, allowing them to help other men break the chains that bind them so they may also live the joy-filled life that Christ wants for us.

What: Men of the Cross: “Freedom in Forgiveness”
Who: All men (High School students who attend with a parent or guardian are free.)
When: March 8, 2025
Where: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, La Crosse, WI
Cost: \$30 per person (includes lunch!)
Registration: menofthecross.org
Speakers: Bob Kroll and Dominic Carstens. Mass with Bishop Battersby

Look for a flier on the bulletin board in the back of church and cards with more information in the vestibule.

Kids Korner

Being Merciful

YOU'RE SHARING WITH ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS MEAN TO YOU?



In today’s Gospel reading Jesus tells us to be more kind and generous to others than they are to us. He tells us that what we treat others is how God will treat us.

Has anyone ever been unkind to you and you felt like getting even by being mean back? Jesus tells us that what we should do instead is be extra kind to that person. Sometimes we do mean or selfish things too, and we hope that God will forgive us.

What our Lord is talking about is called mercy. Mercy means being nicer to a person than they deserve. God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him. Next time someone is mean to you ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and be kind to them.

Answer to Word-Find page: BE MERCIFUL
Answer to Word-Find: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES



David and King Saul Word-Find

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

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story of David and King Saul.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

LONG AGO GOD chose SAUL to be the king of the ISRAELITES. Sometimes Saul WAS a good RULER and sometimes he wasn't. When David became a great WARRIOR the people STARTED to love HIM more than they LOVED King Saul. The king became ENVIOUS and wanted to kill DAVID, so he took his SOLDIERS and WENT HUNTING for him. But that night when the KING and his soldiers were SLEEPING, David FOUND them. He could have easily KILLED King Saul, but he CHOSE to be MERCIFUL INSTEAD. He went AWAY without HURTING Saul.



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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

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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Miranda Flock

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,
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 23, 2025

BUT TO THOSE OF YOU WHO WILL LISTEN, I SAY: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU.
— LUKE 6:27

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

2/26 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
† Otto & Theresa Schaub (SF)
2/28 Friday 8:00 AM–
† Willy Jones (PTS)
3/1 Saturday 8:00 PM –
St. Peters Parish family
3/2 Sunday 10:00 AM –
† Leo Bouska (AB)
3/5 Ash Wednesday 8:00 PM –
† Otto & Theresa Schaub (SF)

Ministry Servers

Saturday March 1 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Isabell Korn & volunteer
Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Bill Korn
Lector: Lynda Hurtz
Sunday March 2 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Avin Stephenson & Madi & Allis Gronemus
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Gronemus
Lector: John Hundt
Wednesday March 5 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
Ushers: Duane Leis & Phil Gronemus
Lector: Julie Lundeen

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday @ 7:30 until 8:30 PM
 Come spend some quiet time with Jesus.
8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~
 - Read Spiritual Books - Ask for Intercession - Meditate
 - Offer a Holy Hour - Write a Prayer Journal -
 Pray Spontaneously - Ask the Saints for help - Read the Scriptures

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. Feb. 26 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sat. March 1 - Blest Art sale after mass
Sun. March 2 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. March 2 - Blest Art sale after mass
Sun. March 2 - Cabin Feverfest @ noon
Sun. March 2 - Mardi Gras “Battle of the Bacons” @ 5:00 PM
Sun. March 2 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Mon. March 3 - PCCW meeting @ 7 PM
Wed. March 5 - No CCD - Attend Ash Wednesday Mass
Wed. March 5 - Ash Wednesday mass @ 8:00 PM
Fri. March 7 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available;
 contact Fr. Biju to schedule
Sun. March 9 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Tues. March 11 - Cemetery Committee meeting @ 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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Give, and gifts will be given to you”. These are the words spoken by Jesus when He is about to send his apostles to spread the Gospel, so that his Kingdom would be known through gestures of selfless love. Gestures of generous gifts are the most credible way of evangelization. Life is a gift from God. Existence, precisely because it is a gift, cannot be identified as a mere possession or private property. Since we have received our life as a gift, we are invited to be generous with life in terms of our relationship with the other. Look at the Golden rule “golden rule” ... “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” This concept was not new to Jesus and the people of His time. In the Old Testament in the book of Tobit we find: “Do to no one what you yourself dislike. Give to the hungry some of your bread, And to the naked, some of your clothes.” Jesus reiterates its importance by its repetition.

My sisters and brothers, we are a little more than a week away from the beginning of Lent, as we approach this sacred season let’s take the time to look into ourselves and to see how have we been following the Golden Rule knowing that all what we have is a gift from God?

We have a new Jubilee prayer which we will be praying after the mass. You will find the prayer card placed along with your missalette. The diocese has more information about the celebration of the Jubilee year. I have some information below, from the diocese.

Jubilee 2025 — ‘Pilgrims of Hope’

Our Heavenly Father, through His Church, is inviting you to spiritual renewal during this Jubilee Year of Hope. Please don’t let anything stop you from responding to this call.

During the 2025 Jubilee Year, you have the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence, a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. Such an indulgence, which applies to sin already forgiven, cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptized. Plenary indulgences obtained during the Jubilee Year can also be applied to souls in purgatory.

One way to obtain the indulgence is by making a pilgrimage to one of the designated places by Bishop Battersby in the Diocese of La Crosse:

- The Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman - La Crosse
- The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe - La Crosse
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Church - Eau Claire
- Church of the Resurrection Catholic Church - Wausau
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church - Nekoosa

For further details, visit diolc.org/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Blest Art: Blest Art will be visiting our parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine on Saturday March 1st and Sunday March 2nd. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When Blest Art visits our parish, they will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. They gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.

St. Peter’s Cabin Feverfest: Our annual Euchre Tournament & Luncheon is Sunday March 2nd. The doors will open at Noon with card games beginning at 1:00 PM. The cost will be \$15 per person. **Let’s have a good ST. PETERS PARISHIONER turn out!!**

Battle of the Bacons: A Mardi Gras “Battle of the Bacons” will take place Sunday evening March 2nd beginning at 5:00 PM. A taste test competition will be held featuring the bacons of 6 or more local farmers. Following the testing will be a bacon & scrambled egg supper. Bring a Mardi Gras delectable to pass. All are welcome!

PCCW Meeting: We will meet on Monday March 3rd at 7 PM. All registered women of the parish are members of this group.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: We have reached our goal of \$12,520. **Don’t stop now!!** Any money collected over our goal comes back to St. Peter’s for our own use towards projects and evangelization.

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 March 2nd.** 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 next on March 7th.**



“For we are co-workers;
 you are God’s field,
 God’s building.”

1 Corinthians 3:9

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

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GOAL **\$12,520.00**

PLEGGED AND RECEIVED **\$12,679.00**

OF DONORS **35**



Pray Often & Daily!!!



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$653.00
	\$1,217.00
Year to Date Target -	\$61,710.00
Year to Date Total -	\$56,340.19
	-\$5,369.81

Readings for March 2, 2025

First Reading: Samuel 27:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:39-45