



**PARISH INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, September 16

~ 4:00 pm - Madonna Bahr (Leis family)  
 Lector: Bill Weber  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, September 17

~ 8:30 am— George & Evelyn Miller (T&MP)  
 Lector: Jim Weber  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

MONDAY, September 18

~ 5:30 pm—† Joyce Clements ((L&DC)

TUESDAY, September 19

~ 5:00 pm *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
 ~ 5:30 pm—† Darlene Kammel (J&SB)

THURSDAY, September 21

~ 8:30 am—† John Thurk (M&LM)

SATURDAY, September 23

~ 4:00 pm - † Caroline Martin (LM)  
 Lector: Kathy Leis  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, September 24

~ 8:30 am—Our Parish Family  
 Lector: Paula Silha  
 Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **September 18**—La Crosse Deanery of Catholic Women Fall Assembly at Mary, Mother of the Church
- **September 19**—7:00 pm Finance Council meeting
- **September 20**—Religious Education Classes begin
- **September 27**—Religious Education
- **October 4**—Religious Education
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- **October 11** - Sauerkraut Supper  
St. Peters Parish/Middle Ridge
- **October 16—30** —**Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition** will be on display at St. Joseph Parish and at St Peters/ Middle Ridge More information to come.

**La Crosse Deanery of Catholic Women Fall Assembly**

Have you heard about or seen the movie the “Sounds of Freedom?”, a story about child and human trafficking. Come learn more about this problem from Deacon Steve Przedpelski of the Franciscan Peacemakers of Milwaukee. He is the speaker for the La Crosse Deanery of Catholic Women Fall Assembly which is being held at **Mary, Mother of Church, September 18, 2023**. The program will start at **6 p.m.** with a light supper and desserts. Please call Rita Sanchez, 608-780-3621 or Kay Kesler, 608-780-0485 to let us know.

**~ ENHANCE YOUR FAITH ~**

**\* Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday evenings at 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm Mass

~ 8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~

- Read Spiritual Books
  - Ask for Intercession
  - Meditate
  - Offer a Holy Hour
  - Write a Prayer Journal
  - Read the Scriptures
  - Pray Spontaneously
  - Ask the Saints for help
- Spending time with our Dear Lord!!!*

**\* Anointing of the Sick**

Father Biju will be available for anointing of the sick after the first Saturday mass of each month or contact Fr. Biju directly if you or a family member would like to receive the sacrament.

**\* Confession**

First Saturday after Morning Mass or 3:30—3:45 pm before 4:00 pm Mass or by appointment . Please contact Fr. Biju to set up a time.

**\* Mass Intentions**

Please contact the Parish office phone #788-1646 or email [sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:sjrp2601@gmail.com) if you would like to schedule mass intentions. Or there are envelopes are in the back of church.

**Contributions for the past week**

180 envelope holders

Adult Envelopes(33) :	\$1,807.00
Plate collection:	\$ 332.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,139.00</b>

*Thank you Money Counters!*

**Donations:** Here are some ways to contribute:

- Use the online giving portal set up by the Diocese: <https://dioc.org/st-joseph-parish-st-joseph-ridge/> (processing fees will be deducted from your contribution, which average 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH)
- **Drop off** a contribution in the church donation box
- **Mail in** your weekly/monthly offering to parish office (W2601 State Road 33, La Crosse, WI 54601)
- If you use online banking and would like make your contribution using **bill pay**, set up St. Joseph Ridge Parish as a payment and the bank will mail it directly to the parish.



FROM THE PASTOR



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 to 28:7  
 Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9  
 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

**Stewardship Reflection**

This weekend's readings call us to look inward to the state of our hearts, our thoughts, and our emotions. Our first reading, from Sirach, addresses the complicated emotion of anger. "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" We have all been wounded by others at some point, some perhaps quite deeply. Our emotions are gifts from God. But we must steward them well rather than allow them to overcome us.

How do we do this? Sirach tells us. "Remember your last days, set enmity aside... Remember the Most High's covenant and overlook faults." We embrace the stewardship mindset — not brooding over hurts, but recalling all the gifts our good God has given us, all the love He continually pours out upon us, and we put our focus and trust in Him.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus reminds us of our proper position before Him in light of all He has done for us, comparing the kingdom of heaven to a "king who decided to settle accounts with his servants." In the parable, a debtor is brought before the king, owing such an overwhelming debt that it could not possibly be repaid. Yet, the king is filled with compassion for the servant, forgiving the debt and letting him free.

Doesn't that sound like each of us concerning the King of Kings? The Father has given us life and then sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sins and "debts" and make eternal life with Him possible for us. We cannot repay this debt. We can only thank God by giving Him our whole selves — inside and out.

*What joy and freedom we find  
in the stewardship way of life!*

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH NEWS

**Religious Education** classes will begin

Wednesday, September 20th.

Grades 1, 3 & 5: 6:00—7:05 pm

Grades 6—10: 7:00—8:15 pm

Religious Education letter and registration forms are in the back of church.

We will be looking for prayer partners for each grade again, this was done a few years ago and we would love to implement it again. If you have a grandchild in a class or a certain group stands out to you, please call me to volunteer your prayers. Thank you. If you have any questions or if you did not receive an email, please call Stacy Burns (608)769-8828



**Thank you teachers!**

1st Grade— Sherry Hougom

3rd Grade— Barb Dickman and Stacy Burns

5th Grade—Bill Weber

6th Grade—Mary Reeck

7th Grade—Luke Sawaya

8th Grade— Stacy Wieman

9th Grade— Terry Dickman

10th Grade— Ruben Mendoza

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS

**~Eucharistic Revival— A Minute with Jesus is meant to inspire parishioners during the Eucharistic Revival, a movement to help all Catholics know and believe that the Eucharist is Jesus. We respond with thanksgiving after receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.**

The Vital Connection between the Eucharist and Confession

Part of the greatest preparation we can make to receive Jesus's Body and Blood is to experience His forgiveness and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If there is sin in my heart, there is no room for Christ. Jesus forgives us of our sins in confession and this frees us, opens our heart to fulfill the deepest desire of our heart – to receive Him. Receiving Jesus brings about a strengthening of faith, hope and charity - a desire to love Him, ourselves, and others.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Jesus, please give me the desire as soon as possible to make a good confession*  
 This week, read how St. John describes the importance of confession in 1 John 1:9.

**~Sauerkraut Supper -St. Peters Church/Middle Ridge, October 11th.**  
 4:00– 8:00 pm. The traditional sit-down supper and festivities along with full dinner carry-outs will be happening this year.

**~Men of the Cross Conference | Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.)**

**The La Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI**

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.

So get your family members, best buds, men at your parish, and even acquaintances, together and join your brothers from all over the Diocese



**DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS (cont.)**

**~ ACTIVITY CORNER ~**

of La Crosse to reignite your identity as a catholic man.  
For registration and more information visit [www.menofthecross.org](http://www.menofthecross.org)

**~Chicken-Q and Bake Sale-Holy Trinity Parish,** Thursday, October 12, 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. ½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans and Bun for \$11.00. Carry Out, Drive Through

**~Lectio Eucharist Classes-Dr. Brant Pitre**

September 18 - December 1, 2023

Participants only need to attend one class each week.

**Mondays:** Blessed Sacrament • 6:30-8:00 pm

**Tuesdays:** Mary, Mother of the Church • 8:15-9:45 am  
St. James the Less • 9:00-10:30 am

**Wednesdays:** Holy Trinity • 1:00 - 2:30 pm

**Thursdays:** St. Patrick's Onalaska • 9:15-10:45 am  
St. Patrick's Onalaska • 5:00-6:30 pm

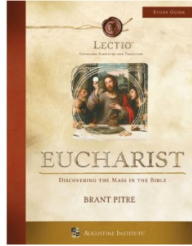
St. Patrick's, Onalaska • 6:00-7:30pm

**Fridays:** Cathedral • 10:30 - 12:00 noon

OR it can be done as a Home Study. Registration for class can be done:

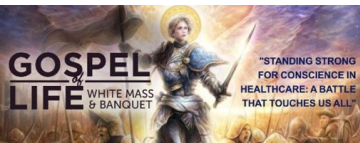
• Online at [stpatsonalaska.com](http://stpatsonalaska.com) or the direct link to the registration page is Give ([wesharegiving.org](http://wesharegiving.org))

• By contacting Amy Capelli at 608-783-0847 or [amy\\_capelli@charter.net](mailto:amy_capelli@charter.net)  
Workbooks are only \$15.00 each and include the answer sheets. Already have a workbook or do you want to join us without a workbook? Classes are free! We are also offering **Brant Pitre's book "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist"** for only \$2.00 each. This is the book that the program is based on.



**~Gospel of Life White Mass, Banquet & Presentation - Oct. 18**

Join us at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Wednesday, 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)



**~Post-Abortion Healing Ministry** in the Diocese of La Crosse  
Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email [projectrachel@dioc.org](mailto:projectrachel@dioc.org)

**Midwest EnCourage Fall Retreat** | Sept. 29 - Oct 1 | Minneapolis, MN  
A weekend of prayer and reflection for family and friends of people who experience same-sex attractions or gender identity discordance. Pray, meditate, share and discuss ways to maintain a loving relationship with your loved one while continuing to uphold the wisdom and truth found in the teachings of the Church.

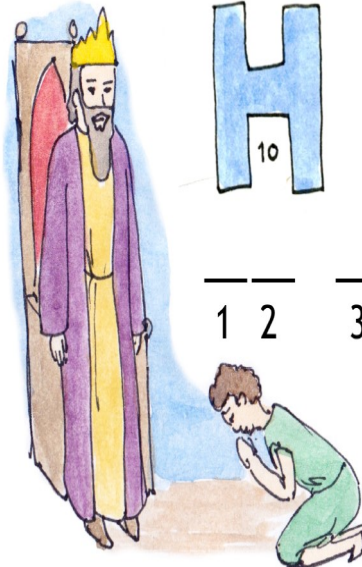
5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29 - 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 at a Retreat Center in the Minneapolis, MN area. For more information and to register go to: [couragec.org/event/encourage-fall-retreatsave-the-date](http://couragec.org/event/encourage-fall-retreatsave-the-date)

**~Fall Rummage Sale** at Mary, Mother of the Church, on Friday, October 13, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, October 14, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a



*What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?*

*Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!*



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*With trust in God's goodness,  
let us offer our prayers*

**POWER  
OF  
PRAYER**

- For favorable weather
- For those who are sick or suffering in any way, may the healing and strength of our Lord Jesus Christ come upon them and given them comfort and peace.
- For a greater respect for life throughout the world, from conception through natural death.
- For all who are grieving the loss of a loved one, may the Lord bring them peace and consolation .
- For parents in this faith community, the first teachers of the faith, may the Spirit guide their efforts in instructing their children.
- For the elderly who are homebound or unvisited, may the Lord fill them with his presence and comfort them with friendship.
- The intentions listed in our parish book of prayer.

To add a request call 608-788-1646 or email [Sjrp2601@gmail.com](mailto:Sjrp2601@gmail.com)