Diocesan and Community News

Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus Christ: Profession of Faith

The Profession of Faith is a verbal expression of belief in what is revealed by God and taught by the Church. This is publicly professed in either the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed at Mass. The first words of the Creed are "I believe," because faith is a personal response to God, accepting what He has revealed to be true. The Creed is a summary of the most important teachings of the Church.

Save The Date: Monday, November 2, All Souls Day Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be held at noon in the Catholic Cemetery on Losey Blvd, La Crosse. Come and pray the Stations for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Gone But Not Forgotten: A Mass for the Dead will be celebrated on All Souls' Day, Monday November 2, in the Saint Francis of Assisi Mausoleum Chapel of the Catholic Cemetery, 519 Losey Boulevard South, at 5:15 pm. A *plenary indulgence*, under the usual circumstances, can be gained for the souls in purgatory by the Christian faithful who, within November 1-8, devoutly visits a cemetery and prays for the dead. All are invited to attend.

St. James & Providence Academy 60th ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY FAIR: WHEN: Saturday, November 14, 2026, 8am-2pm WHERE: In the Providence Academy Gymnasium 716 Windsor St. across the street from St. James church. WHAT: Booths include Bakery (We have Homemade Pies, Lefse & Egg Rolls!), $5 Fill-a-Bag Rummage, Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Jewelry, Mystery Gifts, NEW BOOTH Vintage Village! Win a 55" LED Smart TV! Visit Santa from 10am-Noon. Kid's Games to win prizes from 9am-1pm. Homemade Chili, Gourmet Coffee & refreshments available for dine in or take out.

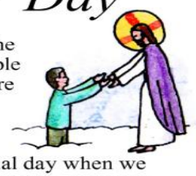
Organ Recitals at the Cathedral: A series of three autumn organ recitals will be performed at the Cathedral. See the flier in the back of church for information on October 25th and November 22nd, upcoming recitals featuring wonderful talents.

Gathered in Grace Local Mom Group: This new group will meet here on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the basement. They will meet at other local churches on the other Tuesdays of the month. The rosary will be prayed, followed by fellowship, coffee for the moms and snacks for the kids. If you are a mom looking to enrich yourself spiritually, join the GroupMe group called "Gathered in Grace -Driftless Region" for more information.

Rachel Ministries: Hope and Healing after the Loss of a Child: Anyone suffering the loss of a child as a result of miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or abortion knows that the tremendous pain of losing a child, no matter the circumstance, holds a sacred place in a parent's heart. Grief can be stifled by the busyness of our lives, the immensity of the pain, the difficulty of the circumstances, or the feeling of being alone. Volunteers at Rachel Ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse desire to walk alongside those suffering in this way on a journey of healing, offering spiritual accompaniment and connections with needed resources within the Catholic Church. To learn more about Rachel Ministries' pathways to healing, including special Masses and a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, see the flyer in the back of church or go to https://diolc.org/rachelministries .

Kids Korner

All Saints' Day



Today is a special feast day in the Church. We celebrate all the people who followed God on earth and are now in Heaven.

Tomorrow, November 2nd, is the feast of All Souls. It is a special day when we remember all the people who are still in Purgatory.



While we are alive we try to love God and do what He asks so that when we die we can go to Heaven to be with Him.

We can also help the souls in Purgatory. They are suffering because they have to make up for the sins they did when they were on earth. They can't go to Heaven until their souls are clean. We can help them by offering prayers and sacrifices to God for them.



The Saints in Heaven loved and served God and made up for their sins. We can pray to them and they can pray to God for us, to help us get to Heaven too!

Saints on the front page: Back row: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Peter, St. Joseph, St. Maximilian Kolbe. From row: St. Joan of Arc, St. Therese of Lisieux, Our Lady (Mary), St. Jean Marie Vianney, St. Maria Goretti.

Answer to the Beatitudes Puzzle: Be a saint!

The Beatitudes Puzzle

Match the first and second parts of each of the beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) and then use the letters in the same order to fill in the blanks at the end.

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, [B]
2. Blessed are they who mourn, [ ]
3. Blessed are the meek, [ ]
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, [ ]
5. Blessed are the merciful, [ ]
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, [ ]
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, [ ]
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, [ ]



T ...for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
A ...for they will inherit the land.
B ...for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
S ...for they will be satisfied.
E ...for they will be comforted.
I ...for they will see God.
N ...for they will be called children of God.
A ...for they will be shown mercy.

Living the Beatitudes will help me

__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ !
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

PARISH PRIEST

Rev. Sengole Vethanayagam
(Fr. Sen) (715) 615-1774
frsengolevema@gmail.com

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Friday..... 8:00 AM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....8:00 PM
Sunday..... 10:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesday.... Rosary @ 7:00 PM
Eucharistic Exposition @ 7:20 PM for Quiet Prayer/Confession
Benediction @ 8:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday during Adoration
Before Saturday mass & 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
Bulletin deadline: ..... Wednesday
Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.org

PARISH WEBMASTER

Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS

Austin Menn & Andrew Schaub

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Miranda Flock & Carol Gronemus (assistant)

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Mark Nicolai (Chairman), Brandon Flock, Louisa Peterson, James Hundt & Nick Gronemus (Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mark Stephenson (Chairman), Rob Slattery, Tom Schaub, Peter Benzing, Kathy Flock, Sarah Gronemus (Secretary)

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

FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Deborah Leis

MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator

St. Peter's Catholic Church

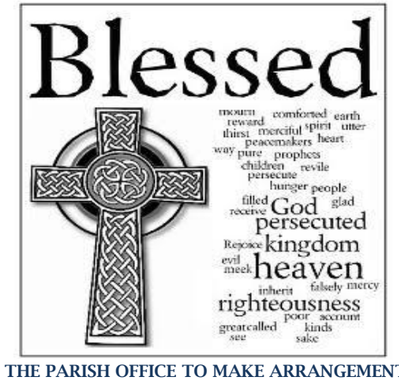
Middle Ridge, WI
W697 State Hwy 33
Rockland, WI 54653
608-452-4680

Parish website: *www.saintpetersparish.net*



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

NOVEMBER 1, 2026



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish • Weddings • Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Parish Intentions

11/2 Monday 8:00 PM **– All Souls' Day**

The intentions of the Tom & Melissa Schaub family (TMS)

11/4 Wednesday 8:00 AM **–**

† Leo & Agnes Bouska (PPB)

11/6 Friday 8:00 AM **–**

† Douglas Hurlburt (AH)

11/7 Saturday 8:00 PM **–**

† Elrita Meyers (LF)

11/8 Sunday 10:00 AM **–**

All who are Dying and the Souls in Purgatory (RJK)

If you would like to have a mass prayed for your intention, you can place it in a marked envelope in the offertory. If you have a certain date you would like, please specify.



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year)

Weekly Target -	$1,900.00
Last Week's Total -	$1,498.00
	-$402.00
Year to Date Target -	$32,300.00
Year to Date Total -	$27,195.77
	-$5,104.23

Looking Ahead: Readings for November 8, 2026

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

Ministry Servers

Monday November 2 – 8:00 PM

All Souls' Day - Volunteers needed for all areas

Saturday November 7 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Madi & Sadie Gronemus
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Ron Hurtz
Lector: Lynda Hurtz

Sunday November 8 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Max & Teddy Slattery
Ushers: Rob Slattery & Leo Leis
Lector: John Hundt

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays: Rosary @ 7:00 PM – Eucharistic Exposition @ 7:20 PM – Quiet Prayer/Confession - Benediction @ 8:05 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

Sun. Nov. 1 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Mon. Nov. 2 – All Souls' Day mass @ 8:00 PM
Wed. Nov. 4 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Nov. 8 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. Nov. 8 – Dedication of Cemetery addition after mass
Mon. Nov. 9 – PCCW meeting @ 7:00 PM
Wed. Nov. 11 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Nov. 15 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM



***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 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday ……. 5:30 p.m.
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 p.m.)
Thursday……..8:00 a.m.
First Saturday Mass……..8:00 a.m.

Stewardship Reflection

Solemnity of All Saints

On this Solemnity of All Saints, we rejoice in our brothers and sisters in Christ, the saints. Their lives remind us that faithful stewardship helps us grow in holiness and attracts others to Jesus.

At Baptism, each of us is called to become a saint and to be sent as a missionary disciple. Every baptized person has a role in sharing the Gospel. As Christian stewards, we answer this call by offering our time, talents, and resources to help others encounter Christ and His Church.

In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes. They reveal the qualities that mark His disciples' lives and guide our witness to the world. When we practice mercy and make peace, we make His love visible to those who are hurting or feel forgotten.

The poor in spirit, the merciful, the pure of heart, and those who remain faithful amid trials show us how to live as Christ's witnesses. As beloved children of God, we receive His grace through prayer and the sacraments, which strengthen us to go forth in love. Mission begins with the people God places before us. We can serve a neighbor in need or invite someone to Mass, sharing how Jesus has changed our lives.

May the saints inspire us to follow Jesus courageously and to use our gifts to draw others to Him. As missionary disciples, let us help one another attain the everlasting joy of heaven.

Parish News

All Souls Day: There will be masses for this Holy day of Obligation on Monday, November 2nd: St. Josephs Parish at 6:00 PM and St. Peters Parish at 8:00 PM. Come to honor and pray for the souls of our dearly departed.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: Look for information in your mailbox. You can find more information and watch the appeal video at https://diolc.org/stewardship/. Our goal this year is $13,195. Please prayerfully consider helping us reach our goal and thank you in advance for your generosity!

Cemetery News: After years of planning, the addition to the cemetery has been completed. It has been surveyed and plotted and is ready for plot sales. On November 8th Father Sen will dedicate the addition as we pray for our beloved dead. Thank you to the Cemetery Committee for their work on this project. There will be a second collection taken up on November 7th & 8th for the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.

Preparation for the Future: On Tuesday, November 10th beginning at 6:30 PM there will be a series of speakers that will talk about Retirement Planning, Wills & Trusts and Funeral Planning. They will meet at the Cathedral St. Joseph Hall in La Crosse. Light refreshments will be served. You are never too young to start thinking about the future!

Mass for Infant Loss: On Friday, November 13th, there will be a memorial Mass for children lost anytime from conception through infancy at 6:00 pm at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Viroqua. The Mass will be followed by an hour of Adoration with prayer teams and confessions available, with a soup dinner to conclude the evening down in Marian Hall. This will be a time set apart to remember and pray for the little lives lost to miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, or any other cause of early child loss. It also will provide a space to properly grieve the loss of these little lives. All are warmly welcome, whether you have personally lost a child, grandchild, niece/nephew, or friend, or you simply would like to support and pray for those who have experienced this kind of loss.

Building Brighter Futures: Legacy Guild Dinner Celebrates Casa Hogar's Strong Foundation: Supporters of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II are invited to the 2026 Annual Legacy Guild Benefit Dinner on Friday, November 6, 2026, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse. Every strong future starts with a solid foundation - and that's exactly what Casa Hogar provides for the children and young people who call it home. This dinner is a chance for supporters to gather, reconnect, and hear stories from the past year at Casa. Thanks to the generosity of faithful supporters, Casa continues to offer a foundation of faith, family, education, and opportunity for its children - a foundation that stands strong because of you. RSVP by Friday, October 23, 2026. Contact info@frjoesguild.org.

Job Opportunity: Aquinas Catholic Schools is seeking a long-term substitute for the 4K class at the Cathedral Elementary school from November 12th – January 7th. They are also looking for a Paraprofessional at the St. Patrick Elementary school. Please contact Ellen Monhaut at (608) 784-8585 ext. 5123 or email at: ellen.monhaut@aquinasschools.org .

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE: The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.