

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from, or lack understanding of, the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: His Real Presence in the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year movement in the United States, sponsored by the U.S. Bishops, to restore and deepen understanding and devotion to this great mystery. You are encouraged to participate in this important Eucharistic Revival. Visit: eucharisticrevival.org.

Message for the week of January 15: Jesus' name means "God saves". The angel told Joseph in a dream that this Child was to be called "Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin" (Matthew 1:21). Jesus saves us from our sin by dying on the Cross and then giving us His Resurrected Body in the Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the Church's most precious treasure. What a Gift, that we may have a life-giving encounter with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for coming into the world to give us the greatest Gift – Yourself in the Holy Eucharist. This week, read the account of the angel appearing to Joseph in Matthew 1:18-25

GIVEN Retreat on Jan. 28, 2023: GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating and engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, and adoration, prayer and reconciliation. GIVEN retreats help couples foster a deeper relationship that is rooted in Jesus Christ and His Church. This mini retreat will:

- * Encourage a greater devotion to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist
- * Develop a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage through Theology of the Body
- * Provide couples the encouragement to live the vocation of marriage well in a culture that is increasingly more hostile to the sacrament.

Married, Engaged and Seriously Dating Couples are invited to attend. Speakers will be Ted and Julie Imgrund and Michael and Jacqueline VanHemert. Cost: \$45 per couple For more information, contact Chris Rogers at crogers@diolc.org

Prayer outside La Crosse Planned Parenthood on Jan. 21:

People are invited to gather to pray outside the Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia St. in La Crosse at 10 AM on Saturday, January 21. While abortion is mostly illegal in Wisconsin, Planned Parenthood committed over 380,000 abortions nationwide in 2021, amounting to 41% of all the abortions in the country.

Kids Korner

John the Baptist: Was He the Messiah?



Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.



John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.



What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?

Congratulations to Boone Adam Kopplin, son of Kirk & Nicole (new parishioners) who was baptized last week. May God bless you!



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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 - 2:00 PM

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Dan Korn, Gary Flock, Michael Hundt
(Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery,
Peter Benzing, Chris Pundzak, Kathy Flock

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla, LaVonne Hundt

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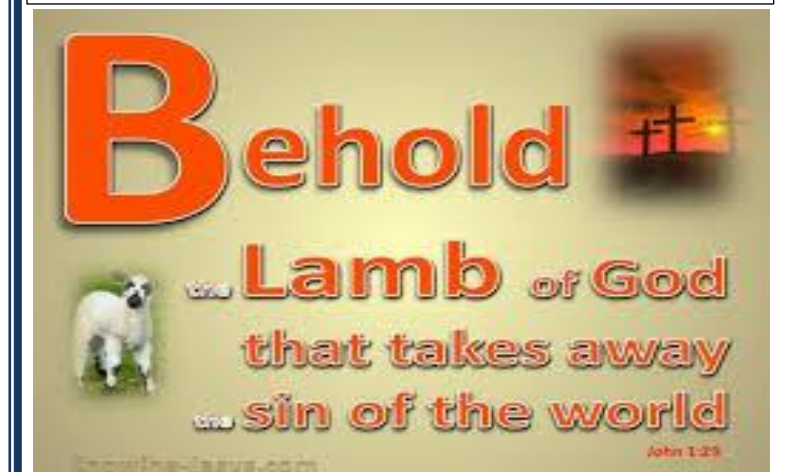
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2023



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

1/18 Wed. 8:00 AM – † David Cummings (PTS)

1/20 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Jim Smith (ANN)

1/21 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Arlene Schmidt (AMH)

1/22 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peters Parish Family



Contact Fr. Biju if you would like to assist the parish in executing this campaign.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,316.25</u>
	-\$383.75
Year to Date Target -	\$47,600.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$48,251.62</u>
	\$651.62

Readings for January 22, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

Prayer for Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.

Ministry Servers

Saturday January 21 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Isabell Korn & Volunteer

Ushers: Bill Korn & Tom Schaub

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday, January 22 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Kate & Allis Gronemus

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Peter Benzing

Lector: John Hundt

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 8:30 pm (Please note new time)

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. Jan. 18 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Jan. 22 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Wed. Jan. 25 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Jan. 29 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Fri. Feb. 3 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. Feb. 5 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sun. Feb. 5 – Donuts, coffee & Sauerkraut Supper Conversation after mass

Sun. Feb. 5 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Fri. Feb. 17 – St. Peter's Couples Night 6:30-9 PM

Sun. Feb. 26 – Cabin Feverfest Noon – 4:00 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. Thank you.

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

This year we had a very short-lived Christmas season. To all who gave of their time and energy to put Christmas decorations away, thank you. Here we are in the Ordinary time of the Church year. This week begins with the words of John "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". After calling Jesus the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world," John proclaims his new rank and place alongside Jesus. "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." John will decrease as Jesus, God's Son, increases, taking His superior role as the Messiah, a role that comes with much suffering and agony. Eventually the great sacrifice which will be made on the wood of the cross, the unblemished lamb of God Jesus becomes the perfect offering. We celebrated his birth now his mission is revealed as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. There is going to be a Eucharistic Revival Gathering on January 14, 2023 at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center. Two of our parishioners would be attending it in view of the diocesan initiatives towards eucharistic revival. Thanks to Lisa Meyer and Terese Slattery for representing St Joe and St Peter Parishes.

I like to thank all those who attended the meeting on last Monday. Soon you will hear more about the *Inspired by the Spirit* Capital Campaign. This year we will begin the campaign which includes also the diocesan annual appeal of this year. Once our annual appeal gets completed whatever is given to the appeal 80% will come back to us. You will be receiving information about it soon. All of you had been generous with your support and I hope we can make it too.

Thanks to all those who made my day on last Sunday with the celebration of my 20th ordination anniversary at St Peter. Thanks for the food and friendship. Appreciate all that you do for me. May God bless you.

Thanks to Msgr Hundt for helping us with the weekend masses.

I like to continue on the APOSTOLIC LETTER TOTUM AMORIS EST of the Holy Father on the fourth centenary of the death of SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES.

"Early education: The adventure of coming to know oneself in God Francis was born on 21 August 1567 in the Castle of Sales, near Thorens, the son of François de Nouvelles, Lord of Boisy, and Françoise de Sionnaz. "His life spanned two centuries, the sixteenth and the seventeenth, and he embodied the best of the teachings and cultural achievements of the century then drawing to a close, reconciling the inheritance of humanism with the striving for the Absolute proper to the currents of mysticism". [14] After his early education, first in the College of La Roche-sur-Foron and then in that of Annecy, Francis went to Paris, to the recently founded Jesuit College of Clermont. In the capital of the Kingdom of France, devastated by the wars of religion, he experienced two consecutive interior crises that would have a lasting mark on his life. A fervent prayer offered in the Church of SaintÉtienne-des-Grès, before the Black Madonna of Paris, would kindle, amid the darkness of his heart, a fire that would continue to burn within him and provide the key to understanding his own experience and that of others. "Whatever may happen, Lord, you who hold everything in your hands and whose ways are all justice and truth, ... I will love you, Lord, ... I will love you here, O my God; I will hope always in your mercy and ever repeat your praise... O Lord Jesus, you will always be my hope and my salvation in the land of the living". [15] Attaining peace, Francis recorded those words in his journal. The experience of this crisis, with its anxiety and uncertainties, would remain illuminating for him, and provide him with a singular approach to the mystery of God's relationship with humanity. It helped him gain insight into the lives of others and to recognize, with a refined spirit of discernment, the interior attitude that unites 3 thought and feeling, reason and affections, which he called the "God of the human heart". As a result, Francis was never in danger of attributing theoretical importance to his own personal experience and absolutizing it. Rather, he learned something remarkable, the fruit of grace: the ability to discern, in God, his own lived experience and that of others. Although he never claimed to develop a theological system as such, his reflection on the spiritual life proved to be of outstanding theological importance, for it embodied two essential dimensions of any genuine theology. The first is the spiritual life itself, for it is in humble and persevering prayer, in openness to the Holy Spirit, that we attempt to understand and communicate the word of God; theologians emerge from the crucible of prayer. The second is the life of the Church, the ability to think in the Church and with the Church. Theology itself has felt the effects of our individualist culture, yet Christian theologians are called to carry out their work immersed in the life of the community, breaking within it the bread of the word. [16] The thought of Francis de Sales, albeit on the margins of the scholarly disputes of his age and respectful of them, was characterized by these two essential dimensions" To be continued

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Mark Your Calendars: Our annual Euchre party, Cabin Feverfest, will be held Sunday February 26th and our 2nd annual Couple's Night will be held Friday February 17th. More information will be coming soon.

Donation Envelopes for 2023: The production for our 2023 envelopes is behind schedule. We will get them out as soon as we can. In the meantime, feel free to use any old envelopes you may have (your number doesn't change) or place in a regular envelope with your name on it. Thank you for your understanding!

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign: This year our Diocesan Annual Appeal will be held in conjunction with the Inspired by the Spirit campaign and will benefit our own parish and the larger Church of La Crosse for years to come. The Diocese plans to raise \$40,000,000. Our parish goal over a 5 year time period is \$85,000 with \$55,250 coming back to our parish for our own needs and projects.

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 **February 5th**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.