

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 29: Why does Jesus want to live in your heart? God has created each person absolutely unique - there is only one of you. Jesus knows you and loves you, and wants to be with you always. Jesus has a love in His Heart that only you can receive. If you don't receive Jesus' love for you, it will be "wasted." And likewise, you have a love in your heart that only you can give to Jesus. If you don't give that love, there will be an empty place in Jesus' Heart. Let's pray this right now and every day this week. Jesus, I want to receive all the love You have for me and I want to give You all of my love. This week read about how much God loves you in John 3:16. To make this personal, replace the "the world" with your own name.

Pray for the Call: World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of Feb. 4-5. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joy-filled holiness in the service of the Church and world, also for more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced and loved.

Catholic Women's Spiritual Day: This will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 407 E. LeGrand Street, Boscobel, WI 53805. Keynote speaker, Rebecca Kiessling, has been a pro-life speaker since 1995, sharing her powerful testimony internationally. For questions, please contact: Julie Biba at 608-375-2589 or Janet Mindham at 608-391-1030.

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@diolc.org.

BE A SPIRITUS MISSIONARY: Do you know a young adult who lives out their faith and is eager to share it with others? SPIRITUS Ministries is looking for Catholics, between 19-29, who want to grow in leadership, holiness and inspire the next generation of youth to live out their Catholic faith. As a SPIRITUS missionary, you'll live in community by gender, travel to schools and parishes throughout Wisconsin, and inspire 5,000+ youth in grades 2-12 through retreats. Missionaries receive one-on-one mentoring, spiritual direction, food, lodging, monthly allowance, health insurance, and a \$3,000* completion stipend. There is no fundraising required. For more info visit: spiritusministries.org/beamissionary.

Kids Korner

How to be Happy!

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches the eight beatitudes. Beatitude means happiness. Here are some ideas on how to live the beatitudes:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you share your nice things and don't let your stuff be the most important thing in your life then you will be happy.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. If you are sad now, remember that in Heaven there will be no more suffering.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Don't be selfish or pushy about things. God will make sure you get everything you need!
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. If you try to do what is right then God will make the right things happen.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. If you forgive other people when they hurt you, then God will forgive you when you are sorry for your sins against Him.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. If God is the center of your life, then your heart is pure and ready to see Him in Heaven when you die.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. God loves peace, and loves it when we try to avoid getting into fights.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you suffer for the truth, God will give you a joyful reward!



Beatitudes Word Find

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Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle and use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks.

"Blessed are the POOR in SPIRIT, for theirs is the kingdom of HEAVEN. Blessed are they who MOURN, for they will be COMFORTED. BLESSED are the meek, for they will INHERIT the land. Blessed are THEY WHO hunger and thirst for RIGHTEOUSNESS, for they will be SATISFIED. Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for they will be shown MERCY. Blessed are the CLEAN of HEART, for they will see GOD. Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS, for they will be called CHILDREN of God. Blessed are they who are PERSECUTED for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the KINGDOM of heaven. Blessed are you when they INSULT you and persecute you and utter every KIND of evil against you FALSELY BECAUSE of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be GREAT in heaven."

If you be like Jesus, 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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 29, 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

2/1 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Joyce DeFlorian (BDF)

2/3 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Lawrence William Landers (RJK)

2/4 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Peggy Arentz (DKS)

2/5 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peter's Parish Family

Sauerkraut Supper Meeting:

On Sunday February 5th after mass there will be coffee & donuts in the basement along with a discussion about our annual fundraiser. We will be talking about the future of our dinner. Please plan to attend if you would like to have your voice heard on this important subject. See you there!!

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$683.00
	-\$1,017.00
Year to Date Target -	\$51,000.00
Year to Date Total -	\$49,558.37
	-\$1441.63

Readings for February 5, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

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 February 4 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew Schaub & Volunteer

Ushers: Tim Leis & Don Halderson

Lector: Dan Korn

Sunday February 5 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Madi Gronemus & Arnie Nicolai

Ushers: Leo Leis & Mark Gronemus

Lector: Ann Hundt

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. Feb 1 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

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

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

Sun. Feb. 12 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

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

"Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . they who mourn . . . the meek . . . they who hunger and thirst for righteousness . . . the merciful . . . the clean of heart . . . the peacemakers . . ."

The Lord Jesus gave the greatest summation of the Christian way of life in his Sermon on the Mount (cf. Mt 5-7). "The Beatitudes," form the first part of it. The early Christians saw the Beatitudes as the path to happiness. Everyone has a different idea of what the word 'blessed' means. Many would attribute money, power, and position, as signs of being blessed. So many people never find happiness because they do not know where to look for it. Too many people say "If only I had that," they often say, "I would be happy."

Blessedness is something inherent. It's a gift from God. It springs from our relationship with God. Can I hear Jesus tell about me "Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . they who mourn . . . the meek . . . they who hunger and thirst for righteousness . . . the merciful . . . the clean of heart . . . the peacemakers . . ." Where do I belong?

The National Catholic Schools week begins this week, with the theme: "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service". Catholic schools were begun with the specific purpose to form students to become good Catholics by instilling in them the values that would make them good citizens of the world, so that they would enrich the society with the leaven of the gospel and the example of faith. May God bless the ministry of Catholic education and all those who are involved in it.

St. Blaise Blessing : Blessing of the Throats will take place at the conclusion of Mass on Friday, February 3rd. St Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He is associated with the healing of throats. He was martyred during the persecution of Licinius, early 4th century.

A parishioner of St. Joseph Parish, Joyce Clements, has passed away. Here is her funeral information: Rosary - 2:30pm on Sunday, January 29, Visitation - 3:00-6:00pm on Sunday, January 29, Mass - 11:00am on Monday, January 30, with visitation one hour prior. Burial to follow.

Have a blessed week

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Saint of the week - St. John Bosco (1815-1888)

January 31 - John Bosco was an Italian Catholic priest, educator and writer of the 19th century, who put into practice the convictions of his religion, dedicating his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth and employing teaching methods based on love rather than punishment. A follower of the spirituality and philosophy of Francis de Sales, Bosco dedicated his works to him when he founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales (more commonly known as the Salesian Society or the Salesians of Don Bosco). Together with Maria Domenica Mazzarello, he founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, popularly known as Salesian Sisters. In 1876 Bosco founded a movement of laity, the Salesian Cooperators, with the same educational mission to the poor. He is patron saint of editors. He is known as the "Apostle of Youth".

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Special Collection: This weekend please find an envelope in your bulletin for the special collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). More than thirty-seven million people in the United States live in poverty today. CCHD supports those living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address their challenges. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Mark Your Calendars: Our annual Euchre party, Cabin Feverfest, will be held Sunday February 26th. More information soon.

Love is in the Air: Valentine's day is a time to celebrate your love. St. Peter's Couples Night will be Friday February 17th from 6:30-9 PM in the church basement. There will be an inspirational speaker, intimate multi-course meal with your Sweetheart, romantic music and Christian fellowship. Make your reservations by February 12th by calling the parish office (486-2180) or send an email to stpetersrectory@centurytel.net. This event is open to all married or engaged couples.

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.

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 Friday February 3rd.**