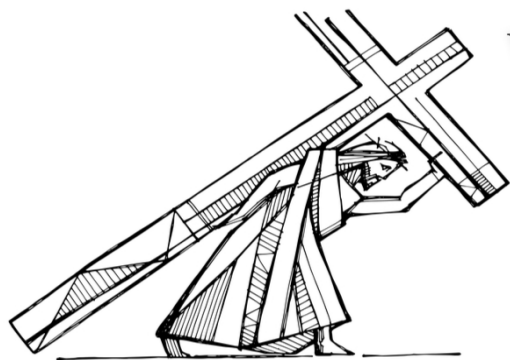




Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Rev. Peter Raj

Deacon
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“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and *follow me*”

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 4:30 pm
Sunday Morning 8:00 & 10:00 am
Monday - Friday 7:15 am

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm
Other times by appointment

BENEDICTION

First Friday 7:45 am

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements:

- *To join the parish
- *For a wedding (6 months in advance)
- *For Baptism class information
- *For Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick or have been ill for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.
- * If you are home-bound because of illness and would like to be visited, please call.

MINISTRY LEADERS

MCs: *Gabe Trussoni*
Mike Vanderploeg
William Arnold

Weekend Servers
(Middle and High Schoolers):
Gabe Trussoni

Readers: *Mary Jo Reinders*

Extraordinary Ministers of the
Eucharistic: *Carolyn Steingraeber*

Petition Readers: *Barb Clements*

Ushers: *Tom Kratt*

tomkratt@charter.net

Offering Families: *Call the office to volunteer*

Rosary Leader Schedule: *Mary Schuttenhelm & Barb Clements*

Weekday Servers (Grade Schoolers):
Stephanie Gauger

Weekday Readers: *Caryl Doberstein*

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers:
Carolyn Steingraeber

PARISH CONTACTS

Office Ass't Dir: *Elizabeth Skemp*

Finances: *Steve McGovern,*
Luci Johnson

Building Maintenance:
Carl Francksen

Scrip Coordinator: 782.2953 ext. 1
Pat Hammes

Website: *Jennifer Kulzer*

Music Director: 782.2953 ext. 4
Pauline Connell

Religious Education: *Pauline Connell*

RCIA & Confirmation Preparation:
Jennifer Kulzer

First Communion & Reconciliation
Preparation: *Pauline Connell*

Funeral Lunch Coordinator:
Bernice Lansing

Bulletin Editor: *Pauline Connell*

Sacristan: *Jean Kachel*

Women's Club: *Helen Roop*

Men's Club: *Ken Hanson*

Widow & Widowers Group:
Barb Schmitz

Our readings today bring to light the daily struggle between good and evil and how we can combat this struggle with gratitude.

In our Gospel we see an example of how surrendering to our passions negatively affects us. Jesus was with His disciples when they began to argue amongst themselves as to who was the greatest in the group.

If we look at our own lives, we might find instances where we fall into the same tendencies – we constantly compare ourselves to others; out of pride we feel the need to point out another's faults or choose to fight back in an argument. We know we should act one way but choose another.

When Jesus hears what the apostles are discussing, He has them focus on a child. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

If we reflect on the moment someone receives a child, oftentimes their hearts are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude for this gift. There is no jealousy or anger, just thanksgiving and appreciation.

The apostles are busy bickering about who is the best. Their vision is clouded, and they could not even stop and be grateful for the gift to be so close to our Savior and that they were chosen to be His closest followers.

When we are caught in the raging war of jealousy, fighting, and pride, and begin to become enslaved to our passions, we are ultimately being ungrateful for what we have been given. We overlook the blessing God has given us and the gifts and talents He has entrusted to us.

Today let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God Who cares deeply for us. Consider all that He has blessed you with and how you can use those blessings for His glory.

Stewardship Reflections/Chancery Bulletin Sept 14, 2021

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, facing surgery, or needs prayers, please call the parish office at 782-2953, ext. 2, so our ANGELS OF MERCY Prayer Group can be notified.

MASS INTENTIONS

- MON 9/20** Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions
7:15 +Elizabeth Keppel
- TUES 9/21** Matthew
7:15 +Eugene Gerke
- WED 9/22** Weekday
7:15 +Margaret Parr
8:15 +Paul Hefti
- THUR 9/23** Pius of Pietrelcina
7:15 +Florence Swieczak
- FRI 9/24** Weekday
7:15 +Sister Bridget Donaldson
- SAT 9/25** Weekday; BVM
NO 7:15 Mass
10:30 Memorial Mass for Dave Gagemeier

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrant: Father Peter Raj
Assisting: Deacon Allen and MC

- SAT 9/25** **4:30 pm +Liselotte Burg**
Server: Kyle Craig
Readers: Gene Kolaczowski, Christine Nelson
Rosary leader: Scott & Caryl Doberstein
- SUN 9/26** **8:00 For the People of the Parish**
Server:
Readers: Ed Noelke, Bob Kelemen
Rosary leaders: Joe & Barb Clements
10:00 +Eileen Wright
Servers: Maria & Michael Johnson
Readers: Ann Lankford, Theresa Kivi
Rosary leader: Galen Pittman

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 pm
or call for an appointment

PRAYER OF 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.

AROUND THE PARISH

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 22 – October 31

Daily 7 am – 7 pm

7th St and South Avenue

Sign up for prayer times at

www.40daysforlife.com/lacrosse

ENDING RALLY: Sat, Nov 6, 5:30

Our Parish Center

Free soup supper and talk by Steve Karlen, National Campaign Director for 40 Days for Life.

THE ROSARY

Thursdays, at 6:30, in church.

The Women's Club will lead our beloved prayer.

Use the alley handicap entrance.

USHERS NEEDED

Men and women and teens

Contact Tom Kratt to sign up

tomkratt@charter.net

Check the sign up sheet in the Narthex with your Mass of choice.

REST IN PEACE

Carol Ebner

mother of Tim

and mother-in-law of Margaret

BRAT FRY NEXT SUNDAY

Don't plan lunch next Sunday because there will be a brat fry after the 10:00 Mass that day.

**Also: hot dogs, baked beans and coleslaw. Delish!!!
Welcome, Fall**

COME TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

OF GOD THE FATHER

Thursdays: Sept 30, Oct 7 & 14

Parish Center, 7-8 pm

Presenter: Dr. Petroc Willey

Facilitator: Ann Lankford

Register at: 608-785-1064, ext. 2

Questions? Contact Ann at

alankford@diolc.org.

Flyer in this bulletin

RAFFLE BASKET ASSEMBLY

October 4, 9 am

Conference Room

Please have all your donated goodies and treasures there so the fantastic baskets can be assembled. Questions? Contact Marie: 784-5189

APPLE PIE INGREDIENTS NEEDED Butter, flour, sugar, and shortening.

Drop off in the Narthex.

* Pie assembly: Oct 1

* Pie sale: Oct 2 & 3

* Pie enjoyment: up to you

Sign up to help make pies and/or pre-order. They are made with a top crust or a crumble top. Please specify. \$10 each. Both=delicious!

LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB

*This is a faith-based experience for pre-school through 6th grade girls and their moms.

*Monthly gatherings include lots of activities, learning about our Catholic faith, prayer time, and fun. Badges are awarded.

*The Club will meet in our Parish Center on the 2nd Sunday of the month, 11:30-1pm. Bring a sack lunch.

Leaders are Rachel Biemiller

rachelbiemiller@gmail.com

and Corry Marco

gregandcorene.marco@gmail.com

If you are interested in joining the Club or have questions, contact either leader.

PARISH SUPPORT

BUDGET

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Needed Weekly \$13,000

Received September 12 7,437

You know, if my memory were any worse, I could throw my own surprise party.

COMING UP

Sept 22-Oct 31 "40 Days for Life"

Sept 22 Religious Ed classes

Sept 26 Brat Fry after 10:00 Mass

Oct 1 Apple Pie making day

Oct 2 & 3 Parish Apple Pie Sale

Oct 11-17 Our week for Mobile Meals

Oct 23 "Men of the Cross" Gathering

Diocesan Center

Nov 20 Advent/Christmas Fair

MASS INTENTION OPENINGS

There are several openings for Mass intentions this year. You may begin scheduling your intentions for 2022 on November 1. Call the Parish Office or stop in.

COMING UP

Formed.org

PADRE PIO

BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ. He was a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years. Filmed on location in Italy, this film tells the whole story of the beloved monk from San Giovanni Rotondo, a place where millions of pilgrims now annually visit Padre Pio's grave.

Check it out this week on formed.org.

SHARE THE HARVEST

If your zucchini plants are going crazy, or you are drowning in tomatoes, share the excess with others by placing it on the table in the Narthex. Anyone who can use the veggies, etc. is welcome to take some home. If you do, drop a little donation in the flower pot. We give that money to Place or Grace.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

"There's nothing I can do about it!"
Yes, you can.

Check out the information on the table in the Narthex. There you will find pro-life information and prayer cards to use as you pray for a baby in danger of being aborted. Gather your family around, even give your baby a name, and pray for his/her safe delivery and the health and well-being of the parents.

AROUND TOWN

WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

9-WEEK PROGRAM AT MULTIPLE PARISHES AND TIMES beginning this week

(Available also to do at home through Formed.org)
Check the information about times for gathering. It's on the bulletin boards.

This program helps answer the question "What is right and wrong?" Society seems to be telling us that each person can make up his or her own morality – that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone.

Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, how making a judgment is not judging a person's soul.

MEN OF THE CROSS GATHERING "Walking with St. Joseph"

Saturday, October 23, Diocesan Center, 9am-5pm

Speakers: Msgr. Joseph Hirsch and Jon Leonetti
Opportunity for Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass with Bishop Callahan. Dads, bring your high school/college age sons – no charge.

Register : www.menofthecross.org.

Early bird registration: \$35

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas has nearly 63,000 members in 45 states and territories.

Come join us; we would love to pray and serve with you.

Our motto: Unity and Charity

The integration of spirituality and service is the foundation of the Catholic Daughters. CDA helps women develop their spirituality and provides avenues of service to live out that spirituality. The CDA gives members a unique opportunity to share their faith with other women.

To sign up contact Sandra at 608-787-1791 or Bernice at 608-793-1972.

DOMESTIC CHURCH EVANGELIZATION RETREAT

October 30 & 31, Notre Dame Goldsmith Education Center, 117 Allen St, Chippewa Falls

Married couples gather to strengthen their spousal union and lead them to experience harmony and joy in their marriage by intentionally placing Christ in the center.

Cost: \$300, includes lodging

Contact Notre Dame Parish for registration information.

GOSPEL OF LIFE WHITE MASS AND BANQUET

Monday, October 18, Cathedral

6:00 Mass with Bishop Callahan; 7:00 Banquet and speaker, Dr. John Travaline, "Seeing Human Dignity Through the Theology of the Body"

Register at diolc.org/gospeloflife.
\$20/person; \$10/student

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Cruise to the Shrines of Portugal, Spain, and France

April 5-16, 2022

Mass and Rosary daily

\$2069/person; double occupancy

Info: 860-399-1785 or Eileen@CatholicCruiseandTours.com

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH: READ THE CATECHISM

15 minutes/day; about 15 paragraphs (roughly 3 pages); 5 days/week for 38 weeks

To receive a schedule every two weeks send an email to Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org with "Catechism" in the subject line.

KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES

The Social Justice Teachings of the Church

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

4th Thursday of the month, 6:30-8 pm

(in person or via zoom)

Register at sarcenter.com or call 715-443-2236

Social justice teachings are integral to our faith. Jesus taught that every person is invaluable and worthy of respect as a member of God's family. Human dignity comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment.

Topic for September 23: Dignity and Rights of Workers. Using the Scripture passage "...He did this on the Sabbath" as the basis for his reflection, Father Matt Marshall will explore how work is a way to create with and for God and others.

Go to: sarcenter.com or 715-443-2236.

RURAL LIFE DAY

Wednesday, September 22

Castle Rock Organic Farms, Osseo

Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan at 10:00, followed by recognition, awards, and the blessing of crops and machinery, and catered lunch
More info at diolc.org/rural-life

MARCH FOR LIFE WISCONSIN

Saturday, October 2, noon

State Capitol in Madison

Go to: ProLifeWI.org/march for life for details and bus transportation

SEMINARIANS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Mon	John Zweber	Thurs	Joseph Glatczak
Tues	David Nowicki	Fri	Matthew Szymanski
Wed	John Duranso	Sat	Brian Ward
		Sun	Kyle Lang

If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about a call to the priesthood, please contact me: Father Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004; or phone 608-791-2667.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that in Him and through Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.