



Welcome to the

Tri-Parish

Catholic Community
January 28th, 2024

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From the Administrator

Recent Pro-Life Activities and Events

They say that you can only find God in the present moment. This is true. Certainly, we can reflect upon our memories of past events and see how God's Providential Hand has guided us. We cannot find God in the future because it does not yet exist. It is uncertain. This is why it is "useless" to worry, for we are guided by God's Providence. We find God only in the present moment; He is the everlasting "Now."

I write this piece of wisdom because I can get so caught up in what is happening right before me that I forget to see what is up ahead. Things can sneak up on me and catch me unaware. In other words, I need to glance ahead to see what is coming.

The reason that I write this is that I am retroactively writing about a couple of major pro-life events that happened within that past two weeks. On Friday, January 19, tens of thousands of people walked in the 51st-annual March for Life. Thanks be to God, after decades of prayers and sacrifices, the Supreme Court reversed the decision of *Roe v. Wade*. *This was a great victorious battle, but the war is not yet won. In states across the country, the battles continue. While some states are strengthening laws regarding life, other states are doing the opposite. Thus, the need for prayer, sacrifice, penance, and peaceful demonstrations, like the national March for Life or state equivalents, are still needed. We are still facing a fierce spiritual battle, including in our own State of Wisconsin. As the Bishops of the United States stated, life is the preeminent issue, and as Catholics, we do what we can to defend life from conception until natural death.*

Lastly, on Monday, January 22, the Church in the United States prayed for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. It was a day of prayer, fasting, and sacrifice. My Mass intention was for the protection of unborn children. I regret not writing about this in my last bulletin article, to help prepare you for these events. Alas, this spiritual war for life continues on, and every day is a good time to pray and sacrifice for the protection of all human life. Without the protection of the natural and inherent right to life, our other rights do not matter at all.

Father Matthew

The Week at a Glance...

Tuesday, January 30th

—Mass 8am SH

Wednesday, January 31st

—CCD 3:30-4:45pm SH

—CCD 7:00-8:15pm SH

Grades 6-9

Friday, February 2nd

—Mass 10am SH

—Adoration 2:30pm SH

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Because we believe in the ordinary necessity of Baptism for salvation, it is customary that newborns be baptized as soon as is practical, usually within a month after birth. Parents need to attend baptism preparation with Deacon Sam prior to scheduling a baptism. Please contact the parish office for details or to register.

Marriage: Couples should contact the Pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least eight months prior to the desired date of the wedding. In the case of a mixed marriage, the non-Catholic party must arrange to receive instructions about the Catholic faith prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

Penance:

Saint Augustine	Thursday after Mass
Sacred Heart	Friday 7:30am
Sacred Heart	Saturday 3:00 p.m.
Saint Mary's	Sunday 7:00 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick, have been ill for a long period or are to undergo surgery should receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please contact the Pastor or the parish office.

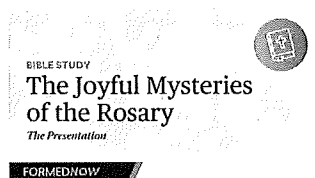
Visitation of the Sick: If you become hospitalized, institutionalized or homebound because of illness and would like communion brought to your home or just to be visited, please call the parish office.

Catholic Education: Sacred Heart School offers Christian formation to children in grades 4K through 8. Call the school, 654-7733, to visit or request an application for enrollment.

Bulletin Deadline: Please submit items for publication in the weekly bulletin before 8am Wednesday.

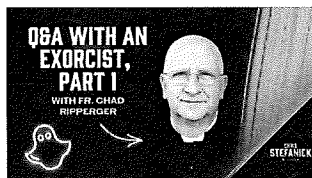
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Week of January 28, 2024



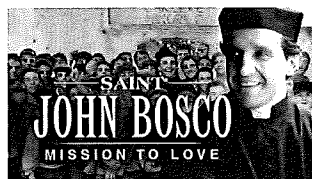
A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries: The Presentation

What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.



Exorcisms: What Catholics Need to Know | Chris Stefanick Show

Scripture says, "Be sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith." In other words, the Christian life involves spiritual combat. But a lot of Catholics aren't really familiar with this idea. So to start unpacking it, we're talking to Fr. Chad Ripperger, an exorcist priest.



Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

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Thank a Teacher!

Catholic Schools Week is here and we began a new tradition last year of creating a "Thank-a-Teacher" Google form where families, parishioners, and fellow educators can submit an anonymous (or provide their name) "thank-you" to one of dedicated and compassionate Catholic Schools professionals from across our 19 counties. We package the comments for our Superintendent who then sends them to the referenced schools. We also share some of these comments on our social media platforms and these tend to be among the most engaging posts we publish. Simply scan the QR code with your phone camera and you will be taken directly to the site where you can leave your comment. Let's flood all teachers, admins, and staff with love!



Big Hearts Little Minds

is a project to help support Sacred Heart School. Attached to the board in the narthex at Sacred are envelopes with a dollar amount for a specific need for the school. If there is a need you'd like to support, take an envelope, put your check or cash inside for the amount on the front, and drop it in the collection basket. Feel free to take one or more envelopes!

Sunday Collection

Please note that the collection date is a week off. With a fill in priest we are keeping things as easy as possible for him. Collections are still locked and picked up later in the week. We will continue to be a week behind until Fr. Matthew returns. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

St. Augustine's PCCW

will meet on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the church basement. We will be discussing the upcoming Lion's Dinner and planning the St. Patrick's Day smorgasbord. All ladies of our parish are members and we would love to have you join us!

Rebates!

Sacred Heart has received their first rebate check of the year from the annual appeal campaign. Remember everything sent to the diocese now will be coming back tax free so let's get the rest of those pledges in!

Giving Statements

Again with a fill in priest all giving statements will be mailed Monday January 29th. If you have not received your by the end of the week please call the parish office. 608-654-5654.

A Minute with Jesus:

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 world" with your own name.

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES

January 14th, 2024

SAINT AUGUSTINE

ADULT ENVELOPES	\$445.00
OFFERTORY	186.00
INITIAL OFFERING	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$636.00

SAINT MARY'S

ADULT ENVELOPES	\$1,623.00
OFFERTORY	\$66.00
CANDLE MONEY	\$59.00
INITIAL OFFERING	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$1,753.00

SACRED HEART

ADULT ENVELOPES	\$2,374.00
OFFERTORY	\$332.68
RENOVATION	\$300.00
FUEL	\$150.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$25.00
SOLEMNITY	\$10.00
INITIAL OFFERING	\$40.00
TOTAL	\$3,231.68

For Youth and Young Adults

We will take a brief pause in our virtue study and learn about a saint who is the patron saint of Catholic schools as this is the start of Catholic Schools Week.

St. Thomas Aquinas was five years old when he was placed in the care of the Benedictines of Monte Casino. He made great progress in learning and in virtue, despite his young age. When he was old enough to choose his path in life, he gave up everything worldly and planned to enter the Order of St. Dominic. His family was not happy with choice and did all sorts of things to try to break him of his resolve. They even went to far as to send him an impure woman to tempt him away! Obviously, we know that St. Thomas persevered and kept on in his vocation.

Despite his nickname, The Dumb Ox, he was really brilliant. At the young age of 22 he was made a teacher and also began to publish his first writings. By 26, he was a priest and was sent to Paris. He was 31 when he received his doctorate. His greatest work, we know as the *Summa Theologica*, was left unfinished when he suddenly fell sick and died.

In the case of St. Thomas, it was his own family that tried to sway him off the path that God has chosen for him. How often is this the case for us?

Does our family try to sway us away from doing God's will? Of course, most of the time our family means well and only really wants the best for us. However, sometimes, our family has a hard time understanding how one could possibly be happy being a priest, religious, or otherwise. And, sometimes its not even something as big as being a priest or religious. Sometimes its how we dress, or how often we go to Mass, or getting to confession or even praying.

Do we let what others think or say affect what we do, even if we know it's the right thing to do? As this is the kick-off weekend to Catholic schools, our Catholic school, Sacred Heart, truly keeps the focus on God. He is the center of all that we strive to do as teachers, students, and families. And, as was true of Thomas Aquinas, not everyone understands. We see the great work God used St. Thomas for. Let us pray for all our students, teachers and their families as we await the great work He has in store for them.

Sacred Heart School News

4K & 5K with Mrs. Klinge

We were blessed with the presence of our grandparents and special friends this week! Time spent with them is so special... Here are some of our favorite activities to do with our grandparents.

- Hug and kiss them
- Do puzzles
- Draw pictures
- Play dolls, chess, farm, Legos, and dinosaurs
- Read
- Make cookies, French toast, and cake
- Eat ice cream and goldfish
- Go sledding
- Go to the parade
- Watch movies

1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

We started our Catholic Schools Week with Grandparent's Day after Mass on Tuesday. We had many fun activities planned for everyone. Some of the first and second graders favorite things about the morning were the dice game, making Valentines, making rainbows and fishing poles to eat for dessert, eating spaghetti, and playing the m & m game. Thank you to everyone that came to spend their morning with us. We are blessed to have so many loving and supportive people join us for a morning of fun.

Art with Mrs. Leis

This week in art we discussed some differences between 2-dimensional (2D) and 3-dimensional (3D) art and our projects thus far. The students then began an Air, Land and Sea 3D project they will be able to work on throughout the quarter.

Computers with Mrs. Passe

As we begin 2nd semester we have tightened the reigns and covered the keyboards. This proved frustrating for many students! We will continue to practice however as we move through the second half of the school year!

3rd & 4th with Miss Santas

In third and fourth grade this week, the third graders are learning all about graphs in math, while the fourth graders are working on adding and subtracting mixed numbers and fractions. In social studies we are wrapping up our chapter by working in groups to build a diorama of a French fur trading fort. In Spanish we are finishing our unit on learning about school workers, classes, and seasons.

5th-8th Math & Science with Mrs. Flock

This week 5th grade Math is reviewing and testing on the concept of volume, while 6th graders are starting a new unit on the coordinate plane. In Social Studies we are learning about the expedition of Lewis and Clark. Science finds the 7th and 8th graders learning about taxonomy and the domains of life. The 5th and 6th graders are studying the electromagnetic spectrum.

5th-8th Literature & Spelling with Mrs. Slattery

In The Prince and the Pauper, the prince meets the "motley crew" in a forlorn, dilapidated barn. He learns a great deal from the stories of England's beggars & thieves. The 5th & 6th graders were introduced to Mary Lennox, the self absorbed, neglected girl in The Secret Garden. There's so much for Mary- & us- to learn in life.

Religion with Mrs. Steger

7/8 continued their study on the Sacrament of Baptism by learning the why behind the use of water as well as the Rite of Baptism. This included exorcism, oil and the Litany of Saints. 5/6 continued their learning of the Mass as a Sacrifice, the very same sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. They also learned that the Mass is a memorial as well. The Mass is such a beautiful mystery.

Atrium students continued working on previous materials as well as learning more about various gestures (movements with meaning) and parable work.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading Reflections

Our readings today remind us of God's authority. As we reflect on our Gospel, we recognize that God possesses all authority and that we want to give Him all authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly, everyone's attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, "Quiet, come out of him!" and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man. Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, "Quiet, come out of Him!" Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere. Today, we are reminded that God is in control, and we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer Who will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Saint Mary's & Saint Augustine have both hit their goals and went a bit over. Congratulations and Thank you! Sacred Heart is at the point now where all the money sent in will come back to our parish tax free! This is an important income needed to sustain the budget. If you have not sent in your pledge yet, or can give a bit more, yes, there is still time. Simply make your check out to DAA and place it into the collection. We will make sure it is forwarded to the Diocese. Thank you to everyone's attention to this matter.

	Sacred Heart	St. Mary's	St. Augustine
Goal	\$37,070	\$17,465	\$10,050
Pledged	\$30,810	\$16,770	\$10,695
Donors	75	46	19
Over/Under	-\$6,260	+55.00	+645.00

Girls Group

Calling all middle and high school girls! Girls group will be held every Tuesday at Sacred Heart from 4:30pm-7:30pm, starting in February. Call Beth Brown with questions or to join. (608) 633-6231.

"the ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally | June 7

"the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the first day that the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse. It will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person. This rally is for middle and high school youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. Tickets will go on sale December 15, 2023. You can find more information about the event by visiting <https://diolc.org/the-answer> For such an important event, it would be amazing if every parish brought a bus full of parishioners.

Feast of Blessed Brother James Miller – Feb. 13

A native of Stevens Point and a De La Salle Christian Brother and missionary, Brother James Miller was gunned down while repairing a wall at the school where he worked in Huehuetenango, Guatemala on Feb. 13, 1982. He was declared a martyr and beatified by Pope Francis on Dec. 7, 2019. He stands as an example of fidelity to the Gospel and humble and fearless service on behalf of the poor and the vulnerable. To learn more, visit diolc.org/blessed-brother-james-miller.

Baby bottles for Birthright

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed. The campaign will begin the weekend of January 20-21, 2024 and will conclude February 14, 2024.

Mass Intention Schedule

Sat. Jan. 27th	4pm at Sacred Heart	† Dorothy Von Ruden
	6pm at St. Augustine	† Dick Schreier
Sun. Jan. 28th	8am at St. Mary's	† Alred Schmitz
	10am at Sacred Heart	For the People
Tues. Jan. 30th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Florence & Don Janzen
Fri. Feb. 2nd	10:00am at Sacred Heart	† Jerome & Martha Hundt & Judy Dickson
Saturday Feb. 3rd	4pm at Sacred Heart	† Mike Demissie
	6pm at St. Augustine	Saint Augustine Catholic Order of Foresters # 1683
Sunday Feb. 4th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	Living & Deceased members of the Matt & Magdalene Mullenberg Family
	10am at Sacred Heart	For the People

Weekly Readings

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28 (71)
Monday :	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20 (323)
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43 (324)
Wed.	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6 (325)
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13 (326)
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 (524)
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34 (328)
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39 (74)

Lector/Serving/Usher Schedule February 3rd & 4th

<u>St Augustine</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
6pm Saturday	Sheri Flock		Volunteers Appreciated
<u>Sacred Heart</u>			
4pm Saturday	Claire Eggen		Volunteers Appreciated
10am Sunday	Amy Brueggen	Dominic & George Knutson & Ben Harris	Volunteers Appreciated
<u>St. Mary's</u>			
8am Sunday's	Paul Klinkner	Volunteers Appreciated	Volunteers Appreciated

Please pray for these Intentions

— Pope Francis
 — Bishop Callahan
 — Corey Janzen
 — Sheila Vukovich
 — Ardella Leis
 — Louis Zanon
 — Jeanne Allen
 — Ed Schreier
 — Jerome & Margaret Leuck
 — Glen Miller
 — Wesley Clements
 — Louise Melby
 — Special Intention
 — Gene Degenhardt
 — Jeff Mullenberg
 — Grace Fowler
 — Margaret Jothen
 — Nancy Karis
 — David Schwarz
 — Sandy Von Ruden
 — Alice Schmitz
 — Mary Leuck
 — Bobbi Baker
 — Dennis Hemmersbach
 — Mike Metzler
 — Joshua Mack
 — For Vocations to Holy Orders and the Consecrated Life and all the seminarians of the Diocese of La Crosse including our own seminarian Thomas Cummings.



For the gift of diversity in the Church

During the month of January, Pope Francis has asked the faithful to pray for the gift of diversity in the Church. He emphasized recognizing "the gift of different charisms within the Christian community."

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