



Welcome to the

Tri-Parish

Catholic Community

June 18th, 2023

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From the Pastor

Dearest Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Last weekend was so lovely as we engaged in our annual, public witness of our Eucharistic faith with our **Corpus Christi Procession** through the streets of downtown Cashton. It is a great testament to our faith in Christ's true presence. I'd like to thank the Chief Brent Knutson and the Cashton Police Dept. for their assistance in ensuring a safe procession as well as the men of our parish who assisted them, led by Mike Klinkner.

The week continued with the second of our Healing Ministry Mass and services on Monday. We had 14 priests from the area come to assist with Confessions while Dcn. Sam, Dcn. Tony (Viroqua – Coon Valley), Frs. Potaczek, Sedlacek, Richards, and I, along with the lay-members of our prayer team prayed for and over the many people who came to take part. I'd like to thank our priest-confessors as well as Mary Beth Smith and our choir for making the night such a meaningful experience of God's healing presence.

Finally, we have kicked off our summer youth group meetings for middle schoolers and for high schoolers. This ministry is being led by our seminarian, Thomas Cummings. The middle school aged young people meet from 12:30 – 2:00 pm on Wednesdays, while the high school aged young people meet from 6:30 – 8:30 pm on Wednesdays. Fun, food, conversation, fellowship, and (yes) prayer are what make up these opportunities for growing in community as Catholic young people. All young people are invited to participate. Come and check it out! If you'd like to find out more about this, you can contact Thomas and get the particulars. You can also just simply show up.

There are great things happening at the tri-parishes due to the efforts of many wonderful and generous people. I am always grateful for the effort, skill, and imagination of our volunteers which are unmistakable signs of the work of the Holy Spirit in our community.

I'll be gone much of this week with my religious community's annual retreat (Sun-Tues) and then Priest Unity Days (Thurs-Sat) which concludes with our diocesan ordinations to the priesthood on Saturday morning. I will also be on my annual canonical retreat the following week. If there are any problems or if you are in need of a priest, please give the office a call.

With so much gratitude!

Fr. Klos

The Week at a Glance...

Tuesday, June 20th

—SH Finance Council 7:30pm

Wednesday, June 21st

—Mass 8:30am SA

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	Sunday 7:30 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.

On Living the Vocation to Holiness

I'd like to spend some time discussing vocations to the priesthood this week. We are blessed in the Diocese of La Crosse to be ordaining four new priests on Saturday, June 24 (which also happens to be my own anniversary – 23 years!). We have managed to continue ordaining almost three priests per year, on average. But the need continues to be great, and we're only holding our own because of the generosity of a good number of priests from dioceses in India and Africa who lovingly send to us their sons to assist us in our need.

It is important that we continue to encourage our boys and young men to keep their ears open to hear God's call to ministry. So many priests and seminarians relate that it was the encouragement they received from family and friends which helped them to hear God's call for them to test their vocation.

There are some parents who are reticent to encourage their sons. They love their sons and want them to be happy. Unfortunately, they can't imagine their sons living a happy and fulfilling life as a priest. Some of this comes from the bad press regarding the priesthood over the last 23 years. Some comes from a lack of understanding in seeing how a young man could be happy living the demands of priesthood. Some also comes from the bad example of a relatively few priests.

The good news is that all the current polling and surveys of priests today shows that priests have a high degree of job satisfaction. What's more, most would do it again if they had the chance. That is very good news indeed! So, what to do?

First, we need to continue to be faithful ourselves. When boys grow up in a family where our relationship with God comes first, they see that this is valued by their parents – and parents are still the biggest influence on children today. In this way, priesthood becomes a high value vocation because it is service within a highly valued community / institution.

Second, we need to cultivate in our young men a desire for learning – a lot of study goes into the preparation for priestly ministry. But this learning must be focused on coming to know the good, the true, and the beautiful. In discovering these we find the path to answering the big questions in life.

Finally, we need to cultivate in our young men a selfless, manly love for people and a following desire to serve them. But this service is a kind of service that demands fortitude, not just a desire to please or be attractive to others; a self-sacrificing love which begins with God.

It's a great vocation which is why I've been happily engaged in this ministry for 23 years.

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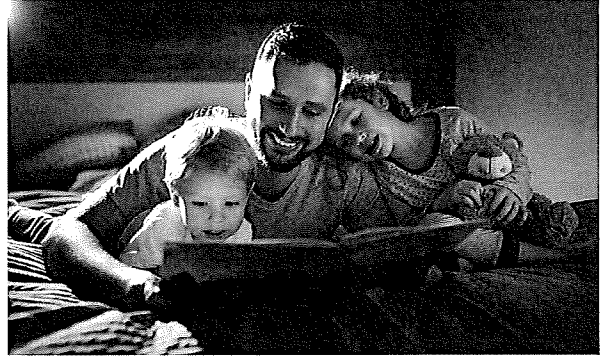


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For a better future, children need their fathers

While a mother's importance to her family cannot be overstated, too often our culture overlooks the significance of a father's presence in the life of his children. The influence of a loving and involved father plays a crucial, irreplaceable role in shaping a child's character and development. As we celebrate Father's Day, we must recognize the many benefits that come from growing up with a father who is actively present, engaged and nurturing.



Fatherhood is facing an unprecedented crisis in America. According to data from the [National Fatherhood Initiative](#), 18.4 million children are growing up without a biological father, a stepfather or an adoptive father present in their home. That means that 1 in 4 American children are being raised without fathers.

The same organization reports that those children who are being raised without fathers are twice as likely to drop out of school, are at seven times greater risk of poverty and are seven times more likely to become pregnant during their teenage years. Without a father present, children are more likely to have behavioral problems, to abuse alcohol and drugs, and to go to prison.

On Father's Day, there is no more appropriate time to contemplate what a father does that stems this trajectory. What does a father's contribution add to the life of the child?

First, a father's unconditional love reflects the unconditional love of our Father in heaven. Scripture says, "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are" (1 Jn 3:1). A father's love does not replace or challenge a mother's love; rather, it provides a unique strength that complements a mother's love. The unwavering support of a father helps foster emotional stability and self-confidence. The indispensable love of a father contributes to a child's holistic growth and provides a sure foundation of love and acceptance.

The love received from a father helps children to form relationships throughout their lives. Children who grow up with supportive and involved fathers are more likely to establish secure attachments, have healthier friendships and build stronger romantic relationships in adulthood. Fathers serve as positive male role models, demonstrating the importance of mutual respect, communication and emotional connection.

Furthermore, the example of a father models just and moral living for his children. By their actions and through their words, fathers teach their children how to navigate challenges, make virtuous decisions and treat others with kindness and compassion. Scripture says: "But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:35-36). Fathers have a particular duty to emulate God's justice, tempered with his mercy, and to hand on that balanced moral living to their children.

Additionally, fathers contribute to discipline by being consistent in their expectations and consequences. They establish clear rules and boundaries, ensuring that children understand which behaviors are acceptable and which are not. By consistently enforcing these boundaries, fathers help children develop a sense of structure and discipline.

All these studies and statistics in no way downplay the crucial responsibilities that mothers have in the formation of children, but while today's culture tries to tell us that differences between the sexes are trivial at best — or even essentially nonexistent, and that all that matters is one's conception of his or her "gender" — science clearly says otherwise, pointing to the critical nature of loving fathers.

Beyond financial support and physical presence, fathers play a vital role in shaping their children's moral character and overall well-being. Their unconditional love, moral guidance, emotional support and balanced parenting contribute to their children's emotional and cognitive development, helping them navigate the complexities of life with confidence and resilience. Let us cherish and appreciate the profound impact that fathers have on their children's lives and work toward a society that recognizes the importance of involved fatherhood.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading Reflection

The readings for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time provide profound insights into the essential aspects of living the stewardship way of life on our Christian journey. In the first reading from Exodus, we witness the encounter between God and His chosen people at Mount Sinai. The Lord, through Moses, reminds the Israelites of His faithfulness and the covenant He has established with them. This reading reminds us of our vocation as stewards and disciples. They invite us to embrace the call to stewardship by recognizing our responsibility to care for God's creation and to share our gifts with others generously. In our second reading from Romans, St. Paul beautifully articulates God's love for humanity. He reminds us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us, reconciling us with God and offering us the gift of salvation. As stewards, we are to gratefully recognize God's abundant love and respond by using our gifts and resources to build His kingdom. In our stewardship and discipleship, we discover the joy of participating in God's redemptive work, bringing hope and healing to a broken world. The Gospel reading from Matthew recounts how Jesus is moved with compassion as He sees the crowds who are like sheep without a shepherd. He commissions His disciples, empowering them to continue His healing mission and preach the Kingdom of God. Like the Good Shepherd, we are to have hearts filled with empathy and concern for those who are lost, suffering, or in need. Stewardship challenges us to extend a helping hand, offer comfort, and meet our brothers and sisters physical, emotional, and spiritual needs in Christ. Living a life of stewardship and discipleship challenges us to move beyond our comfort zones, embracing the call to serve and witness the transformative power of Christ's love. To do so requires a willingness to step out in faith, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, and be instruments of God's grace and healing.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you would like to make your marriage even more special than it already is, visit wwme.org, call 563.920.9419 or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right for more information. The next weekend is Sept. 22-24 in Dubuque, IA.

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES

June 11th, 2023

SAINT MARY'S

ADULT ENVELOPES.....\$1,653.00
OFFERTORY..... \$17.85
TOTAL \$1,670.85

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ADULT ENVELOPES.....\$572.00
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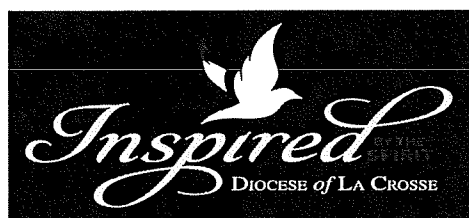
Parishioners

The Tri-Parish office tries to maintain updated records on all of our parishioners. This is possible when we have accurate information. If you have recently been attending Mass and would like to register or you simply have a new phone number or address please contact the parish office. We are available through email or a phone call. You may also take a registration form from the back of church, fill it out and place it into the collection.

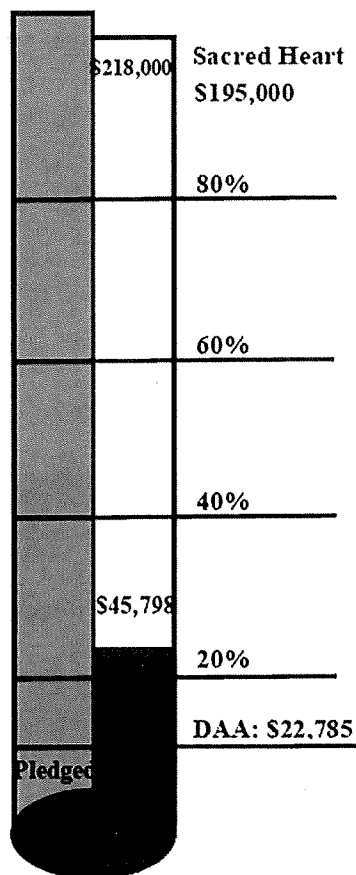
Dear St. Joseph,
Watch over
all fathers
today
and ask
for the grace
they need
to lead their
families
to Heaven.



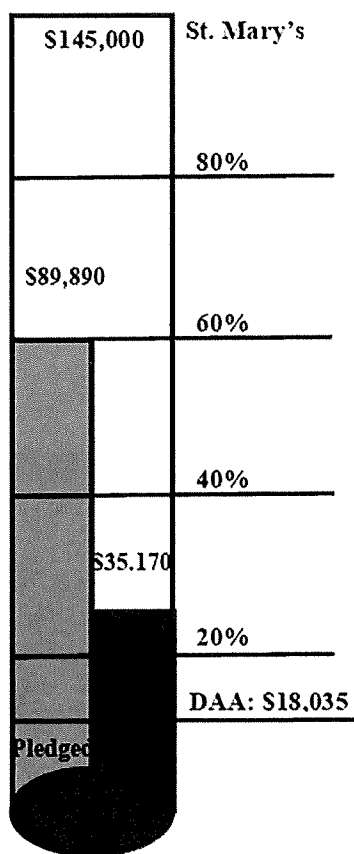
The rebates have started coming in! Sacred Heart has received \$10,429.28, Saint Mary's received \$5,560.41 and Saint Augustine \$846.22! Please continue to get those pledges in.

**Sacred Heart**

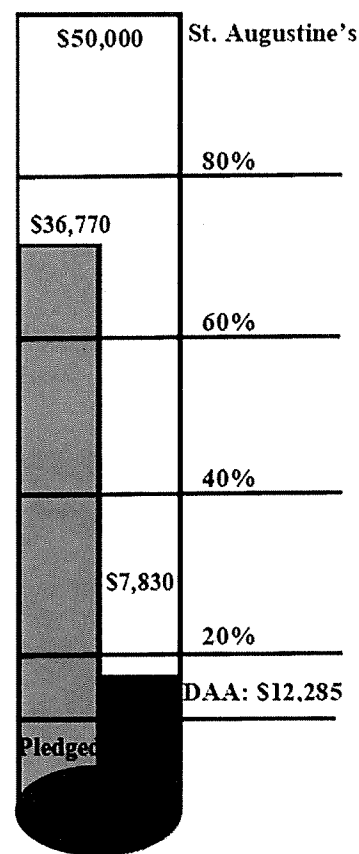
Cash: \$45,798
Pledged: \$218,000
Diocesan Appeal
Goal: \$22,785
Capital Campaign
Goal: \$195,000

**St. Mary's**

Cash: \$35,170
Pledged: \$89,890
Diocesan Appeal
Goal: \$18,035
Capital Campaign
Goal: \$145,000

**St. Augustine's**

Cash: \$7,830.00
Pledged: \$36,770
Diocesan Appeal
Goal: \$12,285
Capital Campaign
Goal: \$50,000



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign: Once the 2022-2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal goal is met parishes will begin receiving rebates amounting to 65 cents on each dollar that comes in as it comes in.

Please get your pledges in as soon as possible.

For Youth and Young Adults

The saint we will learn about today was actually connected in a way to St. John Vianney, although the two never met.

John Francis Regis was born to a wealthy merchant in France. He attended a Jesuit school and eventually joined the Jesuit seminary as well. His particular interest was in teaching catechism to the young people. He was so good at that, he often helped bring the parents back to the Church through their children that he taught.

John became a missionary preacher and focused on simple talk that came directly from his heart. Many people converted thanks to his preaching. He also spent many hours hearing confessions, praying and visiting the sick and those in the hospital. He subsisted on a very small diet of apples, black bread and whatever he came across along the way. He preferred to spend his time in prayer, preaching and hearing confessions.

One story relayed how on his way to a mountain parish St. John fell and broke his leg. He didn't stop but continued on his way, and continued preaching and hearing confessions. By the time he was free, he saw the doctor but his leg had miraculously healed.



St. John did many things to help those less fortunate. He opened a sort of apartment for young women who needed a place to stay and helped them learn an "art" like lacemaking or embroidery. He also opened a granary for those who were poor. St. John died on one of his preaching missions after getting lost in the woods on a cold night and falling ill. He claimed to see God and Mary opening heaven for him.

Our connection to St. Vianney comes at this point. Some time after St. John's death, St. John Vianney had traveled to the shrine for St. John and St. Vianney credits St. John for helping him become a priest. As Catholics we are all called to evangelize, which is a big word meaning that we are called to share God's message with all. Do we do this with our actions or words? Or would those around us have trouble figuring out that we know what God's message even is? How can we do a better job of sharing God's message to those around us with our words and actions?

Upcoming Dates

Watch here for details on
Catholic Kids Camp and
Next years CCD!

1. What is the aim of the common good?
(A.) the well-being of the majority (B.) the well-being of all (C.) the well-being of the minority
2. When can the Holy Spirit help us pray?
(A.) only on Sundays (B.) only when we receive the Eucharist (C.) always

Mass Intention Schedule

Sat. June 17th	4:00pm at Sacred Heart	† Jerome & Martha Hundt & Judy Dickson
	6pm at St. Augustine's	† Gallis Schmitz
Sun. June 18th	8am at St. Mary's	For the People
	10am at Sacred Heart	† Jim Neubauer
Tues. June 20th		† June Randle
Wed. June 21st	8:30am St. Augustine	Robert & Theresa Cunitz Family
Thurs. June 22nd		† Wayne Oesterle
Fri. June 23rd		Mike Hanley Family
Sat. June 24th	4:00pm at Sacred Heart	Frederick & Margaret Schmitz Family
	6:00pm at St. Augustine's	For the People
Sun. June 25th	8:00am at St. Mary's	† Edward Balzer & Marjorie Balzer
	10:00am at Sacred Heart	† Norman & Bernice Brueggen

Lector/Serving Schedule June 24th & 25th

<u>St Augustine</u>	<u>Saint Mary's</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>
6pm Saturday	8am Sunday	4pm Saturday	10am Sunday
Sheri Flock	Paul Klinkner	Claire Eggen	Rod Smith
<u>Servers</u>		<u>Servers</u>	
Hunter Kabat,		Colton & Clayton	
Thaddeus Slattery		Lee and Gerard	
& Jeffery Menn		Cummings	

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8 (91)
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42 (365)
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48 (366)
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (367)
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15 (368)
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23 (369)
Saturday: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80 (587)
Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33 (94)

Please pray for these Intention










— Jeffery Janzen
 — Jeff Mullenberg
 — Grace Fowler
 — Pope Francis
 — Bishop Callahan
 — Barb Scholl
 — Margaret Jothen
 — John Hundt
 — Nancy Karis
 — David Schwarz
 — Sandy Von Ruden
 — Alred & 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 abolition of torture (Pope's June Intention)

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



Please call the parish office or Thea Von Ruden to add or remove names from the list.

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