



Welcome to the

Tri-Parish

Catholic Community

June 25th, 2023

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From the Pastor

Dearest Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Last week was interesting, and in some ways enlightening. The downside was catching a flu bug which messed up my participation in the two-day retreat of my religious community – the Institute of St. Joseph. Happily, this ‘hiccup’ did not define my week. On the other hand, the highlight, of course, is the ordination of four new priests for the Diocese of La Crosse – Fr. Jared Clements, Fr. Alex Kren, Fr. Isaac Pecha, and Fr. John Zweber. Thanks be to God!

This coming week I will have to be away again. It is the canonical requirement of each priest to make a 5-day retreat each year. As a result, there will be no Masses publicly offered in the tri-parishes this week, nor will there be a finance council meeting for St. Mary’s and St. Augustine’s parishes. I’m sorry, but looking at the summer calendar there’s just no other option. (I know, no meeting is such a terrible thing, right?)

So, what is a canonical retreat? To start with, it’s no vacation. A canonical retreat is spent primarily in prayer and study, and then more prayer. Some of this prayer is the usual canonical hours a priest prays every day: Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, Mid-day Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Night Prayer. Then, Holy Mass and Holy Hour (adoration). In the midst of all of this I’ll be reading at least two books – one on spiritual direction and one on priesthood. If there’s time I’ll add a book on healing. Finally, a book of the Bible: this year - Proverbs. And then, more reflection on this reading before the Blessed Sacrament. Sound like a vacation? No way! However, if you are called to Holy Orders or to the consecrated life, it’s something you look forward to every year. And I am **indeed** looking forward to it. To be completely honest, there is more to a retreat than prayer, study, and contemplation. St. Benedict (the father of western monasticism) teaches us the necessity of balance in life. To that end there has to be a little exercise/entertainment each day, usually a good walk or a bike ride.

The point of the retreat is to reconnect in a more intimate way with our center which is Jesus Christ. In this way one has the resources with which to serve the people of God throughout the rest of the year. It’s also a great opportunity to get one’s spiritual habits back up to snuff.

So, while a retreat is no vacation, it is something that I greatly look forward to and which will benefit me and you in the year to come. Please pray for me. I will most definitely be praying for you.

Blessings!

Fr. Klos

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 7:00 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.

One of the things I found interesting in getting to know Catholics from Europe, especially Spain and Poland, was the fact that many in these more Catholic countries do not see spiritual retreats as something only done by the clergy or religious. Many laity in these countries both have a spiritual director and take the opportunity (especially in the context of Europe's very liberal vacation customs – one month per year is normal) to go on a spiritual retreat themselves. Happily, this is something that has also taken root in some Catholics here in America.

Of course, given the realities of the American attitude towards time-off from work as well as the realities of family life (especially if one is rearing children) this can seem like an impossible dream for those who would even like to attempt such a thing. Happily, the Church tends not to let perfection get in the way of 'good enough for now'. In other words, it is doable even if not in exactly the same way as priests and religious. So, what to do?

First of all, this is not something one just jumps into. A 'spiritual director' is indispensable, especially when going about this in the early years. A spiritual director is a priest, religious, or even lay-person who is somewhat advanced in the spiritual life, has done at least some study in the art and practice of spirituality and spiritual direction, and has the ability to listen, accompany, and (when necessary) direct another in coming into a closer, more intimate relationship with God. A spiritual director can be hard to find however, so one should at least have a spiritual friend who can listen, accompany, and give honest feedback as to what is being shared.

In terms of the resources for retreat material, we live in a wondrous age. Because of the renaissance in Catholic publishing, as well as the multitude of good resources to be found on the internet, there is a great deal of help to be found. This includes at home retreats which use good spiritual reading, the FORMED platform, the Hallow App, and much more.

At home retreats can be put together with the help of a spiritual director or even your parish priest. You just need to ask. A program can be put together which can meet you where you are and take you on a journey to the Father, through Jesus Christ. It can be as intense or as 'entry-level' as your time and circumstances demand. It can be focused on prayer itself, Scripture, the Sacraments, or wherever your heart is leading you. Just ask.

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“Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power.” -Mother Teresa

At the time of her death, Mother Teresa of Calcutta was admired by nearly everyone. In 2012 over 4,500 women had joined the order she'd founded, and she'd helped establish houses for the community in 133 different countries. In 1979 Mother Teresa was honored with the Nobel Peace Prize and in the years to follow she would be asked to address presidents and kings, she received visits from celebrities and she traveled the world, revered as a living saint. Countless people were impacted by even the briefest encounter with Mother Teresa. Many tell powerful stories of how tenderly she cared for the poor, sick and dying, how eager she was to play with children and how she never refused to do the most humble task.



Many have wondered how Mother Teresa did all of this. How she continued to love each and every day in such an intense, pure way.

Mother Teresa was not bashful about sharing the source of her life: the Eucharistic. Everything she did grew out of dedicated time with Jesus.

Mother Teresa started each day with an hour of Eucharistic Adoration followed by Holy Mass. She didn't do this to "get prayer out of the way" before she started on the tasks of her day. Mother Teresa began the day with Jesus so that she could identify Him and love Him the rest of the day. As she said, ***“Unless we believe and see Jesus in the appearance of bread on the altar, we will not be able to see him in the distressing disguise of the poor.”***



children?

Mother Teresa encouraged ALL people to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration. After all, if we can't identify Jesus in a piece of ordinary bread, how can we identify Him in our spouse or our

The Eucharist needs to be the center of our lives and our families. Jesus, truly present, needs to sit at the heart of who we are. It was only through time spent with Jesus each morning that Mother Teresa was able to do God's work. And Christ wants to use you too! As Mother Teresa reminded her sisters, ***“We cannot separate our lives from the Eucharist; the moment we do, something breaks.”***

—Catholic Sprouts

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading Reflection

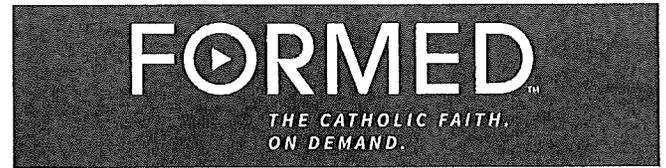
Today's readings call us to tackle the challenging issues of fear and trust — which must be confronted and dealt with by all of us who wish to live the stewardship way of life. The Lord knows that facing our fears and trusting Him in all areas of our lives is an ongoing challenge. Therefore, he is generous with reassurances to us throughout the Scriptures. Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is a case in point. In the span of eight verses, Jesus addresses the topic of fear four times.

- "Fear no one."
- "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."
- "Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body."
- "So do not be afraid."

And the reassurance continues. "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted." Notice that Jesus says, "your Father" in describing God's intimate knowledge and tender care for each of us. He is truly "Abba," our Dad, Who knows us inside and out. With that, let us all breathe a massive sigh of relief. All is well. Our Father knows us through and through, sent His Son to save us, and will always take care of us. Let's stop wasting any more time with fear. Instead, let's put all our energy, time, talents, and treasure into trusting this great and loving God, using all that we are and all He has given us to bring Him glory.

55,000 Catholic Households

Our diocesan magazine, Catholic Life, needs writers from across our diocese who can help tell the vibrant Faith stories of our parishioners in our parishes and communities. Catholic Life reaches 55,000 registered families and writers have a tremendous ability to help spread the Good News. Please prayerfully consider joining of our pool of writers and reach out to Pam at pwiller@diolc.org if interested.



Several parishioners have asked if we still have a subscription to Formed and the answer is Yes! Formed is a website or app filled with movies, podcasts, audio books and articles centered around our faith, saints, evangelization and SO MUCH MORE. There really is something for everyone to help you and your family grow in your faith and your relationship with our Lord. Signing up is easy just follow these 4 steps:

1. Go to the Formed website. (formed.org)
2. When the login screen appears click log on as parishioner. This should take you to the search for your organization screen.
3. Type Cashton, WI and Tri-parish Catholic Community appears.
4. Click on that and then add your name and email address and begin your journey to deepen your faith!

Post-Roe Celebration & Dinner for Hope's Door Pregnancy Resource Center

Tuesday, June 27, come to a dinner celebrating the anniversary of the overturning of Roe v. Wade, and help raise funds for Hope's Door, a new, Christ-centered pregnancy resource center being planned for La Crosse. Doors open at 5 p.m. at Pizonas Restaurant, 202 Superior Ave., Tomah, with dinner at 6 p.m. and presentations to follow by Marie Allen of Project Rachel post-abortion healing ministry and Colleen Hackworth of Hope's Door. Tickets \$30. Call Deb Dorzok (after 5 p.m.) at 608.387.3695.

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES

June 18, 2023

SAINT MARY'S

ADULT ENVELOPES.....\$1,548.00
OFFERTORY..... \$58.00
VBS \$25.00
TOTAL \$1,631.00

SAINT AUGUSTINE

ADULT ENVELOPES.....\$310.00
OFFERTORY..... \$92.49
TOTAL.....\$402.47

SACRED HEART

ADULT ENVELOPES.....\$1,880.00
OFFERTORY..... \$141.46
FUEL..... \$25.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT \$30.00
VBS \$83.00
ASSUMPTION..... \$30.00
TOTAL \$2,189.46
RENOVATION FUND..... \$5.00

Domestic Church Retreat | August 26-27

This Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat at St. Joseph Parish in Menomonie WI begins on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. the following Sunday. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The goal of the retreat is to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center. Please visit diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/ for more information.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones. NCYC is the premiere Catholic youth event on a national scale that gathers people from all across America for a life-changing encounter with Christ. Our diocese will be taking a group and would love to have your youth join us! If you are interested in learning more please visit our website at diolc.org/ncyc The scheduled dates are November 16-19, 2023.

Eternal Rest Grant Her, O Lord

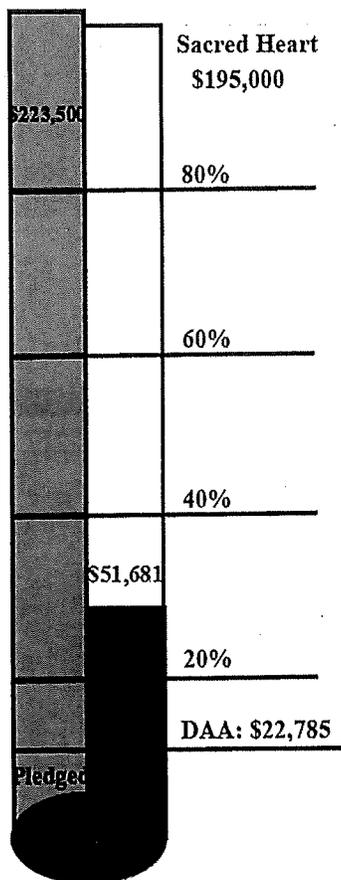
Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Florence Janzen. Your prayers are asked for the repose of her soul. May perpetual light shine upon her.

Let's keep those pledges coming! All three parishes are now getting rebates. If you haven't sent in your pledge yet, please do so as soon as possible. May God bless everyone for their generosity!



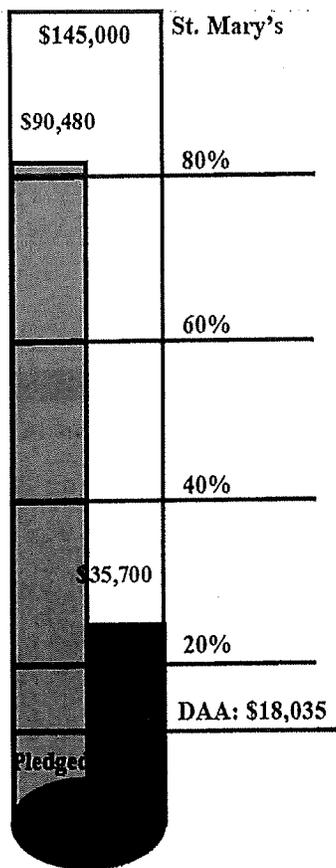
Sacred Heart

Cash: \$51,681
 Pledged: \$223,500
 Diocesan Appeal
 Goal: \$22,785
 Capital Campaign
 Goal: \$195,000



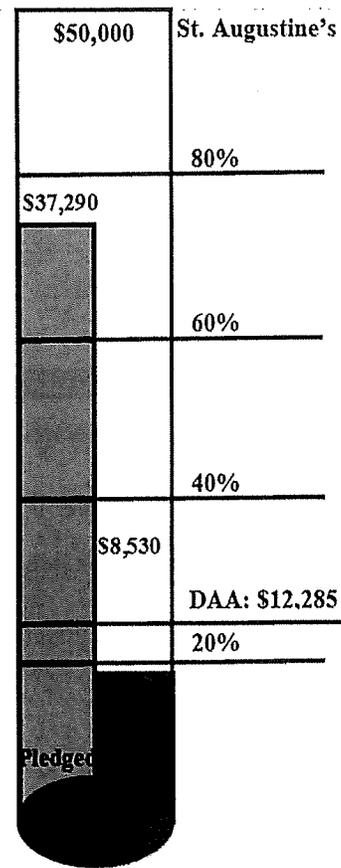
St. Mary's

Cash: \$35,700
 Pledged: \$90,480
 Diocesan Appeal
 Goal: \$18,035
 Capital Campaign
 Goal: \$145,000



St. Augustine's

Cash: \$8,530
 Pledged: \$37,290
 Diocesan Appeal
 Goal: \$12,285
 Capital Campaign
 Goal: \$50,000



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 24th	4:00pm at Sacred Heart	Frederick & Margaret Schmitz Family
	6pm at St. Augustine's	For the People
Sun. June 25th	8am at St. Mary's	† Edward Balzer & Marjorie Balzer
	10am at Sacred Heart	† Norman & Bernice Brueggen
Tues. June 27th		† Rich Weibel
Wed. June 28th		† Rachel Wiedl
Thurs. June 29th		Katrina & Ella Baker
Fri. June 30th		† Michael Roth
Sat. July 1st	4:00pm at Sacred Heart	Living & Deceased members of the Mike & Martha Frederick Family
	6:00pm at St. Augustine's	For the People
Sun. July 2nd	8:00am at St. Mary's	Living & Deceased members of the COF Mississippi Valley Legion of Honor
	10:00am at Sacred Heart	† Norman & Bernice Brueggen

Lector/Serving Schedule July 1st & 2nd

<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
Kora Passe	Jeff Menn	Pat Hansen	Amy Brueggen
<u>Servers</u>		<u>Servers</u>	
Volunteer's Appreciated		Josh & Tim Steger, Charlie Leis & George Canter	

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33 (94)
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5 (371)
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14 (372)
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20 (373)
Thursday: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19 (591)
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4 (375)
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17 (376)
Next Sunday: 2Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42 (97)

Please pray for these Intention

- +Florence Janzen
- Jeff Mullenberg
- Jeffery Janzen
- Grace Fowler
- Pope Francis
- Bishop Callahan
- Barb Scholl
- Margaret Jothen
- John Hundt
- 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 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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