

Welcome to the

# Tri-Parish

## Catholic Community September 17th, 2023



*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish - St. Mary's Ridge ~ St. Augustine of Hippo Parish - Norwalk  
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish & School - Cashton*

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### *From the Pastor*

Dearest Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

It has been an exciting week. We continue through the early days of the new school year; work on installing a new sanctuary floor at Sacred Heart continues; and while the work on the eaves troughs at St. Augustine's is completed, the preparatory work for tuck pointing the area affected by the leaking eaves continues. We mustn't leave St. Mary's out. We are awaiting the re-roofing of the church spire and preparing for work on the rectory anticipated by the diocesan capital campaign.

Many have been quite generous in supporting the capital campaign which makes these many projects possible, along with important work helping to secure the future of our diocesan Church without which there is no parish church.

I thank those who have generously sacrificed for the future of our parish facilities which support the communities they represent. So, please know that I don't take any of this lightly even as I make my own financial sacrifice. I am grateful to almighty God that in the midst of uncertain times many of you have not only given of what you have at the moment, but have also pledged your continued support, trusting God's own continued blessings on you as you make this act of faith.

An important thing to keep in mind is that, while projects such as these can be very satisfying, it is no less necessary for us to pay the light bill, the water bill, the insurance, as well as the people who support us. I would ask that we all be mindful of these fiscal realities and make consistent use of our weekly envelopes. Even a little set aside on a weekly basis adds up, and it can add up in significant ways.

Again, I thank everyone for the sacrifices that are made for the work of Christ in our parishes and our diocese.

"May Christ our Lord help us all with His bountiful grace, so that we may know His holy will and perfectly fulfill it." (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

*Fr. Klos*

### The Week at a Glance...

#### Tuesday, Sept. 19th

—Mass 8:00am SH

—Finance Council

7:30pm SH

#### Wednesday, Sept. 20th

—Confessions 8am

—Mass 8:30am SA

—CCD 3:30pm SH (1st-5th)

—CCD 7:00pm SH (6th-10th)

#### Thursday Sept 21st

—Mass 5:30pm SM

—Adoration 6:15pm SM

#### Friday, Sept. 22nd

—Mass 8am SH

—Adoration 9am-11:45am SH

—Adoration 2:30 SH; 5:30pm 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 7:00 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.

## ***On Living the Vocation to Holiness***

With our third healing service this past Monday, I thought it would be worthwhile to step away from our discussion of Pope St. John Paul II's letter on *Keeping Holy the Sabbath* in order to explain what these services are about.

About four years ago Deacon Sam and I were discussing the need so many have for healing – body, mind, and spirit – and what we could do about it. That led to speaking with Fr. Bob Thorn, a senior priest of the diocese now, who has been involved in this kind of ministry for most of his priesthood. I also engaged my brother priests in the immediate area on the same issue and many of us agreed that we needed to do something for those who were suffering.

Some might wonder, why not “anoint” them? The issue we run into here is that while the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is not so tight as it once was with regards to who is eligible to be anointed (hence the common name of “*last rites*”), it still doesn't cover those who are not in some way “in danger of death” because of their condition. What to do?

A group of local priests and deacons studied this issue for about a year and then I asked the deacons to form the lay people who had been identified as being interested in this ministry. This resulted in our first healing service last February, assisted by Fr. Bob's team from Wausau. Since then we have conducted two more and will conduct our fourth service on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

So, how is this different from the sacrament of anointing? First of all, obviously, it is not a sacrament or sacramental rite – it is a service which makes use of prayer and a number of sacramentals (salt, oil, water, etc.) to put those asking for prayer in a place where their bodies, minds, and spirits are open to the healing God wants to bring to all his children. Our prayers are aimed at healing and deliverance from those evil spirits and conditions resulting from objectively evil acts which open one up to suffering.

This ministry is undertaken with the whole-hearted belief, as shown in the scriptures, that God wants all his children to be fully healthy in body, mind, and spirit. In holding these healing services, we are providing both for God's part and for ours in this act of healing. God communicates his healing to us through the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Eucharist, the sacramentals of salt, oil, and water, and the prayers of his priests, deacons, and lay people. We do our part by making a good Confession, receiving the Eucharist in all faith, and allowing the prayers and sacramentals to help us in opening our hearts to the forgiveness of those who have wronged us, as well as the forgiveness of our sins, with faith in the power of God's love and mercy.

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### Brunch Today!

Don't forget that a pot luck brunch will be served after the 8am Mass at Saint Mary's, today, September 17th. Didn't bring a dish to pass? No problem! Come on down anyways and enjoy some fellowship.

### Got Pumpkins?

Sacred Heart School is looking for 30+ pumpkins in various sizes to help decorate Rolling Hills for the staff and residents. If you would like to donate some feel free to drop off at Sacred Heart School, Monday-Friday 7:30am-3:00pm. Pumpkins are needed by October 7th. Thank you!

### Pastoral Council to Meet

The Pastoral council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 24th at 7pm at Sacred Heart. The council tackles various topics relating to the pastoral needs of our three parishes. The leaders of the various groups such as Knights, our school, trustees and more all represent our parish community at large. This is an important meeting to be part of so please try to attend.

### Religious Ed Classes to begin this week!

Our religious education classes are starting Wednesday, September 20th. Grades 1-5 meet from 3:30-4:45 and grades 6-10 meet from 7-8:15pm. Please note the change for 6th grade. All classes meet at Sacred Heart School. We would still like one more catechist if you feel you can help us out.

### Save the date!

Confirmation will be October 11th at 6:30pm at St. Pat's. More details to follow as the date gets closer.

### Many Thanks!

The St. Augustine's PCCW would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you", to Theresa Lehner who has been our President and fearless leader since 2007. Your wisdom and leadership has been such a blessing to our parish and organization.

Also, a huge "Thank you" to Cecile Flock for her hard work and dedication to the care of St. Augustine's Church and grounds for many years! May you be rewarded greatly for your dedicated service to our parish!

Enjoy your retirement from these duties, ladies! Many "Thanks" also to Chris & Jerome Leland for the beautiful job they did trimming the shrubbery at St. Augustine's! It always looks so professional.

Thanks to Jean & John Doll for the exceptional job of caring for the church and grounds! Also, a shout out to the Bolton family for watering the grotto flowers and to Mike Flock for painting the metal roof on the Sacristy and replacing the ceiling tiles!

May God bless you and all our parish family who work together to keep our parish running smoothly!

## STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES

<b>SAINT AUGUSTINE</b>	
ADULT ENVELOPES	\$125.00
OFFERTORY	\$158.00
FUEL ENVELOPES	\$40.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$20.00
CCD	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$363.00

### September 3rd, 2023

<b>SAINT MARY'S</b>	
ADULT ENVELOPES	\$2,146.00
OFFERTORY	\$77.00
RELIGIOUS ED	\$30.00
FUEL	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$2,273.00

<b>SACRED HEART</b>	
ADULT ENVELOPES	\$2,460.00
OFFERTORY	\$149.00
FUEL	\$5.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$5.00
CCD	\$20.00
DEBT	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$2,789.00

## Inspired by the Spirit Campaign Update

	<b>Saint Augustine</b>	<b>Saint Mary's</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$58,240</b>	<b>\$104,780</b>	<b>\$237,300</b>
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$16,335</b>	<b>\$44,500</b>	<b>\$59,597</b>

## For Youth and Young Adults

The next saint we will learn about is St. Jerome. We celebrate his feast day on September 30 of each year. He lived in Israel during the late 300's. St. Jerome made a major contribution to the continued learning of our faith because of his study of Scripture, which we will learn about today.

Jerome didn't start out as a Scripture scholar or a Christian. He was a member of a wealthy pagan family. To be pagan means they did not believe in God. Jerome studied to be a lawyer and was very smart. Because of his ability to think and learn, he came to know about God but didn't truly believe. Eventually Jerome was baptized and did come to know God in his heart.

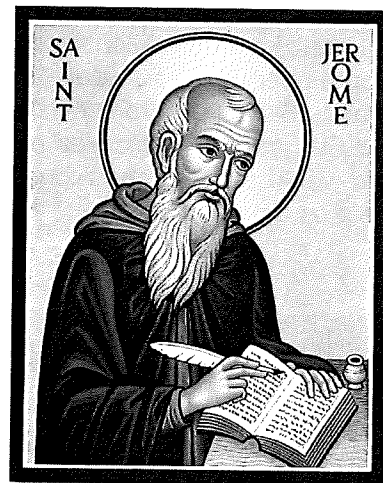
After he came to know and love God, he lived as a hermit (all alone) in the Holy Land. The story goes that people saw a lion with him. While he was living all alone, he spent much time studying Scripture. He became so knowledgeable about the Scriptures, that the Pope asked him to translate the Bible into Latin. This way more people could read the Bible with it

written in Latin.

Why is St. Jerome one of our saints for the virtue of faith? What did he do to show he believed in God and all He revealed? St. Jerome, despite not growing up believing or knowing about God, spent much time trying to learn about Him. Even when he learned about God but didn't yet believe truly in his heart, he continued to spend time learning more about Him and His message to us. He didn't stop.

He was willing to do what it took to increase his virtue of faith in his life.

What can do we in our own lives to increase our faith? Is there something St. Jerome did that we could also do in our own lives



### *Upcoming Dates*

Catechist needed for grades 6/7. Please contact Lisa Steger if you might like more info or have questions or can help!

New This Year-6th grade CCD students will be attending the evening program starting at 7 pm. They will NOT be attending in the afternoon.

1. Venial sin \_\_\_\_\_. (A.) hurts us and our neighbor (B.) destroys our relationship with God (C.) can only be forgiven through confession
2. Mary's life shows us the way to \_\_\_\_\_. (A.) holiness (B.) poverty (C.) health

**CCD STARTS SEPT 20th!!!**

1. A. Hurts us and our neighbor  
2. B. A. Holiness

# Sacred Heart School News

## 4k & 5k with Mrs. Klinge

I spy red...in kindergarten and preschool! We have begun our color study for the new school year, and boy has God filled our world with color. We got to thinking what we would miss the most if there was no color red in our world...

- I would miss the red tomatoes in the garden, and the ketchup on my hotdog!
  - I would miss the red apples on the trees.
  - I would miss the red leaves on the trees when they change color.
  - I would miss red raspberries and strawberries.
  - I would miss my red marker.
  - I would miss red stop signs, and cars would not know to stop!
  - I would miss the red lights on the red fire engine.
  - I would miss Little Red Riding Hood.
  - I would miss cherries.
  - I would miss red hearts and red roses.
- I would miss red birds, like parrots and cardinals.

## 1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

The first and second graders are off to a great start for the year. We are enjoying getting reacquainted with old friends and are excited to make new friendships. We are hard at work learning all of the routines of a new year. There have been some beautiful days to play outside for recess and gym and we are working hard at our lessons when we are in the classroom.

## 3rd & 4th with Miss Santas

In third and fourth grade this week, in our reading story Tony's Bread by Tomie dePaola we read about how Tony makes bread in his bakery and he treats his daughter Serafina like una principessa, a princess. After reading our story for the week, we decided to bake bread and see how it would turn out; it was very good!

In Spanish this week, we continued to learn the names of some family members.

In Science we are talking about what it takes to be a scientist.

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

Math students in 5th & 6th grade are reviewing properties of multiplications & division while the 7th grader completes her first chapter by studying square & cubed roots. Grade 8 is comparing exponents & working on scientific notation. 5th grade science students are studying plant structure & function while 7th & 8th graders study air quality and have their first science test of the year!

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

We thoroughly enjoyed the short play "A Defenseless Creature" by the great Russian writer Anton Chekhov. We're hitting all punctuation rules. So our writers work will clearly express our thoughts.

## Religion with Mrs. Steger

Our 7/8 students learned about divine revelation this past week. Scripture (another name for the Bible, or Word of God) is our main source of revelation, God's sharing about Himself to us. Do you know when public revelation ended? Yes God still reveals Himself to us privately but public revelation ended with the death of the last apostle, John.

Our next group, 5/6, dove in to the first commandment and the story of the rich young man. He loved God but couldn't give up his stuff to follow Him. Are we willing to give up our stuff to follow Him? Is the story just about the physical stuff or could it mean more?

Atrium students are working on settling in and being mindful of their voices, their movements and our environment. Some have practiced pouring water without spilling. Others have carefully spooned beans. Others have practiced rolling rugs nice and tight. All this work is preparation for our greater works to come

## Computers with Mrs. Passe

All grades finished up their review on home row and their assessments. We didn't have too bad of a "summer slide" at all! 7th-8th are excited to begin a school newsletter while 5th-6th are gearing up to begin their very own slide shows!

## Phy Ed with Mr. Steger

We have started with basic skills such as air squats, burpees and running laps. We will work on improving our form and how many we can do.

## Art with Mrs. Leis

We have begun our first lesson of the year! The kids are excited to add onto their project week by week.

**The Seven Sorrows of Mary (continued from last week)**

**2. The Flight into Egypt**

And after they were departed, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise, and take the child and his mother, and fly into Egypt: and be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child to destroy him. Who arose, and took the child and his mother by night, and retired into Egypt: and he was there until the death of Herod: That it might be fulfilled which the Lord spoke by the prophet, saying: Out of Egypt have I called my son. Then Herod perceiving that he was deluded by the wise men, was exceeding angry; and sending killed all the men children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremias the prophet, saying: A voice in Rama was heard, lamentation and great mourning; Rachel bewailing her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. But when Herod was dead, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph in Egypt, Saying: Arise, and take the child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel. For they are dead that sought the life of the child. Who arose, and took the child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. -Matthew 2:13-21

**3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days**

And his parents went every year to Jerusalem, at the solemn day of the pasch, And when he was twelve years old, they going up into Jerusalem, according to the custom of the feast, And having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the child Jesus

remained in Jerusalem; and his parents knew it not. And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among

their kinsfolks and acquaintance. And not finding him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his wisdom and his answers. And seeing him, they wondered. And his mother said to him: Son, why hast thou done so to us? behold thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said to them: How is it that you sought me? did you not know, that I must be about my father's business? And they understood not the word that he spoke unto them. Luke 2:41-50

**4. The Carrying of the Cross**

And bearing his own cross, he went forth to that place which is called Calvary, but in Hebrew Golgotha. John 19:17

We will continue to explore the Seven Sorrows of Mary the entire month of September. To read about them now go to [CatholicLink.com](http://CatholicLink.com)



**Tomah Deanery Fall Gathering**

Saturday, September 30, 2023

St. Paul Catholic Church

408 W River Street

New Lisbon, WI 53950

Mass: 8:30 a.m.

Registration: To follow 9:00 a.m.

Light breakfast, meeting and speaker to follow. Speaker will be Ann Lankford, LaCrosse Diocese, on "The Eucharist" and FORMED.org

Lunch to follow

## Mass Intention Schedule

Sat. Sept. 16th	4pm at Sacred Heart	† Alfred & Adeline Von Ruden
	6pm at St. Augustine	For the People
Sun. Sept. 17th	8am at St. Mary's	† Mary Marquardt
	10am at Sacred Heart	† Jerome & Martha Hundt & Judy Dickson
Tues. Sept. 19th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Henry Geier, Aaron Watters and the Geier Family
Wed. Sept. 20th	8:30am at St. Augustine	† Danielle & Tony Mommaerts & Aubree & Dom Swenson
Thurs. Sept. 21st	5:30pm at St. Mary's	† Helen Spicer
Fri. Sept. 22nd	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Norman & Bernice Brueggen
Sat. Sept. 23rd	4pm at Sacred Heart	† Dorothy Hansen
	6pm at St. Augustine	† Robert Cunitz
Sun. Sept. 24th	8am at St. Mary's	† June Randle
	10am at Sacred Heart	Chad Mlsna, Kylie VonRuden & Eugene Flock

## Lector/Serving Schedule September 24th

<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	Glen Miller	Claire Eggen	Rod Smith
<u>Servers</u>		<u>Servers</u>	
Hunter Kabat,		Josh & Tim Steger,	
Thaddeus Slattery		Charlie Leis &	
& Jeffery Menn		George Canter	

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 (130)  
**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10 (443)  
**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17 (444)  
**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35 (445)  
**Thursday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 (643)  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3 (447)  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15 (448)  
**Next Sunday:** Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a (133)




## Please pray for these Intention

- Dale Dewitt
- Gene Degenhardt
- Michael Agneessens
- Sheila Vukovich
- Jeff Mullenberg
- Grace Fowler
- Pope Francis
- Bishop Callahan
- Barb Scholl
- 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 people living on the margins



We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. (Pope's September Intention)

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

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