

Welcome to the

Tri-Parish

Catholic Community

September 24th, 2023

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From the Pastor

Dearest Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

A couple of weeks ago I wrote in this column about the necessity for examining the culture in our tri-parish community, specifically with an eye towards our sense of hospitality and "family". I've written previously over the years about the "Kwik-Trip" mentality that has infected so many parishes. This is a mentality that sees the Church as a place we go to, get what we want out of it, and then get going. There has also grown up in our time a practice of "shopping" for a community that suits one's own attitudes, priorities, likes, and dislikes. All of these things have contributed to grave difficulties in forming stable Christian communities which are ready to go out and bring the world to Christ.

So, what do we do to re-build our sense of community, of family? This will be the topic of our next pastoral council meeting, which will take place on Tuesday evening at Sacred Heart – Cashton, beginning at 7:00 pm. Our core council members are asked to do everything they can to be in attendance. Additionally, as we always do for council meetings, members of our parishes are invited to come and discuss this issue with us and help us to find ideas and solutions to this increasingly urgent issue.

Council meetings begin at 7:00 pm with prayer and an introduction to the issue at hand. We then begin sharing ideas which help us to see all sides to the problem as well as beginning to form ideas as to what we might do about it. We then break for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, giving the Holy Spirit time to inform us. Finally, we come together again to formulate a plan. Pastoral Council meetings generally take two hours in order to provide time for good discussion and the all-important time for prayer.

I hope you will give serious consideration to coming and helping us to work through this significant challenge in the life of our parishes.

"Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial, or distress, or persecutions, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword? Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of Him Who has loved us." (*Romans 8:35, 37*)

Fr. Klos

The Week at a Glance...

Tuesday, Sept. 26th

—Mass 8:00am SH
—Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm SH

Wednesday, Sept. 27th

—Confessions 8am
—Mass 8:30am SA
—CCD 3:30pm SH (1st-5th)
—CCD 7:00pm SH (6th-10th)

Thursday Sept 28th

—Mass 5:30pm SM
—Adoration 2:30pm SH & 6:15pm SM

Friday, Sept. 29th-NO SCHOOL

—Mass 8am SH
—Adoration 9am-11:45am SH
—Adoration 5:30pm SA

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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.

Chapter III of Pope St. John Paul II's *Dies Domine* (On Keeping the Lord's Day) centers on "The Eucharistic Assembly: Heart of Sunday). Given the issues of the past two or three years, and with an eye towards our coming Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday evening at Sacred Heart, I'm going to start with the end of this admittedly long chapter which addresses *Radio and Television* as a means for participation in Sunday Mass.

It has always been clear that television and radio ministries, and now live feeds on various internet platforms, is a beautiful way for those who "because of sickness, disability or some other serious cause, are prevented from taking part" in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly. Sadly, with the covid shut-down of 2020, some have come to see this form of participation as sufficient for their Sunday worship.

I have many times been greatly gratified, when making Communion calls to our homebound, by the great good these electronic means of participating in Holy Mass can be for those who are unable to attend in person. They are deeply grateful for the opportunity to "see" Mass being offered, and are often edified by seeing the variety of churches and priests from around our diocese, as well as from surrounding dioceses, and through the internet – many places around the world. They also recognize that, sitting in their kitchen or living room, there is something missing. First and foremost, they are unable to receive Holy Communion – our Lord's Body & Blood. Second, they do greatly miss seeing and worshipping with family and friends.

It is for these reasons that the Church has always insisted on personal presence and participation in the Sunday Eucharistic liturgy, and on Holy Days of Obligation as well. Indeed, in his letter, our Holy Father writes: "Clearly, this kind of broadcast does not in itself fulfill the Sunday obligation, which requires participation in the fraternal assembly gathered in one place, where Eucharistic communion can be received."

If we can be out and about for athletic contests and other sorts of social and business gatherings then we should consider ourselves obligated to be in attendance for Sunday Mass. This follows even when we are on vacation. There are any number of opportunities through the internet to locate and confirm places and times for Holy Mass anywhere in the country.

Why does the Church obligate us to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation? Because God, and his Holy Church, knows us better than we know ourselves. Without the regular participation in Eucharistic worship we risk becoming not only our own pastor or pope, but our own god. We are children of a Father who loves us. Let us come and adore Him!

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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.

Annual Pancake Breakfast – Oct 15

St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 15th from 7:30 AM – Noon. Includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free.

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

Men of the Cross Conference

Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m.)

The La Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI

Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! If you are planning to bring your son, please put his name in the comment section on the online registration form. So get your family members, best buds, men at your parish, and even acquaintances, together and join your brothers from all over the Diocese of La Crosse to reignite your identity as a Catholic man. For registration and more information, visit www.menofthecross.org or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right.

Aide Needed!

With the growth of our CCD program, especially in the younger grades we are in search of an aide to help out in Atrium Wednesday's from 3:30pm-4:45pm. This would be a perfect opportunity for a student looking for service hours. Contact Lisa Steger for more info.

Sauerkraut Supper

It's time for the annual sauerkraut supper at St. Peter's in Middle Ridge. Mark your calendars for October 11th from 4:00-8:00pm. \$15 dinners will include pork ribs, polish sausage, mashed potatoes, carrots, applesauce, kraut and homemade pie. Dine in or carry out available!

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES**September 17th, 2023****SAINT AUGUSTINE**

ADULT ENVELOPES	\$970.00
OFFERTORY	\$69.0043.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$50.00
RELIGIOUS ED	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$1,113.00

SAINT MARY'S

ADULT ENVELOPES	\$1,206.00
OFFERTORY	\$45.00
FUEL	\$25.00
CCD	\$25.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$1,351.00

SACRED HEART

ADULT ENVELOPES	\$3,280.00
OFFERTORY	\$85.25
SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$3,445.25
REVOVATION	\$425.00

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign Update

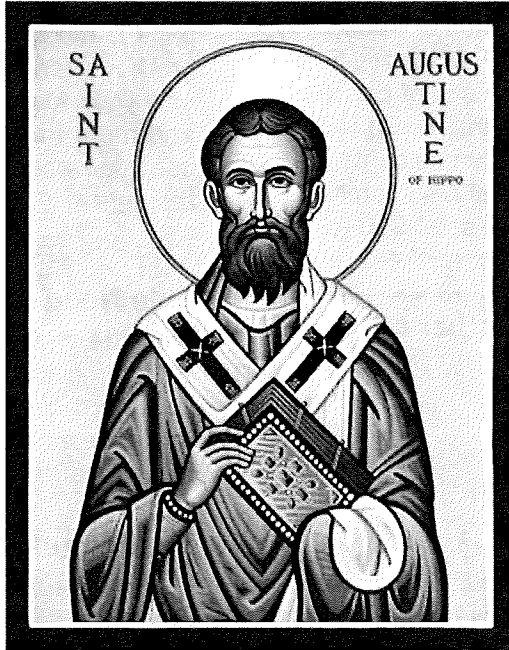
	Saint Augustine	Saint Mary's	Sacred Heart
Total Pledged	\$61,240	\$104,780	\$237,300
Total Cash Received	\$17,655	\$44,715	\$60,465

For Youth and Young Adults

We are on our final saint for the month of faith. Remember, faith is believing in God and all He has revealed. And, as we learned earlier, we receive the gift of faith at baptism. But, it is our job to grow and develop the virtue by practicing it and learning more about God. This isn't just a study of God but time spent working on a personal encounter with Him. We can do this by praying, which is talking to and listening to God. St. Augustine, our final saint, spent a lot of time running away from God, but then did a complete turnaround back to God Himself.

Augustine lived around the same time as St. Jerome in the mid-late 300's. But, Augustine lived in North Africa. Augustine was born to a Christian mother, St. Monica, and a pagan father. His father actually converted on his deathbed but Augustine spent much time throughout his life doing anything and everything to stay away from God, despite his mother's prayers.

Augustine, by the age of 15, was living with a woman, who would later have his child. Much of his activities centered around unruly behavior. However, Augustine was very smart. He continued to spend time studying the meaning of life, of which he was unsure. His life changed when he was challenged to read the Bible.



Augustine read the Bible and his heart was changed. He was baptized, sold his property and opened a monastery. He used his knowledge and love of God to fight against the heresies that were prevalent during the day. He also became the one who wrote the most

about Christianity.

What can we learn from St. Augustine? Did he do something to increase his faith that we can also do?

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.

Aide needed in the atrium-Wednesday's 3:30-4:45pm. Contact Lisa Steger for more info.

1. What in the Bible is a symbol of humanity's pride and ambition before God? (A.) the temple of Jerusalem (B.) the tower of Babel (C.) the pyramids (D.) all of the above
2. How do priests best serve their people? (A.) by counseling (B.) by bring people together (C.) by offering the Eucharist

1. B. The tower of Babel
2. C. By offering the Eucharist

Sacred Heart School News

4k & 5k with Mrs. Klinge

We are so grateful for the rain that came on Saturday. We are so blessed to live in a world filled with color! What else are you grateful for?

- The green grass to run and play in.
- The big, blue earth to live on.
- The bright yellow sun to give us light.
- The shiny moon to let us see at night.
- The fun brown sand to dig and run in.
- The big beautiful oceans and bright, pretty fish.
- The awesome gray sharks.
- The fluffy, white clouds.

1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

ITS FALL!!! We enjoy many things about fall, but here are some of our favorite things:

Running and jumping in the leaves, raking leaves, picking and eating apples, picking and carving pumpkins, celebrating birthdays, deer hunting, playing outside, making applesauce, and celebrating Thanksgiving.

3rd & 4th with Miss. Santas

In third and fourth grade this week, we started reading the book Because of Winn-Dixie, and we are enjoying it so far. In math, we have been working on rounding numbers to different place values. In English we have been looking at what we need to do in order to write a good paragraph.

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

5th & 6th grade science students will be taking their first chapter test on plant structure & function & will move on to plant reproduction, while 7th & 8th graders continue to learn about weather factors that affect Earth. 8th grade Math is working on significant figures while 7th is being introduced to integers. 5/6 continue to work on properties.

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

7th & 8th grade history is a very interesting! During the Middle Ages (500-1450AD) the Church & Faith had been the center of life. In the 14th century, a renewal of interest in ancient Greek and Roman cultures came to be called the Renaissance ("rebirth"). The 16th century brought both the Scientific Revolution—the earth is not the center of the universe?!—& the Protestant Reformation. Christendom was no longer unified.

Religion with Mrs. Steger

7/8 studied the stories of Creation and the Truth we can learn from them. There is one God, the world was created with order and design and everything created is good. We also discussed the fall and the promise of a Redeemer.

5/6 discussed prayer. Did you know you can pray out loud or in your mind? And did you know God wants to hear from us always?

Atrium students have continued on care of our environment with practical life works.

Computers with Mrs. Passe

In 3rd & 4th grade computers we are learning home row and concentrating on not looking at our fingers no matter how tempting it is.

In 5th & 6th we are learning all about email etiquette and how writing an email is like writing a letter. It just gets there quicker!

In 7th & 8th we are finalizing our school newsletter format, which can prove frustrating at times!

Phy Ed with Mr. Steger

With 5-8 graders, we are incorporating CrossFit in to our PE classes. CrossFit is focused on functional movement, generally body weight, adapted to the age and ability of each student. We've been working on burpees, lunges, air squats, and shuttle runs. We even found a way to blend basketball with CrossFit.

Art with Mrs. Leis

This week in art we continued working with simple line drawings. We also discussed some art terminology and began some work on perspective drawings. Everyone has been working hard and is looking forward to expanding these skills in the coming weeks.

Reading Reflections

Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God's logic often differs from worldly logic. Our first reading, from Isaiah, reminds us that God often thinks bigger than us. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." As His followers, we must strive as best we can to think as God does, using our time (and our talents and treasure, too) with eternity in mind. In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. Some workers are called early in the day, others not until very late. Yet the landowner pays them all a full day's wage. This angered the laborers who had worked the longest. Those laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. They were not thinking as God does. This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain (at least internally) when we compare ourselves to others and the sense that not everyone contributes as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, or our family. At those moments, we need to think bigger! We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth, and purpose. Let's embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life.

The Seven Sorrows of Mary (continued from last week)

5. The Crucifixion of Jesus

Where they crucified him, and with him two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title also, and he put it upon the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title therefore many of the Jews did read: because the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city; and it was written in

Hebrew, in Greek, and in Latin. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate: Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am the King of the Jews. Pilate answered: What I have written, I have written. The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified him, took his garments, (and they made four parts, to every soldier a part,) and also his coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said then one to another: Let us not cut it, but let us cast lots for it, whose it shall be; that the scripture might be fulfilled, saying: They have parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture they have cast lots. And the soldiers indeed did these things. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalen. When Jesus therefore had seen his mother and the disciple standing whom he loved, he saith to his mother: Woman, behold thy son. After that, he saith to the disciple: Behold thy mother. And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own. Afterwards, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said: I thirst. Now there was a vessel set there full of vinegar. And they, putting a sponge full of vinegar and hyssop, put it to his mouth. Jesus therefore, when he had taken the vinegar, said: It is consummated. And bowing his head, he gave up the ghost. John 19:18-30

6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross

And Nicodemus also came, (he who at the first came to Jesus by night,) bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. They took therefore the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths, with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. John 19:39-40

7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb

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Mass Intention Schedule

Sat. Sept. 23rd	4pm at Sacred Heart	† Dorothy Hansen
	6pm at St. Augustine	† Robert Cunitz
Sun. Sept. 24th	8am at St. Mary's	For the People
	10am at Sacred Heart	Chad Mlsna, Kylie VonRuden & Eugene Flock
Tues. Sept. 26th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Rich Weibel
Wed. Sept. 27th	8:30am at St. Augustine	Trent & Holden Johnson
Thurs. Sept. 28th	5:30pm at St. Mary's	Joe & Marlene Flock Family
Fri. Sept. 29th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Don & Florence Janzen
Sat. Sept. 30th	4pm at Sacred Heart	† Carlton Hansen
	6pm at St. Augustine	For the People
Sun. October 1st	8am at St. Mary's	† Paul Pieper
	10am at Sacred Heart	† John Hauser

Lector/Serving Schedule October 1st

<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
Azaria Carpenter	Paul Klinkner	Pat Hansen	Amy Brueggen
	<u>Servers</u>		<u>Servers</u>
	Volunteer's Appreciated		George Knutson & Ben Harris

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a (133)

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18 (449)

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21 (450)

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 (451)

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9 (452)

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45 (454)

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Please pray for these Intention

— +Michael Agneessens

— Dale Dewitt

— Gene Degenhardt

— 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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