



Welcome to the

Tri-Parish

Catholic Community September 15th, 2024

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From the Administrator

The Autumn Ember Days

This is an old traditional discipline of the Catholic Church that is making a comeback, and I think for good reasons. This old tradition is known as the Ember Days. They occur four times per year and are aligned with the four seasons. With the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Saturday, September 14, the autumn Ember Days are upon us.

When are the Ember Days? The Ember Days are days of fasting and abstinence on the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday following the liturgical event that indicates the Ember Days. For this autumn, the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday following the Exaltation of the Holy Cross are September 18, 20, and 21, respectively. What occurs on the Ember Days? In short, the Ember Days repeat the practices done on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means a day of fasting except for one meal and a day of abstaining from meat.

Why have the Ember Days, or why partake in the Ember Days? The Church has always heralded fasting and abstinence as praiseworthy practices to discipline one's intellect and will to choose the good. Our ultimate good is eternal happiness in Heaven in God, and so fasting and abstaining from earthly pleasures directs our intellects and wills to heavenly things. Regarding the timing of this Ember Days, we are currently in the season of harvesting the fruits of the earth. Apples are being picked, gardens are being plucked, and so the field corn will be harvested. Fasting and abstinence can be a great way to give thanks to God for all the good gifts that He has given us. It is the Old Testament practice of giving the LORD the firstfruits of all that we have.

Why these days? It was an ancient practice (i.e., the first centuries of the Church) to commemorate Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays as days of fasting and abstinence. During Holy Week, Wednesday is known as Spy Wednesday, when Judas betrayed Jesus, and so we fast and pray for the times in which we betray Jesus through our sin. Friday is Good Friday, when Jesus died for our sins. Saturday is Holy Saturday, when Jesus is in the abode of the dead on His way to His Resurrection, and so we wait in anticipation of Easter Sunday. We remember what Jesus did for us, and we can do that every week.

Will you join me in honor of that memory during these Ember Days?

Blessings,

Fr. Matthew

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	Saturday, 7:00pm
Sacred Heart	Saturday 3:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart	Sunday, 11:00am
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 at bulletins@smash3p.org or contact Doreen at (608) 654-7733

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 15, 2024

BIBLE STUDY
The Gospel of Matthew
1:1-25



Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew 1:1-25

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they begin studying the Gospel of Matthew by introducing St. Matthew and looking at chapter 1 of this incredible gospel.

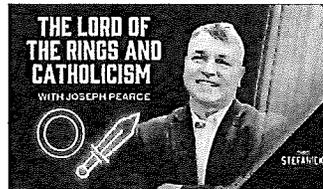
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Peter bar Jonah: How Peter Came to Rome

In this session, Dr. Tim Gray shows how the life of a man named Cornelius intersects with Peter's and redirects the New Covenant in a remarkable way. Peter points the Church to an all-encompassing love—and sets the stage for the work of the Apostle Paul.



LOTR and Catholicism w/Joseph Pearce | Chris Stefanick Show

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.

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Attend Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM | Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock:

All are invited to Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it.

St. Augustine Renovation

The Finance Committee for St Augustine’s has agreed on outside church improvements. We are looking to repair and paint bell tower, paint gutters with the downspouts being replaced, and caulking and painting all outside windows. Work will hopefully begin in the spring of 2025. This will be a costly project, but it is necessary to prevent any further water issues inside the church. If you would like to contribute to this project, please drop your donation in the collection basket marked “St Augustine’s Outside Renovation” or mail donations to Tri Parish Office 1205 Front Street, Cashton WI 54619. Thank you in advance for your continued support to St Augustine’s Parish.

Big Hearts Little Minds

is a project to help support Sacred Heart School. Attached to the board in the narthex at Sacred Heart 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!

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights will meet this Sunday, September 15th In the church basement. Officers meet at 6:30 pm with the regular meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

Girl Scouts: There will be a Girl Scouts meeting on Sunday, September 22nd at 1:00 PM at the Trinity Lutheran Church. There will be an informational meeting followed by registration and sign up for new girl scouts. All girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome!!

St. Andrew’s 50th Anniversary! Cranfest Pancake Breakfast

September 27-29 from 6 to 11 a.m. at St. Andrew’s church located on the corner of May & Pine St in Warrens. All you can eat pancakes, homemade cranberry syrup, driftless gold organic maple syrup, sausages, & cranberry sauce Indoor & Outdoor seating and carry outs are available. Adults \$8, Children \$5, 5 & under are Free

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES

August 18th, 2024

<u>SAINT AUGUSTINE</u>		<u>SAINT MARY’S</u>		<u>SACRED HEART</u>	
ADULT ENVELOPES	\$353.00	ADULT ENVELOPES	\$2,561.00	ADULT ENVELOPES	\$1936.00
OFFERTORY	\$84.00	OFFERTORY	\$352.00	OFFERTORY	\$460.00
TOTAL	\$437.00	TOTAL	\$2913.00	ASSUMPTION	\$5.00
				TOTAL	\$2401.00

For Youth and Young Adults

Blessed Louis Martin and Zelig Guerin were the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux.

They have a fairly interesting story I think. Louis was a master watchmaker who was determined to enter religious life. His attempt failed because he did not know Latin. He decided to move and, after moving, he met Zelig who was a skilled lacemaker. She had also attempted to enter religious life but none of her attempts were successful. They eventually married and had nine children. Four of their children died in infancy and Zelig continued her lacemaking while raising the children. Louis managed the business.

Zelig died after 19 years of marriage from cancer and Louis moved the family to Lisieux to be near his brother and his wife so they could help raise the remaining daughters. Louis eventually became ill and died shortly after one of the daughters entered religious life. St. Therese of the Little Flower was one

of their children. Louis and Zelig must have managed to create a home in which the sanctity of their children was of primary importance and God had the most notable place in the family.

It is interesting to note that although both attempted to enter religious life, God had other plans in store for them. Imagine if they would have been able to enter or if they persisted in trying. We would not have either of them as models of holiness nor would we have their daughter, St. Therese. What if they had said no to God and what He was asking of them? What are we missing out on by saying no? Are we even listening to what God wants of us? Or do we think we know best? Are we willing to put it all on the line to follow God and see what amazing things He has in store for us?

Search for RE Catechists Continues

We are still seeking catechists for our after-school religious education program. If you prayerfully discern that God is calling you to teach, please let us know. We are willing to help you grow as a catechist spiritually and intellectually.

St. Pat's (Sparta) Dead Theologians' Society

St. Patrick Church in Sparta hosts a Dead Theologians' Society for high school children. The next one is Sunday, September 22. They begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Rectory. A typical evening consists of prayers, learning about a saint, fellowship, and a wonderful meal prepared by Fr. Berns. I highly recommend this apostolate as it is good to learn more about those in our Faith who are "dead to the world" but "alive in Christ."

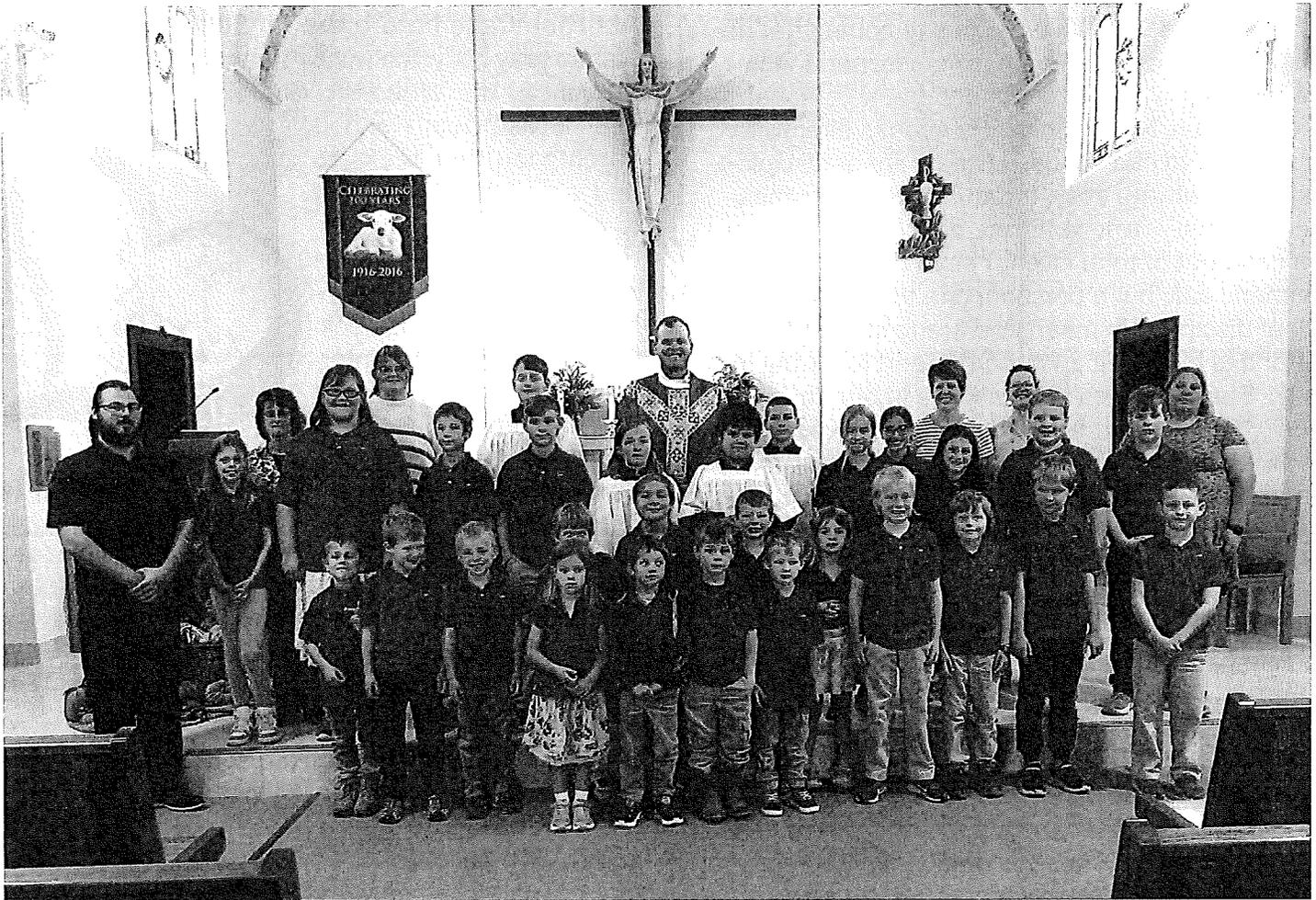
Religious Education

Religious Education begins on Wednesday, September 18. Grades 1-5 will be having class from 3:45-4:45 p.m. at Sacred Heart School. Grades 6-10 will be having class from 7:00-8:15 p.m. at Sacred Heart School.

Annual Sauerkraut Supper

St Peter's Church at Middle Ridge will be having their delicious supper on Wednesday, October 9th from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Eat-in or Carry-out Church-made Kraut & Pork, Polish Sausage, Glazed carrots, Mashed potatoes & gravy, Home-made pie Cost of dinner is \$15, also 2.5 lb. bucket of raw kraut are available for \$5

There will be a beverage tent, bake sale, & raffles



Come, Holy Spirit!

On Tuesday, September 10, we celebrated a Votive Mass to the Holy Spirit. This is a common tradition to start the academic year to call upon the Holy Spirit to fill us with His Gifts and Fruits and to draw us into a deeper relationship with God through prayer and learning. (Yes, this was our best photo of the kids)

Religion Class at Sacred Heart

We are off to a good start in our religion classes. The oldest crew is learning about the foundations of the Church and the plan that we wouldn't be left orphans. Part of this includes the structure of the Church and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our 5/6 group tackled a deep question right away. How can we know God exists? This brought some learning about Faith and faith, including the ways God reveals Himself to us.

We are back to book learning for our 3/4 crew and they get to learn all about salvation history starting with Adam and Eve and the first murder! They are finding when we can slow down and learn about some of these important Scripture stories it truly livens our faith.

And finally our atrium students are learning all about the space we have for them to talk to God. They are learning ways to slow down, walk and move carefully, pour water slowly, and carefully transfer beans. We will be spending several weeks working on these and more valuable skills for later in our time together.

Reading Reflection

Jesus's Words, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me," are not a distant command but a personal call to each of us, His disciples. He speaks directly to you, to me, to each of us. Living a life of discipleship is not always easy. It requires us to be imitators of Christ — who suffered, died, and rose from the dead out of total love for each of us. This is not a generic call, but a personal one to each of us. The call of discipleship means we are to share Christ's sufferings by taking up our cross and following Him daily. But what does this look like in our day-to-day lives? We can start by making a firm resolution to follow Christ today, here and now, and renewing that resolution each day when we rise. This constant renewal requires time with Him each day — speaking and listening. What does 'take up our cross' mean in our daily lives? It means embracing our daily struggles and challenges, whether illness, addiction, or a difficult day. Instead of avoiding or complaining about these, we can carry them with Christ, allowing Him to transform us through them. If we live life constantly focused on ourselves, we will ultimately lose ourselves. However, if we surrender our lives to Christ and His mission, we will gain eternal life, a life of spiritual fulfillment and closeness to God, and become more than we could have imagined. This surrender is not a loss but a win-win of spiritual growth and eternal life in the presence of God.

School Golf Scramble Fundraiser

The annual Sacred Heart School Golf Scramble is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, at Viroqua Hills beginning at 9:00 a.m. Teams consist of four golfers, and the cost is \$80 per golfer. Please contact Craig Steger for more information and to register at (563) 419-6619 or craig@craigsteger.com. Please inquire about hole sponsorships.

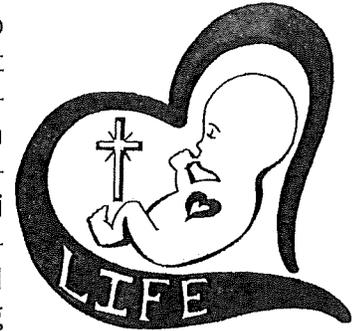
Anniversary and Birthday Blessings

If you want a blessing after Mass, please let me know, and I will happily give you a blessing. If you are celebrating 25, 50, or 60+ years of marriage, that is a great cause to celebrate as a parish community. Those wedding anniversaries, I will give at the end of Mass. Please let me know ahead of time.

Archbishop ListECKI Petitions to Intervene in Abortion Case before the WI Supreme Court:

Please pray his voice will be heard and heeded!

On July 2, the Wisconsin Supreme Court agreed to hear a case from Planned Parenthood that seeks to find a constitutional right to abortion within the Wisconsin Constitution. On July 15, Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome ListECKI filed a petition to intervene in the Planned Parenthood case, arguing that he has a religious obligation "to vindicate the constitutional rights of the unborn in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, particularly their rights to life and to equal protection of the laws under the 14th Amendment and to any claimed state constitutional right to bodily integrity, autonomy, and self-determination." Wisconsin's other bishops subsequently issued a statement of support for the Archbishop's petition, stating that they too have a religious obligation to care for the souls of every human life—born and unborn—in their respective dioceses, and that both sides deserve to be heard at the Wisconsin Supreme Court. PLEASE PRAY, and to learn more, visit wisconsinatholic.org and click on "NEWS,"



Looking for Advertisement Suggestions

Beginning Sunday, December 1, we will be switching our bulletin publication from in-house to LPI, a company that specializes in church bulletins. You have likely seen their work at other parishes. For this to work well, we need a certain number of advertisements on the back of the bulletin to help them cover the costs associated with printing the bulletin. We are looking for recommendations. If you have any suggestions or would like to advertise your business, please email bulletin@smash3p.org with the company name and a way to contact.

St. Mary Finance Council Meeting

The Finance Council for St. Mary will meet on Tuesday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the church.

Mass Intention Schedule

Saturday	Sept 14th	4:00pm at Sacred Heart	Mike Hanley Family
		6:00pm at St. Augustine	† Dave Schreier
Sunday	Sept 15th	8:00am at St. Mary's	† Kevin Ritter
		10:00am at Sacred Heart	For the People
Tuesday	Sept 17th	8:00am at Sacred Heart 4:15pm-5:30pm	† Bernadine Klinkner Adoration (No confessions)
Wednesday	Sept 18th	5:30pm at St. Mary's	† Anna Hemmersbach
Thursday	Sept 19th	10:30am at St. Augustine	† Dick Schreier
Friday	Sept 20th	8:00am at Sacred Heart Adoration until Noon and at 2:30-3:00 pm	† Sandy Von Ruden
Saturday	Sept 21st	4:00pm Sacred Heart	† Henry Geier, Aaron Watters, & the Geier Family
		6:00pm St. Augustine	Israel & Brianna Bolton Family
Sunday	Sept 15th	8:00am at St. Mary's	Joe & Marlene Flock Family
		10:00am at Sacred Heart	† Art & Marion Janzen

Please pray for these Intentions

- Pope Francis
- Bishop Battersby
- John Lindeen
- Matthew Sueppel
- Lynn Evans
- Tressa Klinkner
- Carol Leuck
- Florentine Geier
- Hope Waite
- Steve Laufenberg
- Corey Janzen
- Sheila Vukovich
- Louis Zanon
- Jeanne Allen
- Ed Schreier
- Jerome & Margaret Leuck
- Glen Miller
- Wesley Clements
- Louise Melby
- Special Intention
- Jeff Mullenberg
- Grace Fowler
- Alice Schmitz
- Mary Leuck
- Bobbi Baker
- Mike Metzler
- Joshua Mack
- John Brueggeman



– 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 migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Weekly Readings

- Sunday:** Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35 (131)
- Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10 (443)
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17 (444)
- Wed.** 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35 (445)
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50 (446)
- Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3 (447)
- Saturday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 (643)
- Next Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37 (134)

Lector/Serving Schedule Sept 21st & 22nd

<u>St Augustine</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Servers</u>
6pm Saturday	Azaria Carpenter	
<u>Sacred Heart</u>		
4pm Saturday	Pat Hansen	
10am Sunday	Enid Neubauer	Ben Harris, Dominic & George Knutson
<u>St. Mary's</u>		
8am Sunday's	Glen Miller	Thaddeus Slattery & Jeffery Menn



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