

Welcome to the

Tri-Parish

Catholic Community

September 22nd, 2024



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From the Administrator

Educare et Educere

Every seminarian takes at least one year of Latin. Despite being a dead language, it is still taught, for a priest must be proficient in the language (whether that is true or not is for a different discussion :). The reason is that the official language of the Catholic Church is Latin. It still has its uses.

For example, a good number of our English words have Latin roots that mingled with French, German, and Olde and Middle English. Thus, we can deepen our understanding of a word by knowing its etymology (whose etymology is from the Greek through the Latin meaning "true sense of a word"). Seeing that school is in full swing, I would like to reflect upon the meaning of "to educate."

The infinitive verb "to educate" comes from two Latin words with similar meanings - "educare," which means "to train," and "educere," which means "to lead out." The purpose of education, therefore, is to train people to learn, to think, to pray, and to do. In short, the students train to use their gifts of reason and will correctly and properly. Another purpose of education is to lead students out of ignorance. Being finite creatures, there will always be something that we are ignorant about. This means that there is always something to be learned. How exciting is that! I am even learning how to be a gym teacher this year!

Every parent is the primary educator of their children. This means that parents are to train their children and to lead them out of ignorance. For what purpose? For God. First and foremost, this means that children are taught to have a relationship with God, Who is the Source of all Wisdom and Knowledge (great things to have to counter ignorance). Secondly, this means that children are taught morally-upright behavior, to love God and neighbor, and to be contributing members of the communities in which they live (family, friends, and parish).

Recently, I have been reflecting on my role as a spiritual father. I believe that this means that I am the primary educator of all my spiritual children. What a daunting task! Of course, primary does not mean "only." We are a parish community. We are to assist each other in our education, to be trained in good things and to climb out of ignorance so that we may more fully know God our Creator, Who desires a relationship with us. Learning for its own sake is a noble pursuit, and I believe that learning that also helps others is a nobler pursuit. In short, this is how we come to know and be known, how we come to love and be loved, which is at the heart of every human desire.

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.

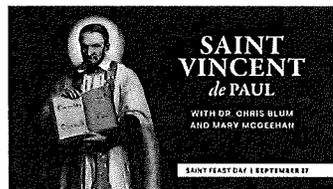
Visitation of the Sick: If you become hospitalized, institutionalized or homebound because of illness and would like communion brought to your home or just to be visited, please call the parish office.

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

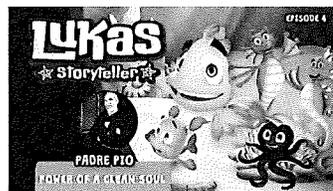
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 22, 2024



St. Vincent de Paul | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Christopher Blum and Mary McGeehan as they share about the life of St. Vincent de Paul on this episode of Catholic Saints.



Padre Pio | Lukas Storyteller

As the talent contest approaches and our friends prepare their special dance. Paul gets hurt and has to leave the contest. When Lukas takes him to the doctor, Paul learns from the example of Padre Pio about the importance of having a clean soul and offering his sufferings to God.



First Martyrs of the Church of Rome | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. John Sehorn and Mary McGeehan to discuss the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Killed under Emperor Nero in AD 64, the First Martyrs offer us a powerful witness of fidelity to Christ.

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Knights of Columbus Mass

Sunday, September 29th, all Knights and their immediate family members are invited to sit as a group at 10:00 Mass at Sacred Heart.

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.

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

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!

Do you feel called to be a Deacon?

The deacons of the Diocese of La Crosse seek to live their vocation as humble images of Christ the Servant. They are mostly men with wives and families. They have had, and often continue to have, active careers. Before they began their formation toward the diaconate, most were already serving their parishes as dedicated members of the laity. The Church needs more servant leaders. The Church needs more deacons. If you are think that God may be calling you to this ministry, now is the time to inquire and explore. Contact me now to discuss the formation process and get more information for our upcoming Discernment Retreat which is required for entry into the program.

Deacon Bob Riedl

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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.

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September 1, 2024

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OFFERTORY	\$74.00
FUEL	\$50.00
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TOTAL	\$2567.00

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ADULT ENVELOPES	\$3810.00
OFFERTORY	\$303.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$30.00
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TOTAL	\$4333.00

For Youth and Young Adults

Catechism of the Catholic Church: maybe you are a seasoned user of the catechism or maybe you have no idea what the catechism even is! Even if you have some idea that it's a big book of stuff relating to Catholicism, there's always more to learn and hopefully this "extra" column this week will help you figure out just what the catechism is, why it's important, and more importantly, how to use it. Ultimately, the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a text containing the truths of our faith.

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), there are two types of catechisms. There is a major catechism, which would be the CCC (the big one that we are talking about) and also a minor catechism, which would be the Baltimore Catechism, which some of you might be familiar with or remember using when younger.

So, why do we need the catechism? Essentially, it holds all that we believe. If one wanted to know exactly what the Church says about Mary, we can find that in the Catechism. Also included, would be notes to other Church documents and early Church Fathers where the teaching stems from.

The Catechism is divided into four main topics: Creed, sacraments, commandments and prayer. Within the book, there are a lot of numbers. When looking up a topic in the index such as Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the number(s) listed reference the paragraph number. This means that there is continuity among translations and publishers.

Within the margins near each paragraph there could be more numbers, which are cross references. From the Lifeteen page, if you go to paragraph #1831, you will note there are two italicized numbers on the side, #1266 and #1299. These paragraphs then reference the other places we can find gifts of the Holy Spirit.

It is truly a remarkable work. We do have some copies available in the parish office, if you'd like to take a look.

Otherwise, if you would like to purchase your own (or are thrifty and want to find a used one, try to find a second edition as it has been updated a bit). Also, maybe you'd like to really push yourself a bit and try to read it in a year. Please contact Lisa Steger and she can email you a listing of reading the Catechism and the Bible in a year. You could also choose to do one or the other.

Happy Reading!

Pro-Life Witness – Join the 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse:

From Sept. 25 to Nov. 3, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – to stand and peacefully pray at a particular hour during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia St., La Crosse. For more information and to sign up, please contact Marie Allen by visiting 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse or scanning the QR code to the right. The 40 Days for Life opening rally will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia St., La Crosse. Topic: Post-abortion ministries in our area. All are welcome!



Religious Education

Religious Education begins on Wednesday, September 18. Grades 1-5 will be having class from 3:30-4:45 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

Gym Class with Fr. Matthew

The students have been practicing their underhand throwing skills. The five-step process is ready position, arm back, step, release, and follow through. They have been practicing by throwing bean bags and rubber balls into hula hoops. This past week they put their skills to the test with yard games.

Art with Mrs. Leis

This week we began class with a simple value scale exercise learning how to use our pencils to create different shades. Then we continued our work with optical illusion art. The students have been working hard and are looking forward to applying these skills in our upcoming projects.

1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

With a new school year, we have been talking a lot about learning new things and the need to always keep learning – inside of school and out! Wish us well, we are learning together about our new class plant, George, a venus flytrap. We have been learning about how they work and grow and are very interested in learning more.

Beyond learning about our new plant, we are all interested in learning about some other topics this year. Some of the areas we want to explore are: learning to ride a 4 wheeler, learning to swim, learning cursive, learning how to rake hay, learning more about fish, learning Spanish, learning more about birds, and learning more about football.

Religion with Mrs. Steger

Our oldest students spent the week learning about the 4 main attributes of the Church. The Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic. We also touched on some of the images of the Church.

Our 5/6 students talked about creation and our responsibility to care for it and be good stewards. And just as God has a plan for creation, they learned that God also has a plan for them too.

3/4 entered the story of Noah and the ark. They learned about the beautiful sign God gave to us as his promise and new covenant. Do you know what the sign was?

Atrium students are settling in with practical life materials.

4k & 5k with Mrs. Klinge

I spy Yellow!! We are so blessed to have a world filled with color... Imagine a world without yellow. What would you miss most if we didn't have yellow things?

- The warm, yellow sun.
- Yummy, yellow bananas.
- The bright, yellow stars.
- Big, yellow CAT machinery.
- Sour, yellow lemons.
- Sweet, yellow lemonade.
- The song of the yellow canary.
- Big, yellow school buses.

3-4 with Ms. Santas

In third and fourth grade, we started in on our new reading curriculum books. We are learning all about place value and number patterns in math. In science we learned about Jane Goodall and her experiment with the chimpanzees, and all about what scientists do during an experiment. In Spanish we have been learning different ways to meet someone, and in Grammar class we have been learning the types of sentences, punctuation they need, and that each sentence needs a capital letter.

5-8 with Mr. Kuhn

In English, 5/6 graders are studying nouns and their roles in sentences. 7/8 graders have been working on writing their personal narratives. In History, 5/6 grade is studying early history and 7/8 grade have been studying early religious history. 5/6 grade Science are starting a unit on plants and animals and in Spanish we are studying family.

5-8 with Mrs. Flock

The 5th grade Math students have finished their first chapter, mastering number sense, order and place value and have moved on to concentrating on the rules of order of operations. Grade 6 is focused on the properties of addition and multiplication, specifically a deep dive into the distributive property and how it can be used to promote mental math. Grade 7 Math has also finished their first chapter on multiples and factors and are now working on absolute value and evaluating integers. Grade 8 will test on the fundamentals of algebra before heading on to more work on evaluating equations. Science 7/8 is finishing the first chapter of the study of cells. We have learned all the important organelles including their functions and structure. Students were required to make a 3-D model of the cell as an outside assignment. They were very creative!

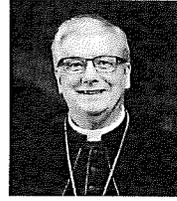
Reading Reflection

Today's readings illuminate the daily struggle between good and evil and how we can transform this struggle through the transformative power of gratitude. Let's reflect on how gratitude can help us overcome our struggles and grow in our faith. In our Gospel, we see an example of how surrendering to our passions negatively affects us. Jesus was with His disciples when they began arguing about who was the greatest in the group. Looking at our own lives, we might find many instances where we fall into the same tendencies—the apostles' struggles are not so different from our own. We constantly compare ourselves to others, feel the need to point out another's faults, or choose to fight back in an argument out of pride. We know we should act one way but choose another. It's a comforting thought that even the apostles, who were so close to Jesus, had their struggles. When Jesus hears what the apostles are discussing, He has them focus on a child. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." If we reflect on the moment someone receives a child, often, their hearts are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude for this gift. There is no jealousy or anger, just thanksgiving and appreciation. The apostles were busy bickering about who was the best. Their pride and envy clouded their vision, so much so that they could not stop their bickering to be grateful for the gift of being so close to our Savior that they were chosen to be His closest followers. We become enslaved to our passions when caught in the raging war of envy and pride. We are ultimately ungrateful for what we have been given. We overlook the blessing God has given us and the gifts and talents He has entrusted to us. Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares deeply for us. His love is a source of comfort and reassurance. Consider all He has blessed you with and how you can use those blessings for His glory. In His love, we find peace and strength.

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.

Join Bishop Battersby for the Oct. 18 Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet:



On Friday, Oct. 18 at 6:00 PM, Bishop Battersby will celebrate the "White Mass," at which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. A banquet will follow, with Bishop Battersby as the keynote speaker on "Prayer and the Eucharist: The Heart of Mission," showing us how we can be equipped to proclaim the Life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ in this challenging world. All are warmly invited to the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman for the Mass, as well as the banquet and talk to follow (\$25/person, \$15/students). To learn more and to register for the banquet, visit

www.dioc.org/GospelofLife or scan the QR code below. Deadline: Oct. 11 – But space is limited, so register soon!



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.

Liturgical Changes for Sacred Heart Sept. 26/27

On Friday, September 27, we teachers will be in La Crosse for an inservice day. Because of this, the school kids will be leading a rosary on Thursday, September 26, at 2:30 p.m. to finish their school week. On Friday, there will be Mass at 8:00 a.m. but no Adoration afterward since I will be heading to La Crosse. There will be Adoration at St. Augustine as normally scheduled on Friday from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Mass Intention Schedule

Saturday	Sept 21st	4:00pm at Sacred Heart	† Henry Geier, Aaron Watters, & the Geier Family
		6:00pm at St. Augustine	Israel & Brianna Bolton Family
Sunday	Sept 22nd	8:00am at St. Mary's	Joe & Marlene Flock Family
		10:00am at Sacred Heart	† Art & Marion Janzen
Tuesday	Sept 24th	8:00am at Sacred Heart 4:15pm-5:30pm	† Joseph & Ardella Leis Adoration & Confession
Wednesday	Sept 25th	5:30pm at St. Mary's	† Carol Wiebel
Thursday	Sept 26th	10:30am at St. Augustine	† Gordon & Elrita Leis
Friday	Sept 27th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Rich Weibel No Adoration at Sacred Heart
		5:30-6:30 pm at St. Augustine	Adoration
Saturday	Sept 28th	4:00pm Sacred Heart	Otis Dewitt Family
		6:00pm St. Augustine	† Don Wavra
Sunday	Sept 29th	8:00am at St. Mary's	† John & Virginia Beaver
		10:00am at Sacred Heart	For the People

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
- Al Spaeth



– 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:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37 (134)
- Monday :** Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18 (449)
- Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21 (450)
- Wed.** Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 (451)
- Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9 (452)
- Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22 (453)
- Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45 (454)
- Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (137)

Lector/Serving Schedule Sept 28th & 29th

<u>St Augustine</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Servers</u>
6pm Saturday	Patricia Doll	
<u>Sacred Heart</u>		
4pm Saturday	Thea Von Ruden	
10am Sunday	Rod Smith	Colton & Clayton Lee, Gerard Cummings
<u>St. Mary's</u>		
8am Sunday	Paul Klinkner	Thaddeus Slattery & Jeffery Menn



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