31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3rd, 2024



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Tri-Parish

Catholic Community November 3rd, 2024

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From the Administrator

Dilexit Nos (Pope Francis' New Encyclical)

Two Thursdays ago, Pope Francis released a new encyclical titled Dilexit Nos, which means "He loved us." In this encyclical, Pope Francis explores and explains the divine and human love of Jesus Christ through His Sacred Heart. It is a lengthy read, which is normal for modern encyclicals, and I have not yet finished it. In what I have read, Pope Francis addresses a number of problems with modern thought and practices and contrasts it to the love that Jesus has for us in His Sacred Heart. In terms of the human person, Pope Francis seeks to address the brokenness of the human heart because of modern errors. It is the heart, argues Pope Francis, that unites a person into a wholesome peace when one seeks the Heart of Jesus.

At our Fall Ministry Days, Bishop Battersby asked us priests to enthrone the Sacred Heart of Jesus image in our rectories (our homes). As a beginning of his pastoral vision and plan for the Diocese, he is asking us priests to join him in prayer to the Holy Spirit through veneration of the Sacred Heart. As Bishop Battersby often says, "It is not about me. It is not about you. It is about Jesus." I believe that he truly has a fatherly heart for us priests and desires us priests to be more perfectly united to the priestly heart of Jesus, which is also His Sacred Heart. If you would like to enthrone the Sacred Heart with your family in your home, please reach out to me to set this up.

A timing like this is not coincidental but rather providential. With the election coming upon us on Tuesday, I would like to make a controversial, political statement. Go, and vote. No, I will not tell you for whom to vote. The statement is this - no matter who wins the election, Jesus is and will still be King. It is Jesus in Whom I put my trust, and it is Jesus in Whom I serve above all else. "To Jesus Christ, our Sovereign King!"

If you would like to read Pope Francis' encyclical, you can read it on the website www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html.

If you would like to inform yourself about voting in the elections, you can head to the USCCB website at https://www.usccb.org/sjp/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. Matthew 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 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 Tuesday at bulletins@smash3p.org or contact Doreen at (608) 654-7733

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How to Win an Argument Without Losing a Soul by Matt Fradd

Whether you're arguing with family members or Facebook friends, skeptical co-workers in the office or pushy proselytizers at your front door, it helps to have not only the facts but the skills for presenting your points forcefully and well. In How to Win an Argument Without Losing a Soul, Matt Fradd equips you with the powers of argumentation you need to be an effective debater and the right attitude for doing it with charity, humility, and patience.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.

Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids:

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Coats for Kids drive to benefit the children of our communities. We encourage you to donate new or gently used winter clothing (coats, mittens, hats) through the weekend of November 9-10. Collection boxes have been placed in each of the triparish churches.

Mystic Monk Coffee

Sacred Heart school is still selling Mystic Monk Coffee. Simply get in touch with Doreen at the school by phone (654-7733) or email (school@smash3p.org) and let her know what you would like to purchase. We do carry some popular flavors on hand, but if we don't have it in stock we will be happy to order it for you.

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Mass Intention Schedule

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Saturday	Nov. 2nd	4:00pm Sacred Heart	For the People				
		6:00pm St. Augustine	† Diane & Jared Chambers				
Sunday	Nov. 3rd	8:00am at St. Mary's	Living & Deceased mem- bers of the Matt & Magda- lene Mullenberg Family				
		10:00am at Sacred Heart	† Rosie Dahl				
Tuesday	Nov. 5th	8:00am at Sacred Heart 4:30pm-5:45pm	† Rosie Dahl Adoration				
Wednesday	Nov. 6th	5:30pm at St. Mary's	† Robert Walker				
Thursday	Nov. 7th	10:30am at St. Augustine	† Dick Schreier				
Friday	Nov. 8th	8:00am at Sacred Heart Adoration until Noon 2:30—3:00	† Henry Geier, Aaron Watters, & the Geier Family Adoration				
		5:30-6:30pm at St. Augustine	Adoration				
Saturday	Nov. 9th	4:00pm Sacred Heart	† Carlton Hansen				
		6:00pm St. Augustine	For the People				
Sunday	Nov. 10th	8:00am at St. Mary's	† John Adam Beaver & Virginia Mae Beaver				
		10:00am at Sacred Heart	† Norman & Bernice Brueggen				

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34 (152)

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14 (485)

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24 (486)

Wed. Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33 (487)

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10 (488)

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8 (489)

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22 (671)

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44 (155)

Use of Incense at 10 a.m. Mass

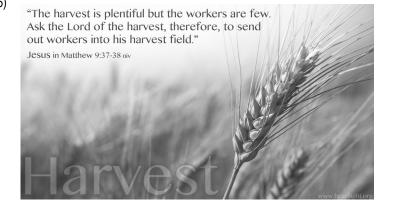
Given the number of servers for the 10 a.m. Mass who are eager to serve, there will be more servers scheduled per weekend. Because of that, the use of incense at this Mass will occur weekly beginning this weekend.

Please pray for these Intentions

- Drew Von Ruden
- -Matt & Christine Allen
- John Brueggeman
- -Hope Waite
- -Pope Francis
- -Bishop Battersby
- John Lindeen
- Matthew SueppelTressa Klinkner
- -Carol Leuck
- Carol Leuck– Florentine Geier
- -Steve Laufenberg
- Steve Laurenber
- -Sheila Vukovich
- Louis ZanonJeanne 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
- —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.



Reading Reflection

Today's Gospel presents Jesus' teachings on the two greatest commandments: Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. These "greatest commandments" relate to three aspects of a Christian steward's daily life: giving our time, talent, and treasure. The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord — in other words, our prayer life. Since time is a gift from God, I show my love for Him and gratitude for this gift by giving Him the best portion of my time. Setting aside time is not just about setting aside time for prayer but about fostering a personal connection with God. making Him the priority in our daily lives. The use of talents refers to how I offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. For instance, if you have a talent for cooking, you can prepare meals for those in need. If you are good at teaching, you can volunteer to teach faith formation children in the parish. Doing so is a practical way to "love my neighbor as myself." At the same time, it is also a way to love the Lord with all that I am and have since He has told us that whatever we do for others, we are also doing for Him. Using material gifts—or treasure—likewise demonstrates the love of God and neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection, I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life, and I am putting my material resources to the service of my neighbor in the parish community and beyond. Giving should bring us joy, knowing we contribute to the greater good. When we live for God and others, we live a stewardship way of life. And like the wise scribe in today's Gospel, we are moving closer to the kingdom of God, our ultimate destination. A life of service is stewardship's hope and inspiration, guiding us toward our ultimate goal.

Christmas Mass Schedule

There will be a different Mass schedule for Christmas this year than in years past. My brother priests have been having a Christmas Mass During the Night to great success. To help you prepare to celebrate Christmas with Mass and with your family gatherings, here will be the schedule for Christmas Masses:

Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart

Dec. 24, 10:00 p.m. at St. Mary

Dec. 25, 8:00 a.m. at St. Augustine

Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart

Day of Creation and Brunch

Mark your calendars for the next pot-luck brunch at St. Mary's. Sunday, November 10th after the 8am Mass. Bring your favorite dish to pass and join us for fellowship!

All are invited to join the crafters of St. Mary's for a Day of Creation craft retreat Saturday, November 16th in the Saint Mary's church basement. Bring your favorite craft, a sandwich, and join us for a productive crafty day!

St. Patrick Parish - Mauston Women's Retreat, "Fanning The Flame". Join us for a day of Adoration, prayer, talks, discussion, activities and time away with your friends on Saturday, November 23rd starting at 8:00 AM. Please call St. Patrick's to Register 608-747-2681. There is a \$10 Registration Fee. The deadline for Registration is November 11th. Free daycare will be provided if you need it. Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

This is a notice that the Diocese of La Crosse has mailed out information regarding the annual Diocesan Annual Appeal. We will launch the Annual Appeal at the parishes in a few weeks.

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.

Bingo

Cashton Lions Club & Knights of Columbus
First & Third Tuesday of Each Month
Starting November 5 at the Cashton Community Hall
Doors Open at 5:30 and Bingo Starts at 6:30
Food & Beverages Available

Tomah Deanery PCCW Fall Gathering

Is being held on November 9th at St Patrick's Church in Sparta starting at 9:00 am with registration at 8:45 am

27th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner!

Sunday, November 10th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Norwalk Fire Station. A free meal consisting of Turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, roll, & cranberries will be provided. If you wish, you can bring vegetables, salad, desserts, or door prizes. Contact Theresa Lehner at 608-823-7942 if you need a ride, a meal delivered, or if you want to volunteer.

Knights of Columbus Meeting:

The next meeting is Sunday, November 17 in the Sacred Heart church basement. Officers meet at 6:30 pm and the general meeting is at 7:00 pm.

World Mission Sunday

Thank you to everyone who supported World Mission Sunday! You may still drop your envelope off in the collection basket or at the parish office through this weekend.

Clergy Appreciation Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Clergy Appreciation Dinner honoring Fr. Matthew Bowe will be held on Sunday, November 10 at 2:00pm at the KC Hall in Tomah. This dinner is open to any parishioners and their families. The dinner will be polish sausage, pork, sauerkraut, potatoes, carrots and dessert. Alternates for non kraut lovers and gluten free options available, and hot dogs for children.

The meal is a free will donation. Please call Fred LeSavage at 608-374-2617 or email <u>fredlesavage@gmail.com</u> by November 1.

Second Collection for Cemeteries

There will be a second collection next weekend during all the Masses for the parish cemeteries' perpetual care funds. The purpose of this collection is to strengthen the perpetual care fund of the cemeteries, which are used to maintain the cemeteries, mainly mowing.

Thank You for Cemetery Donations

This weekend there will be a second collection to increase the cemeteries' trust funds. The purpose of a cemetery trust is to pay the bills for maintaining the cemetery, particularly the mowing. This year was a good year for mowing, and so I would like to bolster the cemetery trusts to be able to pay for a mowing year like this year. Thank you to everyone who has already donated from my previous message.

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES

October 12th & 13th, 2024

SAINT AUGUSTINE ADULT ENVELOPES \$470.00		SAINT MARY'S		SACRED HEART	
		ADULT ENVELOPES	\$2215.00	ADULT ENVELOPES	\$4385.24
OFFERTORY	\$103.00	OFFERTORY	\$187.00	OFFERTORY	\$278.09
TOTAL	\$573.00	FUEL SUPPORT	\$130.00	RENOVATION	\$200.00
		SCHOOL SUPPORT TOTAL	\$50.00 \$2582.00	DEBT	\$100.00
				FUEL	\$400.00
				TOTAL	\$5363.33

For Youth and Young Adults

ing about the virtue of humility. What does humility really mean? Our virtue books define humili- given us, that is when we will be truly happy. ty as accepting our limitations and God-given talents. This is really a two-fold definition for us and one we will explore below and throughout the month.

Accepting limitations is likely very difficult for us. Who likes to acknowledge that they aren't very good ety today, we like to think we can do it all. We don't need anyone to help us or even suggest we couldn't do it all. But, do we have to do it all? If we are really hon- As we learn more about a few saints who displayed est, we can't. We can only do what we can because of this virtue of humility let us look to our own God. We are created in His image. Is God's image not selves and see what our God-given talents might be one of community as the Triune God? True humility is and how God might be asking us to use them. Let us recognizing our part in this community of faith and calling on others to help shoulder our burdens, to lift us up when we are down, to share time with, and so much more.

The second part of the definition states that we accept our God-given talents. Maybe we always dreamed of doing one thing but our talents don't really suggest that is something that would be best. Or maybe by using our talents means that we are being called to go somewhere or do something that is a little out of our

St. Patrick, Sparta, Dead Theologians' Society

The next Dead Theologians' Society gathering at 6:00 p.m. at the Rectory at St. Patrick Church in Sparta will be November 10, and December 8 and 22. This is a gathering of high school youth that learn about a saint, enjoy fellowship with each other, and eat a scrumptious meal by the Very Rev. Eric Berns. I highly recommend attending.

In this month of All Saints and All Souls we are learn- comfort zone. True humility recognizes that if we go and do what God wants, using our talents that He has

Our virtue book also states that "humility urges us to do good for others without attracting attention or accepting applause". Do we do things because we know we get credit for it or because people are watching? Or do we do them simply because it's good to do good at something or that they have limitations? In our soci- things for others? Humility allows us to do good simply because it's good.

> also look at ourselves and see what our own limitations might be. Just because something is currently a limitation doesn't mean we can't continue to work on it and overcome it.

That's what being a saint is all about, right?

Religious Education

Religious Education is on Wednesdays.. 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.

Sacred Heart Catholic School presents TRIVIA NIGH SATURDAY ANOV. 16TH CASHTON COMMUNITY HALL

Food at 6 PM - Trivia at 7 PM | Max 10 members/team Early Bird Team Registration: \$200 | After Nov. 8th Registration: \$250





Gym Class with Fr. Matthew

Seeing as it is uncertain how much longer we will play outside, the students played Monster Ball. The goal is to throw smaller balls at an exercise ball to roll the exercise ball across the opponents' line. The skills being practiced are teamwork, overhand throwing, and resistance to throwing at other people.

5-8 with Mrs. Flock

This week we are working hard to wrap up our end of the quarter work. Science 7-8 is finishing up a topic on genetic disorders and how modern gene therapy can be used to improve quality of life for those who have severe disorders. Gr. 5 Math is finishing their chapter on fractions & Gr. 6 is finalizing number theory with positive & negative integers. Gr. 7 is testing on factoring while Gr. 8 works on combining like terms and solving equations with variables o both sides of the equation.

1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

As we begin November, we think about some of our favorite Saints. Some of the saints that the first and second graders know something about are:

St. Michael protects us from the devil.

St. Blaise loved God.

Saint Francis of Assisi loved animals.

Blessed Carlo Acutis loved going to Adoration and loved the eucharist. His favorite Saint was Saint Fran-

Saint Stephen was stoned to death.

Saint George fought a dragon.

Saint Valentine was a bee keeper and healed a blind girl with honey.

Saint Isidore took care of animals.

5-8 with Mr. Kuhn

This week both classes are focused on closing out the quarter and making sure everyone is caught up on homework and classwork before the end of the quarter. We are wrapping up a number of units in both grades in order to start fresh with the new quarter.

4k & 5k with Mrs. Klinge

This week we get to focus on the saints and all that they have done.

Do you know what we need to do to become saints?

- -- Be good.
- -- Be nice.
- -- Share.
- -- Help other people.
- -- Love one another.
- -- Die loving Jesus.
- -- Pray every day.
- -- Do good things.
- -- Give to other people.
- -- Help the poor and sick people.
- -- Love everyone- not just your friends...

3rd & 4th with Ms. Santas

In third and fourth grade this week in math the fourth graders are learning to multiply a 2-digit number by another 2-digit number, while the third graders have been working on word problems. In Spanish, we are learning different measurements. We have been spending time during our reading rotations working on a new reading program on the computers, we also read to Ellie Mae during our partner read one day.

Religion with Mrs. Steger

7/8 are learning about Mary and her role in our salvation. They learned why she is often called the "New Eve" and Christ is the "New Adam". We also covered some of the important gifts that God gave Mary as our mother.

5/6 delved into the story of the Israelites and how God provided for their needs always but especially after the exodus from Egypt.

3/4 had a similar chapter to 5/6 and the Israelites wandering in the desert. They learned how they received the 10 Commandments as part of the covenant with God, but we also saw how they turned away, yet again. The story of the Israelites is much like our story today.

Atrium students learned the liturgical colors, vestments of the priest and the blue strip, which is a work similar to a previous work but much more manageable for students to work with on their own.