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Catholic Community
October 13th, 2024

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From the Administrator

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, Part Two

With Election Day fastly approaching and early and absentee voting has begun, it is now the time to form our consciences before voting. It is important to know what the Catholic Church teaches regarding faithful citizenship, such as our moral and civil responsibility and duty to vote, and to study the positions of the candidates and their respective parties. Once again, I exhort you to take the time to read the USCCB's document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. It can be found online at usccb.org.

Our conscience is God's inner voice inside of us that makes judgments of reason by which we determine whether an action is right or wrong. Thus, it must be formed intellectually and strengthened willfully. Our conscience is not a justification for whatever we want nor a mere feeling. This gift of God is what we use to listen silently to God guiding us along the narrow path of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty, the transcendental qualities of Who God is. Through the gift of our conscience, we come to love God above all things and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Therefore, if we get to the ballot box to vote without knowing sound Christian principles and who the candidates are, how can we expect to make a well-formed and conscientious vote? It would be neglect of one's duty and responsibility to make such important decisions and choices without due effort. A player cannot play the game well without knowing the rules and practicing before the day of the game. This is called foolishness.

I would like to conclude by reiterating the U.S. Bishops' preeminent issue facing us Americans today, which is the protection of the dignity of the human person by protecting the right to life from conception until natural death. Unfortunately, in America, this issue has become increasingly more complex, especially with political polarization, the widespread use and easy access of social media, and advances in technology. In many ways, we are treating each other less like human beings made in God's image and likeness.

Of course, promoting the dignity of the human person needs to be addressed in many areas. Fundamentally, it means to protect those who are vulnerable and marginalized in society. This begins with the child conceived and in a mother's womb, whom the Church has deemed as the most vulnerable. We are reminded that God Himself, the incarnate Word, Jesus, humbled Himself to be in the Blessed Virgin's womb and to enter our world as a vulnerable child.

*Faithfully in Christ,
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

THIS WEEK ON
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Week of October 13, 2024



Luke and the Eucharist

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they dive into the joy of the Eucharist as found in the Gospel of St. Luke the Evangelist.



Persecution and Defense | The Early Christians | Episode 3

Christians are attacked by the imperial authorities, by the public opinion through slander, and by pagan intellectuals. How did they react? Not with violence, but by conquering minds and hearts. This was achieved mainly by the shining figures of the Apostolic Fathers, building stones of the Christian tradition. Special focus on the danger of Gnosticism, and the Apocryphal writings. Who were the Apologist Fathers? How was their dialogue with the pagan culture?



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

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Mass Intention Schedule

Saturday	Oct. 12th	4:00pm Sacred Heart	† Frederick & Margaret Schmitz & the Schmitz Family
		6:00pm St. Augustine	For the People
Sunday	Oct. 13th	8:00am at St. Mary's	† Anna Hemmersbach
		10:00am at Sacred Heart	† Felix Wiedemann & Lawrence & Florence Sperk
Tuesday	Oct. 15th	8:00am at Sacred Heart 4:15pm-5:30pm	† Dick Schreier Adoration - No Confessions
Wednesday	Oct. 16th	7:00pm at St. Mary's Confirmation Mass	† Rosie Dahl
Thursday	Oct. 17th	10:30am at St. Augustine	Betty & Brian Peacock Family
Friday	Oct. 18th	8:00am at Sacred Heart Adoration until Noon and at 2:30-3:00	† Sandy Von Ruden Adoration
		St. Augustine	No Adoration today
Saturday	Oct. 19th	4:00pm Sacred Heart	† Carlton Hansen
		6:00pm St. Augustine	† Robert & Rachael Wiedl
Sunday	Oct. 20th	8:00am at St. Mary's	Passe Family
		10:00am at Sacred Heart	For the People

Weekly Readings

- Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 (143)
- Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32 (467)
- Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41 (468)
- Wed.** Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46 (469)
- Thursday:** Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54 (470)
- Friday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9 (661)
- Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12 (472)
- Next Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45 (146)

Please pray for these Intentions



- Drew Von Ruden
- Matt & Christine Allen
- John Brueggeman
- Hope Waite
- Pope Francis
- Bishop Battersby
- John Lindeen
- Matthew Sueppel
- Tressa Klinkner
- Carol Leuck
- Florentine Geier
- Steve Laufenberg
- 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

– 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.

Lector/Serving Schedule Oct. 19th & 20th

<u>St Augustine</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Servers</u>
6pm Saturday	Sheri Flock	
Sacred Heart		
4pm Saturday	Pat Hansen	
10am Sunday	Enid Neubauer	Winston & Jackson Brown, Gerard & Henry Cummings
St. Mary's		
8am Sunday	Paul Klinkner	Thaddeus Slattery & Jeffery Menn



Reading Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of a man who sought guidance in his spiritual journey, like many of us. He ran up to Jesus and asked Him what he must do to attain eternal life. Jesus said, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." It says the man went away sad because he had much. We might cringe when we hear this story because it is sad – this man was so close to becoming an active disciple of Jesus but instead turned away. We also might cringe because we can all relate to the struggle of letting go of something we hold dear. This story is not just about the man in the Gospel but could be profoundly applicable to our lives. Jesus states, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." One of the metaphors for the 'eye of a needle' was a tight passageway into Jerusalem that people had to enter to get into the city. For their camels to pass through, they had to remove whatever the camel was carrying; only then could they enter. This metaphor illustrates the difficulty of fully letting go of our material or emotional attachments to embrace Jesus's teachings. Looking at our lives, we can most likely think of something we carry tightly. Maybe it is possessions—material goods or money—like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or perhaps it is something less material, like status, pride, or control. Jesus doesn't want our stuff – our job promotions, designer house, or bank account. He wants us. So, we must be willing to strip those things from our lives to reach Him. It might seem difficult, but the outcome will be more than we could have imagined – a life filled with His peace and the ultimate treasure in heaven.

Annual Fall Turkey Dinner

Wednesday, October 16th from 4-7 pm at St. Mary's Church in Viroqua (400 Congress Ave.) Dine-In Marian Hall, upper level entrance
 Menu includes roast turkey, all the fixings, and home-made pie
 Adults: \$15, Youth (5-10): \$10
 Carry outs available \$15, lower parking lot
 All are welcome!

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
 Director – Office of the Diaconate – La Crosse
 rriedl@diolclergy.org

Sacred Heart Finance Council

The next Sacred Heart Finance Council meeting is this Tuesday, October 15, at 6 p.m. in the parish hall - church basement.

World Mission Sunday (October 13th)

Next Sunday, October 20th, is World Mission Sunday. This is a unique opportunity for us to support the Church's mission work in over 1,150 territories worldwide. Our prayers and contributions help build churches, train clergy, and provide essential services to those in need. The World Mission Envelope is attached to this week's bulletin. Please consider how you can participate and give generously next week.
 Thank you."

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. 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 October 27, 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.

Confirmation Mass

The Confirmation Mass will be on Wednesday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m., at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because of that, there will be no Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Liturgical Note for Tuesday, October 22

On Tuesday, October 22, Fr. Matthew will be in La Crosse for the diocesan Fall Ministry Days. Thus, there will be no Mass, Adoration, or Confessions at Sacred Heart on that day.

No Confessions During Adoration on Tuesday

I will be at a Cashton Cupboard and Closet meeting on Tuesday beginning at 4:30 p.m. Because of that, I will not be able to hear Confession on Tuesday after the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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 starting at 8:45 am

St. Augustine Exterior Renovation

At the most recent Finance Council meeting for St. Augustine, it is agreed that exterior work on the church building is necessary. There has been much delayed maintenance, which is part of the cause of the rainwater leaking in just a few years ago. Completing the work on the outside (repairing and painting the bell tower, gutters and downspouts repair, and caulking the windows) will help to prevent any further damage to the church building. Yes, it is a costly project (approximately \$81,000), and we are looking at raising \$25,000 in the near future before we can even begin taking action toward signing a contract and scheduling a company to work on it in the Spring of 2025. Please prayerfully consider contributing and supporting this project. If you have questions, please talk to me. Contributions marked for the "St. Augustine's Outside Renovation" can be dropped off in the collection basket or sent to the Tri-Parish Office at 1205 Front St, Cashton, WI 54619.

Blessings, Fr. Matthew

Spaghetti Feed Fundraising in Elroy

The Knights of Columbus are having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Saturday, October 19, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick Church Parish Hall in Elroy. It is a free will offering that will benefit their charity fund.

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES

September 22th & 23rd, 2024

<u>SAINT AUGUSTINE</u>		<u>SAINT MARY'S</u>		<u>SACRED HEART</u>	
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		ASSUMPTION	\$10.00	FUEL	\$5.00
		TOTAL	\$2477.00	SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$185.00
				TOTAL	\$3158.00

For Youth and Young Adults

With any new month and new virtue means three new saints who will help us understand more clearly what these virtues are and what they look like in our daily lives.

One of the saints that will help us learn more about the virtue of studiousness is Edith Stein. She was born in Germany and her "big moment" happened while she was at a friend's house. She happened upon a book about St. Teresa of Avila (a nun, mystic and Doctor of the Church) and Edith stayed up the entire night to finish the book.

Edith was born to a Jewish family and from a young age it was clear that she was very smart. But, by the age of 13 she was doubting that God even existed and stopped practicing any form of her Jewish faith. Eventually she started to study philosophy and started to become fascinated by the Catholic Church. After much study and thought, she was baptized into the Church. She entered a Carmelite Order and took on the name Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

The Nazi persecution forced her to take refuge. However, she was eventually captured and sent to a con-

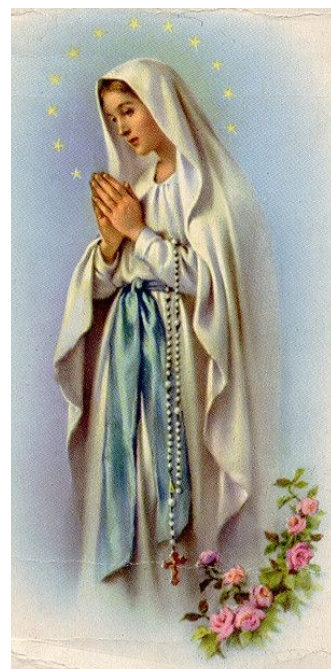
centration camp where she was killed in a gas chamber.

We see that although Edith had some challenges believing in the existence of God she didn't stop trying to learn what the Truth was. She continued to learn and study. She tried to find the answers she knew she was searching for and didn't quit. Edith is just one of our examples this month who show us the virtue of studiousness.

What will we do this month to continue to learn more about our Faith? Some ideas follow: get the Hallow app and learn about saints, ways to pray, and so much more. Log in to Formed and view a new program each week to help you learn. Pick up the Bible and start reading a Gospel. Check out the kiosks in the back of the three churches and grab a CD or book that looks interesting. Find a Catholic podcast where you can listen and learn while you clean or eat or work out. There are so many ways we can continue learning about our Faith.

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.



Gym Class with Fr. Matthew

This past week kids continued practicing their overhand throwing and catching. We played a game called Boom City that incorporated these skills. Kids put their overhand throwing, underhand throwing, and catching skills to the test by playing a game of kickball. Playing by the rules was also important. While I am gone next week, kids will play games to practice their throwing and catching skills (e.g., kickball).

Religion with Mrs. Steger

7/8 have learned about how the structure of the Church that Jesus founded grew and developed as the Church grew. They learned that the Apostles knew they had to replace Judas. They also learned that the power Jesus gave the Apostles has been passed on to our bishops today. Our priests have a share in this power as well.

5/6 learned that although Adam and Eve failed their test, God did not abandon them. He willingly sent His only Son to redeem us. Jesus is the New Adam because he was perfect, he passed the test and earned grace back for us.

3/4 learned about Jacob's 12 sons, specifically Joseph and how God used him to save His people. They learned that we don't always understand the why but God can bring good from suffering. Joseph surely suffered but so much good came through him.

Atrium students worked diligently this week on prayer cards, model altar work and reviewing some materials from the previous year.

5-8 with Mrs. Flock

This week in Science 7-8, we are studying Gregor Mendel's work in the field of genetics. We are completing Punnet Squares to see how traits are inherited from the parents. Math 9 is finishing a chapter on properties and the applications in Algebra. Math 7 is testing on integers & rational numbers. Gr. 6 started a unit on decimals and Gr. 5 continues to work on long division, moving to dividing four digits by two & three digit numbers.

3-4 with Ms. Santas

In third and fourth grade this week in science we started a new chapter, we are learning about matter and how to measure matter. The fourth graders have been working on finding the factors and multiples of numbers, while the third graders have finished working on rounding and started looking at doing some mental addition. We also started a new unit in Spanish, we started off learning how to say different numbers.

1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

One of the virtues that we talk about often is the virtue of Stewardship. This week we discussed ways that each of us can practice stewardship throughout our day. We mentioned using equipment on the farm carefully and in the way it was meant to be used. We also mentioned being good stewards of our time by reading or doing some writing instead of wasting time if it is just a few minutes until recess. Being a good steward would mean carefully cleaning up and putting away the classroom supplies. Using our chair as it is meant to be used, rather than tipping it on only 2 legs is practicing stewardship. Cleaning up after ourselves at hot lunch rather than leaving a mess for someone else to clean up is also good stewardship.

5-8 with Mr. Kuhn

In 5/6th grade, we are starting a new unit on cells soon & wrapping up on animals. For English, we are switching from nouns to pronouns & in Literature we are starting "The Tale of Despereaux. In Social Studies, we are starting our chapter on Greece.

For 7/8th grade, in English we continue to work on our Patriot's Pen essays. In Social Studies, we are finishing our unit on the martyrs and persecutions under the Roman Empire.

4k & 5k with Mrs. Klinge

Every day we marvel at the world around us... How has God amazed you today?

- He created the clouds in the sky, and they don't even fall down!
- The sun shines and shines and it stays in the sky.
- A HUGE tree grows from a teeny tiny seed.
- God gave the tree roots strong enough to hold it up-- no matter how tall it gets!
- A snake only swallows and doesn't even chew!
- First the foals don't know how to stand-- and then they do!
- The squirrels know winter is coming and collect enough food for the winter.
- Birds know just the right time to fly south...

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 40daysfor-life.com/en/lacrosse or scanning the QR code to the right. All are welcome!

