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October 6th, 2024

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From the Administrator

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

With Election Day less than one month away, it is time to begin forming our consciences and praying to our Almighty God as we seek His guiding Providence about whom to elect at all positions of our government. Brian Burch, who runs CatholicVote, an apostolate dedicated to applying Catholic principles to the political sphere, responds in this way to the question about the bishops and priests doing more in politics - "Politics is the laity's job." He goes on to remind the people who ask him that the laity are also the Church and, more importantly, the Church in the public square.

We - you and I - have a role to play in politics, which includes electing public officials who uphold the principles of solidarity, the common good, and charity, and then holding them accountable through continued activism. If we are dissatisfied with the choice of candidates, well, there are any number of reasons for it, some of which include how votes were cast previously (e.g., the primary) and the lack of encouraging good, *virtuous people to be involved in politics. It requires an active involvement, not a passive one. As the old adage goes, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" (Edmund Burke).*

Given the situation that we are in, what are the governing principles that ought to inform our consciences *before we go to the voting booth. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have an online document titled Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. I recommend and encourage everyone to read it. In this document, it talks about the role of the Church (again, you and me) in American political life, the dignity of the human person (the right to life is still the preeminent issue of our day), and the principles of the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. In my next few bulletin articles, I will highlight certain parts of this document, but I remind you that what I write does not replace your duty to inform and educate your conscience before voting by knowing the Catholic teaching about politics and getting to know the people on the ballot.*

Pope Francis said, "We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." I am not concerned about for whom you voted; I am concerned only if you voted with a well-formed conscience.

*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 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
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Week of October 06, 2024



Paint By Heart | Benjamin Cello | Episode 5
 Man looks on the outside, but God looks on the heart! The beauty of painting takes center stage as Giovanni Angelico or "Mr. Gelly" teaches Benjamin Cello and his friends how to "paint by heart".



The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie
 This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.



I Am Who I Am | Lectio: God | Episode 1
 Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.

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Mass Intention Schedule

Saturday	Oct. 5th	4:00pm Sacred Heart	Living & Deceased Members of the Ben & Nora Brueggen Family
		6:00pm St. Augustine	For the People
Sunday	Oct. 6th	8:00am at St. Mary's	† Kevin Ritter
		10:00am at Sacred Heart	† Richard Weibel
Tuesday	Oct. 8th	No Daily Masses this week, Fr. Matthew will still pray Mass intentions as listed	† Rosie Dahl
Wednesday	Oct. 9th		† Robert Walker
Thursday	Oct. 10th		Israel & Brianna Bolton Family
Friday	Oct. 11th		† Joseph & Ardella Leis
		Adoration at St. Augustine 5:30-6:30	Adoration
Saturday	Oct. 12th	4:00pm Sacred Heart	† Frederick & Margaret Schmitz & the Schmitz Family
		6:00pm St. Augustine	For the People
Sunday	Oct. 6th	8:00am at St. Mary's	† Anna Hemmersbach
		10:00am at Sacred Heart	† Felix Wiedemann & Lawrence & Florence Sperk

Weekly Readings

- Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12 (140)
- Monday :** Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37 (461)
- Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42 (462)
- Wed.** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4 (463)
- Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13 (464)
- Friday:** Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26 (465)
- Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28 (466)
- Next Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 (143)

Please pray for these Intentions

- Drew Von Ruden
- Matt & Christine Allen
- Al Spaeth
- 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. 5th & 6th

St Augustine	Lectors	Servers
6pm Saturday	Sheri Flock	
Sacred Heart		
4pm Saturday	Claire Eggen	
10am Sunday	Ruth Wolf	Tim Steger, Dominic Knutson, Charlie Leis, George Canter
St. Mary's		
8am Sunday	Glen Miller	Thaddeus Slattery & Jeffery Menn



Reading Reflection

Our readings this week are not just about the scriptures, but they directly address each of our domestic churches—the little churches that we call our families. They are not just words on a page, but a living testament to the importance of family in our faith. The First Reading from the book of Genesis takes us to the beginning of creation when God made man and woman. When Adam sees the woman, he says, "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman.'" We can almost hear Adam's longing, gratitude, and appreciation when he meets Eve and says, "At last." She was a gift because she was an equal partner to him. This scene of the first meeting was before man's fall; sin had not entered the world. Adam and Eve only viewed each other in total acceptance and love. Our Gospel brings us to life after sin entered the world—a familiar time. When the Pharisees questioned Jesus about divorce, Jesus said that Moses permitted it because of man's hardness of heart. However, Jesus was calling them to more profound holiness. He called them to restore God's original plan for marriage: "A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." Jesus' words are not just a historical account but a living commandment that still applies to us in our domestic churches. They are a call to action, a reminder that families must tirelessly work to restore God's original plan for marriage and family life—homes filled with gratitude, acceptance, and love. Living out our call to holiness and restoring our families to this beautiful image takes a daily commitment.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Sunday, October 13th in the church basement. Officers meet at 6:30 pm and general meeting at 7:00 pm

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
riedl@diolclergy.org

St Marys—Coon Valley Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 13th from 7:30 to—Noon

Sacred Heart Finance Council

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

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

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 13 and 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.

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



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.

Day of Creation and Brunch

All are invited to join the crafters of St. Mary's for a Day of Creation craft retreat Saturday, October 12th in the Saint Mary's church basement. Bring your favorite craft, a sandwich, and join us for a productive crafty day!

Mark your calendars for the next pot-luck brunch at St. Mary's. Sunday, October 13th is the date after the 8am Mass. Bring your favorite dish to pass and join us for fellowship!

Fr. Matthew at a Pastor's Workshop Oct. 7-11

From October 7-11, Fr. Matthew will be at the pastor's workshop held at St. Paul Seminary. Because of that, there will be no liturgical events (Mass, Adoration, and Confessions) happening during that week except for Adoration at St. Augustine on Friday from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES

September 14th & 15th, 2024

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For Youth and Young Adults

October is a new month and so we get a new virtue. This month our virtue is “studiousness.” That's a pretty big word but it means to seek knowledge to grow closer to Truth. On a very basic level this means we should be doing what we can to learn more about God and what the Church teaches. Some might think this is boring or that there is nothing new we can learn, but there is, even for adults.

Seeking this knowledge doesn't have to be difficult and it certainly doesn't mean we need to start reading advanced theology texts either. There are a lot of ways to seek knowledge. For starters, our parishes have a subscription to Formed. This is a media platform for your TVs and tablets that allows you to view programs much like you would on Netflix but are Catholic. There are programs on saints, programs to help you learn about what our Faith teaches and so much more.

Have you checked this out yet? If not, maybe make an effort to try and watch even one program this month. Even better, try to watch one every Sunday. There is programming for young children all the way up to adults.

All three of our parishes also have kiosks with CDs and books that you can purchase for a reasonable fee. Our parishes do not make money on these purchases but they do cover the cost so we can replenish the offerings periodically. Maybe there is a CD or book that caught your eye. Take this as your sign to get it and start listening or reading.

In our age of technology at our fingertips, look for a Catholic podcast that seems interesting. There are so many. Maybe you want a quick one - check out Catholic Sprouts. This is geared toward kids but adults can certainly learn about saints and practices of our Faith in a quick and fun way too. Of course this is just one of so many options. Ask if you need more ideas.

So, make a resolution this month to do something to practice this virtue of studiousness. What are you going to do?

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.

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Gym Class with Fr. Matthew

This past week kids continued practicing their over-hand throwing and catching. We played a game called Boom City that incorporated these skills. While I am gone next week, kids will play games to practice their throwing and catching skills (e.g., kickball).

Religion with Mrs. Steger

Our 7/8 is learning about the hierarchy of the Church as Jesus left it for us. This hierarchy has expanded to meet the needs of the growing Church. One of the great gifts given to the Church by the Holy Spirit is the gift of infallibility. This means that the Church cannot be wrong on matters of faith or morals. What a blessing!

5/6 is delving deeper into our uniqueness as human beings-that God created us in His image and likeness. Amazing! Adam and Eve had some special gifts that were lost after their sin. Do you know what they were?

3/4 is moving through history to learn about Isaac and Rebekah and their sons Jacob and Esau. And so goes the story of salvation history.

Atrium students spent one more week getting resettled with practical life materials.

Art with Mrs. Leis

This week the students continued to expand their drawing skills. The 5th & 6th graders practiced a simple still life drawing. The 7th & 8th graders were tasked with creating their own one point perspective artwork.

5-8 with Mrs. Flock

Science 7-8 is finishing their study of the cell cycle. We also learned all the stages of mitosis and the structure of DNA. In Math, 5th grade continues to work on long division while Gr. 6 finishes a unit on fractions. Gr. 7 is working on applying integer rules to rational numbers and Gr. 8 is mastering the distributive property and the property of negative one in multiplication.



1st & 2nd with Mrs. Balk

We read a fun Dr. Seuss book called Please Try To Remember the First of October this week. In this story on the first of October you can ask for (and receive) ANYTHING that you want. If you could ask for anything, what would it be?

I would ask to have 2 trillion goats at school.
I would ask for all the money in the world.
I would ask to have a unicorn at school.
I would ask for a waterpark in the classroom.
I would want to have 1000 birds in a bird building.
I would want to have rechargeable money.
I would want a barn full of a trillion cats.
I would want a giant video game with all the games.
I would ask for 20000 cats in the classroom.
I would ask for a beehive and some bee keeping tools at my house.

5-8 with Mr. Kuhn

5/6 are wrapping up their unit on sentence structures and started on their unit on Israel. In Science we have been studying animals. 7/8 are finishing up their unit on the Roman Empire. They have finished their personal narratives are starting their patriot's pen essays. The theme is "My Voice in Democracy". I encourage you to have a discussion with your kids about this theme.

3-4 with Ms. Santas

In third and fourth grade this week, we reviewed for and had our first science test of the year. We also had a review for Spanish and will be taking our first test next week. In math, the fourth graders are starting to work on multiples and factors of a number, while the third graders are learning about rounding numbers to the nearest thousands, hundreds, or tens place. We have also been spending some time during read to self time to read to Ellie Mae. On Friday, Father came in to do a pet blessing for our little classroom bunny Ellie Mae!

4k & 5k with Mrs. Klinge

It's Harvest Time! Let's use our senses and our words to describe what we see!!
I see red apples ready for picking.
I see ripe raspberries ready for eating.
I hear big and little red tractors pulling heavy loads of corn.
I smell green hay being baled.
I pick big, bright orange pumpkins for pumpkin bread.
I taste yummy, yellow sweet corn.
I see red, green, yellow, and orange peppers ready to be picked.
I see lots of squash that is ready to eat.

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!

