

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Mon., September 8 ~ The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tues., September 9 ~ Saint Peter Claver

4:30pm Adoration

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Mary

Wed., September 10

Thurs., September 11

5:30pm Mass: †Max Gburek Jr.

Fri., September 12 ~ *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

Sat., September 13 ~ Saint John Chrysostom

Sun., September 14 ~ The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00am Confessions

8:30am Mass: Bishop Battersby



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33



PARISH NEWS

We need volunteers! Help us rebuild our parish Cemetery Committee by becoming a member, or encouraging one of your fellow parishioners to become a member. Meetings are held typically one or two times per year. With the guidance of Father, the committee is responsible for reviewing and adjusting the rates and rules. If interested in joining this committee, talk with Fr. Francis or call or email the parish office.

Upcoming Meeting.

- Parish Council: Thursday, September 18 at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the church basement.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Ministers for next Sunday:

Altar Server: Volunteer

Lector: Brian

Eucharistic Minister: John

Usher: John, Jim

Money Counters: Cathy, Danielle, April



WE PRAY

For the health and healing of
Karen Liebe, Karla Konkol, Bernice Laskowski,
Shirley Pliska, Delores Hintz, Jordin Rekowski,
Adeline Hintz.

*To have you request added, please contact the office at
715-344-2599 ext. 1# or email parish@toruncatholic.org*



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offerings for last weekend:

Offertory: \$1,540.79 **Vigil Lights:** \$13

Building: \$10

Budget Recap:

Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Monthly Budget: \$6,291.67

July 2025 Actual: \$3,993.75

August 2025 Actual: \$5,139.80

Budgeted July-August 2025: \$12,583.34

Actual July-August: \$9,133.55



REBUILD MY CHURCH

Why Now?



**800 years ago, St. Francis of Assisi heard Jesus say:
“Francis, go and rebuild my Church,
which, as you see, is falling into ruin.”**

It's important to be honest and humble about signs of decline. Priest numbers have tapered off, People numbers have plummeted (long before COVID). Status quo is clearly not an option.

Jesus brings Hope.

We will seek to listen to His voice together.

Town Hall Meeting – Your Presence Needed!

Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. You are invited to attend a 90-minute session. A team will travel to facilitate forty (40) of these, inviting all of us to share in the first steps of what will be an extended process of strategic and pastoral planning.

Brochures with more information are available in the church entrance.

The sessions closest to us will be:

- Sat., Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart
- Sun., Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Pacelli High School
- Mon. Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Pacelli High School

To register:

visit www.dioc.org/rebuildmychurch
or scan the QR Code.



No internet or smartphone access? You can sign up on the form in the entrance of the church and we will take care of registering for you.

**The Voice of Jesus needs to be heard . . .
and the Voice of Jesus is in YOU.**

This week's reflection from Fr. Francis...

God is the giver of freedom. St. Francis de Sales says: 'We have freedom to do good or evil, yet to make a choice of evil, is not to use, but to abuse our freedom'. Jesus' call is to true freedom, and that demands. That one renounces honor and possessions and all that hinders him from loving Jesus wholeheartedly: 'He who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. If we want to be faithful Christians, we should deny ourselves and take up the cross; without applying this call to oneself, Christian life is meaningless. Freedom is not the liberty to do anything whatsoever; it is the freedom to do good: in this alone, happiness is to be found.

Imitation of Christ is not for a period of time. It is a lifelong commitment. There is no part-time Christian. Often, we live in a world of fancy illusion. We have our projects, plans, and desires. But we never know whether we will ever realize them. The more we crave material goods, the more distracted and desolate we become. Let us therefore learn to live not in a dreamy world, but in the real world.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Seminarian of the Week. May we be mindful that we are always connected to the universal Church. Let us pray for our priests for tomorrow, our seminarians.



Luke Kaiser, who has returned to his studies at St. Paul Seminary.

May God bless all of the seminarians discerning their vocation to the priesthood for the Diocese of La Crosse.



COMMUNITY

Bus Trip. St. Joseph Parish, St. Pt., is hosting a bus trip to Door County on Wed., Sept. 17. The bus will depart from St. Joseph at 7 a.m. and head to St. Pius in Appleton, a Jubilee Pilgrimage site, before heading to Door County for our Trolley ride to area wineries. Cost is \$118 and includes bus, trolley, and lunch. Estimated return time is 7 p.m. To register, call the St. Joe's office at 715-341-1617. Registration extended -- Join us!

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