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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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Mon., September 15 ~ Our Lady of Sorrows

Tues., September 16 ~ Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

4:30pm Adoration

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass: †Alice Rekowski

Wed., September 17 ~ *Saint Robert Bellarmine;*
Saint Hildegard of Bingen

Thurs., September 18

5:30pm Mass: Bernice Laskowski

Fri., September 19 ~ *Saint Januarius*

Sat., September 20 ~ Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and
Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions

Sun., September 21 ~ Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Confessions

8:30am Mass: †John Kosmalski



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Jesus said to Nicodemus:
"No one has gone up to
heaven except the one who
has come down from heaven,
the Son of Man." For God
did not send his Son into the
world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be
saved through him.
- Jn 3:13, 17



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.

Thank you!

- to the church cleaners and decorators.
- the lawn cutters and trimmers
- to those who donate flowers for the sanctuary.
- to our ushers, altar servers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, and money counters.

Without your dedication and sharing of self and time, St. Marys would not be the great, welcoming, and thriving parish that we are.

Cemetery Reminder. As the cooler weather sets in, please remember that all decorations that are not firmly attached to the headstone should be removed by October 15. Following that date, volunteers will remove all non-secured decor and discard them.



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offerings for last weekend:

Offertory: \$1,164

Vigil Lights: \$50

Building: \$250

Holy Land: \$290



REBUILD MY CHURCH

**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.

Sessions closest to us that you are still able to attend are:

- 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.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Ministers for next Sunday:

Altar Server: Volunteer

Lector: Kristi

Eucharistic Minister: Tory

Usher: Jim S., Randy

Money Counters: Peggy, Lucille, Debi



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*

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

The feast of the Exaltation of the Cross is tied to St. Helena, the mother of Constantine. She was a devout Christian who went to Jerusalem in the 4th Century. There was a pagan temple built over the place of Jesus' death and burial. Helena tore down the temple and built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher. In the excavation for that church, legend has it, three crosses were found. A woman who was very sick was healed when she touched one of the crosses, which was identified as the cross of Jesus.

On the feast of the exaltation of the cross, we honor the holy cross by which Christ redeemed the world. Christians 'exalt' [raise on high] the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is thus adoration of Jesus Christ, the God Man, who suffered and died on this Roman instrument of torture for our redemption from sin and death. The Cross represents one sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished our salvation. The cross is not only an instrument of suffering and death but the very way Jesus returned to glory. This is the reason for exaltation; let us thank Christ for his constant presence on the cross.

Our crosses have different sizes in the same way that we have different magnitudes of challenges in life. Nevertheless, we accept our crosses and endure them in faith. We know that, like Jesus, our cross will not be the source of our end but the beginning of new life. Our cross reminds us that life is not a bed of roses. Nevertheless, it will lead us to life eternal.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Sept.

- 15 Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart, at St. Peter, Stevens Point. Come, learn about this opportunity. 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Oct.

- 5 Chicken Dinner, St. Wenceslaus, Milladore Drive-Thru Only. Dinner includes Chicken breast & thigh, dressing, potatoes, and more. Serving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$15.
- 12 Ponczka Sale, St. Michael, Junction City. Pre-orders only, due by Sept. 21. Cost is \$1 per Ponczka, variety of flavors available. To order, call 715-540-0327 or 715-457-5265.



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.



Jake Lozon, who is studying Theology I at St. Francis de Sales Seminary.

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



COMMUNITY

Knights of Columbus, Monthly Breakfast. Join us for the first breakfast of the season on Sunday, September 28, serving from 8:15 to 11 a.m. Menu includes scrambled eggs, fried red potatoes, ham, sausage, dessert, and all you care to eat pancakes. Cost is \$10/adult, \$6/ages 6-12 and \$4/under 6. Our popular bake and craft sale will be held at the breakfasts. All held at the KC Clubhouse on Clark Street. All are welcome!



"That Man Is You" men's group has begun meeting again on Tuesdays at Sacred Heart, Polonia. The morning begins with breakfast at 6 a.m., followed by a video presentation and group discussion and ending at 7:30 a.m. This year we are going back to year 1, the foundation of TMIY, Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart. This is not a repeat of year 1. We've kept the heart of the original, however, now you'll hear from multiple dynamic speakers, each sharing personal stories and insights that speak directly to the challenges men face today. This is for all men in the Stevens Point Deanery.

Employment Opportunities.

- St. Adalbert Parish, Rosholt has an opening for a part-time secretary. For more information or to apply, please contact the parish office at 715-677-4519.
- Sacred Heart Parish, Polonia currently has an opening for a Business Administrator. This is a part-time position approximately 20-25 hours per week. For information go to: www.sacredheartpolonia.com/employment

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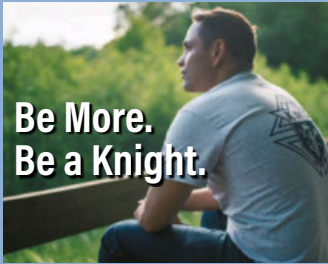


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