



September 6, 2020 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

Whenever I sit down to write the bulletin I always wonder, "what to write about?" then looking around I see all that is going on. Life is full. Life is good! Perhaps we all need those moments to stop and look around and truly see.

Tomorrow is Labor Day. It is a national holiday that we have been celebrating since 1894. A moment to recognize the work and achievements of laborers. For many it is a day of transition into the season of Fall or the academic year. It can be a day to appreciate the hidden work of so many in society who make life happen so smoothly that we take them for granted.

At St. Patrick's School, we welcomed our students back. After being out so long even the most reluctant students were happy to be back. Things are different but the care of our teachers and staff for our students is clearly seen, even if their smiles were hidden by masks.

Our now third grade students are finalizing their reception of Holy Communion. Bringing families together for that important sacramental moment is not easy with all that is going on. But with joy we are continuing to celebrate First Communion. Continue to keep them in your prayers.

I am also working with couples in preparation for weddings. Luckily, some years ago, parts of our program were able to be put online. So many of our young couples are so involved and pulled in many directions as they are establishing themselves. So I am happily looking forward to some weddings in the coming months. Pray for them as they deepen their relationship.

The Fall Festival is coming up. Like many things, it too looks different. I encourage everyone to stop in for the "Tailgate" meal of a brat or hotdog and all that goes with it. Get out there and sell those tickets! That has not changed!! It is a big part of our financial success of the Fall Festival. Seeing what other parishes around the diocese are doing for their picnic or festival, we are following in their footsteps. So scaling back and offering some basics seems to be the plan of action for many parishes. Even though it will be simplified, it requires a number of people behind the scenes doing a lot in preparation for the Festival to be a success. So a big THANK YOU to all of our chairs and volunteers who brought us to the point where we are able to offer a more limited Fall Festival safely to all.

Since March we have had the doors of the church open from 8 am till 6 pm each day. With the start of September that will be changing back to our normal schedule with the beginning of the school year. When Mass is offered on Tuesday evenings (and later on Wednesday evenings with Religious Education happening) or adoration on Friday, following those celebrations church will be locked up. Other days of the week will be around 3:30 pm according to Rhonda's school schedule. On the weekends the doors will be locked after the last Mass of the day.

Once again I wondered what to write about and now I see that I have filled most of the page. Life is like that. May life, especially the life of God's grace, fill you up too!!

Father John

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays ~ 5 PM
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

DAILY ROSARY

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays beginning at 9:00 AM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of September 6, 2020

- Sat. Sept. 5 5:00 PM For the repose of the souls of
Norman & Frances Thomas
- Sun. Sept. 6 8:00 AM For our Parishioners
- 10:00 AM For the repose of the souls of
Bill & Tom Rhyner
- Tue. Sept. 8 5:30 PM For the repose of the soul of
Joan Morrissey Mottard
- Wed. Sept. 9 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Andy Petrowitz
- Thu. Sept. 10 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Jo Powers
- Fri. Sept. 11 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Jonetta Zukauskis
- Sat. Sept. 12 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of
Hermann Klingemann
- Sun. Sept. 13 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of
Joseph Skalak
- 10:00 AM For our Parishioners

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryzek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Harold Smith, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Marie Boehm and Marsha Hamil.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post, Adam Field and Bailey Granger.

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Him, O Lord. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Bill Buttner who passed away this week. May perpetual light shine upon him.

**Stewardship Corner ~ August 29th & 30th, 2020
(522 Registered Families)**

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$12,868.42	\$ 2,787.00
On-Line Giving		1,206.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67	100.00
Loose Offering	688.68	563.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$13,572.77	\$ 4,656.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 60.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$122,154.93
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 69,667.27

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to current date

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.



PICK OF THE WEEK ~ Mary: Handmaid of the Lord by St. Teresa of Kolkata ~ St. Teresa of Kolkata is known throughout the world as a woman who was totally committed to the Gospel. In this inspiring talk, she shares her insights on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of womanhood and perfect discipleship. She shows us that we, too, can do the will of God by saying "yes" to the Lord in the big and little things in our lives; nothing is too insignificant.

You can watch with your free parish subscription by simply selecting our parish's name during registration at formed.org/signup.

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Him, O Lord. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Ernie Modjeski who passed away this spring. May perpetual light shine upon him.

Friends of Ernie Modjeski are invited to join Rita and his family at St. Patrick Cemetery on Saturday, September 12th at 1 PM when his ashes will be committed

Fall Festival 2020 Version—Sunday, September 13th. Stop by from 10 AM to 2 PM to pick up your "tailgate" meal (brat or hot dog, chips, cookie and a drink) for \$6.00. The Packer game against the Vikings starts at noon!! Root Beer Floats will also be available!

We still have 250 books of tickets available to sell. If you have not yet picked up tickets for your family or need more tickets, please stop and pick some up. They are available on the rectory porch. If you have stubs and ticket money to return, you may leave it in the collection boxes or bring it to the rectory. Thank you for buying (and selling) tickets!

Our silent auction will be on-line soon. Watch for a listing of items which will include hand crafted items that would normally be on our Chinese Raffle.

Weekly Calendar

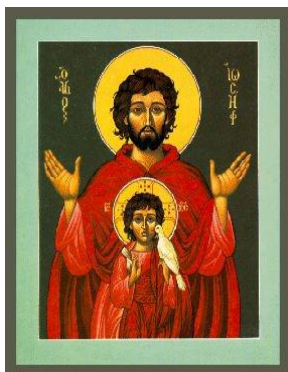
Monday September 7 OFFICE CLOSED

Growing in Your Relationship with Jesus Christ through Reading the Catechism in a Year ~ Sign up to read through the Catechism of the Catholic Church in the next 10 months. From year-to-year, there are always more than 100 people who will participate. We begin Monday, September 14th and end mid-June, with a week off for Thanksgiving and two weeks off for Christmas. A modest schedule of 15 paragraphs per night (roughly 3 pages) has been arranged that will take about 10-15 minutes of reflective reading, 5 nights a week for 38 weeks. It is worth the effort. If interested, email Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org and put "read the Catechism" in the subject line.

As November approaches, our political landscape boils down primarily to two opposing worldviews – two radically different visions of the meaning and direction of our lives. What are they, and what is a Christian to do? Visit diolc.org/faithful-citizenship to learn more.

US and Wisconsin Bishops' Response to Racism: Racism has no place in the Christian heart, whether its target is African-American, Hispanic, Hmong or some other ethnicity. See what the Bishops of Wisconsin and their brother Bishops around the country are saying by visiting diolc.org/racism.

Archbishop ListECKI Statement About Kenosha Shooting ~ Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome ListECKI released a statement on Aug. 24 in which he voiced his prayers for healing, mercy, peace and justice and noted that the Church stands as a beacon of hope and a voice for the protection and care of every human person and of the common good. The statement can be found here, or by visiting www.wisconsinatholic.org.



A Year Devoted to St. Joseph

May 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021

diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph

Coming to Know more about our Spiritual Father, St. Joseph ~ During this important year of St. Joseph, we have the opportunity to come to know more about our spiritual father through a compelling

book entitled **Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father**, by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC.

St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church and the Terror of Demons. We need his fatherly protection during these challenging times. If you are interested in forming a parish group to embark on this initiative, visit consecration-tostjoseph.org for information and speak with your pastor. For further assistance, including a list of suggested discussion questions, you can also contact diocesan curia staff members Ann Lankford alankford@diolc.org or Christopher Ruff cruff@diolc.org.

Fall Festival Dinner Order Form

Brat Meal.....	\$6.00	_____
(Includes Brat, choice of water or soda, chips & cookie)		
Hot Dog Meal	\$6.00	_____
(Includes Hot Dog, choice of water or soda, chips & cookie)		
Add-on Extras:		
Brat.....	\$3.00	_____
Hot Dog.....	\$3.00	_____
Soda.....	\$1.00	_____
Water.....	\$ 1.00	_____
Cookie.....	\$1.00	_____
Chips.....	\$1.00	_____
Root Beet Float.....	\$2.00	_____

FALL FESTIVAL

DIocese of LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679; or tbrown@diolc.org.

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