

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Baptisms

Contact rectory during office hours for information.

Marriages

Contact Central Office six months, preferably twelve months in advance.

Marriage Preparation Program

Phone (715) 572-9748

St. James Mass Schedule

Monday and Tuesday 8:45 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am

Confessions Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm

St. Joachim Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Friday 8:45 am
Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

Confessions Sat. 6:15 pm; Sun. 10 am

Holy Rosary Mass Schedule

Thursday & Sunday 8:30 am
Confessions Thursday 8:00 am
Rosary Sunday 8:00 am

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

Parish News



Please submit everything for the bulletin to the Central Office by **1:00 p.m on Monday**. Please e-mail to friarjo@tds.net or by calling the Central Office during office hours at 715-884-6815

Fr. Nathan is go home for a visit to India to see his family and his Bishop, he will be leaving on Tuesday, September 28 and will return on Friday, October 29. We wish him a safe and restful

This Sunday, September 19, is Catechetical Sunday. Please pray for all the teachers and students in your parishes as they begin the new school year.

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-4

Liturgical Publications Inc

Open to all MEN in the deanery: Jeff Cavin's Bible Timeline Study: The Story of Salvation. The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 7pm @ St Philip in the Education Building, We will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. **Study will take place on the Questions? Call Matt @ 715-416-1710**

Wisconsin Bishops Address Vaccination and Conscience Protection Wisconsin's bishops have issued a statement in which – while urging Catholics who are eligible to seek vaccination as a means to protect themselves and others – they address the ability of individuals to seek exemption from COVID-19 vaccination mandates based on conscience objection. visit diolc.org/social-concerns.

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat—Marshfield Saturday, October 2, 8:00am—7:00pm St. John the Baptist Church, 201 W. Blodgett St., Contact: Alanna Hart Email: hart_alanna@yahoo.com > Phone: 715.650.7310 Cost: \$80 per couple

How does God speak to me? Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

Pro-Life Corner—The old liberal rebelled against taxation without responsibility; the new liberal wants the taxation as a handout without responsibility. A prime example is using tax dollars to pay for abortions. Pray and work to end abortion. Pro-Lifecorner.com

St. James Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 18

4:00 pm For the Protection of the Unborn

Sunday, September 19

Twenty-Fifth Day in Ordinary Time

7:00 am † Mildred Weidmen

requested by Dan and Sue Tritz

Monday, September 20

8:45 am † Art Kleinhenz requested by Don Hahn

Tuesday, September 21

8:45 am † Pete Arendt

requested by Marjorie Arendt

Friday, September 24

11:00 am Wedding Mass of

Leland 'Lee' James Weber and Patrice Marie Mitchell

Saturday, September 25

4:00 pm † Annie Hahn requested by Don Hahn

Sunday, September 26

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am † Mildred Weidman

requested by Dennis and Sue Krings

St. Joachim Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 18

7:00 pm † Jared Pelot

requested by Russ and Irene Klevene

Sunday, September 19

Twenty-Fifth Day in Ordinary Time

10:30 am † Pete Petersen

requested by the Behselich Family

Wednesday, September 22

8:45 am † Jagielo Family

requested by Bill and Kathy Hahn

Friday, September 24

8:45 am † Fr. Donald Berg requested by Family

Saturday, September 25

7:00 pm † Hubert and Verna Fieber

requested by Family

Sunday, September 26

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am For the People

Holy Rosary Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 19

Twenty-Fifth Day in Ordinary Time

8:30 am For the People

Thursday, September 23

8:30 am For Protection of the Unborn

requested by Donor

Sunday, September 26

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am † Mary Tomlinson requested by Family

St. Joseph, Altdorf—Friday, September 24

6:00 pm Holy Hour

The Sunday evening Deanery Mass at St. Lawrence, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:00pm.

St. James Parish Events

The members of St. James Parish are grateful for the gifts we have received and are willing to use them to show our love for God and one another.



Thank you for all the years of help while I held the office of President for St. James PCCW. Thank you for everything you did for me and our parish over the years it was most appreciated. Rachel Lamb



Wedding Bann III

Leland 'Lee' James Weber and Patrice Marie Mitchell



We are **looking for teachers** for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation Program. If you or you know of someone that would be willing to give time for our children of St. James contact Elaine Seefeldt (715 569 4487).

CCD begins on Wednesday, September 22, from 6:00-7:15pm

If anyone is ill or hospitalized in the parish please call our **Sunshine Lady**—Mary Ann Ladick at 715-435-3258 so she can send a card from the parish.

Prayer Line—if you want prayers said for someone, yourself, family members and/or anyone who is in need of prayers please contact Bernice Jagodzinski at 715-697-0510, she will then contact people on the prayer line.

St. James Church Support

Saturday, Sept. 4 and Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Adult | \$2,330.00 |
| Offertory | 220.12 |
| Candle Donations | 44.75 |
| Total..... | \$2,594.87 |

Saturday, Sept. 11 & Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021

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| Adult | \$1,122.00 |
| Offertory | 210.00 |
| Initial offering | 100.00 |
| Candle Donation | 30.00 |
| Total..... | \$1,462.00 |

Holy Rosary Parish Events

Holy Rosary Catholic Church is a Community of Faith and love, whose Mission is to Proclaim and Live the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are Called to Reveal the Love of Jesus through Worship, Sacraments, Education, Formation, Outreach, Service and the Responsible Stewardship of Our God Given Gifts. In the Spirit of the Queen of the Holy Rosary, We Strive to Create a Legacy of Faith and Obedience with a Special Love for the Eucharist Welcoming All to Be Children of the Church.



Sunday, October 3 **Royal Event at AHS.** We will need help in our Lasagna Booth from 11:00-1:00 or 1:00 to finish. Please contact Louise 715-421-1378

Sunday, October 3 **St. John's Lutheran, Sigel BBQ Luncheon.** More information in next weeks bulletin.



Sunday, October 10 **Harvest Mass with Fellowship** to follow. (Will be collecting food donations for local Food Pantry for the month of October)

If anyone is ill or hospitalized in the parish please call our **Sunshine Lady**—Agnes Langeberg (715-424-1517) so she can send a card from the parish.



If you would like prayers said for someone, yourself, family members or anyone else please contact the following people on the **Prayer Chain**—Deb Zurkowski @ 435-3455 or Melissa Mattheis 715-435-4296.

Holy Rosary Church Support

Sunday, September 5, 2021

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| Adult | \$1,105.00 |
| Offertory | 158.00 |
| Candle donation | 36.00 |
| Total..... | \$1,309.00 |

Sunday, September 12, 2021

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| Adult | \$891.00 |
| Offertory | 141.00 |
| Candle donation | 41.00 |
| Total..... | \$1,073.00 |

St. Joachim Parish Events

We the members of St. Joachim's Catholic Parish are a family of faith drawn to closer relationship with Jesus Christ through the Teachings and Sacramental Life of the Church. We seek to know God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. By sharing this faith we strive to be a true Christian Community.

Thank you, for the collection of School Supplies. This donation will help our students be ready and successful this school year. Pittsville School

Thank you to all who donated to the **Rummage Sale—Youth Fundraiser!** Thank you to everyone that donated sale items, food, your time and prayers, and helped make our fundraiser a success. We made \$729.00, thank you.

Sunday, September 19 **Maryheart Knights of Columbus meeting** at 9:00am in the Mary Triplet building.

Our first **Mass with Youth** will be Sunday, September 19 (next one Sunday, October 17). Please attend with your families.

Sunday, October 3 **Altar Servers Training and refresher** After 10:30 am Mass. Becoming an altar server is a great honor. If your son or daughter (3rd grade and older) would like to be or interested in learning more please attend our training and refresher course.

Rosary Makers: Calling all interested Men, Women and children alike. We will be gathering the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month after the morning Mass until 11:30. You can come and stay as long as like. We will be making Mission rosaries; the Diocese of La Crosse will help us to distribute the rosaries we make (or if you know of a place in need). If you have questions contact Kathy Huebl @ 715-884-6832 or email: khuebl@hotmail.com.

The **PCCW Final Fund Raiser** for this year will be a Basket Raffle. We ask all the PCCW Ladies to start thinking of a basket theme and have it in the parish hall by Sunday,

November 7. You can do it as an individual or group of ladies. We will be running raffles for 3 to 4 weekends. Tickets will be sold after Mass beginning on Saturday and Sunday, 13 and 14 the second weekend in November. The winners will be announced at the Family Bingo Christmas Party. More information to follow as we get closer to November. Any ideas or questions contact, Sharon McDonald, PCCW President. 715-884-6491 or email LJSAMCD2@TDS.NET

Prayer Line: Sharon McDonald coordinates the prayer line for St. Joachim's. If you would like prayers said for anyone including your family or yourself, contact Sharon at 715-884-6491

St. Joachim Church Support

Saturday, Sept. 4 and Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021

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| Adult..... | \$2,620.00 |
| Offertory..... | 211.00 |
| Candles..... | 11.00 |
| Milk..... | 15.00 |
| Haiti..... | 25.00 |
| Spaulding Cemetery donation..... | 500.00 |
| Total..... | \$3,382.00 |

Saturday, Sept. 11 and Sunday, Sept 12, 2021

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| Adult..... | \$1,733.00 |
| Youth..... | 1.00 |
| Offertory..... | 230.00 |
| Candles..... | 42.00 |
| Project Milk..... | 10.00 |
| Total..... | \$2,016.00 |

Community Events

"In the **Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration** meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ." -Pope St. John Paul II. Eucharistic Adoration adorers needed on Mondays, 7-8 p.m., 11 a.m. on Tuesdays 5 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 7-8 a.m. and Saturdays at 9-10 a.m. Please call Jean at 715-387-0571 or Deacon Ray 715-207-6085 if you are able to adore at one of these needed times, at Pope St. John Paul II Perpetual Adoration Chapel. May God Bless Us!



Join us for Rural Life Day – Sept. 22 The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 40th annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 22, hosted by Carla Kostka and her son, Barry, at their Castle Rock Organic Farms, S12360 Young Road in Osseo. Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by members of St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish.

Wisconsin Rapids Knights of Columbus

Thursday, September 23: Regular Council meeting, 7:00pm at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cafeteria. We will wear a mask and practice social distancing.

St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon 715-443-2236

Sept. 23—Know your Faith Series: Dignity & Rights of Workers
Sept. 24-26 Franciscan Living Retreat w/Fr. Dan Crosby
Oct. 1-3 Serenity Retreat w/Katherine McCauley

Oct. 28 Know Your Faith Series: Rights & Responsibilities
Oct. 30-31 Moving Meditation Retreat w/Elizabeth Lewis

Ballroom Dance Classes—Fall Session: Waltz & Tango

Saturdays, Sep. 25 – Oct. 30 @ SS Peter and Paul, WR with a Celebration Ball Nov. 6; Beginner Class 6:00pm Intermediate Class 7:30pm (this class requires that you have taken at least one Beginner session of these dances) Fee is \$40 per person; Couples and Singles of all ages are welcome! For more info or to register, check us out on Facebook at **Wisconsin Rapids Ballroom Dance Classes** or contact Kaitlyn at 423-1351 or kaitlyn@sppwisrapids.org

Join pro-life Wisconsinites for the first-ever March for Life Wisconsin on Saturday, October 2, 2021! We will gather at noon at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison to hear from pro-life leaders. The March will follow and will conclude in prayer at 3:00 p.m. outside of Planned Parenthood. Buses from various Wisconsin cities are available for easy travel to and from Madison. For more information, visit: ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife

A **ProLife Rosary** will be said on Monday, October 11 (November 8 next date) at 4:00 pm along Eighth Street. All are welcome to join us. We will gather in Grace's parking lot at 3:45pm.

Please take the time to clean the cemeteries and removal of all aged and out-of-season decorations.

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September 19, 2021 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.
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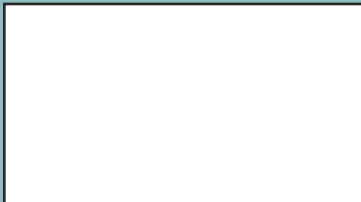
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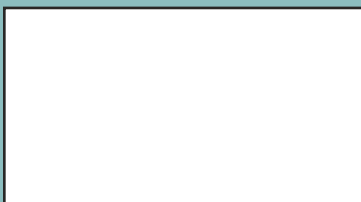
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