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**Mass Schedule: Confession 30 Min before Mass**

**Weekend:** Sat. 4:00 pm (SH) & 6:00 pm (SP)  
Sun. 8:30 am (SH) & 10:00 am (SP)

**Weekday:** There will be no weekday mass until Fr. Joseph returns from Ghana. If you are in need of a priest while he is away, Contact Jean Fitzgerald at St. Patrick's or Tammy Fahey at Sacred Heart.



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**25<sup>th</sup>**  
**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.”  
- Mk 9:37a

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Prayer for Blessing of Grandparents  
Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Sacred Heart Saturday Mass will go back to 4:00 pm starting September 11.**

**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

**Memorare to St. Joseph:** Remember, O most pure Spouse of the Virgin Mary. My noble protector Saint Joseph, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I come to you, my spiritual father, and fervently commend myself to you. Despise not my petitions, O Guardian of the Redeemer, but in your goodness, hear and answer me. **Amen**

**The Litany of St. Joseph:** Response is Pray for Us

**Prayer to St. Michael:**  
St. Michael the Arch Angel, defend us in battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, We humbly Pray, and do Thou oh Prince of the Heavenly Host by the divine power of God, thrust into Hell, Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruins of souls.  
**Amen**

# SACRED HEART



The Altar and Sacred Heart candles are in memory of  
Walter & Mary Ann Baumann  
Alvin & Carol Novitzke



## Mass Intentions:

**Saturday, September 18**•25th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
**4:00 pm** † Alex Karlen/Ron Karlen

**Sunday, September 19**• 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
8:30 am Sacred Heart Parish Family

**Wednesday, September 22**• No Weekday Mass

**Friday, September 24**• No Weekday Mass

**Saturday, September 25**•26th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
**4:00 pm** Sacred Heart Parish Family

**Sunday, September 26**•26th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
8:30 am † Louie & Cindy Andreshak/Family

## Ministry:

**Sacristan:** Tammy

**Sept 25 Lector:** Tammy Fahey **Usher:** Hailey Fahey

**Saturday Piano:** Sue Knetter

**Sept 26 Lector:** Jim Fahey **Usher:** Austin Fahey



**HELP!!** Our faithful maintenance man, Jason is taking on some big projects at work starting in October and going into the winter. We need a few people to assist with simple maintenance checks and snow shoveling of

walks and salting. If you are able to help contact Jason or the church office for more information.



## Please keep the family of

Mary Ann Wilichowski in your prayers. She was laid to rest on September 10. We express our deepest sympathies to her family. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon her.



## St. Mary's Charcoal Chicken Dinner

**September 26, 2021** 11:00 to 1:00 pm.  
Chicken dinner with all the trimmings, and homemade pies! Carry-outs available. Adults: \$10.00, Students: \$6.00 Pre-School Children free when dining in.

## Collection: September 5, 2021

Adult.....	\$829.00
Plate.....	\$108.00
Votive.....	\$ 29.00
Total.....	\$966.00

September 24 Harriet Lemanski,  
Amanda Fischer, Zachary Pospyhalla  
September 25 Norman Soczka  
September 26 Merceda Wesolowski



September 22 Al & Jill Soczka



# SAINT PATRICK



We welcome Father Paul Hoffman this weekend to both parishes. He is a retired priest living in Lacrosse. Please give him a warm Central Wisconsin Welcome.



**While Father Joe is on vacation**, there will be no weekday Masses. Weekday Mass intentions will resume once Father Joe is back.

There will be no First Saturday gathering in October while Father Joe is away.

## Mass Intentions:

**Saturday, September 18**• 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
6:00 PM † Donna Sauter

**Sunday, September 19**• 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
10:00 AM St. Patrick Parish Families

**Tuesday, September 21**• No Weekday Mass

**Thursday, September 22**• No Weekday Mass

**Saturday, September 25**• 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
6:00 PM † Jerome Schara & William Schara

**Sunday, September 26**• 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
10:00 AM St. Patrick Parish Families

## Ministry for September 25

**Lector:** Matt Baumann

**Music:** Gerard Kaiser

**Usher:** Gary Stankowski

## Ministry for September 26

**Lector:** Katrina Mata

**Music:** Bruce & Jackie Streveler

**Usher:** Raketel Mata

Religious Ed Classes are Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm.



The SPCC will meet Monday, September 27 in the church basement. All parishioners are invited to attend.



**Question of the week?** What can I do to be received into the kingdom with open arms?

## Collection: September 5, 2021

Adult.....	\$ 715.00
Plate.....	\$ 145.25
Votives.....	\$ 148.00
Total.....	\$ 1008.25

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Sept. 20, Jared Novitzke  
Sept. 23, Paul Schutte  
Sept. 24, Jordyn Aldrich,  
Mackenzie Aldrich, Lauren Ladick  
Sept. 26, Everett Rheinschmidt



Sept. 20, Brendan & Jodi Maguire  
Sept. 23, Andrew and Angela Baumann



**Question:**  
Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

**Answer:**

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.



**The Men of the Cross Conference:**

**"Walking with St. Joseph"** We are very excited to invite you to join us for the 2021 Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph!" On Saturday, October 23, 2021, we have a seat for you at the table to, not only join us for the day, but to develop friendships with Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse. While this will be a great day for prayer, spiritual nourishment, fellowship, and food, it will also be an opportunity to talk about action steps Catholic men can take in their own parishes and communities to minister to other Catholic men throughout the year.

You will hear from nationally known speakers: Jon Leonetti and Monsignor Joseph Hirsch. The day will also include a time of Adoration and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will end the conference with a Eucharistic procession and Mass with Bishop William Patrick Callahan.

And there is more exciting news! Dads, you can bring your high school and college-age sons with you at no extra charge (Free spots are limited)!

To Register, please visit [www.menofthecross.org](http://www.menofthecross.org).



**GOSPEL MEDITATION -**  
**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.



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. more information at: [ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife](http://ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife)

**Life Chain**— Diocesan-wide October 3rd. Peaceful prayer, public witness. To find a Life Chain near you, visit our website at [lifechain.org](http://lifechain.org)



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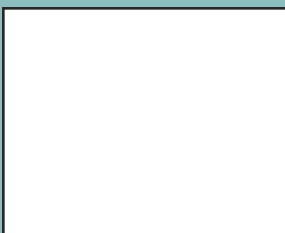
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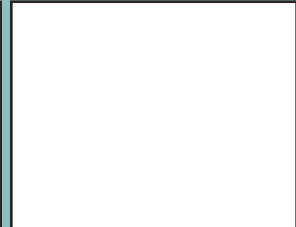
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