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Congratulations to Fr. Steven Weller and Fr. Matthew Bowe who were ordained to the priesthood on July 25.

"Thou art a priest forever."

Happy 4th of July!

A special thank you to Fr. Joseph Albert for sharing with us the good work that is happening in the Church in India. To enable Father to come here as our Mission Coop speaker, I am up in Rothchild covering his Masses at St. Therese. This week I invite you to read a letter from our Bishop regarding Roe v Wade being overturned. Though this is indeed an important turning point, may we be mindful of the important and necessary work that will need to be done to provide for not only the unborn, but our expectant mothers and fathers too.

We welcome [the] ruling by the Supreme Court, as we continue to proclaim a vision for our society that upholds the truth that every human life is sacred and inviolable—a society in which the legal protection of human life is joined to profound care for mothers and their children.

We intend our Catholic parishes to be places of welcome for women facing challenging pregnancies or who find it difficult to care for their children after birth, so that any mother needing assistance will receive life-affirming support and be connected to appropriate programs and resources where she can get help. These include numerous Pregnancy Resource Centers within the boundaries of our diocese and across the state, as well as the Pregnancy Support Services and Adoption Services of our own Catholic Charities. We will do everything in our power to raise awareness of, and to strengthen, that network of compassionate care.

We will continue to support laws that ensure the right to life for unborn children, along with legislation that ensures that no mother or family lacks the basic resources needed to care for their children, regardless of race, age, immigration status, or any other factor.

In addition, recognizing that more than 65 million children have died from abortion in the U.S. since Roe v. Wade, leaving an untold number of women, men, and families suffering in the aftermath, we also commit to reach out in healing ministry to those wounded by the trauma of abortion.

In these ways and more, the Catholic Church will continue to witness to the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death, and to work to build a true culture of life in our nation, a culture that lovingly embraces and supports mothers and children before and after birth, along with their families. In the midst of life's sufferings and challenges, we will strive always to be channels of the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

May God bless you always, Fr. Hennes

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., July 4 ~ Independence Day

Beginning in July.... Looking for a Monday Mass? Join St. Brons each Monday at 5:30 p.m. (exception: July 4 Mass will be at 8:15 a.m.)

Tues., July 5 ~ Saints Anthony Zaccaria & Elizabeth of Portugal 6:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen †Kathleen Margraft 7:00-8:00 a.m. Holy Hour at St. Stephen

Wed., July 6 ~ Saint Maria Goretti 7:00-8:00 a.m. Holy Hour at St. Joseph 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph †Virginia & Joseph Zakoski

Thurs., July 7

6:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen†Donald Engebretson7:00-8:00 a.m. Holy Hour at St. Stephen

Fri., July 8

7:00-8:00 a.m. Holy Hour at St. Joseph 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph †Leigh Allgaier

Sat., July 9 ~ Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph
†Carl Schulfer
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Stephen
†Sr. Bernardine Lepak
~ Confessions to follow

Sun., July 10 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen *Pro-Populo*10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph †Terrie Sena

~ Confessions to follow

PARISH CALENDAR

July 11	Knights of Columbus Holy Hour, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph
18	St. Joseph Meal of Hope, 5 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Council, 6 p.m.



Health of Renee Schneeberg, Nora Jisko, Kati Bemowski, Fr. Todd Mlsna, Ernie Kurszewski, Paul Blaske, Maria Blaske-Alvarez-Jelks, Prentice Jelks, Ray Stoltz

To place your name or the name of a loved one on the weekly prayer list, email secretary@pointcatholicfaith.org



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During the month of July we will be collecting Pasta to be donated to Operation Bootstrap. As always all offerings of non-perishable foods are accepted.

- St. Joseph's please place your items in the carts in the gather space.
- St. Stephen's please place your items in the baskets at the entrance.

(Please note St. Stephen's collection weekend will be July 30 & 31.)



Purchasing Scrip Gift Cards helps to support your parish while you do your shopping. Whether it is groceries, gas, or other household items that you are out shopping for, consider using Scrip Cards.

Scrip is available for purchase from the parish office, or at St. Joe's after Mass on the 1st & 3rd weekends.



2022/2023 Registration — Grades 1-11

- Returning families should have received their family registration form. Please return this form as soon as possible so that we can plan. If you did not receive a form, please contact the office or download the form online at www.pointcatholicfaith.org/rel-ed
- New families, please contact the office if you need information, or would like a form mailed to you. Registration forms are also available online at www.pointcatholicfaith.org/rel-ed

Confirmation Prep: Don't forget about your summer assignments due August 31! You need to complete five services hours for the Catholic Church and your Pilgrimage Experience. In addition, those students preparing to be confirmed in November should also get their sponsor form completed. If you have any questions, please contact the office 715-341-1617 ext. 101. Continue to watch for Flocknote messages throughout the summer months!

Breviary Week 2

Readings for the week of July 3, 2022

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16,

20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or

10:1-9

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,

6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8,

9-10//Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/

Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b,

15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and

17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,

36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/

Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Mission Statement: Together in faith we worship,

Vision Statement: Embracing the Gospel, St. Joseph Catholic Parish aspires to be a vibrant, welcoming community who engage all we encounter as we build up the family of God.

Many thanks to the Parish Council and Committees who have been working on applying our vision statement to parish life this year. All have decided to affirm and continue to embrace this statement as we continue to work together!



We are most grateful to the family of Evie Wimme for the memorial offered in her remembrance to aid in the installation of the new boiler.

As Evie warmed our hearts with her love for so many years, may the new boiler keep us warm as well.



May God continue to bless you for your witness to the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and may you celebrate many more years together!

ST. STEPHEN PARISH

Mission Statement: St. Stephen Parish, a faith-filled Catholic Community, is committed to sharing our gifts of time, talent & treasure within our parish, community & the Kingdom of God.

Next Weekend's Liturgical Ministers

Saturday Sunday

Lector: Phil Lector: Cheryl Server: Nate Server: Adam

Eucharistic Minister: Joanne

Cantor: Maxine

Updated schedules for July-September are now available.
Find the Minister schedule online at
www.PointCatholicFaith.org/ss-ministers



Wine, Women, Worship extends their appreciation for collections last weekend of 37 units of Pinto Beans, 68 misc. items, and \$154 for Operation Bootstrap.

All women of St. Stephen Parish (and their spouse or guest) are invited to attend the next Wine, Women and Worship get-together to be held on Tuesday, July 12th (5 pm) for a pot luck dinner at the home of Carol Strasser, 515 Jacobson Street. If you are able to attend, please call Carol (715-341-1893) no later than July 7th.



Holy Hour for Families

The scheduled Holy Hour for Families will continue to as scheduled for the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish. In Fr. Todd's absence, the evenings will be led by Deacon Art Schaller. During the months of July and August, confessions will not be available.



This weekend, July 2 & 3, we welcome Rev. Joseph Albert as he joins us for our annual Mission Cooperative Appeal for the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore.

The Madras-Mylapore Archdiocese, established in 1952 has a population of 12 million, out of which 420,000 are Catholics. Around 300 Priests, 500 Religious with the support of Catechists and youth, are involved in direct and indirect evangelization through various Missionary works in this predominantly Hindu and Muslim dominated society.

With the Mission Cooperative Appeal collection, the Archdiocese hopes to complete setting up the "Holy Family Spiritual Centre." This center will help those facing marriage challenges and family problems through counseling, therapy and spiritual direction.

Offering envelopes to be used for the collection for the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore are available at the entrances to the church. Please return them by July 17.

Understanding the *Dobbs* Decision



Background

In the wake of the *Dobbs v. Jackson* decision's historic overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, attacks against the ruling have paid little attention to the actual merits of the constitutional argument. Yet the task of the Supreme Court is to decide cases guided by the Constitution, not a desired outcome. Further, those who argue against overturning nearly 50 years of precedent must acknowledge this is not the first time the Court has ruled that a past decision was in error. As one of multiple examples, the Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* decision in 1954 thankfully overturned its 1896 decision *Plessy v. Ferguson*, which had endorsed a racist "separate but equal" principle of segregation for American public schools.

As for *Roe v. Wade*, even the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who was clearly an abortion-rights advocate, took issue with its reasoning, calling it "heavy-handed judicial intervention" that had "provoked, not resolved, conflict." And Harvard Law School's Laurence Tribe wrote of *Roe* that, "behind its own verbal smokescreen, the substantive judgment on which it rests is nowhere to be found."

Key Quotes from the *Dobbs* Decision

With that background in mind, consider a few quotes that follow, from the Dobbs majority opinion. A link to the full text of the decision – well worth reading – can be found at www.diolc.org/respect-life.

"We hold that *Roe* and *Casey* must be overruled. The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision, including the one on which the defenders of *Roe* and *Casey* now chiefly rely—the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment." "Not only was there no support for such a constitutional right until shortly before *Roe*, but abortion had long been a *crime* in every single State."

Respect for Court precedent (*Stare decisis*).... "does not compel unending adherence to *Roe's* abuse of judicial authority." "*Roe* was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, *Roe* and *Casey* have enflamed debate and deepened division."

"It follows that the States may regulate abortion for legitimate reasons, and when such regulations are challenged under the Constitution, courts cannot 'substitute their social and economic beliefs for the judgment of legislative bodies'....These legitimate interests include respect for and preservation of prenatal life at all stages of development; the protection of maternal health and safety; the elimination of particularly gruesome or barbaric medical procedures; the preservation of the integrity of the medical profession; the mitigation of fetal pain; and the prevention of discrimination on the basis of race, sex, or disability."

What this means for Wisconsin, and for us as Catholics

For Wisconsin, the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* means a statute from 1849 is now back in force, which prohibits abortion except to save the life of the mother. Planned Parenthood, which has had abortion facilities in Milwaukee, Madison and Sheboygan, has already stopped performing abortions in the state. Governor Tony Evers called a special session for June 22, seeking to repeal the abortion ban, but he was opposed by the Republican-controlled Senate and Assembly, and the attempt failed.

As Catholics, we heed above all the call to be channels of Christ's love, articulated by Bishop Callahan in his June 24 statement, the call to help build "a culture that lovingly embraces and supports mothers and children before and after birth, along with their families." One way is through the many pregnancy resource centers supported in our diocese (see www.diolc.org/pregnancy-resources for a list).

NEWS

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.



This week we pray for Jake Lozon who will be spending the summer preparing to return to his studies in the fall.

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

Employment Opportunities:

- St. Francis Xavier, Knowlton is looking to hire a part time Youth Minister. For more details, contact Fr. Jim Trempe at 715-693-3120 or email frjimtrempe@gmail.com

Married Couples Retreat. Join us for this two-day Domestic Church retreat. Each day will include Mass, dynamic talks, and individual couple time all designed to bring you closer to each other and to God. The next retreat will be held July 30 & 31 at Notre Dame Parish, Chippewa Falls. Cost is \$175 and scholarships are available. For more information or to register, visit www.diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment

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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. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown 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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July
17 Church Picnic, St. Mary-Torun. Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. following by events until 5 p.m. More information: www.toruncatholic.org

26 Concert Nights, St. Ladislaus. Remaining dates include July 26 and August 9 & 23. (Rain date is 1 week later.) For more information visit: www.stladislaus.weebly.com/

Picnic, St. Florian, Hatley. Saturday Mass at 4 p.m. Mass, events following until Midnight.

30-31 Sunday Massa t 10:30 a.m. with events following until 6 p.m. More information: www.stflos.org

Tuly Birthdays

July 1 Gail Klauck Timothy McKnight Bradley Raflik Breanna Danczyk Grayson Crow

July 2 Annette Burkart Keith Rutta Anne Swenson Mark Genovese Todd Kawski Troy Shulfer Alvin Bibby Brian Leahy James Miller

July 3 Dorothy Blenker Dennis Worzalla Lyndsey Horn Robert Giese

July 4 John Herman Dani Schmidt William Zelinski Allan Marschke Archie Sawyer Matthew Pickard

July 5 Virginia Stanislawski Kathleen Brandl Michael Rottier

July 6 Michael Hess Wendy Steinhorst Rebecca Worzalla Anna Hlavac Marjorie Jakusz Ray Adams



July 7

Patricia Walther Richard Cooney Phyllis Ziaya Jean Bablitch Linda Zaborowski Roy Cychosz Ariel Stanczyk Cindy Wroblewski

July 8 Sylvester Zywicki Gerald Grywacz Christina Scott Lynn Meyer Edward Hebda Bruce Kedrowski Emily Miller Joseph Jarabek Katelyn Szymanski Kristin Crass Mollie Deverell

July 9 Walter Okray Donald Dietsche Duane Zaborowski Kathleen Genovese Denese Mace James Ford Jerome Tokarski Peter Bella

July 10 Rose Stoltz William Wallner Jordan Schlice Ashley Golla Lorren Sommers Sarah Chojnacki

July 11Colleen Hennelly Kimberly Gagas Christina Callan Kim Ford Nolan Ott

July 12 Robert Rosek Kathleen Mayek Roger Kieliszewski

July 13 Joanne Mlodik Karen Shirek Dale Bembenek Clara Kennedy

July 14Theresa Miller Morgan Brown Eli Stremkowski

July 15 Susan Klish Tamie Herbold Laura McKibben

July 16 Grant Mahoney Cheryl Helms Keegan Leahy Mary Rutta Peter Feltz

July 17 Suzanne Kostuchowski Brent Thalacker Joseph Hauser Sophia Bablitch

July 18 Karen Shuda Catherine Cooper Andrew Crow Dean Johnson Michael Bembenek Faith Stremkowski Roy Skrzeczkoski

July 19 Eleanor Olszewski Barbara McCraw Jean Brazzale David Mueller Kelsi Judziewicz Dane Kopecko

July 20 Ken Shulfer Br Lori Osowski I James Shafranski Eliza Brittney Flugaur Brooke Ananiadis M

July 21
Isabella Morgan
Cheryle Janiszewski
Jake Lewandowski
James Sorenson
Kalyn Ford
Sharon Sullivan

James Lepinski

July 22 Delphine Konopacky Mary Nowinski Marissa Stolt Ginger Fitzgerald Patrick Steffen

July 23 Robert Suchon

July 24 Kathleen Hansen Mae Morgan Danny Pliska Edward Plaski Janet Blaha Marcia Richter Susan Bunde

July 25Patricia Nord George Lepak

July 26 Mary Stelchek Michelle Daniels Sherry Brown Rachel Cooney Isabella Martinez James Strnad Kathleen Krush Ronald Flugaur Roxann Bannach

July 27 Brandon Nerren David Ciseski Elizabeth Waltenberg Karen Olson Mark Kolodziej July 28 Barbara Piotrovski

Barbara Piotrowski Joseph Lacenski Mark Henrichs Tyrone Adams Caitlin Peterson Grace Jisko James Lodzinski

July 29 Gerald Lamotte Raymond Millonig Jennifer Hoffman Rodney Piotrowski

July 30 Julitta Szczepanski Kathleen Lukaszewicz Celestino Martinez Lisa Rychter Olivia Santangelo Eleanor Horvath Zander Bellin Jayla Kawleski Benett Klish Catherine Cesar Jack Firkus

July 31 Marlene Vircks Liam Brown Amy Michelkamp Dennis Liebe George Kvatek Susan Kurszewski





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