

September 30, 2018

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Small Sacrifices

Someone once said that a person is best judged, not by what they hold onto, but by what they give up. We become defined by the sacrifices we make. Giving up time and labor to provide for loved ones, volunteering to help others, even taking time to play with our children. These noble gifts reflect the best part of us. But there are other sacrifices, so often unseen, that shape us as well. The sacrifice of not indulging in self-pity, of not lying when it is easier than the truth, of not giving in to anger no matter how real the provocation.

Each of these sacrifices, this “giving”, brings us closer to God. They tune the heartstrings of our soul to His melody, preparing us for the communion we will experience in heaven. By giving up bad habits or bad thoughts we are not subtracting, diminishing ourselves, we are adding a bond of love to our relationship with God. Jesus said, “if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to fall to hell.” Ask yourself this week what do I need to sacrifice to be closer to God? Then let it go. It’s a small price to pay for eternity with Him.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 1

Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church

7:00 pm: Pastoral Council Meeting, church hall

Tuesday, October 2

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

7:00 am: Mass: Jerome & Millie Wehe

Wednesday, October 3

8:00 am: Mass: Hans & Sophie Weber

3:50 pm: CCD Gr. K-6

6:00 pm: All CCD Parent Meeting, church hall

7:00 pm: CCD Gr. 7-12

Thursday, October 4

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, religious

8:00 am: Mass: Leon & Florence Hoeser

7:00 pm: Holy League Men's Group

Friday, October 5 – First Friday

Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest

7:00 am: Mass: Edith Payleitner

7:30 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm: Benediction

Saturday, October 6

Memorial of Saint Bruno, priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, virgin

4:00 to 4:45 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Sherry Rogstad

Sunday, October 7

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am to 7:30 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: Jason Lindner & Kevin Opelt

10:30 am: Mass: St. Mary's Parish Family

General Parish Information

Father Varkey Emergency Cell Phone: 715-937-3664

New Parishioners: You are most welcome to join the family of St. Mary's. Please contact the parish office.

Prayer Chain: Jean Kuhn (715) 937-1161

Meal Ministry: Mary Sladich (715) 743-4466

Bereavement Ministry: Annie Augustine (715) 937-1432

Visitation Ministry: Anne Durst (715) 743-3352 or Annie Augustine (715) 937-1432

Elizabeth Ministry: Renee Schoen (715) 743-4059

Marriage: Contact with the parish is required six months to a year before marriage. Preparation begins with the first contact.

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated during the 10:30 am Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. Baptisms following Mass can also be scheduled. Preparation classes are necessary. Please contact the office for further info.

Interfaith Caregivers Contact: 743-2885

Weekly Collection

September 23, 2018

Tithe	\$2,869.00
Offertory	260.30
Student	15.80
CCD Tuition	100.00
Bazaar and Dinner	90.00
Total	\$3,335.10

Weekly Budget **\$4,479.79**

Building Fund \$50.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday, October 6-7

Lectors (A) (B)

Sat. 5:00 pm Larry Hoeser Larry Hoeser

Sun. 8:00 am Dr. Greg Foster Donna Kuhn

Sun. 10:30 am Bob Barth Bob Barth

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm Greta Ross/Mary Sladich/Jared Thomas

Sun. 8:00 am Dr. Greg Foster/Clint Hannasch/Rick Kuhn

Sun. 10:30 am Bob Barth

Cantors

Sat: 5:00 pm Rita Kuchenbecker/Renee Schoen

Sun. 8:00 am JoAnn Blum/Lorraine Spencer

Sun. 10:30 am Mary Ann Ingold/Mike Hart

Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm Andrew Hoeser Maggie Hoeser

Sun 8:00 am Gabriella Kuhn Gianna Kuhn

Sun 10:30 am Christopher Cortez Austin Gross

Ushers for October

Sat 5:00 pm Kent Genteman/Richard Hagen/Tony Langreck

Sun. 8:00 am Jack Hammond/Jim Langreck/Allen Mohr/Ray Pagenkopf, Jr.

Sun. 10:30 am Terry Byrne Family/Paul Klein

Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm Greta Ross

Sun 8:00 am Russ & Annie Augustine

Sun 10:30 am Phyllis Carney

Greeter Schedule – October

5:00 pm: Sue Schrank & Jim Resong

8:00 am: Nancy Woods

10:30 am: Kevin & Sheena Schoen

Children's Liturgy of the Word Resumes:

8:00 am: Kim Swita

10:30 am: Sheena Schoen

Parish Announcements



The Diocesan Annual Appeal information for this year has been mailed to each household. Please prayerfully consider your pledge. Pledges can be sent directly to the Diocese of La Crosse at P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004 and checks should be made payable to the Diocese of La Crosse. If the pledges are received in the parish office we will forward them to the Diocese.

Dear Brothers and Sisters... A milestone like the Diocesan Sesquicentennial allows us an opportunity to contemplate the missionary spirit of the generations before us whose works of faith, labors of love, and endurance of hope in Jesus Christ reveals the investment of their gifts as the reality of today's parishes, schools, hospitals, and our beloved Diocese at large. Today, we stand upon their missionary zeal and accomplishments. As I reflect on that missionary spirit, I am grateful for theirs and for *your* stewardship calling to mind Saint Paul's praise of God in thanksgiving for the Thessalonian community. "We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ," (1 Thes 1:2-3). It is from this quote that we draw this year's theme for our Diocesan Annual Appeal "*Endurance in Hope*.". Today we embrace *our* missionary works through the Diocesan Annual Appeal, the many works of our parish communities and through works like that of our own Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski who because he embraced the missionary spirit heeding the Lord's call for building the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. As we invest our time, talents, and treasures in our diocesan community, our missionary spirit lives, endowing on earth the compassion and mercy of the Kingdom of God. Therefore, I humbly invite, and in anticipation of your generosity and charity, I sincerely thank you as you consider your contribution to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal –*Endurance in Hope*.

Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother and Saints Joseph and Francis, our patrons may God's blessings be upon you, *Most Rev. William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse*



Thank you to everyone who is utilizing the new electronic signup for extra-ordinary ministers, lectors, servers, cantors, and Children's Liturgy of the Word. We also appreciate those who have contacted the parish office to sign up. We are hoping that this new way of signing up will give volunteers freedom to sign up and exchange for the times they are available. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Martha at the parish office. Let's work together to ensure that the needs of each ministry are being fulfilled.

SAVE THE DATE!! 2018 Rosary Rally - Saturday October 13th at Noon. Our Country really needs your help!!



Lets face it - people across our great nation are losing their belief in God! Make a difference and join us in praying the Rosary to Our Blessed Mother to save America!!

Rain or shine, come spent **LESS**

THAN one hour in praying the Rosary on the front lawn of St. Mary Church, Neillsville. Any questions, please contact Annie Augustine at annaliz09@hotmail.com or 715-937-1432. Thank You!!

Rosary Schedules: New schedules are available in the carport vestibule.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

CCD

Teaching the faith begins in the home.



Coming together for the CCD YEAR

(Meeting for parents of all CCD students)

Parents are invited to an orientation meeting on Wednesday October 3rd at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. We will discuss important aspects of our CCD program as well as some new and exciting programs coming this fall! We need at least one parent from each family to attend. Please contact Stephanie Hannasch with questions. We are excited to see you on October 3rd!

Safe Environment Training for all CCD students will be held Wednesday October 10th during CCD sessions. Safe Environment Training is a Diocesan Policy to protect our young people through education and awareness of how to be safe and avoid situations that put them in danger. Safe Environment information was attached to each family's CCD manual that were available in the narthex for pickup on September 8th.

CCD Tuition: Just a reminder that if you have not paid the CCD tuition for your child(ren), please remit this payment prior to October 31, 2018. If tuition presents a financial problem for your family, please contact Fr. Varkey or Mrs. Hannasch at the parish office. All children may participate in catechetical activities regardless of a family's ability to pay tuition. The tuition is \$30 per child with a maximum family tuition of \$70. Thank you to the families who have already paid.

Sidewalk Snow Removal: The Kevin and Sheena Schoen Family has generously agreed to volunteer to do the sidewalk snow removal again this winter. They are asking, however, if there could be a back plan for them in case they are not available. If you would be willing to help out please contact the parish office.

Bulletin Board of Active Military Service Members A sign up is available in the carport vestibule to let us know the names of our active military service members. On the sign up please provide us with the name of the service member and a contact name and phone number. K Weirauch is coordinating this effort for our parish.

St. Mary Cemetery Notice: Just a reminder all flowers, plants, etc. need to be removed from the graves prior to October 1 and April 1 each year.

CCD Assignments

Grade 1 - Mrs. Grota: Color the color sheet "We Begin & end our prayers with the Sign of the Cross". Say an "Our Father" every night with parents before bed.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Schmitt: Do both sides of assignment sheet.

Grade 4 - Mrs. Kren: Say prayers daily and attend Mass.

Grade 5 - Mr. Veltus: Chapter 2 in workbook. Pages 8-9.



Men of the Cross Conference

The 4th Annual Men of the Cross Conference is slated for Saturday, October 27th at Logan Middle School in La Crosse. Flyers are available in the carport vestibule. Information is also available at <http://menofthecross.org/details> or contact Dan Kitzhaber at mensmin@diolc.org

Knights of Columbus Council 4963 Grand Knight Larry Hoesser presents a check for \$154.81 to Tonya Anderson of the Neillsville School District to use in their Special Needs Department. The money comes from the sale of Toostie Rolls by the Knights.



Area Events

Message from Bishop Callahan... Please join me on Sunday, October 7, 2018, for the closing Mass celebrating our Diocesan Sesquicentennial. This Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. Immediately following Mass, there will be an Open House reception at the La Crosse Center Ballroom ending at 3 p.m. At the Open House you will have a chance to meet representatives from the Offices of Ministry and learn about the impact they are having in our diocese. Everyone is encouraged to attend this special day as we celebrate 150 years of Building Upon A Tradition of Catholic Faith. For more information visit diolc.org/150

2018 Annual Caregiver Conference

The Unexpected Caregiver

Thursday, October 11, 2018

Clark County Rehabilitation & Living Center, Owen, WI

8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Along with other presentations Kari Berit will present The Unexpected Caregiver: How to keep Mom & Dad active, safe, independent, and yourself S.A.N.E (Supported, Appreciated, Not Guilty, and Energized). Whether currently in the midst of giving care or just beginning, Kari will vitalize your journey by sharing her S.A.N.E Method. For additional information call: ADRC of Clark County at 715-743-5144 or toll free 1-866-743-5144. A written registration form is required so we have the correct information and spelling of the participant's name.

Neillsville Blood Drive – Monday, October 8

American Legion Post 73 – 6 Boon Blvd

11:30 am to 5:30 pm

For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767

or visit redcrossblood.org

St. Anthony's Church, Loyal Fall Festival

Saturday, October 6th

All Events at Loyal Sportsman Club

Heartland Harvest Lawnmower Pulls

Registration 11 am & pull 12 pm

Sunday, October 7th

Mass- 10:30 am

Buffet dinner – 10:30 am to 1 pm

Tickets sold at the door – Adults \$12.00

Ages 5 to 12 \$5.00; Pre-school –Free

Drive-up available and handicapped accessible

Roe v. Wade on the Brink?

Gospel of Life Presentation by Ben Nguyen

On Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7:00 pm, Ben Nguyen will be the featured speaker for the annual Gospel of Life Celebration at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall in La Crosse. Ben, formerly the Chancellor for the Diocese of La Crosse, will explain what we need to know about the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling that has been in the news almost daily in light of the Brett Kavanaugh Supreme Court nomination. Ben has doctoral degrees in both law and canon law and serves as Canonical Counsel and Theological Advisor for the Diocese of Corpus Christi. A 6:00 pm Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan at Blessed Sacrament Church will precede the talk.