



Brothers and Sisters,

"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

That is the question put to Jesus by the man in the gospel today. Jesus answers him by encouraging him to obey the Ten Commandments. We all know the Ten Commandments and find them a part of our daily life. They guide us in our relationships and our business throughout daily life. Jesus is saying to the man these Ten Commandments are the foundation. Then he springs on the man the next level. The level of discipleship that takes us from just obeying commands to truly living our lives in response to God's love for us. *"You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."* Before you get worried about becoming destitute if you follow Jesus' instruction. Realize that he is not asking for us to rid ourselves of necessary physical things that serve our needs as human beings. Instead, he is piercing to the very center of our lives. Jesus is speaking to our soul, the place that is the source of our life and identity. He is saying, don't just make empty actions of piety. Place your whole self from the bottom of your soul into the hands of the God who loves you. In other words, trust God. Live your life in radical trust of God's love for you, or as St. Augustine would say, "Love God and do as you will." Jesus is asking the man to live a life of love. It is in trusting our lives to God and striving to live out of love that we become truly free as human beings and we are able to find happiness in all our relationships and business in this life and in communion with God forever in heaven!

A big **THANK YOU** to all of you who made St. Peter's Roast Beef Dinner a great meal and a celebration for the local community. Many hands labored to bring this dinner together. God bless each one of you for your help and time. Only 365 days until we begin to prepare for the 2022 dinner.

A REMINDER:

ST. JOSEPH FALL DINNER ON OCTOBER 17, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

Come join us and give that cooking spouse the day off.

God bless you,

Fr. Tom

Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Oct. 9th 4:30PM - +Leo Kryzer

St. Peter, Sunday, Oct. 10th 8:00AM - +Robert & +Doris Von Arx

St. Joseph, Sunday, Oct. 10th 10:00AM - For the Parishioners

St. Peter, Tuesday, Oct. 12th 8:25AM - +Les & +Marguerite Sheehan

St. Joseph, Wednesday, Oct. 13th 8:30AM - +Deceased members of the Pffiffner family

St. Peter, Thursday, Oct. 14th 8:25AM - +Alfred Miller

St. Joseph, Friday, Oct. 15th 8:30AM - +The Witt Family

Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Oct. 16th 4:30PM - +Alice & John Kryzer

St. Peter, Sunday, Oct. 17th 8:00AM - For the Parishioners

St. Joseph, Sunday, Oct. 17th 10:00AM - +John & +Evelyn Rumstick

Immaculate Conception, Hwy. 43, Wilson — St. Joseph, 111 N Mill St., Rushford — St. Peter, 34 Main St., Hokah

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Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph
3:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception

Sundays 7:30 a.m. St. Peter

First Friday Devotions: Please join us 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph, Rushford



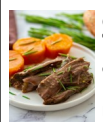
Every First Friday join us for 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph followed by praying of the Litany of the Sacred Heart, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction.



Please email or call if you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick if you or know someone who is ill or having surgery. I will come to their home or arrange a visit at the hospital if allowed. Fr. Tom email — tmelvin@dowr.org, phone #507-259-1747 (cell)

◆ Immaculate Conception Parishioners:

Following mass on October 16th, we will be having a catered meal. We are having a meeting to discuss the closing of our parish on June 30, 2022. Please come and join us.



St. Joseph Church News:

- St. Joseph's Swiss Steak Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, **October 17th**.

St. Joseph – Liturgical Schedule

October 17th @ 10:00AM

Lector — Chuck

Ushers — Gary & Steve F.

Rosary — Norb

St. Peter – Liturgical Schedule

• **Sunday, October 17th @ 8:00AM**

Lector— Theresa Von Arx

Ushers— Tony Miller & Mike Ross

Servers— Devon Schulte, Rylee Johnson & Evan Horihan

Greeter — Joe Horihan

Rosary— Georgia Von Arx

Church Support

Immaculate Conception — Oct. 2nd — \$161

St. Joseph — Sept. 26th — will update next week

St. Peter — Oct. 3rd - \$1,207

2021 Baby Bottle Campaign.

The Baby bottle Campaign is sponsored by the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption Program. The purpose is two-fold; the money collected is used to help women residing in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester to choose parenting or adoption rather than abortion. The campaign also raises awareness in parishes and schools about the services Catholic Charities provides to women and babies. Money is collected and sent to Catholic Charities by November 30th. If you'd like to make a donation to this campaign, you can drop in the collection basket in an envelope marked Baby Bottle Campaign. Thank you for your support!

American Red Cross La Crescent Community Blood Drive will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 21 North Hill St. on October 14, 2021. The drive runs from 12 noon until 6 pm.



St. Peter School News

Parent Teacher Conferences.....

are scheduled for Thursday, 10/14, 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm. Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4baaa723a0f58-parent1> to set up your conference time.

Important Dates.... (Volleyball home games are at Crucifixion gym)

10/9 Roast Beef Dinner

10/10 Recuperate from Roast Beef Dinner

10/12 8:25 am, mass

3:45 pm, Volleyball vs. St. Pats Onalaska

(home)

10/14 8:25 am, mass

3:30 – 6:30 pm, Parent Teacher Conferences

10/19 8:25 am, mass

4:00 pm, Volleyball vs. St. Pats Sparta (away)

10/21 8:25 am, mass

5:00 pm, Volleyball vs. Onalaska (home)

10/21 MEA, no school

10/22 MEA, no school

10/26 8:25 am, mass

10/28 8:25 am, mass

10/29 End of 1st quarter