



Brothers and Sisters,

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." John 10:10

October is Respect Life Month. It seems that such a month should be unnecessary. We as Catholic Christian disciples of Jesus Christ have a profound respect for the gift of life given to us, redeemed by and secured for eternity by our loving Father, Jesus Christ our Savior and the Holy Spirit our guide and advocate. Yet, it is necessary. The world has become a place of commodities. Crops, oil, clothing, etc. and even, unfortunately, human life seems to be reduced to a transaction mediated by our ever-changing choices and morals. Respect Life Month gives us the opportunity to express gratitude for the gift of life and to pray that all human life be given its due dignity and care.

This gratitude can be expressed first in prayer. To pray the rosary and ask the Blessed Virgin Mary for her intercession that human life be cherished as gift from God is a wonderful way to express that gratitude for life. To pray for the end to abortion, this direct attack on human life in its most vulnerable stage, which deprives many human beings of the gift of life. To pray for expectant mothers that they receive the necessary physical, emotional and spiritual support to bring the life of their babies into the world. Also, to pray for Fathers who await the birth of their baby, that they receive from us the same support we give the mother of the baby. To pray for the elderly, the poor, the immigrant, the physically and mentally disabled becomes even more so our duty this month. This makes a demand on us as disciples. It means that we must not shrink from the demand to love each other and willingly sacrifice our comforts for the good of another who may be weak, vulnerable, disadvantaged or even unwanted and seen as disposable. Then to bring our prayers to the altar each Sunday at Mass and ask the author of life, our loving Father, Savior and Advocate to keep safe each human life. To place among the bread and wine our intentions to offer thanks for the gift of life we have and be given the courage to defend, support, care for and respect every human life.

Respect Life Month is our opportunity to love our neighbors by becoming their advocates in the face of a society that too often counts human life only as a commodity. The unborn, the elderly, the physically and mentally disabled, the immigrant, the poor, the neighbor next door all have been given the God given gift of life. As their neighbors and disciples of Jesus Christ let us take up the courage to demand that they be afforded the dignity and respect they truly deserve. Let us pray, sacrifice, and act with the love of Christ, so that each human life may have the opportunity to give glory to the God who gave it creation.

God bless you, Fr. Tom

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 Rumsticck

St. Peter, Tuesday, Oct. 19th 8:25AM - +Lucy Wilkes

St. Joseph, Wednesday, Oct. 20th 8:30AM - +Helen Novlan

◆ Thursday October 21st and Friday October 22nd — NO MASS

Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Oct. 23rd 4:30PM - +Leo Kryzer

St. Peter, Sunday, Oct. 24th 8:00AM - +Al Langen

St. Joseph, Sunday, Oct. 24th 10:00AM - For the Parishioners

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.



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Church Support

Immaculate Conception — Oct. 2nd — \$161

St. Joseph — Oct. 10th — \$1,053

St. Peter — Oct. 10th - \$3,224

St. Joseph – Liturgical Schedule

October 24th @ 10:00AM

Lector — Jacob

Ushers — Charlie & Steve C.

Rosary — Chuck



Thanks to all the volunteers who clean St. Peter's church, we're covered for the rest of this year.

Please note the new sign-up sheet for 2022 in the lobby.

St. Peter – Liturgical Schedule

• **Sunday, October 24th @ 8:00AM**

Lector— Pat Von Arx

Ushers— Dave Feuerhelm & Mike Ross

Servers— James & Annie Von Arx and Elizabeth Ott

Greeter — Mary Kay Sheehan

Rosary— Aaron Franta

St. Peter's Church/School: We are hiring a part-time Janitor, please contact the parish office @ 507-894-4944 if you'd be interested.



I'm not sure there are enough words to say how truly grateful I am for all the help from everyone in our parish and community. I could never pull off St. Peter's Roast Beef Dinner without all of you. This year was a huge success, even with all the changes that I asked everyone to make. I am truly thankful for everyone's help! Carolyn Horihan, RBD Coordinator P.S. 2,357 dinners sold!!

- ◆ We are truly grateful for the generous donation of \$1500.00 from the Knights of Columbus. This donation will assist to offset the numerous costs associated with the Roast Beef Dinner.



St. Peter School News

Trunk or Treat (10/29)..... Trunk or Treat is a great way for parents and community to participate in Halloween at St. Peter's

School. Parents park in the upper parking lot with their trunks open (some dress up their vehicles or wear costumes themselves). Kids are led by their teachers around the parking lot for parents to hand out candy. Great opportunity for parents to see all the costumes and enjoy this special moment with all the children. Please go to [St. Peter's School: Trunk or Treat \(signupgenius.com\)](http://St. Peter's School: Trunk or Treat (signupgenius.com)) if you would like to join us!

Couples Dinner/ Date Night.....on Saturday, October 23rd, dating, engaged, and married couples are invited to attend dinner at Crucifixion School after 5:00 pm mass, followed by dinner, a guest speaker, and great conversation with other couples at the La Crescent Snowmobile Club. Cost is \$40.00 per couple. Tickets will be available after at the Crucifixion parish office. This is a great opportunity for you to gain ways to strengthen your relationship through faith.

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

10/19 8:25 am, mass

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

10/21 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