

## Diocesan and Community News

**Supporting your Church:** In good times and bad times, Catholic faithful have supported the church generously. Your Parish needs your generous support to continue. Collections at Weekly Masses are the main source of income. We need to consider alternative options to continuing your contributions to the Church. Our bank is not able to process ACH payments. You can mail in your weekly/monthly offering to the parish office. (W697 State Hwy 33 Rockland, WI 54653)

**Pray for Dobbs, Pray for our Supreme Court Justices:** Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health is the Supreme Court case that could overturn Roe v. Wade—the decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states. Nine justices stand between life and death for millions of innocent children and their mothers. The hearing began Dec. 1, with a ruling expected in June. Please fast and pray for God's grace to touch our Supreme Court justices. For more information and resources, visit [PrayforDobbs.com](http://PrayforDobbs.com).

**Join our Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C.:** We are excited to announce that we are planning to travel to Washington, DC for the Pilgrimage for Life January 19-23, 2022. Please see <https://diolc.org/vya> to read the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details. We will have two Special Guests! There has never been a more important time to join the March for Life in our nation's capitol, with the Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court and the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Visit [diolc.org/M4L](http://diolc.org/M4L) for more info.

**Beacon Conference:** First Free Church (123 Mason St, Onalaska, WI) is hosting a conference where we will seek to bring hope, healing and community to anyone going through miscarriage, infertility and/or loss. 1 in 4 women will go through a miscarriage in their lifetime. Many people go through infertility and miscarriages, and have no idea where to turn for support. Going through miscarriages/infertility puts a lot of stress on marriages. We want to help people in the Coulee Region who are going through these journeys to find hope in Christ and a community to support them during and after the conference. This conference is for ANYONE going through this journey - Christian or not - and we strongly encourage spouses to attend as well. The fee is \$45/person or \$60 per couple. Lunch will be provided on site, and is included in the fee. Doors open Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. with light refreshments, and the conference itself starts at 8:00 a.m. The conference will be done by 2 p.m. See flier in the back of church for more details.

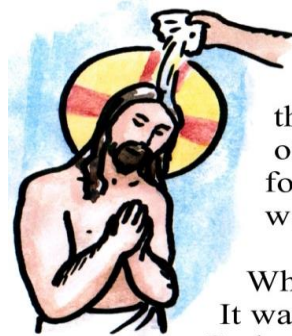
### 2022-2023 ACS ENROLLMENT PERIOD BEGINS SOON:

On Monday, January 17, 2022, enrollment for the 2022-23 Aquinas Catholic Schools school year begins! If you are interested in exploring your options when it comes to education, we would be happy to show you what Aquinas has to offer. Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Please join us:

- AHS Open House: Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6pm
- AMS Open House: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6pm

## Kids Korner

### Jesus Begins His Mission



Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work? It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?



**Thank You to those who have donated towards our beautiful Christmas flowers!**

- The Lucey Family
- The Halderson family
- Marge Lee family
- Lavina Flock
- Gary & Deb Flock
- Ann Hundt
- The Kast family in memory of Jacob, Ernie & Kay Gronemus
- The Gronemus family in memory of Jacob Gronemus & all deceased family
- The Korn family in memory of Ray & Audrey Korn & Charles Leis
- The Korish family in memory of our parents & grandparents and our children & grandchildren who have gone before us
- In memory of Arnold & Theresa Arentz



## PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....8:00 PM

Sunday.....10:00 AM

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Friday.....8:00 AM

## ADORATION

Wednesday.....7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

## CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Adoration  
& By Appointment

## PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary

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Bulletin deadline: .....Wednesday

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PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary Hundt, Coordinator.....(608) 780-6172

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Dan Korn, Gary Flock, Michael Hundt  
(Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery,  
Peter Benzing, Chris Pundzak, Kathy Flock

## PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla, LaVonne Hundt

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus,  
Jared Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

CEMETERY SEXTON Tom Schaub...(608) 486-4012

## FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Debra Leis.....(608) 632-7830

## MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605  
Leland Gregorich, Organist

**St. Peters Catholic  
Church  
Middle Ridge, WI  
W697 State Hwy 33  
Rockland, WI 54653**



Parish website: [www.saintpetersparish.net](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 9, 2022**

... the Holy Spirit  
descended on him  
[Jesus] in bodily  
form like a dove.  
And a voice came  
from heaven: "You  
are my Son, whom I  
love; with you I am  
well pleased."

- Luke 3:22 -



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish • Weddings • Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (Please call Father Biju's cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Parish Intentions

**1/12 Wed. 8:00 AM –No Mass**

**1/14 Fri. 8:00 AM – No Mass**

**1/15 Sat. 8:00 PM –**

**† Jerry Hundt (NDB)**

**1/16 Sun. 10:00 AM –**

**St. Peters Parish Family**

**2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Goal: \$10,765.00

Total Pledged: \$6,455.00

Total Received: \$6,255.00

Under Goal: \$4,310.00

Participation: 60%

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,396.00
	-\$304.00
Year to Date Target -	\$45,900.00
Year to Date Total -	\$40,970.72
	-\$4,929.28

Readings for January 16, 2022

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

**Gospel Reading:** John 2:1-11

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion:** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.

Ministry Servers

**Saturday January 15 -**

Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Isabell Korn

Ushers: Ron (Alex) Hurtz & Bill Korn

Lector: Dan Korn

**Sunday January 16 -**

Servers: James Hundt & Arnie Nicolai

Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Mark Stephenson

Lector: Kathy Flock

**\*Reminder\* We understand everybody's schedules get busy. If you are not able to make it on a day you are scheduled PLEASE make the effort to find a replacement or at least let somebody know ahead of time!!**

Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm**

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

**Sun. Jan. 9** – Take down decorations after Mass

**Wed. Jan. 12** – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

**Jan. 12 to Feb. 7** - Fr. Biju on vacation in India visiting family – No weekday masses

**Sun. Jan. 16** – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

**Wed. Jan. 19** – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

**Sun. Jan. 23** – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

**Sun. Feb. 6** – Rosary in church @ 7:00 PM

**Wed. Feb. 16** – CCD mass @ 6:45 PM All are welcome



St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday Mass.....8:30am

Confession time available after Mass

Monday .....5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

**Happy Feast of the Baptism of the Lord!**

On this second Sunday of the New Year 2022 we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we also come to the completion of the Christmas season. We return to Ordinary Time tomorrow, Monday, January 10. The next change of seasons in the Church will be the beginning of Lent on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ash Wednesday.

Jesus comes to John the Baptist to receive the baptism. He descended into the River Jordan to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. Through the feast of the baptism, we are reminded of the tremendous gift of grace Jesus has brought to us all through our own baptism itself. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the holy spirit took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we “become the adopted sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. We become incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made sharers in the priesthood of Christ” [CCC # 1279]. By baptism we have become His beloved children and are commissioned to proclaim the Good News with our lives. Sins cannot cancel the identity we were given in our baptism but it is possible to forget who you are.

St. Peter's Church has been a place where many have received new life in God through Baptism. This year we have a baptism during the mass of Colt Henry Flock. Please keep him and his parents and siblings in your prayers. In the Rite of Baptism for Children it reminds the parents that they are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith.

January 24<sup>th</sup> is the feast of St Francis De Sales. Patron saint of my order. These coming weekends instead of my reflections in the bulletin you will be receiving some reflections on the spirituality of St Francis de Sales. We will go back to regular reflections when I am back. Tuesday, I have the Covid test and if it is negative, I will be able to go home. Wisconsin to India is a big move from single digits to 70 degrees. During my absence Monsignor Hundt will be celebrating the weekend masses. I like to thank him for his availability during this time. I like to thank all those who promised prayers while I am gone and sent cards with wishes. Thank you.

Live Jesus , Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

**Wisconsin Right to Life:** Our local chapter will be placing an ad in the paper with a list of people who are against the legalization of abortion on the anniversary of the Roe vs Wade decision. If you would like to have your name added to the list there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Please sign up by January 16<sup>th</sup>. We ask for a donation of \$3 per name or \$5 per family. Please stand up and make a statement of our belief of the sanctity of human life. There will also be a peaceful demonstration on Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup> in front of the Gundersen Medical Center from 10 – 11 AM to stand up for LIFE!!! Signs will be provided.

**2022 Catholic Campaign for Human Development:** This collection will take place the weekend of January 29/30. Please watch for an envelope in the bulletin and thank you for your generosity!

**First Sunday Rosary:** We will be praying the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at 7:00 PM. The next one will be February 6<sup>th</sup> Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

**Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages:** When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of “post sessions” provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call toll-free: 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on February 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!