

**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.

**New Comic Book on the "Champion of the Poor":** A new action-packed, full-color comic book biography tells the inspiring life story of Father Joe Walijewski, priest of the Diocese of La Crosse and founder of the Casa Hogar orphanage in Peru. From his days as an impressionable young boy in Michigan, where he discovered a unique call to the priesthood, to his daring adventures as a missionary in South America, readers are immersed into the heroic actions of a courageous Champion of the Poor. To see sample pages and to order go to: voyagecomics.com/fatherjoe

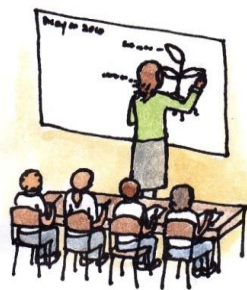
**Crosswoods Family Camp in Wisconsin:** You are invited to attend Catholic "Family Camp" June 10-12, 2022 at CrossWoods Adventure Camp, LLC, which is owned and operated by a Catholic family in the diocese. Alice Heinzen is coming to speak this year. Please see the flier in the back of church. You can also visit crosswoods.camp for further details and to see pictures of this beautiful camp.

**Safe Environment:** 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/safeenvironment/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 of the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

**Kids Korner**

**The Church is a Body**

The Catholic Church isn't a building. Did you know that? The Church is actually the group of people who have been baptized into the Faith. All the different kinds of people in the Church work together, just like a person's body.



Think about the different parts of your body. What do your eyes do? What about your ears? Hands? Feet? Brain?

Now think about the Church. It has a pope, bishops and priests, teachers, doctors, musicians, mothers and fathers, and even children. What do each of these people do for the Church?

What is your job in the Church right now? What do you think it will be when you are grown up?



**'ONE BODY' WORD-FIND**


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 OARACPAULEAH  
 GONNABIELBPU  
 EOMDRONEGHTR  
 TFEYEDTAIEIC  
 HOMANYDRFAZH  
 EOBYAPOSTLES  
 RTEACHERSIDI  
 NPROPHETSNCH  
 RISMELLSTGOD


 Find the words that are written in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.




SAINT PAUL tells us that we have been BAPTIZED into the ONE body of CHRIST which is the CHURCH. There are MANY MEMBERS, but they all work TOGETHER and CARE for each other. But the parts of a BODY are not ALL the same as each other! An EYE is different from an ear, and a HAND is not the same as a FOOT. If all your body was an EAR, then how could you SMELL?

In the Church there are many different GIFTS. Some people are APOSTLES, some are PROPHETS, some are TEACHERS. Some people have the gift of HEALING. GOD has made all these different sorts of people to work together in the Church.

**PASTOR**

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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

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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)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 23, 2022**



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

1/26 Wed. 8:00 AM –No Mass

1/28 Fri. 8:00 AM – No Mass

1/29 Sat. 8:00 PM –

**† Asa & Ruth Ann Rowell  
(MLH)**

1/30 Sun. 10:00 AM –

**† Dave Hundt (HEC)**

**2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Goal: \$10,765.00

Total Pledged: \$6,505.00

Total Received: \$6,345.00

Under Goal: \$4,260.00

Participation: 61%

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,135.00</u>
	-\$565.00
Year to Date Target -	\$49,300.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$43,162.72</u>
	-\$6,137.28

Readings for January 30, 2022

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 4:21-30

**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 29 -**

Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Isabell Korn

Ushers: Bill Korn & Tim Leis

Lector: Kristen Schaub

**Sunday January 30 -**

Servers: James Hundt & Lukas Slattery

Ushers: Rob Slattery & Peter Benzing

Lector: Pam Benzing

**\*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

Now until Feb. 7 - Fr. Biju on vacation in India visiting family - No weekday masses

Wed. Jan. 26 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM

Sun. Jan. 30 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

Sun. Jan. 30 - 2022 Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection

Wed. Feb. 2 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM

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

Sun. Feb. 6 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

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

Sun. March 6 - Cabin Feverfest Doors open at Noon



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

**Journey with Saint Francis de Sales**

**Universal Call to Holiness.** The call to Holiness is not the exclusive privilege of the monks and nuns. All are called to live a life of holiness. Holiness is never too lofty and unattainable for ordinary people. However, no one lives the life of holiness in the same way. A priest's call to holiness differs from that of a married man and a nun's obligation regarding prayer and other spiritual exercises differs from that of a single or a married person.

Every human being is called to enter into living, loving and vibrant relationship with God, each according to his or her status in life. The intention of St. Francis de Sales in writing his spiritual masterpiece "The Introduction to the Devout Life", was to introduce to everyone the path to holiness. Holiness is possible in all walks of life, under any circumstance and at all times.

**Devotion must be suited to one's status in life.** All are called to live a devout life. However, the practice of devotion must be suitable to his or her status. "God commanded the plants, at the creation, to bear fruit each according to its kind. Similarly, he commanded Christians, the living plants of the Church, to produce the fruits of devotion according to each one's ability and occupation.

Devotion is to be practiced differently by the workman, the servant, the ruler, the widow, the young girl and the wife. Even more than this, the practice of devotion has to be adapted to the strength, life-situation and duties of each individual.

Holiness is not away from the world... but in the world. We need to find it in our life-situations. Many Christians reduce holiness to mere external forms of piety, over-exaggerating certain aspects like external and vocal prayer, fasting, at the same time neglecting charity and due respect to their neighbor. According to St. Francis de Sales such people are not really devout, although popularly considered so.

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**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!

**Mark your Calendars:** Fr. Biju has agreed for us to host our annual **Cabin Feverfest** again! We are planning the Euchre tournament and soup luncheon for Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at Noon and cards will start at 1:00 pm. Please watch for a sign up sheet for donated food items and help needed. Cost will be \$10 per person with 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> prizes awarded. Come join us & tell your friends!!

**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!

**World Day for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 5- 6. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joy-filled holiness in the service of the Church and world. Please pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved!

**January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month:** Human trafficking can be described as a form of modern slavery, where victims, either male or female are forced into commercial sex and/or labor. Victims come from any socioeconomic group, race, culture, religion, ethnic background or age. Nobody appears to be immune or safe. However, this is an issue that many Americans are unaware of. There are 25 different types of trafficking within the United States. Examples are: Sex trafficking, forced labor, forced marriage, exploitative begging and pornography. Many are targeted online. They are groomed and coerced. If you think you have information about a trafficking situation, report immediately. Anti -Trafficking Hotline Advocates are available 24/7 to take a report. The hotline number is 888-373-7888 .