

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)

St. Joseph Ridge Parish February Friday Fun Night: Join us for a Fun Night on Friday, February 25th from 6-10 PM at the Parish Hall located at W2621 State Rd 33, La Crosse. A \$10 admission fee covers your food and drink. The night includes games of chance, cash raffle, walk around gun raffle, door prizes and a great time!

St. Joseph Ridge Parish Gun Raffle:

Tickets are \$10 each (only 500 will be sold) will be sold after Mass at St. Joseph Ridge Parish.

- 1st Prize: Ruger American Camo 350 Legend
- 2nd Prize: Weatherby 12 ga, Automatic
- 3rd Prize: Browning A-Bolt Synthetic 243
- 4th Prize: Legends LSI Pointers 12 ga. Automatic
- 5th Prize: Savage Axis XP-243 w/scope

Drawing will be held at the February Friday Fun Night at 9 PM.

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.

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.

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 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!

Kids Korner

Hidden Blessings



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that people who are poor, hungry, or sad are blessed! Do they sound blessed to you?

Bad things that happen to us have hidden blessings in them. If you are poor then your family and friends are more important to you than money and things. If you are hungry then you appreciate food more. If you are sad then sometimes it's easier to remember to pray.

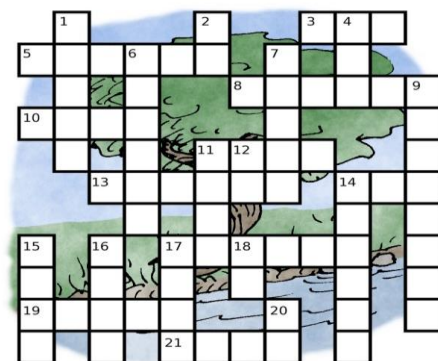
But things that seem bad have another hidden blessing in them- when you are suffering, you can give your sadness or hurt to Jesus. Tell Him you are offering it up along with Him on the cross. He will give you grace to make your soul stronger. You can offer things up for other people too, and God will use your gift to help them!

Next time you feel unhappy about something, try to find the hidden blessing!



Answers to Cross-Word puzzle:
Across: 3 who 5 trusts 8 cursed 10 year 11 that 13 barren 14 but 17 beings 19 roots 21 heat
Down: 1 green 2 is 4 his 6 steam 7 human 9 dishes 11 tree 12 he 14 beside 15 Lord 16 from 17 bush 18 in 20 it

Trust in the Lord Cross-Word



- beings
- distress
- stream
- human
- trusts
- cursed
- beside
- roots
- barren
- green
- heat
- year
- it
- tree
- is
- but
- who
- he
- in
- his
- bush
- Lord
- that
- from

Here is today's first reading, from Jeremiah.
Fill in the blanks using the words from the list and fit them into the puzzle.

Thus says the Lord:
8a is the one who trusts in 7d 17a,
3a seeks 4d strength 18d flesh,
whose heart turns away 16d the Lord.
12d is like a 13a 17d in the desert
11a enjoys no change of season,
14a stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth.
Blessed is the one who 5a in the Lord,
whose hope is the 15d.
He 2d like a 11d planted 14d the waters that
stretches out its 19a to the 6d:
it fears not the 21a when 20d comes; its leaves stay 1d
in the 10a of drought it shows no 9d,
but still bears fruit.

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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/Bookkeeper

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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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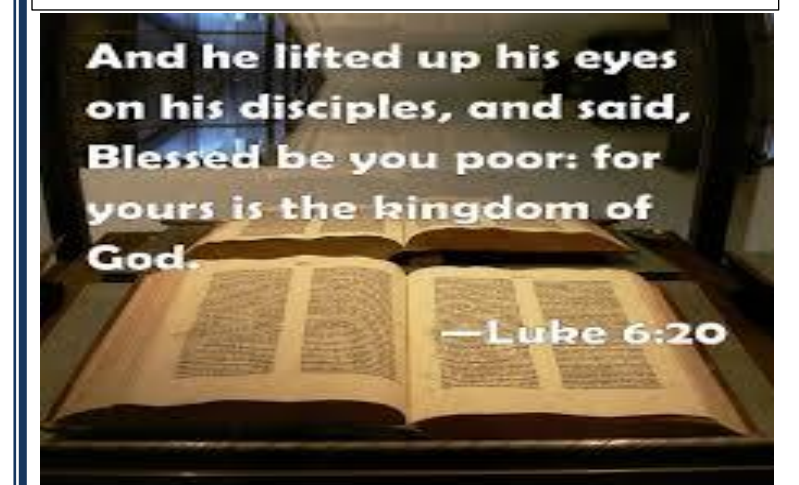
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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 13, 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

2/16 Wed. 6:45 PM – (NOTE TIME CHANGE!)

The students of St. Peters Parish

2/18 Fri. 8:00 AM – **Korish, Walker & Kramer families (RJK)**

2/19 Sat. 8:00 PM – † **Joyce DeFlorian (DF)**

2/20 Sun. 10:00 AM – **St. Peters Parish Family**

2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$10,765.00

Total Pledged: \$6,680.00

Total Received: \$6,520.00

Under Goal: \$4,085.00

Participation: 62%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,391.00</u>
	-\$309.00
Year to Date Target -	\$54,400.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$46,205.22</u>
	-\$8,194.78

Readings for February 20, 2022

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2-23

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

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 February 19 -

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Mike Schaub & Tim Leis

Lector: Kristen Schaub

Sunday February 20 -

Servers: Kate & Lily Gronemus

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Stephenson

Lector: Ann Hundt

***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

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

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Fri. Feb. 18 - St. Peter's Couples Night 7-9 PM

Sun. Feb. 20 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

Wed. Feb. 23 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM

Sun. Feb. 27 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

Sun. March 6 - Cabin Feverfest Doors open at Noon

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

Saint Valentine's Day



O St. Valentine, lover of Christ and of the Church, we ask your intercession that we may learn how to love God above all things and to selfishly love one another.

O glorious St. Valentine, pray for us, that we too may have the steadfast faith of the martyrs. Amen.

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

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 6: 17, 20-26

I am back! Days went so fast. I had a wonderful vacation. Had good time with my family and friends. Thank you for all your prayers, wishes and gifts. I did pray for all of you. Some of you had given me mass intentions and I thought of you all at those masses as I celebrated them. First seven days I spent in home quarantine. Quality time with family. Then two weeks I was travelling and finally getting ready to come back. Last Sunday I had my covid test and Monday I got negative result. So, I am back again.

After a night of prayer in the hills Jesus had summoned his disciples and chosen an inner circle. Then he came down with them and stood on a level place. This is the context of today's gospel reading. This discourse of Jesus is often called the Sermon on the Plain. The beatitudes offer us a lifestyle to live, dispositions to be created, attitudes to be developed and invite us to share in the life of the kingdom of God, a life of blessedness. He instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow and persecution because they contradict our natural expectations in every way. Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted and denounced because in poverty, we recognize God's reign; in hunger, his providence; in sorrow, true happiness; and in persecution, true joy. Beatitudes help us to live in the reign of God.

This Sunday, the second Sunday in February is World Marriage Day and concludes National Marriage Week. The theme for this year's celebration of National Marriage Week is "Called to the Joy of Love". Pope St. John Paul II imparted his apostolic blessing to "World Marriage Day" in 1993. Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Lætitia, states: "With inner joy and deep comfort, the Church looks to families who remain faithful to the teachings of the Gospel, encouraging them and thanking them for the testimony they offer. For they bear witness, in a credible way, to the beauty of marriage as indissoluble and perpetually faithful." (n. 89).

I wish you all happy Valentine's Day!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Love is in the Air: Valentine's day is a time to celebrate your love. How about doing something different this year? St. Peter's Couples Night will be Friday February 18th from 7-9 PM in the church basement. There will be an inspirational speech, intimate 4 course meal with your Sweetheart, a short movie and Christian fellowship. **Make your reservations by February 15th** by calling the parish office (486-2180) or send an email to stpetersrectory@centurytel.net. This event is FREE and open to all married or engaged couples.

Please take note: The Wednesday weekday mass on February 16th will be at 6:45 pm for the CCD students. There will be no morning mass. All are invited to attend.

Cabin Feverfest: We are planning our Euchre tournament and soup luncheon for Sunday March 6th. Doors will open at Noon and cards will start at 1:00 pm. **The sign-up sheet for donated food items and help needed is in the back of church along with posters that you can take around to your favorite places.** Cost will be \$10 per person with 1st-4th 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 **March 6th**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

The Search Lenten Program: We all have questions about our faith. This Lent come on a journey with us as we ask questions about ourselves, God, Jesus, and the Catholic Church. We have two local opportunities for you to join us. Both sessions will include a 30 minute video followed by a question and answer period led by a priest.

TUESDAYS: February 22 - April 5 at St. Patrick's Parish, 1031 Main Street, Onalaska, WI 54650 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Parish Hall Sessions led by Fr. Aaron Becker. **FRIDAYS:** February 25 - April 8 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, 530 Main St. La Crosse, WI 54601 9:00 - 10:30 am, Undercroft (downstairs) Sessions led by Msgr. Gilles. **SESSION TOPICS** include WEEK 1 – What Do You Seek?, WEEK 2 – Who Are You?, WEEK 3 – Why a God?, WEEK 4 – What's Our Story?, WEEK 5 – Who is Jesus?, WEEK 6 – Am I Saved? and WEEK 7 – Why a Church?