

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)

WOMEN OF COURAGE, WOMEN OF VIRTUE: Have you ever wondered who are the women martyrs honored in the Eucharistic Prayer? Saints Perpetua and Felicity. All women in the La Crosse Deanery are invited to a LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION on March 5 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph to learn more about these women of courage and virtue. The day begins with 8 AM Mass, followed by a continental breakfast and presentations by Mrs. Clare Ruff. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America Court 1183. Reservations (helpful) to contact Therese Boisvert, Regent at therese351@live.com or 608-784-3762 and leave a message.

The St. Anthony Retreat Center will have a Lenten Weekend Retreat and Lenten Day of Prayer coming up, as well as a Men's Retreat. The Time to Heal retreat is finally happening this Spring. For those who have lost a loved one from suicide or lost a spouse, this can a very healing experience. See information in the back of church on the bulletin board.

100% Catholic, 100% Boys, 100% Boarding: St. Lawrence Seminary High School is an affordable, all-boys, Catholic residential high school focused on college prep and spiritual depth. Located in Mt Calvary, WI since 1860, SLS students live, learn, work and pray together. Come explore this vibrant high school experience where 150 students from around the globe prepare for life after high school! Visit [March 18-19](#), [April 1-2](#), or [April 8-9](#). Call [\(920\) 753-7570](#) or visit [www.stlawrence.edu](#)

Going Deeper in Prayer during Lent: Lent is a time to set aside more time for daily prayer. If you are interested in: • praying with a different Scripture each day for a few minutes, or • praying a decade of the Rosary each day with a very brief explanation of the mystery of Christ's life, or • understanding better a well-known prayer to make it more personal, visit [diolc.org/deeper](#) and choose one.

Valentyna Pavsyukova on the War in Ukraine

Monday, March 7 at 7:00 PM

St. Mary Parish, 1812 Lynn Ave., Altoona, WI 54720



Valentyna Pavsyukova will describe the situation in Ukraine, which has revealed both the darkness of evil and the light of courage. She will talk about the spiritual and humanitarian work of Chalice of Mercy, and what we can do to support its mission to the suffering people of her homeland. This talk will also be live-streamed at [diolc.org/live](#).

**Kids Korner
Lent:**

Getting ready for Jesus' death and resurrection

Lent is the special time when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. We get our souls ready by doing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer is talking with God. We need to talk with God even more than we need to talk to our family and friends. Lent is a good time to get into a habit of talking with God every day.



Fasting is eating less than you normally would. It's a good idea to give up a little something you like for Lent. Giving things up helps us remember we need God, not just food.



Almsgiving means giving to those who are in need. It helps us to be generous like God. Maybe you have a bit of money you can give to the poor or to the Church.



Answers to True or False: 1. true, 2. false, 3. false, 4. true, 5. false, 6. true, 7. false.



Luke 4:1-13

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His work. During Lent we spend 40 days getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

Can you find your way into the desert to be with Jesus?

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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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

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W697 State Hwy 33
Rockland, WI 54653



Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 6, 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

3/9 Wed. 8:00 AM – The Korish, Roth & Sanders families (RJK)
3/11 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Joyce DeFlorian (DF)
3/12 Sat. 8:00 PM – Peggy Arentz & † Connie Goodreau (SAH)
3/13 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Bernard & Katherine Hundt (ANN)

2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$10,765.00
Total Pledged: \$6,980.00
Total Received: \$6,860.00
Under Goal: \$3,785.00
Participation: 64%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00
Last Week's Total - \$1,359.87
-\$340.13
Year to Date Target - \$59,500.00
Year to Date Total - \$50,655.55
-\$8,844.45

Readings for March 13, 2022

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-18
Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

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 March 12 -
Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Mike Schaub
Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday March 13 -
Servers: James Hundt & Arnie Nicolai
Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Leo Leis
Lector: Kathy Flock

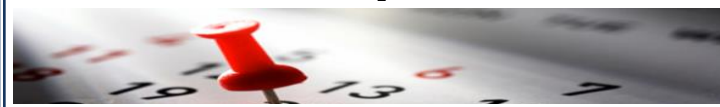
Reminder We understand everybody's schedules get busy. If you are not able to make it on a day you are scheduled PLEASE make the effort to find a replacement or at least let somebody know ahead of time!!

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. March 6 – Cabin Feverfest Doors open at Noon
Sun. March 6 – Rosary in church @ 7:00 PM
Wed. March 9 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Wed. March 9 – Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 PM
Sun. March 13 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45– 9:45 AM
Wed. March 16 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Wed. March 16 – Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 PM
Sun. March 20 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 –9:45 AM
Wed. March 23 – Mass for CCD students @ 6:45 PM (All are welcome) followed by Stations of the Cross
Wed. April 13 – Confessions at 6 PM until done (Two priests available)



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
Challenges in the Desert

After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, he withdrew into the wilderness of Judea - a vast and mostly uninhabitable wilderness full of danger. Danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night, danger from wild animals and scorpions, plus the deprivation of food and the scarcity of water. Jesus spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. At the end of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness one visitor came out to tempt him. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. He comes back again in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus never gave into the plans of devil. Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

Have a blessed Lent!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

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Cabin Feverfest: Our Euchre tournament and soup luncheon is Sunday March 6th. Doors will open at Noon and cards will start at 1:00 pm. 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.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: There is still time to get your pledge in. We are currently \$3,785 short of our goal. If you need a new form please contact the parish office.

THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES LENTEN LUNCHEON IS BACK! IT'S TIME TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION FOR THE 14th ANNUAL LA CROSSE LENTEN LUNCHEON. All are invited to join Bishop William Patrick Callahan and Catholic Charities as we honor Kay Berra with the 2022 "In My Name" Award and Chuck Berendes as the 2022 "Bill Medland Faithful Servant" Award at this year's Lenten Luncheon. Wednesday, March 16, 2022 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. **RSVP by March 8, 2022** Join us in celebration of these two outstanding community members who have made our community a better place through their charitable acts. Learn more about these awards, the luncheon, and make your reservation to attend. **You can make reservations by contacting Catholic Charities at 608-519-8004 or visiting www.cclse.org.** This year we are trying something new! Guests will have the option to attend in person at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center or participate at one of our satellite locations, Blessed Sacrament Parish or Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, where the event will be live-streamed. The great food will be the same at all locations, just spreading out due to COVID stipulations. Meals are \$30 per person. Entire tables (4/6 seats) can be reserved. For Additional Information contact: Callie Smith, csmith@cclse.org, 608-519-8004. Looking forward to seeing you again this Lenten Season!

Sign Up for FREE Daily Lenten Reflections: Chris Stefanick – Real Life Catholic: reallifecatholic.com
Bishop Robert Barron – Word on Fire: wordonfire.clickfunnels.com/lent-english
Matthew Kelly – Dynamic Catholic: dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html
Fr. Mike Schmitz – a 7-minute podcast each day: media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-presents/fr-mike-schmitz For other Lenten Resources, visit diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-fo rteaching/lent-resources