

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)

Beacon of Light and Hope Celebration Sept. 11: After much patience, hard work and commitment from so many, I am happy to announce that the restoration of our magnificent Cathedral, dedicated to St. Joseph the Workman, is complete. Giving thanks to God, I will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 10:30 a.m. Food, fun, music, games, tours, trivia and other events to follow!

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: As we approach the midterm elections, it is appropriate to share once again some resources for forming a Catholic conscience for faithful citizenship. These can be found at diolc.org/faithful-citizenship.

U.S. Bishops - Action Alerts: Make your voice heard on legislation regarding the nature of marriage, support for parental choice in education, the protection of churches from vandalism, and other important issues. Visit www.votervoicenet.org/USCCB/home.

Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet with Bishop Callahan: Join us Tuesday evening, Oct. 18, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. The keynote presenter, Father Paul Check, Executive Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will speak on: "Witnessing to Life, Truth and Love in a Hostile World." Schedule: 6 p.m. – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7 p.m. – Banquet; 7:45 p.m. – Presentation. \$20/person, \$10/students, teachers & school administrators. For more information and to register, visit diolc.org/gospel-of-life.

Rummage Sale: Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, October 7, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, October 8, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

Rural Life Day: The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 41st annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 21, hosted by Jack and Pat Herricks at 12130 Hwy. 33, Cashton, WI. Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a catered lunch. For a flyer or brochure, visit diolc.org/rural-life. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, rzietlow@diolc.org.

Kids Korner

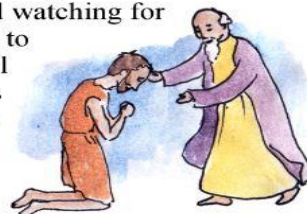
God Wants Everyone to Come Back to Him



In today's Gospel we hear three parables. In the first Jesus tells about the shepherd who lost one of his hundred sheep. But even though he had so many, he still cared about the one that was lost and went out to find it. God is like that too: even though He has so many people to look after He still cares about you in particular.

The next parable is similar, with the woman searching all over her house when she loses one of her special coins. She rejoices when she finds it, just like the angels rejoice in Heaven when a sinner turns back to God.

The last parable that Jesus tells is the story of the prodigal son. We are like the son in that story when we run away from God by sinning. But like the father, God is waiting and watching for us to be sorry and come back to Him. All we have to do is tell Him we are sorry for our sins in Confession and He will be so happy to have us back!



Answers: Front page: there are 5 sheep. SEAES. Fill in the blanks: losses, found, have, tell, sinner.

Fill in the Blanks: The Lost Coin

Here is part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can fill in the blanks and use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she _____ one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?

And when she has _____ it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I _____ found the coin which I had lost.'

Just so, I _____ you, there is joy before the angels of God over one _____ who repents."

This parable helps to show us how much God _____ each of us.



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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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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

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

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022



"Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost!"
 – Luke 15:6

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

9/14 Wed. 8:00 AM –† Joyce DeFlorian (DF)

9/16 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Dave Antony (AMM)

9/17 Sat. 8:00 PM –† Ruth Ann Rowell (MLH)

9/18 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peter’s Parish Family

Mark Your Calendars!
Sauerkraut Supper Drive-Thru

Wednesday October 12, 2022

Serving 3:30 – 7:30 PM

Help needed both Tuesday & Wednesday all day!

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,199.26
	-\$500.74
Year to Date Target -	\$17,000.00
Year to Date Total -	\$12,905.80
	-\$4,094.20

Readings for September 18, 2022

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

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 September 17 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Matthew & Andrew Schaub

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Mike Schaub

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday September 18 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Kate & Allis Gronemus

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Gronemus

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

Tues. Sept. 13 – Parish Advisory Council Mtg @ 7 PM

Wed. Sept. 14 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Sept. 18 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sat. Sept. 24 – Clean Garage for Sauerkraut Supper

Sun. Oct. 2 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Friday Oct. 7 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Wed. Oct. 12 – Sauerkraut Supper 3:30 - 7:30 PM



***NOTE*:** When sending money for flowers, mass intentions, church support or special collections PLEASE make out separate checks or cash as these things go into different accounts and it is easier for bookkeeping purposes. Thank you.

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend we reflect about three parables of Jesus. The lost sheep, the lost coin and the parable of the prodigal son. Luke in his Gospel account tells us that "tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus speak" (Luke 15:1). Wealthy tax collectors were despised by the Jews because they often forced the people to pay much more than was due. And sinners, like prostitutes and adulterers, were a scandal to public decency. The scribes and Pharisees took great offense at Jesus because he went out of his way to meet with tax collectors and public sinners and he treated them like they were his friends. They came to Jesus as he offered them forgiveness, mercy, and healing. When the Pharisees began to question Jesus' motive and practice of associating with sinners of ill-repute, Jesus responds by giving them the parables.

All three illustrate God’s solicitude in searching for sinners, and the shared joy that accompanies their return to safety which is their complete reconciliation to God. There is an interesting insert in the parable of the prodigal son; the elder son. He alienates from his brother like the Pharisees alienated from the sinners. The elder one addressed his brother not “my brother” but “that son of yours”, a point on which the father gently corrects him saying “we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again;” The father not only corrected his elder son but tells him we must celebrate the return. The loving father is generous with the elder, but at the same time does not abandon the younger. The father is represented through the church, which is the body of Christ. It continues to welcome and rejoice over the reconciliation of sinners, the lost, and the alienated.

This week St Peter has lost Richard Joseph Reget, Donna Mae (Hurtz) Leis and Paul Alphonse Hauser, former parishioner. Paul will have the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph the Workman on 13th September. Please keep the families in your thoughts and prayers.

This Wednesday September 14, we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy cross. We commemorate the discovery of the Lord’s cross by the empress, St Helena in 320. On Thursday we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows or compassion.

Prayers for the catechists and students of CCD as they begin their academic year.

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Sympathies: We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families of Richard Reget and Donna Leis who passed away last week. Please keep them all in your prayers.

First Sunday Rosary: We pray the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at **7:30 PM**. The next one will be **October 2nd**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Anointing of the Sick: Father Biju will be available to perform this Sacrament on the first Friday of the month after daily mass. Please contact him directly if you or a family member would like to receive. **This is available Friday October 7th.**

CCD: Classes start Wednesday September 14 & Sunday September 18. Please contact Mary Hundt at hundthill@gmail.com or **608-780-6172** with questions. The CCD program has a wish list if anyone would like to donate new or used items: staplers, paper hole punchers (1/4"), adult size scissors, scotch tape, square post-it notes, black Expo dry erase markers, dry erasers, colored pencils (no markers or crayons). Thank you!!

40 Days for Life, La Crosse: Opening Rally Sept. 20, 40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. This year we will stand in prayerful witness outside Planned Parenthood, 1201 Caledonia Street in La Crosse, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Sept. 28-Nov. 3. Sign up for vigil hours at 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse. Attend the Opening Rally on Tues. Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center, 1433 Rose St. in La Crosse. Brian Gibson, Executive Director of Pro-Life Action Ministries, will be the featured speaker. Refreshments served. Sponsored by La Crosse Life League. Questions? Call Marie Allen at 608.784.5189.

March for Life: Join us for the second annual March for Life Wisconsin on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the State Capitol! Hear from inspirational pro-life leaders, march, and pray for an end to all abortion. Pro-Life Wisconsin will once again provide buses from various Wisconsin cities for \$30/rider. Registration is not necessary if you are securing your own transportation. Whether riding the bus or driving yourself, please bring a pack of diapers to be donated to local pregnancy resource centers. For more information visit: ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife.