

**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)

**Giving Back: A special opportunity for you and for our parish!!** James Cherf, owner of By James Galleries, would like to give you the opportunity to help your parish while putting artwork in your home. Between August 17<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>, 75% of the sale of any piece of artwork will be donated to your parish by James as he sells off his entire inventory at 111 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Just let him know the name of your intended parish at the time of the purchase and he will send a check!! Store hours are Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm and by appointment.

**U.S. Bishops' Action Alert:** Tell Senators to say "No" to codifying Same-Sex "Marriage" The "Respect for Marriage Act" would prevent states from restoring the authentic understanding of marriage between man and woman if given the opportunity by the Supreme Court. It would also infringe on the religious freedom of small business wedding vendors and faith-based foster care agencies who serve their communities. Please tell Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin to vote "No" on the poorly-named Respect for Marriage Act. To make your voice heard, and for more information, visit [www.voterve.net/USCCB/home](http://www.voterve.net/USCCB/home).

**First Responder Recognition Mass:** Law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical service personnel, and dispatchers are invited to attend the 4th Annual Blue Mass on Sunday, September 11, at the 10:30 am Mass at St Patrick Parish in Onalaska. The Blue Mass celebrates the men and women who serve our communities and their families. It includes prayers and a blessing for those who work to keep us safe. Participants are invited to attend in their full-dress uniforms, if applicable. Participants should arrive between 9:50 and 10:10 am. The Blue Mass is open to all. Please contact Steve Nott, Liturgical Planner, for more information: [liturgyplanner@stpatsonalaska.com](mailto:liturgyplanner@stpatsonalaska.com), (608)783-5535 ext 8.

**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!

**Kids Korner**

*Family and Friends or God?*



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

You probably thought that God doesn't want us to hate anyone, right? Well He doesn't! What Jesus was saying was that we should love God more than we love the people closest to us. He means that we should be ready to do what God wants even if that means losing our family or best friends.

Normally God wants us to stay close to the people we love, but what if you had to choose between doing the right thing or keeping your friends? Are you ready to give up anything or anyone that would stop you from loving God?



*Answer to Word-Find: We ask God for His mercy.*

**Psalm 90 Word-Find**

F W S A T I S F Y E E  
A S W A H E A R T S V  
D E E M O R N I N G E  
E R E K U L O V E L N  
S V P R S O G O D A I  
R A Y E A R S G F D N  
E N O J N D R R H P G  
N T I O D R E A M I A  
E S N I G H T S S T W  
W A T C H M E S R Y A  
E C Y E S T E R D A Y  
D A Y S Y W I S D O M

See if you can find all the words from today's Psalm that are written in CAPITALS. The leftover letters tell what we are doing when we pray this Psalm.



A THOUSAND YEARS in thy sight are but as YESTERDAY when it is past, or as a WATCH in the NIGHT.

Thou dost SWEEP men AWAY; they are like a DREAM, like GRASS which is RENEWED in the morning; in the MORNING it flourishes and is renewed; in the EVENING it FADES and withers.

So teach us to number our DAYS that we may get a HEART of WISDOM. Return, O LORD! How long? Have PITY on thy SERVANTS!

SATISFY us in the morning with thy steadfast LOVE, that we may REJOICE and be GLAD all our days.

**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

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper  
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Bulletin deadline: .....Wednesday

Email: [stpetersrectory@centurytel.net](mailto:stpetersrectory@centurytel.net)

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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)  
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 4, 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

**9/7 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Levi Miller (MLH)**

**9/9 Fri. 8:00 AM – † David Cummings (AMM)**

**9/10 Sat. 8:00 PM**

**– † Leonard & Alberta Kick (MAS)**

**9/11 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Rick Schermerhorn (SDF)**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Sauerkraut Supper Drive-**

**Thru**

**Wednesday October 12, 2022**

**Serving 3:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,158.27</u>
	-\$541.73
Year to Date Target -	\$15,300.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$11,706.54</u>
	-\$3,593.46

Readings for September 11, 2022

**First Reading:** Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 15:1-10

**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 10 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Isabell Korn & volunteer

Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Phil Gronemus

Lector: Dan Korn

**Sunday September 11 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Madi Gronemus & Arnie Nicolai

Ushers: Leo Leis & Peter Benzing

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. Sept. 4 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM**

**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**

**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

Monday .....5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - The Demands of Discipleship**

Jesus is on the road, going from village to village to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom of God. Here he speaks of true discipleship Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes “hating” one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

We have arrived at Labor Day weekend. It is appropriate that we ask God's blessing upon all our endeavors, manual or otherwise. He has blessed our country with many natural resources and our citizens with the inventive ingenuity to put them to good use. Labor Day weekend reminds us that it's the end of summer and the beginning of school for many. As they begin a new school year, prayers and blessings that they may be well prepared to be good and faithful citizens and just stewards of the blessings God has given. Also please keep the CCD students and teachers in your prayers

Have a great weekend

Live Jesus Fr Biju

Thank You!

- Thank you to the Schermerhorn family for their donation for the new Cruet set and Holy Oil carrier for the parish. It was donated in memory of Theresa & Arnold Arentz and Rick Schermerhorn.
- A huge thank you to Mary Menn and Terese Slattery for providing the beautiful flower arrangements that have decorated our church throughout the summer. Be sure to thank them for their generosity when you see them.

Parish News

**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 **September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

**CCD registration:** Please get your registrations in! Classes start Wednesday September 14 & Sunday September 18. Please contact Mary Hundt at [hundthill@gmail.com](mailto:hundthill@gmail.com) or 608-780-6172 with questions.

**Mission Co-op Appeal:** Thank you for your generosity!

**Healthy Aging Conference 2022 Social Isolation and Loneliness:** Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Breakfast and registration - 7:30 a.m. Conference - 8 a.m. to noon at the Radisson Hotel 200 Second Street South La Crosse, Wis Register online at: <http://foundation.gundersenhealth.org/2022-healthyagingconference-registration>. For more information, please contact Gundersen Health System Office of Population Health, (608) 775-4717 or (800) 362-9567, ext. 4717.

**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](http://ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife).

**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](http://diolc.org/rural-life). For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, [rzietlow@diolc.org](mailto:rzietlow@diolc.org).