

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from, or lack understanding of, the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: His Real Presence in the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year movement in the United States, sponsored by the U.S. Bishops, to restore and deepen understanding and devotion to this great mystery. You are encouraged to participate in this important Eucharistic Revival. Visit: eucharisticrevival.org.

Message for the week of January 22:

Why does Jesus always want to stay with us?

You know that Jesus always wants to stay with you because He loves you unconditionally (completely). Why? Because He wants to be with the person He loves. How do you (we) know He loves you so much? Jesus gave His life for you by dying on the Cross so that your sins can be forgiven. Let's pray this right now and every day this week. Thank You Jesus that You want to be with me all the time. This week, read Psalm 139: 13-16 which speaks of how well God knows me and how close He is to me.

Pray for the Call: World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of Feb. 4-5. 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.

Catholic Women's Spiritual Day: This will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 407 E. LeGrand Street, Boscobel, WI 53805. Keynote speaker, Rebecca Kiessling, has been a pro-life speaker since 1995, sharing her powerful testimony internationally. She's appeared on EWTN and interviewed on Relevant Radio numerous times. For questions, please contact: Julie Biba at 608-375-2589 or Janet Mindham at 608-391-1030.

Post-Abortion Healing Ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608-860-6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org.

BE A SPIRITUS MISSIONARY: Do you know a young adult who lives out their faith and is eager to share it with others? SPIRITUS Ministries is looking for Catholics, between 19-29, who want to grow in leadership, holiness and inspire the next generation of youth to live out their Catholic faith. As a SPIRITUS missionary, you'll live in community by gender, travel to schools and parishes throughout Wisconsin, and inspire 5,000+ youth in grades 2-12 through retreats. Missionaries receive one-on-one mentoring, spiritual direction, food, lodging, monthly allowance, health insurance, and a \$3,000* completion stipend. There is no fundraising required. For more info visit: spiritusministries.org/beamissionary.

Kids Korner

Jesus Tells us to Repent

Today we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?


Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!



Unscramble and Fill in the Blanks:

A Prophecy about Jesus...

 *he people who walked in _____
have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in a land of gloom
a _____ has shone.*

*You have brought them abundant _____
and great rejoicing
as they rejoice before you as at the _____,
as people make merry when dividing spoils.*

*For the _____ that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have _____,
as on the day at Midian.*

Unscramble the words below to fill in the blanks
in the prophecy from today's first reading.

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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 8:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Adoration
& By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Gary Flock, Michael Hundt, Rachel Persson
(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,
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 22, 2023

FROM THAT TIME JESUS BEGAN TO
PREACH, AND TO SAY, REPENT: FOR THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.

MATTHEW 4:17



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

1/25 Wed. 8:00 AM – Living & deceased members of Fr. Biju’s family (ML)

1/27 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Lawrence William Landers (RJK)

1/28 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Peggy Arentz (MLH)

1/29 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Arnold & Theresa Arentz and Rick Schermerhorn (JPS)



Contact Fr. Biju if you would like to assist the parish in executing this campaign.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$623.75
	-\$1,076.25
Year to Date Target -	\$49,300.00
Year to Date Total -	\$48,875.37
	-\$424.63

Readings for January 29, 2023

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

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 21 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Matthew Schaub & Volunteer
Ushers: Mike Schaub & Phil Gronemus
Lector: Kristen Schaub

Sunday, January 22 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Lukas & Max Slattery
Ushers: Rob Slattery & Mark Stephenson
Lector: Kathy Flock

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 8:30 pm (Please note new time)

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. Jan. 25 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Jan. 29 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Wed. Feb 1 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Fri. Feb. 3 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. Feb. 5 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sun. Feb. 5 – Donuts, coffee & Sauerkraut Supper Conversation after mass

Sun. Feb. 5 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Fri. Feb. 17 – St. Peter’s Couples Night 6:30 - 9 PM

Sun. Feb. 26 – Cabin Feverfest Noon – 4:00 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

“The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light”

This verse appears twice this weekend—both in the first reading from Isaiah and then Matthew quotes this verse when he talks about Jesus beginning His ministry in Capernaum by the Sea of Galilee. “He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea.” Matthew explains that what Isaiah prophesied has been fulfilled through the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus. Jesus begins his public ministry in Capernaum, one of the principal towns around the lake of Galilee. Jesus continues where John the Baptist left “Repent; the Kingdom of God is near.” That’s an invitation which expels darkness from within. He goes beyond inviting others to be messengers of that light. “As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers ... he walked along from there and saw two other brothers.” He tells them “Come after me.” He calls them to the adventure of discipleship. To goodness and light. For these four men this was a turning point in their lives. They were being called from being fishermen to being fishermen of men... To come and follow Jesus. The turning points in our lives bring us face to face with Jesus. Be open.

On January 23rd our nation will observe a Day of Prayer for Legal Protection for the Unborn. Please keep this day in your thoughts and prayers.

You had been reading "Totum Amoris Est" (“Everything pertains to love”) by Pope Francis in commemoration of the 400th death anniversary of Saint Francis De Sales. On January 24th the church celebrates the feast of St. Francis De sales. In fact, Dec 28, 2022 marked the 400th death anniversary of Saint Francis De Sales, who is well known for his two spiritual classics, the Introduction to Devout life and Treatise on the Love of God. He is known as “the gentleman Saint.” He completed his education in Padua, Italy, with doctorates in civil and canon law. Francis de Sales was ordained a priest on December 18th, 1593. On 8th December 1602, Francis was named bishop of Geneva, Switzerland, at the age of 35. On December 28th, 1661 Francis de Sales was beatified by Pope Alexander VII. On April 19th, 1665 blessed Francis de Sales was canonized by the same Pope. On November 16th, 1877, Pope Pius IX declared him Doctor of the church. I wish everyone happy feast. Please keep in your thought Missionaries of St Francis de Sales the order which I belong.

Dan Korn has stepped down from the finance council. I like to thank him for his love and passion for the church. A man of hard work and commitment. He’s personally overseen many projects along with other finance council members. St Peter Church received a lot of blessings through their initiatives and planning. A lot of projects were accomplished. Thank you to all the finance council for spearheading and materializing the projects like Highway 33 crossing lights, parking lot expansion, cemetery wall, rectory repair, new heating and AC in rectory, new doors, roof work, refurbishing church well, new boiler for church and the list will go on. I do acknowledge the parishioners for your good will and generosity which helped them to plan and execute projects.

I like to welcome Rachel Persson to the finance council.

Once again Happy feast to everyone.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Special Collection: On January 29th we will take up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development for the USCCB. Please look for an envelope inside your bulletin next week.

Mark Your Calendars: Our annual Euchre party, Cabin Feverfest, will be held Sunday February 26th and our 2nd annual Couple’s Night will be held Friday February 17th. More information will be coming soon.

Donation Envelopes for 2023: The production for our 2023 envelopes is behind schedule. We will get them out as soon as we can. In the meantime, feel free to use any old envelopes you may have (your number doesn’t change) or place in a regular envelope with your name on it. Thank you for your understanding!

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign: This year our Diocesan Annual Appeal will be held in conjunction with the Inspired by the Spirit campaign and will benefit our own parish and the larger Church of La Crosse for years to come. The Diocese plans to raise \$40,000,000. Our parish goal over a 5 year time period is \$85,000 with \$55,250 coming back to our parish for our own needs and projects.

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 **February 5th**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Anointing of the Sick: Fr. 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 February 3rd**.