

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of February 12: Jesus wants us to know that He is continually present with us.

Oftentimes, our mind begins to wander at Mass because we only see bread and wine. What contributes to our distractions is the bombardment of noise and images on our mind that come through our physical senses (hearing, seeing). Therefore, we are much less attuned (aware) to the world of the spirit and the much deeper spiritual realities that are right here, all around us.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to learn to be quiet and reveal to my heart the truth that this is really You present under the appearance of bread and wine.

This week, read about Jacob in the desert, who was very much afraid, and came to realize that God was present right there with him. As with Jacob, we can say as we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." (Genesis 28:10-17)

Eucharistic Revival Conference: The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will host a Eucharistic Conference offered by the Norbertine Fathers on Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4, 2023. Days begin with 8:30 AM Mass. Attend one or both days, with a variety of presentations on each day. Registration is not required and there is no cost to attend. The Conference will include the Eucharistic Miracles Display. View entire schedule at guadalupeshrine.org/post/eucharisticconference.

Caregiver Opportunities: The Villa St. Joseph is seeking applicants for a part-time 3rd shift LPN or RN. 6 shifts every 2 weeks. Shift time is 10:15pm to 6:30am. Includes every other weekend. Apply at fspa.org/careers.

Do you have a need for healing - spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional? Join us for a Mass and a Healing Service on Monday, February 27th at Sacred Heart Church in Cashton, WI (1205 Front Street). Schedule of the evening: 5:30 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the evening beginning at 5:30 pm. 6:30 pm - Holy Mass After Mass - Adoration continues with Prayers of Healing & Deliverance.

Fish Fry: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, February 24, from 4:00-7:00 PM, dine-in or carry-out. The price is \$12 for 2-piece and \$14 for 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried cod, baked potato or fries, coleslaw and bun. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk.

Retrouvaille: Final Chance to Sign Up: Are you struggling in your marriage? When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. Retrouvaille offers hope and healing for hurting marriages. 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 HelpOurMarriage.org or call toll-free: 1.877.922.HOPE (4673). The next program begins on March 3-5. Call now!

Kids Korner

Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time of repentance. We make sacrifices and try to improve our lives to become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned but He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices-out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus on the cross offered up His life to God the Father.

On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. But they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.



Answer to puzzle on front. Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect. 1 true 2 false 3 true 4 false 5 false 6 true 7 true

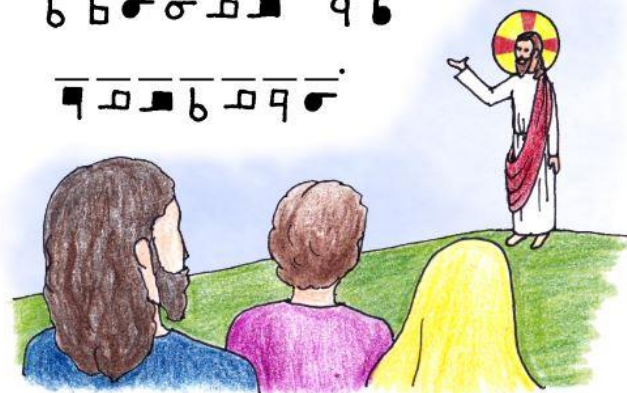
**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19th, 2023**

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What did Jesus tell the people in today's Gospel reading?
Use the code to find out!

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 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

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

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SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary Hundt, Coordinator.....(608) 780-6172

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Gary Flock, Michael Hundt, Rachel Persson, Brandon Flock
(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

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

MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605
Leland Gregorich, Organist

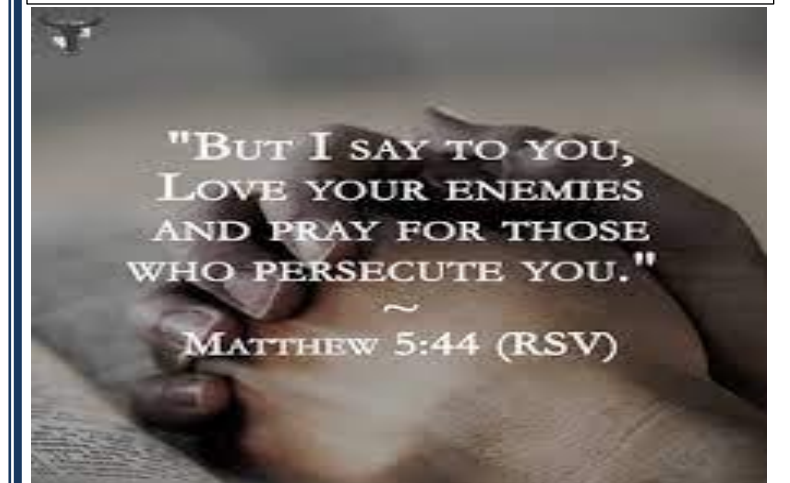
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Middle Ridge, WI
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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 19, 2023



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

2/22 Wed. 8:00 PM – † **Del Marie Hemmersbach (ML)**
2/24 Fri. 8:00 AM – † **Kathy Doyle (ANN)**
2/25 Sat. 8:00 PM – † **Paul Hauser (HF)**
2/26 Sun. 10:00 AM – † **Stanley B Hundt (AH)**



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.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,240.20
	-\$459.80
Year to Date Target -	\$56,100.00
Year to Date Total -	\$56,173.57
	\$73.57

Readings for February 26, 2023

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

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

Wednesday February 22 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Madi Gronemus & Arnie Nicolai
Ushers: Don Halderson & Gary Gronemus
Lector: Melissa Schaub
Saturday February 25 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Andrew Schaub & Volunteer
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Phil Gronemus
Lector: Dan Korn
Sunday February 26 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Kate & Allis Gronemus
Ushers: Leo Leis & Mark Gronemus
Lector: Kathy Flock

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 8:30 pm
Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Tues. Feb. 21 – Parish Finance council mtg @7:30 PM
Wed. Feb 22 – No Class for Grades 7-10 CCD – All students should attend Ash Wednesday Mass
Wed. Feb 22 – Ash Wednesday Mass @ 8:00 PM
Sun. Feb. 26 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. Feb. 26 – Cabin Feverfest Noon – 4:00 PM
Wed. March 1 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Fri. March 3 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule
Sun. March 5 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. March 5 – Donuts & coffee with the Knights of Columbus
March 4th & 5th – Blest Art will be selling religious items after masses
Sun. March 5 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Mon. March 6 – PCCW Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Tues. March 7 – Parish Advisory mtg @ 7:00 PM
Wed. March 22 – Confessions available @ 6:30 PM

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

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”

It is very easy to love those who love us. It is natural and does not involve a superhuman effort because it is reciprocal. Loving our enemies has immeasurable value because it may ask much from us. In a community where there is so much diversity in personal characteristic, social strata, cultural backgrounds and various ways of doing the same thing, working together and forgiving when offense occurs can be a challenge. Sometimes in our working place or in the neighborhood we can meet individuals who have become our enemies. As Christians we are called not to maintain old resentments, to feed pride or to promote hatred for those who don't love us. We are called by Christ to be generous and to forgive.

Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works. So, Jesus tells us “I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” Embrace the enemy. It is challenging. Jesus goes further and invites us “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect”. Forgiving our enemies makes us more like Jesus who on the cross prayed for his executioners. Forgiveness is a healing balm. Can I forgive the other because Christ lives in me?

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Marked with the ashes of palms; a symbol that represents mortality and repentance, we begin Lent. It's a season of grace and renewal. A special season which helps us to ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Prayer fasting, almsgiving, forgiveness, love of enemies, call to holiness are all part of the journey.

During this Lent there are Lenten booklets available at the back of the church. Please make use of it for your personal reflection. Stations of the Cross will be every Wednesday of Lent at 7 pm at St Joseph and 7:30 pm at St Peter Church.

Thanks to all who have taken part and organized St. Peter's Couples Night.

Have a great Lent!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

LENTEN REGULATIONS: The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Parish News

Cabin Feverfest: Our annual Euchre party, Cabin Feverfest, will be held Sunday February 26th. There are fliers in the back of church that can be taken around to local places. There is also a sign up sheet for items needed. There is a need for a few helpers too.

Blest Art visiting March 4th & 5th: Blest Art will be visiting our parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. They will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. They gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.

Lenten Series: All are welcome to join St. Joseph Parish for the Eucharist Lectio series with Brant Pitre. It's free. Tuesday evenings, starting Feb. 28th at 6:15 PM in the school hall. This will follow the regular Adoration (5:00 pm) and Mass (5:30 pm). There will be 10 sessions that explore Scripture, history, and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and the MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST. Please call Stacy Burns @ 608-769-8828 to register or with any questions. There will be food!

VOTE: Feb. 21 Wisconsin Supreme Court Election May Determine Abortion Law: The Wisconsin spring primary election will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 21. The highest stakes are for a new seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and the outcome may well determine whether the current state statute that prohibits abortion will remain standing or be struck down. The Associated Press underscored this in a story titled, “Abortion front and center in Wisconsin Supreme Court race.” To read that story and for links to learn more about the candidates for the State Supreme Court and other races, visit diolc.org/social-concerns.

Morning of Reflection: *Two Lost Souls, One Good Shepard: Finding Faith, Hope & Love in the Lord and One Another* will be held Saturday March 4th at the Cathedral. The guest speaker will be Elizabeth Kelly, an award winning author of over 10 books. All women are welcome to this free event. The day begins with Mass at 8 AM (optional) followed by a light buffet breakfast. The speaker will begin around 9:30 AM. Please contact Kathryn Kesler for more information at 608-780-0485 or kay@pmcmgmt.com to RSVP. This program is sponsored by the La Crosse DCCW and the Catholic Daughters of America, Branch 1183.

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 **March 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 March 3rd.**