

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of February 26:

We need God's help to believe!

The Eucharist is beyond our ability to grasp fully. The Eucharist is a mystery, which means we would not know this is His Body and Blood without the Lord specifically saying these words to us in Scripture. We can understand this mystery to an extent, but not fully because this mystery is of God, Who is infinite. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please open my heart to believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist. This week, read how St. Paul speaks of this mystery of the Eucharist in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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 part-time help on all shifts for LPN or RN and part time evening caregivers. Includes every other weekend. Starting wage is \$18.95 and training provided. 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.

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!

Pork Chop Dinner: St. Michael Parish (Junction City) March 26 Grilled Pork Chop Dinner DRIVE-THRU serving from 10:30am to 1pm. Double Chop meal for \$12 includes Baked Potato, Green Bean Casserole, Garden Salad, Bread & Desert. Welcome to come for Mass at 9am and then get in line! YUM YUM! Cash Raffle Calendars will be available to purchase too!

Kids Korner

What Happens in Lent?

In today's Gospel story, Jesus goes out into the desert to fast and pray for forty days. In the forty days of Lent, the Church asks us to fast, give alms, and pray.



In Lent we don't eat meat on Fridays. Many people give up things like candy or dessert for all of Lent. When we give up food that we like, it reminds us that food isn't the only thing we need- we need God too!



Giving alms means giving money or things to the poor or the Church. God lets there be people who need our help so that we can become better by helping them!

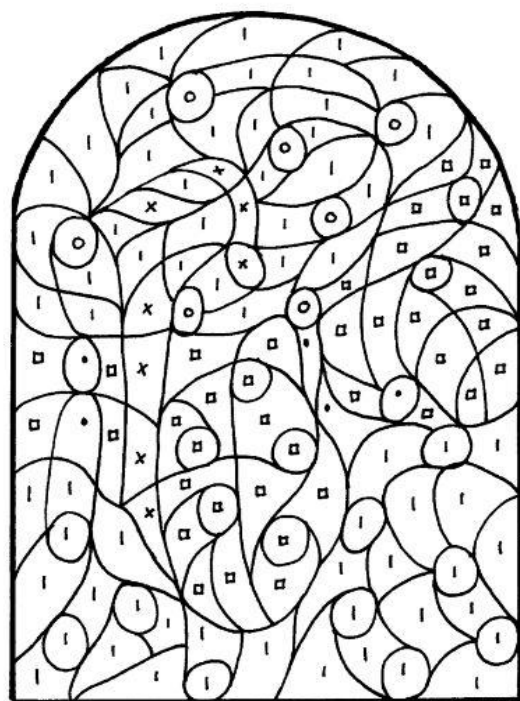
The third thing that we should do in Lent is praying. You could say an extra prayer every day- maybe an "Our Father" or a "Hail Mary" when you wake up or before you go to bed. Another good idea is reading a bit from the Bible, because when we read the Bible we let God speak to us.

What are some little things you could do for Lent? Try to do things that will help you think a bit more about God every day.



**First Sunday of Lent
February 26th, 2023**

Today's first reading tells us about sin. Use the code at the bottom to colour in the spaces and find out what the story was.



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- red
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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 - 3:00 PM

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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

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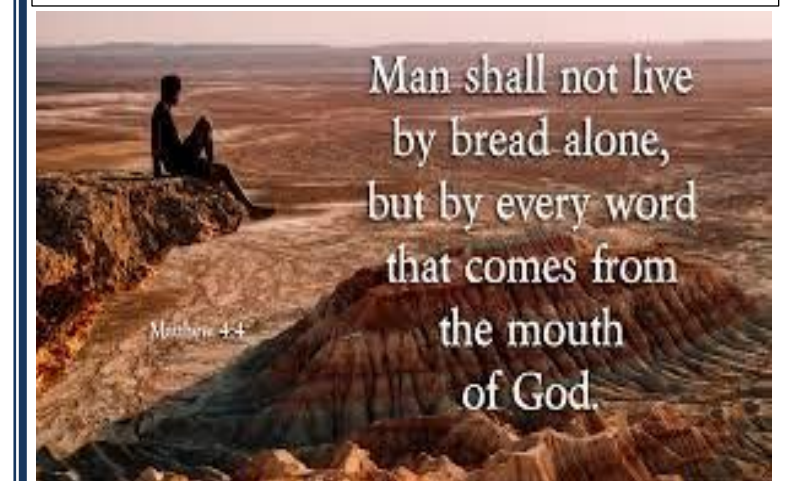
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Middle Ridge, WI
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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 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

3/1 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Joyce DeFlorian (BDF)
3/3 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Christina Jones & family (RJK)
3/4 Sat. 8:00 PM – St. Peter's Parish Family
3/5 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Leonard Kick (MAS)



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 -	\$877.36
	-\$822.64
Year to Date Target -	\$57,800.00
Year to Date Total -	\$57,050.93
	-\$749.07

Readings for March 5, 2023

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10
Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

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 4 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Isabell Korn & Volunteer
Ushers: Bill Korn & Tim Leis
Lector: Kristen Schaub

Sunday March 5 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Peterson family
Ushers: Mark Stephenson & volunteer
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 – 8:30 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

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 8 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. March 12 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45AM

Wed. March 22 – Confessions available @ 6:30 PM

Tues. March 28 – Cemetery Committee mtg@ 7:30PM



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

First Sunday of Lent

Happy Lent to all! In the middle of the past week, we celebrated Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. The Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18) reminded us of the three traditional pillars of Lenten observance. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Prayer purifies our intentions and relates all we do to God. Fasting detaches us from our comfort. Almsgiving reflects our brotherhood/sisterhood with the poor of Jesus' family and reminds us that our true wealth is not in things, but in the love of God.

Every year, the gospel for the First Sunday of Lent is the temptations of Jesus in the desert. It is an important reminder for us, as we begin this holy season, that Jesus was tempted just like us. His success resisting the temptations is a model that we are able to imitate in our lives. To resist the devil's temptations, Jesus was aware he was being tried. When we fall into temptation, it is usually because we're not paying attention. Be alert and attentive to what is going on within.

As we celebrate God's mercy lets acknowledge our sinfulness our unworthiness. Let's consciously take an inventory of our lives. Our goodness and weakness or limitations. List them out. Discern in them a call to draw nearer to God. Lent calls us not to deny our limitations and weaknesses or hide from them. Rather, Lent calls us to accept our limitations and weaknesses and learn how, with God's grace, to transform them for the good of others.

Let me now leave you with this prayer: Lord, you know how much I need you and depend on you. You know my weakness and my faults. I put all my confidence in your love and mercy in my daily actions. I hope to learn to trust more in your power, your promise, and your grace. Lord, I wish to start this season of Lent with a sincere desire to grow in love, loving you more, loving my family and friends more, especially reaching out to those who I am not so fond of. Therefore Lord, help me learn to change what needs to change in my life. Give me the grace to begin this Lent with great enthusiasm and love, practicing a Lenten program of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Help me live it with joy, knowing that I am living it in your presence to please you and to live in true fellowship with those around me. Amen.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Important Information: Please note that we have a new email address! parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.org

Cabin Feverfest: Join us after mass Sunday for our annual Euchre tournament. Doors open at noon. Soup lunch, drinks & snacks available before games begin at 1:00 PM. Cost for tournament is \$10 per person. Four prizes paid out.

Knights of Columbus: We will have the Knights of Columbus joining us at mass on Sunday March 5th to explain membership in this Catholic group. They will host donuts and refreshments after mass and be available for questions.

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.

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.

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.**