

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:**

Visit: [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) for more information.

**Message for the week of March 19:**

**Spend time in Jesus' Presence and you will gradually come to know that Jesus is indeed there.** The desire to strengthen your faith requires some action on your part. It helps to go to the Church and spend time, with the mindset that Jesus is there. Take your problems and speak with Jesus. Even if you leave without anything seemingly having happened, you will gradually come to know Jesus is indeed there. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Lord, help me to spend a few minutes in Church and talk with You. This week, read how Jesus appears to Thomas who was not present when He first appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection. Thomas, when He does see Jesus, falls before Him and says "My Lord and My God". John 20:19-29

**Lenten Series:** All are welcome to join St. Joseph Parish for the Eucharist Lectio series with Brant Pitre. It's free. It is Tuesday evenings 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 (one per week) 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.

**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](http://fspa.org/careers).

**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.

**Fish Fry:** Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 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 roll. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk. Beer, wine and desserts available at dine-in for additional cost.

**Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner:** The St. Mary's Men's Club is hosting a Spaghetti and Pasta dinner on Saturday, March 25. Serving from 4-7 PM. Adults \$12, kids under 12 \$5, children under 3 free. Serving spaghetti/pasta (gluten free option available), sauce, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, beverage, and ice cream with toppings. Beer and wine available for purchase. Carry outs available. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and tip boards. Join us for some great food and fun at St. Mary's Church, Coon Valley.

**Founder's Day:** The Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation is celebrating Founder's Day on Sunday, April 23, with an award dinner at the Radisson Hotel Ballroom. Mrs. Julie Wagner, Mark Hansen, Phil (PJ) Esten, and The Weber Group will all be honored at the event. For additional information about this event or to RSVP, please visit [aquinascatholicschools.org/founders-day](http://aquinascatholicschools.org/founders-day).

**Kids Korner**

**Saint Joseph**

This Monday, March 20th, is the feast day of Saint Joseph. He is one of the greatest saints in the Church. The Bible doesn't tell us very much about him, but we know that he was very obedient and trusted God, and that he must have been a very holy man- God chose him to look after His own Son, Jesus!

Saint Joseph was just a poor Jewish carpenter, but God saw that he was a very good man so He chose him to be the husband and protector of Mary, who would be the Mother of Jesus. Saint Joseph provided for Mary by his hard work.



When Jesus was born Saint Joseph protected Him from the evil King Herod, who wanted to kill Him. He spent his days working to support Jesus and Mary and taught Jesus how to be a carpenter. Saint Joseph was Jesus' teacher, but he also learned from Jesus how to be holy.

Saint Joseph died a holy and peaceful death in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Now he is in Heaven, helping us when we pray to him. We should pray to him because he is a great protector and teacher for us, just like he was for Jesus.

*The Lord is my Shepherd...*

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beside restful \_\_\_\_\_(16A) he leads me;  
he refreshes my \_\_\_\_\_(13A)  
\_\_\_\_\_(22A) guides \_\_\_\_\_(19A) in right \_\_\_\_\_(1D)  
for his name's \_\_\_\_\_(17D)  
Even though I walk in the dark \_\_\_\_\_(12D)  
I fear \_\_\_\_\_(2A) evil; for you are at my side  
with your rod and your \_\_\_\_\_(15D)  
that give me \_\_\_\_\_(5A)  
You \_\_\_\_\_(21A) the \_\_\_\_\_(8A)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (4D) me  
\_\_\_\_\_(11A) the sight \_\_\_\_\_(20A) my foes;  
you \_\_\_\_\_(7D) my head with \_\_\_\_\_(3D)  
my cup \_\_\_\_\_(6D)

**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

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

Office Phone: (608) 486-2180

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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**

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

**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)

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 19, 2023**

He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know.

*One thing I do know, that  
though I was blind,  
now I see."*

John 9:25

**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

3/22 Wed. 8:00 AM –

**† John Williams (RJK)**

3/24 Fri. 8:00 AM –

**† Steve Campen (MLH)**

3/25 Sat. 8:00 PM –

**† David Cummings (PTS)**

3/26 Sun. 10:00 AM –

**† Bernard & Kate Hundt (AMH)**



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 -	\$1,425.17
	-\$274.83
Year to Date Target -	\$62,900.00
Year to Date Total -	\$61,510.70
	-\$1,389.30

Readings for March 26, 2023

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 37:2-14

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:8-11

**Gospel Reading:** John 11:1-45

**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 25 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Isabell Korn & Volunteer  
Ushers: Bill Korn & Phil Gronemus  
Lector: Kristen Schaub

**Sunday March 26 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Lukas & Max Slattery  
Ushers: Rob Slattery & Mark Stephenson  
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!!

Stations of the Cross & Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday @ 7:30 with Adoration to follow until 9 PM**  
Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

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

**Wed. March 22 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM**

**Fri. March 24 – Parish Office closed**

**Sun. March 26 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45AM**

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

**Wed. March 29 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM**

**Thurs. March 30 – Eucharistic Revival with Fr. Redfern; Adoration, food & fellowship @ 6:30 PM**

**Sun. April 2 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM**

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

**Fri. April 7 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule**



**\*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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent and traditionally called Laetare Sunday or Rejoice Sunday. We are half-way through the season of Lent. Holy Week and the Easter season are quickly approaching. In this weekend's Gospel passage from St. John, we hear the story of the man born blind who not only receives healing from his blindness but also forgiveness from Jesus. Imagine the world of people who are totally blind. His eyes opened as Jesus touched him. Jesus invited the person to the world of colors, shapes and patterns. The blind man spoke about Jesus to others. Can I recall the times God has done some marvels in my life?

Every year the Church honors St. Joseph on March 19 with the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Since Laetare Sunday falls on March 19 this year, the Solemnity of St. Joseph is celebrated on Monday, March 20. Joseph was not a man of many words: he was a man of action. In Matthew's Gospel, he is described as "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:19). His actions alone reveal everything else we know about him. He brings Mary and the Child she bears into his home when, in the sight of the world, he would be justified in divorcing her. He leads the expectant Mary into Bethlehem, and flees with her and her Child into Egypt. When it is safe, he returns with the two into Galilee. He does all of this, because God asks it of him. He never hesitates. Each time we read that the angel spoke to Joseph, the following sentence begins with the action St. Joseph took. "Joseph awoke," "Joseph rose," "He went." Each time he received a summons, his reaction was to follow the call immediately. Never once did he hesitate. St. Joseph was a loving, faithful spouse to the Blessed Mother and a loving, faithful foster father to Jesus Christ. St. Joseph was a brave man who worked hard and was a humble man of great virtue. St. Joseph is also a good saint to pray to during times of difficulty and trial. I wish you all happy feast of St. Joseph. Again, on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> we have the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord too.

We will have Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm at St Peters. St Josephs time will be on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Father John Parr will help us with confessions at both parishes. Thanks to Fr. Parr. Confessions at the Cathedral is on Monday April 3 from 9-6pm. Since I will be also helping with confessions on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Cathedral, we will have morning mass at St. Joseph on Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am.

Have a blessed week

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

**Lent schedule:** There will be Stations of the Cross every Wednesday during Lent at 7:30 PM with Adoration to follow until 9:00 PM.

**Eucharistic Revival:** On Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>, Father Robert Redfern, currently pastor at Colby WI, will join us for food & fellowship. While we enjoy Pheasant pie & fresh baked bread, he'll give us food for thought regarding the power and beauty of the Eucharist. Adoration will begin at 6:30 PM with fellowship and the presentation to follow at 7:30 PM. Please RSVP to Andrew Persson at 608-386-8283. This is open to everyone!

**Holy Week Eucharistic Adoration:** St. Peters Parish will hold **all night** Eucharistic adoration following Holy Thursday mass on April 6<sup>th</sup> until 11:00 AM on Good Friday. Eucharistic adorers are asked to commit to spend 1 hour or more in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament. To sign up for a prayer time call or email the parish office or sign up in the back of church. Let us try to have all of the time slots filled to adore Christ our Redeemer!

**Important Information:** Please note that we have a new email address! [parishoffice@stpmr.diocparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@stpmr.diocparish.org)

**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 April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

**Seeking Babysitters:** If you are willing to babysit, please send your name and phone number to Rachel Persson at 608-386-9543. She is compiling a list of babysitter-aged women from our parish. The information will be posted in the back of the church so that families in need of babysitting may contact you directly. Note: rate of pay, number of children, etc, is all to be determined by the babysitter individually. The church is merely providing a list of potential babysitters, nothing more.

**Holy Week, Abortion, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court Race:** The PBS Wisconsin headline on Feb. 22 got right to the point: "National debate over abortion turns to Wisconsin Supreme Court race." It was referring to the election that will take place on Tuesday, April 4. Media coverage of the two Supreme Court candidates and their philosophies is widespread, and abortion has been the constant focal point. As we inform ourselves, and then cast our vote on April 4 – Tuesday of Holy Week – let us cherish the fact that Jesus himself took on flesh as a tiny, developing child in the womb of Mary, so that one day, on the Cross of Calvary, he might rescue us from darkness and sin. Likewise, every preborn child is in the image of the Lord who created and redeemed us.