

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:**

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

**Message for the week of March 5:**

**As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.** We humbly give our assent to what has been handed on to us for the last 2,000 years through the one Church that Jesus founded. This assent (giving our “yes – I choose to believe”) involves our commitment to persistence in prayer and study of Scripture in asking Jesus for deeper understanding regarding His true Presence in the Eucharist. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Lord Jesus, “I believe; please help my unbelief.” This week, read how a father gives his assent to believing that Jesus can heal his son in Mark 9:20-27.

**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. Welcome to come for Mass at 9am and then get in line! YUM YUM!

**Project Seed Sales 2023 coming soon:** A Forage & Seed Corn sale is coming soon to several locations, supported by the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, offering high quality, low cost seed in the midst of a challenging economy. Seed corn is offered in both conventional and glyphosate tolerant varieties. There will be alfalfa and clover ready for sale and non-GMO seed can be ordered. Comparable yields make this seed an attractive alternative. Sale dates and locations: March 11 in Richland Center, March 18 in Stanley, March 25 in Colby and April 1 in Cassel. All Kendall area sales will be directed to Richland Center. Full details and the 2023 Project Seed brochure can be found at [diolc.org/project-seed](http://diolc.org/project-seed) or use your smartphone’s camera to scan this QR code. The Diocese of La Crosse also offers financial assistance to those in need, so no one is turned away. Donations to help support Project Seed are welcome and can be sent to the Diocese of La Crosse, attention Project Seed.

**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, 900 Central Ave., Coon Valley.

**Kids Korner**

*Word Find*

JESUS took Peter, JAMES, and JOHN his brother, and led them up a high MOUNTAIN by THEMSELVES. And he was TRANSFIGURED before them; his FACE SHONE like the SUN and his CLOTHES became WHITE as LIGHT. And behold, Moses and ELIJAH appeared to them, conversing with him. Then PETER said to Jesus in reply, "LORD, it is GOOD that we are here. If you wish, I will make THREE tents here, one for you, one for MOSES and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright CLOUD cast a SHADOW OVER them, then from the cloud came a VOICE that said, "This is my beloved SON, with whom I am well PLEASED; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they FELL prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "RISE, and do not be AFRAID." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus ALONE.

*Find all the words in CAPITALS above in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks below.*

After all this happened, Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone

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**Important Cemetery Information:** It has come to the attention of the Cemetery Committee that several headstones in our cemetery are in need of repair/maintenance. Following is a list of the names on those headstones. It is the family’s responsibility to take care of these headstones. If you are a family member or know of a family member, please consider taking care of the necessary repairs and/or contacting family members. If interested, the Committee does have the name of a person who does this kind of work. If you have questions, please contact one of the Committee members.

- Row 1** Johann & Catharina Brecht, John Bell
- Row 4** Anton Kerska
- Row 5** John & Anna Burbach
- Row 6** Ernest Muenzenberger
- Row 7** Anton & Margarete Lomis
- Row 10** Anna Arentz, John & Katherina Burbach
- Row 11** Nick Fischbach, Nick Antony
- Row 12** Edmund Ott
- Row 13** Vaclav Silha
- Row 15** Mathias & Anna Becker
- Row 16** Walter & Mabel Cavadini
- Row 17** John & Anna Weber
- Row 19** Peter & Margaret Hurtz
- Row 22** Joseph & Mary Korn
- Row 24** Mary Repky, Clarence & Mildred Muenzenberger
- Row 25** Joseph & Wilma Clements
- Row 26** Gasper

**PASTOR**

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

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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  
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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)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 5, 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

**3/8 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Jim Smith (ANN)**  
**3/10 Fri. 8:00 AM – Schermerhorn family**  
**3/11 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Delores Althoff (MLH)**  
**3/12 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Peggy Arentz (DKS)**



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 -	\$1,486.25
	-\$213.75
Year to Date Target -	\$59,500.00
Year to Date Total -	\$58,537.18
	-\$962.82

Readings for March 12, 2023

**First Reading:** Exodus 17:3-7  
**Second Reading:** Romans 5:1-8  
**Gospel Reading:** John 4:5-42

**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 11 – 8:00 PM**  
Servers: Matthew Schaub & Volunteer  
Ushers: Mike Schaub & Don Halderson  
Lector: Dan Korn

**Sunday March 12 – 10:00 AM**  
Servers: Madi Gronemus & Arnie Nicolai  
Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Peter Benzing  
Lector: Pam Benzing

*\*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

**Sun. March 5 – Donuts & coffee with the Knights of Columbus**

**March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – Blest Art will be selling religious items after masses**

**Mon. March 6 – 1st Confession for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade @ 6:30PM**

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

**Wed. March 15 – Lenten mass @ 7:00 PM with Stations of the Cross to follow**

**Sun. March 19 – 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**

**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**



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

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Welcome to the 2nd Sunday of Lent! Last Sunday we followed Jesus into the desert. In today's Gospel, Jesus is with his disciples on the mount of his transfiguration. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. Jesus' Transfiguration occurs in the context of His journey to Jerusalem, the place of his suffering and death. In the context of uncertainty and fear. This brief glimpse of Jesus in all his glory is also meant for us today. Perhaps like the disciples, we too experience fear, doubt and even a lack of faith. Perhaps we too need to be encouraged and strengthened by Jesus, especially as we continue our journey through Lent. The transfiguration of Jesus is a small glimpse of the destination of the Lenten journey, Christ's risen glory.

For our Lenten journey to be effective and fruitful, we need to have our destination in mind. There is, of course, a danger of losing sight of it, of turning our eyes away. We need Christ to lift us up, to take away our fear. We try, through our Lenten penances, to keep our vision fixed on the Christ who touches our very lives. As we continue to make our way through Lent, let us come down the mountain and move forward to the market place, to our daily life, to our homes, to the place of work with renewed faith, hope and love. Be people of faith and hope. Because Christ is our Lord and king.

Last Tuesday evening, on Feb. 28th I was really happy to see so many of you responded to the session that explore Scripture, history, and Church teaching on the miracle of the Eucharist. I like to thank Lisa Meyers and Stacy Burns for making it happen.

This week people from Blest Art will be visiting our parish. I like to thank them for being in our parish. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. Please support them with your generosity.

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

Thanks to the organizers of Cabin Feverfest. I was amazed to see the number of people who came for it.

Have a blessed Lent.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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**Cabin Feverfest:** Thank you to all who helped with our Euchre tournament and to those who donated food. We had 15 tables of 4 players each, so a very good turn out!

**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. On Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> there will be mass at 7:00 PM with Stations of the Cross to follow.

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

**First Confession for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Please pray for the students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>. They include: Henry Kadrmas, Hadlee Leis, Adeline Nicolai, Avin Stephenson, Sawyer Tollefson, Conrad Weber & Abel Slattery. May God bless and guide them.

**Upcoming Meetings:** There will be a **PCCW** meeting on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. All registered ladies of the parish are considered members of the Parish Council of Catholic Women. Please plan to attend. The **Parish Advisory Council** will meet on Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 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!

**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.

**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.