

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:**

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

**Message for the week of May 21:**

**Receiving the Eucharist – Our Closest Union with Jesus on Earth**

The Mass is a re-presentation of the Holy Sacrifice that Jesus made of Himself on the cross for our salvation. Because God is outside time and space, at Mass the same sacrifice that Jesus offered for our sins is made present. When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we are receiving Jesus Himself, which is our closest union with Him on earth. Taking His Body and Blood into our own bodies, we are united with Him in a deep and intimate bond. Jesus feeds our souls, strengthening us to be faithful by loving and serving Him through serving others, most especially those in need. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus please strengthen me to be committed to coming to Mass early so that I can spend some time quietly preparing to be united with You in Holy Communion. This week read the words of Jesus about remaining in Him and He in us in John 6:54-58.

**Caregiver Opportunities:** The Villa St. Joseph is seeking applicants for part-time help on all shifts for LPN or RN & CNA's on all shifts. Includes every other weekend. Training provided. Apply at [fspa.org/careers](http://fspa.org/careers) and look under Villa tab.

**Parents - Protect Your Children:** The culture is bombarding your children and young people with lies about their identity. The stark reality is that the "gender revolution" is being streamed into your children's daily lives, offering a seductive vision that is deeply disturbing and untrue. The work of Person and Identity Project is an excellent service to parents navigating urgent issues around 'gender identity' and 'gender transition.' The information on their website is objective and up to date. [personandidentity.com](http://personandidentity.com)

**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.

**Plant Sale:** The Blessed Sacrament Women's Club and Roncalli Newman Parish have partnered together to bring you a plant sale on Saturday, June 3, from 7:00 am - 1:00 pm. 100% of the proceeds from this sale will go towards tuition and room and board for a young woman through Hosea's Hearts.

**This is my Body:** On Saturday, June 10, the people of the southern Minnesota Diocese of Winona-Rochester will gather for a day-long celebration of Christ made present to us in the Eucharist. Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

**Kids Korner**

*Jesus Ascended into Heaven*



The Ascension is one of the great feasts of the Church. Jesus went up, Body and Soul, into Heaven to be with His Father where He is waiting for all of us. Can you imagine what it was like for the apostles to see their leader and best friend going up to Heaven? It would be pretty amazing, don't you think?



At the same time, doesn't it seem a bit sad that Jesus left? Well, He knew it was time for His disciples to start working on their own. It was kind of like having someone there to help you learn to ride a bike and then they let you go so you can learn to bike on your own.

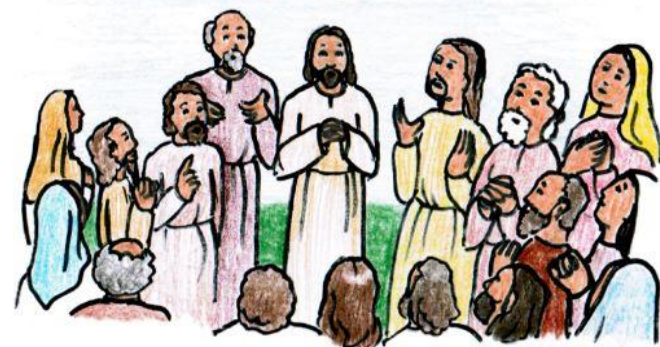
But Jesus didn't go away and leave us without any help. Nine days after He went into Heaven He sent the Holy Spirit, who would help and guide His followers.

WOW! DID YOU SEE THAT?  
YES... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?



Answer to puzzle on front page: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy! Answers to True or False: 1.True 2.False 3.False 4.True 5.True 6.False 7.True

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What does today's Psalm say about the Ascension? Use every other letter from the box of letters above to fill in the blanks below.

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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

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 & Louisa Peterson (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)

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**MAY 21, 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

5/24 Wed. 8:00 AM –  
† Paul Hauser (TMN)  
5/26 Fri. 8:00 AM –  
† Lance Root (AMM)  
5/27 Sat. 8:00 PM – † George & Delores Althoff (AMH)  
5/28 Sun. 10:00 AM –  
† Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)



Goal: \$85,000 Parish Share: \$55,250  
Total Pledged/Paid: \$26,050 Goal Balance: \$58,950  
Annual Appeal portion to be paid by 6/30/23: \$11,815

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$3,020.13
	\$1,320.13
Year to Date Target -	\$78,200.00
Year to Date Total -	\$90,188.21
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Readings for May 28, 2023

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

**Gospel Reading:** John 20:19-23

**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 May 27 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Isabell Korn  
Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen  
Ushers: Bill Korn & Don Halderson  
Lector: Dan Korn

**Sunday May 28 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Kate Gronemus & Jake Peterson  
Ushers: Gary 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!!

Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday @ 7:30 until 8:30 PM**

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. May 21 - Graduation & Confirmation Mass  
Thurs. June 1 - Fr. Biju's Birthday  
Fri. June 2 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule  
Sun. June 4 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM  
Mon. June 5 - PCCW Meeting @ 7:00 PM  
Thurs. June 8 - Sauerkraut Supper meeting @ 7:00 PM  
Tues. June 13 - Parish Finance Council meeting @ 6:30 PM  
Sun. July 16 - Parish Potluck Picnic at Ballfield after mass



**\*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

**The Ascension of the Lord**

The Feast of the Ascension commemorates Jesus' ascension into heaven 40 days after his resurrection. Thus, Ascension Day falls 40 days after Easter, on the 6th Thursday of Easter. In our diocese the solemnity is celebrated on the Sunday after the traditional date. The Ascension is an important Christian feast attesting and celebrating the reality of Jesus Christ's returning to the Father, to return again in the future parousia. The Ascension is the final component of the paschal mystery, which consists also of Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Descent Among the Dead, and Resurrection. Along with the Resurrection, the Ascension functioned as a proof of Jesus' claim that he was the Messiah. Early Christian art and iconography portrayed the Ascension frequently, showing its importance to the early Church.

One cannot overstate what a major turning point, or transitional experience was Ascension in the lives of the earliest Christians. The Lord Jesus had been present among them and had engaged them very much like any other ordinary person. With the Ascension, the Lord now enters into a whole new way of connecting with them and relating to them. Matthew recalls being spoken by Jesus at the very end of his Gospel story: "I am with you always, to the end of the age." He is with us in a new way. Even though the manner of connecting to the Lord has changed, in no way is he any less present to his followers.

Before the ascension Jesus commissioned his apostles to take his message to the ends of the earth. He told them "be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Jesus tells us, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." This mission continues through each of us. The baton is handed over to us. Remember his promise that "I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Have a blessed weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

**Hearing Assistance:** For anyone finding it difficult to hear during mass we now have head sets available in the sacristy that can be used to help. They are linked into our sound system directly.

**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 June 2<sup>nd</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 **June 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

**Diocese Of La Crosse Guidelines For Reporting Instances Of Child Abuse:** The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting) or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the left. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).