

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:**

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

**Message for the week of August 13:**

**The Eucharist is called Holy Mass**  
 The word "Mass" comes from the Latin word "Missa." Missa is related to the word "missio," the root of the English word "mission." At Mass, we come to receive the Eucharist—the Real Presence of Jesus. He gives Himself to us out of love, to strengthen us in living out the Christian life. At the end of Mass, we are dismissed with the words, "The Mass is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord." Each of us is sent on mission, to show our love for God by loving and serving others and passing on the Catholic Faith to them. We want to help others to know the Truth – Jesus Christ – so that they also can find peace, which only He can give. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please give me the courage to speak about my friendship with You in simple ways to others, when the opportunity arises. And let my actions speak louder than any words I say. This week, read how we are to serve others in Hebrews 6:10. "Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

**Art Fair:** On Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> the Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse will hold an art fair including a bake sale, silent auction and ice cream social from 9 AM – 4 PM hosted by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Proceeds will go to the priest and seminarian education fund.

**Virgin Statue Pilgrimage:** The Blue Army/World Apostolate of Fatima will be hosting the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, which has been traveling since 1947 will be at our Diocese of La Crosse this year starting from August 16th thru August 27th at several parishes. The Pilgrimage will also feature 2nd class relics of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco. Please see flier in the back of church for a schedule of dates and places. The pilgrimage will come to the Shrine of Guadalupe on Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

**Rural Life Day - Marshfield - All are Welcome:** The 42nd Annual Rural Life Day will be held on Sept. 13, 2023, hosted by Ken and Joellen Heiman of Heiman Holsteins, at 11875 US Hwy 10 in Marshfield. The day begins with a 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery and a catered meal. There will also be wagon rides to tour the ridge-top farm. All are welcome to this celebration of the uniqueness of rural life, giving thanks to God for the contribution of rural values to the life of the Church in the Diocese of La Crosse.

**See SOUND OF FREEDOM – Powerful Movie on Daring Rescue of Trafficked Children:** See the movie taking the country by storm – SOUND OF FREEDOM, a true story starring Jim Caviezel as Tim Ballard, a Homeland Security agent who quits his job and puts his life at risk to go on a dangerous journey through the Colombian jungle to rescue hundreds of children from human traffickers. This powerful drama raises awareness about the 2 million children exploited every year in the international sex-trafficking trade.

**Kids Korner**

*Walking on Water!*



In today's Gospel reading Jesus did an amazing miracle- He walked across the sea! This was a sign that He was more powerful than nature.

Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him, Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

We are supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps too. When Jesus wants you to do something, He will give you the grace you need to do it, just like He gave Peter the power to walk on the water. If you lose sight of Jesus and only think about how hard it is, you won't be able to do what God asks, just like Peter when he started to sink. If you realize that you're having a hard time doing the right thing, it's time to turn back to Jesus!



Answer to puzzle on front: Jesus walking on the water. Answer to Flowers for Our Lady: Mary was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven!

**Our first Inspired by the Spirit Campaign funded project has started. Our bell tower is getting much needed maintenance.**



**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, 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, 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)  
**NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**AUGUST 13, 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

**8/15 Tues. 8:00 PM – (Holy day)**

**† Donna Leis (TMN)**

**8/16 Wed. 8:00 AM –**

**† Paul Hauser (HF)**

**8/18 Fri. 8:00 AM –**

**† Steven Hundt (AH)**

**8/19 Sat. 8:00 PM –**

**† Lance Root (AMM)**

**8/20 Sun. 10:00 AM –**

**St. Peter’s Parish Family**

Parish Calendar of Events

**Tues. Aug. 15** – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary mass (Holy day of Obligation) @ 8:00 PM

**Tues. Aug. 22** – Parish Finance meeting @ 6:30 PM

**Fri. Sept. 1** – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

**Sun. Sept. 3** – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,523.00
	-\$177.00
Year to Date Target -	\$10,200.00
Year to Date Total -	\$7,944.23
	-\$2,255.77

Readings for August 20, 2023

**First Reading:** Isaiah 56:1-7

**Second Reading:** Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 15:21-28

**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 August 19 – 8:00 PM**

**Servers:** Isabell Korn

Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen

**Ushers:** Don Halderson & Tim Leis

**Lector:** Julie Lundeen

**Sunday August 20 – 10:00 AM**

**Servers:** Madi & Allis Gronemus

**Ushers:** Gary Gronemus & Mark Stephenson

**Lector:** John 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 until 8:30 PM**

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

**Our CCD students enjoyed a mass, meal, fun & games and a camping sleep over at the ballpark this past week. Everyone had a great time!!!**



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

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After feeding five thousand with five loaves and a couple of fish, Jesus withdrew to the mountain alone for prayer. He sent the disciples ahead of him to the other side of the lake and they had to face strong headwinds. Jesus came to them on the troubled waters. The disciples were so frightened. They cried out in fear, “It is a ghost!” Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter called out, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” Jesus commanded, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and walked toward Jesus. But Peter became frightened by the strong wind and began to sink. He cried out, “Lord, save me!” And Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. Jesus said to Peter, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Fear has a way of blinding our eyes while simple faith opens our eyes. Peter saw his master and wanted to walk across to him over the troubled waters and he did, at the word of his master. Then Peter lost his focus, saw how headstrong the wind was, became frightened, lost his strength, and began to sink into the deep water! Keep your eyes on the Lord and his strength!

On August 15th we celebrate the feast day of the Assumption of Mary, the oldest feast day of Our Lady. We will have a vigil mass on the 14th at 5:30 pm at St Joseph and mass on the 15th at St. Peter at 8:00 pm.. It is a holyday of obligation this year. The dogma of the assumption of Mary is ancient. In the early days of the Church, writings suggest that Mary did not die, or that her tomb was empty, just as Christ’s was.

It wasn’t until 1950 that Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of the Church. The dogma is this: “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” The Assumption completes God’s work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God’s crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended. As we celebrate this great feast lets offer ourselves to our blessed mother.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

**Holy day of Obligation:** There will be a mass on Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Volunteers are needed to lector, serve and usher for mass.**

**Parish Advisory Council:** We are looking for parishioners willing to join the parish council. The committee meets once per quarter. Please contact the parish office or Fr. Biju if interested.

**CCD News:** Looking for an opportunity to share your faith? The CCD program needs an eighth grade teacher. We have great students and a supportive team of teachers just waiting for you to say "yes!"

**Sauerkraut Supper:** It has been decided that we will go back to our sit down meal along with carry-outs available. The sit down meal will not be family style or all you can eat and there will be no drive through for the carry-outs. There will be a bake sale in the garage and a beverage tent on the lawn. Many volunteers are needed so mark your calendars for October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> to help.

**Pilgrimage to Sister Wilhelmina:** Due to the extreme heat in Missouri the pilgrimage has been rescheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is still room on the bus. Contact Pat or Terese Slattery for more information. 608-452-4605

**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 September 1<sup>st</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 September 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

**Information Needed:** There are times that we find the need to contact parishioners by phone or email with important information (funeral plans, canceled masses or CCD, etc). We have found that many people have changed their phone numbers & emails without passing that information along to us. In an attempt to update our records please send an email to the parish office, drop a note in the mail or basket or call the office with your current information. Thank you!

**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.