

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of October 1: The Catholic Church in the United States is in the midst of a three-year Eucharistic Revival. This movement is to help all Catholics know and believe that the Eucharist is Jesus. Jesus waits for us. After Mass, Holy Communion is reserved in the tabernacle. The red sanctuary candle in the front of the church is constantly burning to remind us that Jesus is present in the tabernacle in the sacred Host. He waits for us to come and spend some time with Him, just as we would spend time with any friend. We can speak with Him about anything and simply be quiet in order to listen to Him. It is helpful to bring a book like *The Divine Encounter* by Mark Hart to have something to help stay focused when distractions arise. This time with the Lord will help bring solace and peace as worries take on a proper perspective, and we will gradually know that when we receive Holy Communion, we are truly receiving Jesus. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to set aside some time to spend with You in church so that You can strengthen my faith that You are truly present in Holy Communion. This week, read how Jesus asked Peter and the Apostles to spend time with Him in prayer in Matthew 26:40.

Chicken Q: Chicken-Q and Bake Sale Thursday, October 12, 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish 13th and Park Avenue, La Crosse. ½ Chicken, Coleslaw, Beans and Bun for \$11.00. Carry Out, Drive Through or Delivery. For Delivery call 608-782-2028 Ext 2

Rummage Sale: Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, October 13, 11 AM - 3 PM, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, October 14, 8 - 11 AM, \$3 a bag. Some items are priced individually.

Annual Pancake Breakfast: St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 15th from 7:30 AM – Noon. Includes: delicious stack of pancakes with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! There is also a bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free.

Registering Crafters for December 2nd Craft Sale:

St. Mary's Annual Craft Show in Coon Valley is now accepting crafters. Save \$5 by registering before November 1st. Visit our website at: www.stmaryscv.org/craft-show for more information and download the registration form. Coordinator is Nancy Peters, call (608) 790-6034 or email: Peters@mwt.net

Gospel of Life White Mass, Banquet & Presentation: Join us at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Wed, Oct. 18, the Feast of St. Luke, Patron of Physicians, for the 'White Mass' celebrated by Bishop Callahan, in which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. The Mass will be followed by a banquet and a keynote presentation by Fr. Justin Kizewski on "Standing Strong for Conscience in Healthcare: A Battle that Touches us All." Cost for the banquet and presentation is \$20/person, \$10/students. All the faithful are warmly invited. To learn more and to register, visit www.dioc.org/GospelofLife.

Kids Korner

Changing Your Mind

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to help in the vineyard. The first son told his father he wouldn't help, but then he changed his mind and did what he was asked. The second son said he would help, but he didn't.

In the end it doesn't matter so much if we say we are going to do what's right. What is important is that we do it. We call ourselves Christians because we believe in Jesus and the Church He gave us, but we only really are being Christians if we do what He says.

I SHOULD HAVE DONE MY HOMEWORK... I'LL DO IT NOW.

Sometimes we decide not to obey God. But if we are sorry afterwards and do what is right, God will not look at the bad things we did. On the other hand, if we do good things and then change to doing bad things, then we have decided to turn away from God, and we will be punished for our sins.



Special thanks to Msgr. Robert Hundt who donated these chasubles to St. Peter's.



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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) 452-4680

Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diocparish.org

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, Sarah Gronemus

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
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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 1, 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

10/4 Wed. 8:00 AM –

† **Stanley B Hundt (AH)**

10/6 Fri. 8:00 AM –

† **Lance Root (AMM)**

10/7 Sat. 8:00 PM –

† **Paul & Levina Hauser**

10/8 Sun. 10:00 AM –

† **Wilfred & Alice Kotek (SMF)**

Ministry Servers

Saturday October 7 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Mike Schaub & Duane Leis

Lector: Dan Korn

Sunday October 8 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Lukas & Max Slattery

Ushers: Rob Slattery & Peter Benzing

Lector: Ann Hundt

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday @ 7:30 until 8:30 PM

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration –

- Read Spiritual Books - Ask for Intercession - Meditate
- Offer a Holy Hour - Write a Prayer Journal - Read the
- Pray Spontaneously - Ask the Saints for help Scriptures

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. Oct. 1 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Tues. Oct. 3 - Cemetery Committee mtg @ 7:30 PM

Wed. Oct. 4 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Oct. 4 thru 6 - Parish Office closed

Fri. Oct. 6 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

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

Wed. Oct. 11 - Sauerkraut Supper 4-8 PM

NO CCD class - Students should help at Supper

Sun. Oct. 15 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sun. Oct. 22 - Bishops Annual Appeal Kick-off

Sun. Oct. 22 - World Mission Sunday



***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.

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

The Parable of the Two Sons

Jesus told them "A man had two sons." One, when asked to go out and work in the vineyard, said "I will not", but afterwards changed his mind and went." The other replied, "'Yes, sir,' but did not."

The key to the correct understanding of this parable of the two sons is that it is not really praising anyone. It is setting before us a picture of two very imperfect sets of people, of whom one set were none the less, better than the other. Neither son in the story was the kind of son to bring full joy to his father. Both were unsatisfactory; but the one who in the end obeyed was incalculably better than the other. The ideal son would be the son who accepted the father's orders with obedience and with respect and who unquestioningly and fully carried them out. The story compares Jewish leaders, tax collectors, and prostitutes and how they respond to God's invitation. Religious leaders did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Do our words and actions indicate our obedience to God?

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there. The Battle of Lepanto was at first celebrated liturgically as "Our Lady of Victory." Later, the feast of October 7th was renamed "Our Lady of the Rosary" and extended throughout the Universal Church by Pope Clement XI in 1716 (who canonized Pope Pius V in 1712). When asked her name in Fatima, Portugal Our Lady, said: "I am the Lady of the Rosary." At Fatima, Our Lady taught us to pray the Rosary every day.

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States also celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. Respect for human life involves defending the defenseless unborn, welcoming the stranger, working for social justice, comforting the suffering, strengthening families and consoling the dying, to mention just a few ways that we express fraternal charity for our fellow human beings.

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Sauerkraut Supper News: Please pick up your raffle tickets & take any around to friends, neighbors and family. The sign up board is now in the back of church. Please note that there is more than one day that we need help!!! **Many volunteers are needed so mark your calendars for October 10th & 11th to help.** Fliers are also available for you to take around to local establishments and spread the word!

CCD Teachers: We would like to thank our teachers who have graciously agreed to help shape our students in the way of the Lord: Duane & Abigail Leis, Erin Klinkner, Carol Gronemus, Stephanie & Maddie Klinkner, Laura & Mark Nicolai, Michael Klinkner, Mary Hundt & Tom Schaub.

Rosary in the Home: In October we celebrate our Holy Mother, Mary. As in the past, we would like to meet in the homes of parishioners for fellowship and reciting the rosary on Sunday's. We will begin the month in the church on October 1st at 7:30 pm. If you would like to host a rosary in your home please contact Jan Korish or Terese Slattery.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition Coming to St. Peter's: In the entire history of the Catholic Church, there have been numerous Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church as truly worthy of belief. The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Photographic Exhibition faithfully recounts many well-documented miraculous occurrences for us. Knowledge of these miracles strengthens our faith in Christ and His Church. They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Exhibit was created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old from Milan, Italy, who was beatified on October 10, 2020. **The Exhibit will be available for viewing at our parish October 18-22. We hope to have a speaker come on the 18th to talk to the CCD students, parents and parishioners about Blessed Carlo & other miracles.** We highly encourage you to schedule a time to view the exhibit during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival.

Bishops Annual Appeal: On the weekend of October 22nd we will kick off our annual appeal for the Diocese. Our goal this year is \$11,760. Keep in mind that any money collected above this goal comes back to the parish for our own use.

Men of the Cross Conference | Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.) at The La Crosse Center: Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! If you are planning to bring your son, please put his name in the comment section on the online registration form. For registration and more information visit www.menofthecross.org.

Annual Sauerkraut Supper
Eat-In or Carry-out

St. Peter's Church

Middle Ridge, Wisconsin
(W697 Highway 33, Rockland, WI)

Wednesday October 11, 2023
Serving 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Church-made Kraut & Pork Ribs, Polish Sausage, Glazed carrots, Mashed potatoes and Gravy, Home-made pie

Cost of Dinner **\$15.00**
Raw Kraut (2.5 lb)
available for \$5.00

Beverage Tent
Bake Sale
Raffles

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target - \$1,870.00

Last Week's Total - \$1,439.50

-\$430.50

Year to Date Target - \$22,440.00

Year to Date Total - \$17,058.81

-\$5,381.19

Readings for October 8, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43