

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of September 17:

A Minute with Jesus is meant to inspire parishioners during the Eucharistic Revival, a movement to help all Catholics know and believe that the Eucharist is Jesus. **Preparing to Receive Holy Communion** When we are at Mass, and preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, our minds will sometimes wander. When we find ourselves distracted in this way, simply return our eyes to the altar and listen with our hearts as the priest prays the words of Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into His Body and Blood of Jesus. As we go forward to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, it is a good practice to repeat the following prayer: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." (Matthew 8:8) Let's pray this right now and every day this week in preparation for next Sunday: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." (Matthew 8:8) This week, read Isaiah 26:3: He does keep in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.

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.

Men of the Cross Conference | Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.)

The La Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI: 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.

Gospel of Life White Mass, Banquet & Presentation: Join us at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Wednesday, 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.diolc.org/GospelofLife.

Kids Korner

If you want to be forgiven...

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of a king whose servant owed him a lot of money. The king was going to punish the servant, but when the man knelt down and begged for mercy, the king forgave him. Then that same man went and punished a servant who owed him money. When the king found out about this he was very angry.



In this story Jesus is telling us that if we want God to forgive us our sins then we have to forgive the people who have hurt us.



Has anyone ever done something mean to you? How do you feel when that happens? Do you feel loving toward that person? Jesus tells us that we must forgive those people, even when they really hurt us, because we want God to forgive us too. Every time we sin we offend God, and He will still forgive us if we are sorry. If we want God to forgive us, then it's only fair for us to forgive others.



Answer to Word Find: Saint Helen
He forgave him.
Answer to puzzle on front

Congratulations to Margaret Anne Persson, daughter of Andrew & Rachel, who was baptized last Sunday. May God Bless you all!



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) 452-4680

Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.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

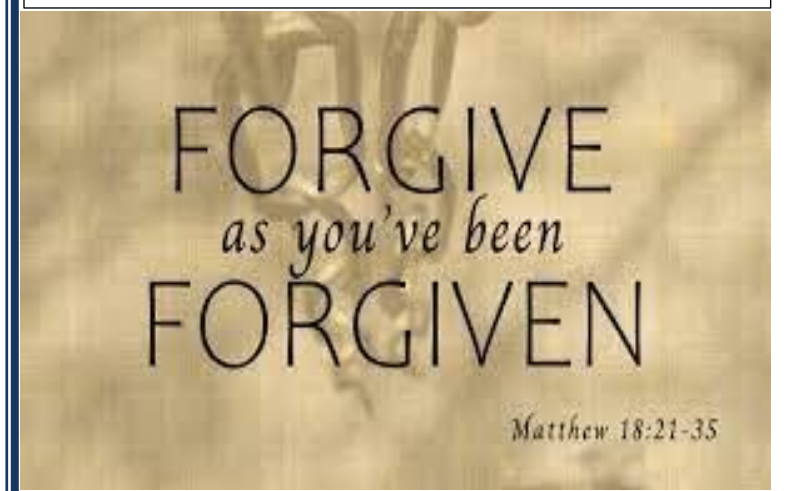
MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605
Leland Gregorich, Organist

St. Peters Catholic Church
Middle Ridge, WI
W697 State Hwy 33
Rockland, WI 54653



Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 17, 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

9/20 Wed. 8:00 AM –
† **Stanley B Hundt (SAH)**
9/22 Fri. 8:00 AM –
The marriage of Nicholas & Lizzy Burns (MLH)
9/23 Sat. 8:00 PM –
† **Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)**
9/24 Sun. 10:00 AM –
The Anniversary of Kurt & Kathy Flock (MLH)

Ministry Servers

Saturday September 23 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Phil Gronemus
Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday September 24 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Arnie Nicolai & Kate Gronemus
Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Peter Benzing
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.

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

Wed. Sept. 20 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Sept. 24 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Wed. Sept. 27 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Oct. 1 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. Oct. 1 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Tues. Oct. 3 - Cemetery Committee mtg @ 7:30 PM
Fri. Oct. 6 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule
Wed. Oct. 11 - Sauerkraut Supper 4-8 PM



***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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Reflection: This weekend's readings call us to look inward to the state of our hearts, our thoughts, and our emotions. Our first reading, from Sirach, addresses the complicated emotion of anger. "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" We have all been wounded by others at some point, some perhaps quite deeply. Our emotions are gifts from God. But we must steward them well rather than allow them to overcome us.

How do we do this? Sirach tells us. "Remember your last days, set enmity aside... Remember the Most High's covenant and overlook faults." We embrace the stewardship mindset — not brooding over hurts, but recalling all the gifts our good God has given us, all the love He continually pours out upon us, and we put our focus and trust in Him.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus reminds us of our proper position before Him in light of all He has done for us, comparing the kingdom of heaven to a "king who decided to settle accounts with his servants." In the parable, a debtor is brought before the king, owing such an overwhelming debt that it could not possibly be repaid. Yet, the king is filled with compassion for the servant, forgiving the debt and letting him free.

Doesn't that sound like each of us concerning the King of Kings? The Father has given us life and then sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sins and "debts" and make eternal life with Him possible for us. We cannot repay this debt. We can only thank God by giving Him our whole selves — inside and out.

Parish News

Sauerkraut Supper News:

-Please pick up your raffle tickets. 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!
-On Saturday September 23rd we need help to clean the garage to prepare it for carry-outs and the Bake sale. We will also be making coffee cakes. Many hands make light work! Please plan to help starting at 8:00 AM.

DCCW: Have you heard about or seen the movie the "Sound of Freedom", a story about child and human trafficking? Come learn more about this problem from Deacon Steve Przedpelski of the Franciscan Peacemakers of Milwaukee. He is the speaker for the La Crosse Deanery of Catholic Women Fall Assembly. It will be held at Mary, Mother of Church, September 18, 2023. The program will start at 6 p.m. with a light supper and desserts. All ladies of all area parishes are invited, but please tell us if you are coming so we have enough food! If needed, rides will be provided. Please call Rita Sanchez, 608-780-3621 or Kay Kesler, 608-780-0485.

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 October 6th.**

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 October 1st.** 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.

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 -	\$1,850.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,971.00</u>
	\$121.00
Year to Date Target -	\$20,700.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$13,826.23</u>
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Readings for September 24, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-27
Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16