

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:**

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

Message for the week of September 24:

**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**

In reading the life of any saint, we see clearly that they “constantly renewed their capacity for love of neighbor from their encounter with the Eucharistic Lord” (Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical “*God is Love*”). When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, He strengthens us with His Divine power to seek to live with charity toward every person that we meet. We cooperate with this power – His grace – by asking for His help as we encounter any situations, particularly difficult ones. In continuing to seek to live with love, we become more and more the person that God created us to be. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, as I receive You in Holy Communion, help me to see You in every person I meet and give me Your love for them in my heart.

**Chicken Q:** Chicken-Q and Bake Sale Thursday, October 12, 11:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish 13<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM – Noon. Includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free.

**Registering Crafters for December 2<sup>nd</sup> Craft Sale:**

St. Mary’s Annual Craft Show in Coon Valley is now accepting crafters. Save \$5 by registering before November 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit our website at: [www.stmaryscv.org/craft-show](http://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](mailto:Peters@mwt.net)

**Fortify the Faith Benefit Dinner:**

Join us Sunday October 8th at the Waterfront for Roncalli Newman’s first ever campus ministry and FOCUS banquet and silent auction. Our hope is to share the good news of what the Lord is doing in the lives of our young Catholics in La Crosse. Proceeds will go to funding scholarships for the SEEK conference and other ministry needs. See [roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/fortify](http://roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/fortify) to register and for more info. Deadline to sign up is September 27th. Please email Adele Gligorevic with any questions - [media@newmanlc.org](mailto:media@newmanlc.org). Hope to see you there!

**Kids Korner**

*A Full Day's Wages*

Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells a story of several men who were hired to work at a vineyard. The owner of the vineyard went out at different times to find men to work. At the end of the day, he gave each man a whole day's wages, even though some had only worked for a little while!

WOW! HE PAID US A FULL DAY'S WAGE!



Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like this too: some people spend their whole lives working for God, and some people only turn to Him at the last minute. God opens Heaven to all the people who choose to love Him.

At first this doesn't seem fair. After all, some people give their whole lives to God and some give hardly any! But here is why it is fair: the only reason that any of us turns to God is because He gave us that grace. Some people have to live their whole lives without God's grace until the very end, but some of us have been given grace all our lives.

I PAID YOU AS MUCH AS I SAID I WOULD.



Answers: front page - all received the full day's wage; inside page - Christ.

**Fill in the blanks:**

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks, and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.



Brothers and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ labour for me. And I do not know which I shall \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I am caught \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ benefit.

between death sisters your fruitful choose

Like Saint Paul, we should be ready to either live or die for  
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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

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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, 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](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 24, 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

**9/27 Wed. 8:00 AM –**  
**St. Peter’s Parish Family**  
**9/29 Fri. 8:00 AM – † William**  
**& Margaret Haas (SBB)**  
**9/30 Sat. 8:00 PM –**  
**† Kenneth & Jean Wortman**  
**and Kelly Klumpp (RJK)**  
**10/1 Sun. 10:00 AM –**  
**St. Peter’s Parish Family**

Ministry Servers

**Saturday September 30 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Isabell Korn  
Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen  
Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Bill Korn  
Lector: Lynda Hurtz

**Sunday October 1 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson  
Ushers: Leo Leis & Mark Gronemus  
Lector: Joe Peterson

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



**\*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  
Monday .....5:30pm  
Tuesday..... 5:30pm  
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)  
Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor’s Pen

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Last week we listened to the question of Peter how often must I forgive? To which Jesus answered “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. This answer of Jesus points to the fact that God’s ways and reason are different from ours. Today we have another instance in the parable of the landowner and the Workers in the Vineyard where the owner pays the same amount to all who came for work irrespective of hours each one put in. We may wonder how this can be possible? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this.

On the surface, the scene in the Gospel appears unfair, even unjust, as workers who come at the 11th hour are paid the same as those who work all day. From a purely human standpoint this scenario makes little sense. And that's when we realize something deeper is unfolding. God is generous in a way that far surpasses our best human standards of justice and fairness. This generosity of God is highlighted in the message conveyed by the prophet Isaiah: "my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord”.

The paradox we encounter in Gospel parables is meant to open us up to a deeper understanding of who God is and who we are in relationship to God. It also shows us how God looks at us, sees our needs, and meets those needs. How much he wants us to be saved. He is exceptionally generous with us. On September 29<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the feast of the Archangels; Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Prayers for all those who bear their names.

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 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Sympathies:** The parish extends our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Roseann (Rosie) Hurtz who passed away this week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 in the second half of October. We highly encourage you to schedule a time to view the exhibit during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival. Watch the bulletin for more information.

**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](http://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.dioc.org/GospelofLife](http://www.dioc.org/GospelofLife) .

**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 -	<u>\$1,793.08</u>
	-\$76.92
Year to Date Target -	\$20,570.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$15,619.31</u>
	-\$4,950.69

Readings for October 1, 2023

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 18:25-28  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11  
**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 21:28-32