

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

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*Encounter Jesus
in the Eucharist.
He waits for you!*

Message for the week of November 19:

The Eucharist is Jesus! Let us grow in our understanding and love for this incredible Gift. Jesus is our greatest Friend. Jesus loves each one of us and desires to be with us always. Jesus gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist, so that He can live in our heart. The Holy Eucharist is Christ's Body and Blood. We know that Jesus is our greatest Friend because He gives Himself to us completely in the Holy Eucharist. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, Thank You for giving Yourself to me and being my closest Friend.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW ~ SAT. DECEMBER 2, 2023: Come join the fun and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St. Concessions available throughout the show. Free admission! Visit our website ~: www.stmarycv.org/craft-show or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or Peters@mwt.net

Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale: Hosted at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral on Saturday December 2nd from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Includes a Raffle, Baked goods, Candy, Handmade gifts, crafts and greeting cards.

Cookie Walk and Craft Sale: Held at Holy Trinity Parish Leo Hall on Saturday, December 9. Cookie Walk (Fancy Cookies can be purchased by the pound) from 8:00 a.m. until gone - Craft Sale featuring 10 tables of crafts from local parishioners and vendors from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Courage Apostolate: Everyone is called to chastity. The *Courage Apostolate* (couragec.org) is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of persons who experience same-sex attraction and wish to faithfully live the Church's beautiful teachings on human sexuality. A Courage chapter with a trained chaplain is active in our diocese, meeting monthly online. Contact Ann Lankford, the Director of Catechesis & Evangelization at 608-791-2658 or alankford@diolc.org for details.

Amen App: The Amen app is the free Catholic prayer app that inspires your daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture. You are welcome to register for this app from the Augustine Institute by clicking here: www.augustineinstitute.org/program-and-resources/amen

Advent: A Time of Preparation: This year, the season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. Advent is the four weeks we set aside for preparing our hearts before the annual celebrations of Christ's birth on Christmas. The Incarnation – God becoming man – is the turning point of history. Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He promised to send us a Savior after the Original Sin of Adam and Eve. And He kept His promise. The Son of God was born in Bethlehem to give His life for us on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven, so that we "may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10). This preparation during Advent is to include interior penance, which involves a conversion of heart toward God and away from sin. Let us take Advent seriously by taking more time for prayer, offering small sacrifices for peace in families and the world, and receiving the Sacrament of Penance.

Kids Korner

Use Your Talents!

God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.



Some people have many talents and can do lots of good things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.



What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can show God's love and make people happy. Some people have a talent of being patient with others, and show Jesus' love that way. What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer to God?



Answers to front page: The first man had ten, the second had four and the third man one.
Answer to picture puzzle: Top left to right: 6, 2, Middle: 4, 1, Bottom: 3, 5.

Congratulations to Jaxon Harvey Williams, son of Jason & Jennifer (new parishioners), who received the sacrament of Baptism last week. May God bless you all and welcome to St. Peters!



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

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus,
Jared Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

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Tom Schaub...(608) 486-4012

FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Debra Leis.....(608) 632-7830

MUSIC

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 19, 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

11/22 Wed. 8:00 AM –
† Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)
11/24 Fri. 8:00 AM –
† Stanley B Hundt (MLH)
11/25 Sat. 8:00 PM – **† L. Duane**
Leis & Madonna Bahr (TDL)
11/26 Sun. 10:00 AM –
† Alberta Kick (MAS)



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,419.00
	-\$451.00
Year to Date Target -	\$35,530.00
Year to Date Total -	\$26,857.83
	-\$8,672.17

Readings for November 26, 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Ministry Servers

Saturday November 25 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Isabell Korn
 Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Bill Korn
Lector: Lynda Hurtz
Sunday November 26 – 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. Nov. 22 - Grades 7-10 NO CCD Class
Sun. Nov. 26 - Grades 1-6 NO CCD Class
Wed. Nov. 29 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Fri. Dec. 1 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule
Sun. Dec. 3 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. Dec. 3 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Thurs. Dec. 7 - Immaculate Conception mass @ 8 PM
Fri. Dec. 8 - No morning weekday mass
Sat. Dec. 9 - PCCW meeting @ 10 AM
 Cookie sale packaging to follow



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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hard to imagine that the Liturgical Year is coming to its close. The weekend gospel draws our attention to the end times. We hear the story of three servants who were entrusted with certain talents. Two of them were industrious. The one with five talents made another five; the one with two, another two. But the third one was afraid of losing in the game so he hid his talent away. The tragedy of the third servant in the parable is that, out of fear, he hid what had been entrusted to him, even though he had the ability to use it well. How often we are paralyzed by fear or false prudence into doing nothing, into trying to preserve ourselves! Sometimes, we don't take God's gifts seriously or think we have been given very little, and we use that as a rationalization for making no effort or producing little for God. We blame circumstances or others, but the fact is we are neglecting to produce the fruits God wants. The master didn't expect a return of five talents from the servant to whom he gave only one. He would have been happy with a return of one more, but the lazy servant closed in on his egoism, self-love, and laziness. Are we making the best use of all God has given us, or have we neglected some things and taken others for granted? So, ask ourselves how are we using our particular gifts in the service of our Family, our Christian community and the wider society? Can I see the bigger picture, God's picture while making use of my talents?

Soon, Thanksgiving Day will be here. There are a lot of things in life for which we need to be grateful. I am thankful for the mess to clean up after a party because it means I am blessed with family and friends. I am thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snugly because it means I have had enough to eat. I am thankful for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home. I am thankful for all the complaining I do about the government because it means we have freedom of speech. I am thankful for the one behind me in Church who sings off-key because it means I can hear. I am thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive. I am thankful for the alarm that goes off early in the morning because it means I am alive. I am thankful for the talents given whether five, two or one.

Next weekend we will baptize two new members of the parish; Declan Otto Geier, son of Brandon & Amelia and Sylvia Noelle Slattery, daughter of Robert & Nicole. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Have a blessed thanksgiving. We have mass on Thanksgiving Day at St Joseph at 8:30 am.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Christmas Cookie Sale: Saturday December 9th & Sunday December 10th after mass. Asking for donations of 2 dozen or more of your favorite Christmas cookies or treats from parishioners. Please have cookies at church by 11:00 AM on Saturday Dec. 9th. Cookies will be repackaged for sale. All proceeds go to Casa Hogar Orphanage.

PCCW Meeting: Saturday December 9th at 10 AM. Please come to help with Christmas cookie packaging.

Children's Choir: Children aged 9 through High School are invited to join the St. Peter's Childrens Choir. One practice each month will take place after mass each **1st Sunday** of the month. The children will sing at the 10:00 AM mass every **2nd Sunday**. Please sign up in the back of church. Call Terese Slattery with any questions at 608-452-4605.

Bishops Annual Appeal: 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.

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 December 1st.**

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 December 3rd.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Looking ahead: On December 8th we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holyday of obligation. We will have a vigil mass on Thursday December 7th at 8:00 PM. There will be no Friday morning mass.

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.