

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 26:

The Eucharist is Jesus! Let us grow in our understanding and love for this incredible Gift. How do we get to know Jesus better? Jesus knows each one of us better than we know ourselves and He loves us. Friendship always involves two persons. We want to get to know this Person who loves us so much through reading the Scriptures (the Bible). As we prepare to enter Advent, it is a perfect time to read the Scriptures and remember how Jesus came to us, born as an infant. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please give me the desire to read the Bible a few minutes each day. This week, read the words of the Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary that she will be the Mother of the Son of God in Luke 1: 26-38

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.

Celebrate Our Lady: Nearly 500 years ago, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego in Mexico. The Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe is December 12th. All are invited to celebrate at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI. The day includes a Bilingual Mass offered by Cardinal Burke. Learn more at GuadalupeShrine.org/events!

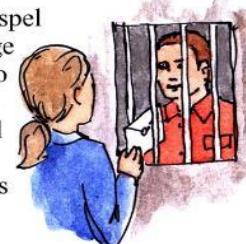
Amen App: The Amen app is the free Catholic prayer app that inspires your daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture. You are welcome to register for this app from the Augustine Institute by clicking here: www.augustineinstitute.org/program-and-resources/amen

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

Whatever you do to others...

Jesus is a fair king. In today's Gospel reading, He tells us how He will judge people at the end of time. Those who were good to God will be saved, and those who were not good to Him will be condemned. Whoever is good to others is good to God, and whoever is unkind to others is unkind to God.



Our Lord cares so much about His people that He will judge us according to how we treat each other. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the King, and He cares about every one of us specially. Imagine a king who came to see every one of his subjects to make sure that they were doing okay. Well, Jesus does more than that- He died for us on the cross! He looks after us all the time, and He says that anyone who is unkind to us will be judged as being unkind to Him.



Christ the King is the just judge. How do you think you will be judged when you die, or at the end of time? Are you kind to others? Do you ever think about how you would treat Jesus if He were here? Do you treat other people the way you would treat Jesus?



Gospel Match-Up

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the people how they will be judged. What did the righteous people do when they found people in need?

See if you can match up the needs on the left with the help on the right!

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| 1. I was hungry and • | • you welcomed me, |
| 2. I was thirsty and • | • you clothed me, |
| 3. a stranger and • | • you gave me drink, |
| 4. naked and • | • you cared for me, |
| 5. ill and • | • you visited me. |
| 6. in prison and • | • you gave me food, |



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

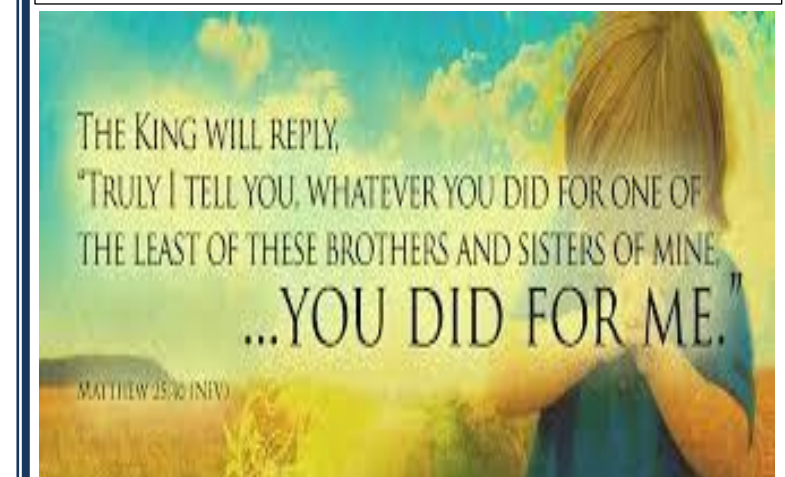
MUSIC

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

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 26, 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

11/29 Wed. 8:00 AM –
 † **Madonna Hundt (DKS)**
12/1 Fri. 8:00 AM –
 † **Peggy Arentz (AH)**
12/2 Sat. 8:00 PM –
 † **Orvin Lee (ML)**
12/3 Sun. 10:00 AM –
 † **Shirley & Leo Servais (JG)**
12/7 Thurs. 8:00 PM –
 Immaculate Conception of Mary
 † **Stanley B Hundt (AH)**



Goal: \$11,760.00
 Total Pledged: \$3,505.00
 Total Received: \$3,505.00
 Under Goal: \$8,255.00
 Participation: 29.8%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$909.50
	-\$960.50
Year to Date Target -	\$37,400.00
Year to Date Total -	\$27,767.33
	-\$9,632.67

Readings for December 3, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16 – 64:7
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel Reading: Mark 13:33-37

Ministry Servers

Saturday December 2 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Mike Schaub & Duane Leis
Lector: Dan Korn

Sunday December 3 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Madi & Allis Gronemus
Ushers: Peter Benzing & Gary Gronemus
Lector: Pam Benzing

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. 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
Wed. Dec. 6 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 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
Sun. Dec. 10 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. Dec. 17 - Christmas decorating after mass
Wed. Dec. 20 - Confessions starting at 6:00 PM



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 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Jesus replied to Pilate's questioning: My Kingship is not of this world... At a later stage in the interview Jesus tells the Roman Procurator: I am a King. For this I was born... (John 18:36-37). People often ask the meaning of the initials "I.N.R.I.," which appear on the scroll at the top of a crucifix. When a criminal was crucified, the crime for which he was charged and convicted was posted over his head. Pontius Pilate had the crime for which Jesus was crucified written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. (Cf. John 19:20) "I.N.R.I." are the initials of the Latin words of this inscription: Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum, meaning, "Jesus the Nazorean, King of the Jews." (John 19:19)

This weekend, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, is the Solemnity of Christ the King. Happy Feast to everyone. Yes, Jesus is the King Who Conquered Death! By the power of His cross, death was defeated. St Paul tells us "The last enemy to be destroyed is death". Jesus did conquer death. In him there is only life. Life in abundance. Worldly kings do not have this power. Their last enemy is death, which ends their power, wealth, and prestige.

Today's Feast also anticipates the Second Coming of Christ in power and majesty as King and judge. His criterion of judgement is based on how much we have loved the other. Jesus shares the vision of the final judgement, describing himself as a king sitting on a throne. He is like a shepherd separating sheep and goats. Jesus groups people based on how they lived their lives. "Sheep" show love and concern for others. They feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, cloth the naked, care for the sick and visit the imprisoned. Acts of compassion in corporal works of mercy. Jesus tells them "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." Jesus reminds us that the easiest way of recognizing him and of following him is by seeing him in the poor and the weak around us. Whatever we do to the least of his sisters and brothers, we do to him. Belonging to his kingdom, we need to reach out and be of service to our sisters and brothers. Let Jesus reign in our mind, our will and our actions.

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 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.

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.

Christmas Flowers: Anyone wishing to donate towards our Christmas flowers can do so by placing the donation in a marked envelope in the offertory.

Upcoming Collection: On December 9th & 10th we will have the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Religious sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit significantly from this national collection. Watch for a envelope in your bulletin for this collection.

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.

Advent Confessions: There will be 2 priests available here at St. Peter's on Wednesday, December 20th starting at 6:00 PM. They will also be at St. Joseph's the previous Wednesday, December 13th.

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.