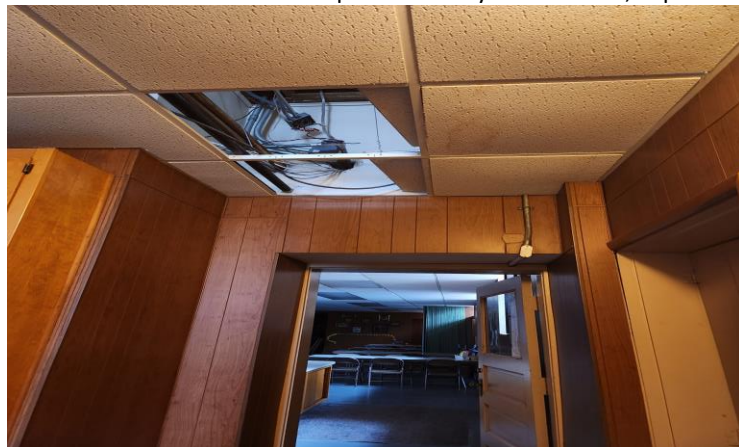


**Diocesan and Community News**

**Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:**  
Visit: [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) for more information.

**Message for the week of February 25: A Minute with Jesus: We need God's help to believe**  
The Eucharist is beyond our ability to grasp fully. The Eucharist is a mystery, which means we would not know this is Jesus' Body and Blood without the Lord specifically saying these words to us in Scripture. We can understand this mystery to an extent, but not fully, because this mystery is of God, who is infinite. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please open my heart to believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist. This week, read how St. Paul speaks of this mystery of the Eucharist in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

**The Shroud of Turin replica exhibit returns to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe:** March 13, 2024 @ 12:00 am - March 20, 2024 @ 5:00 pm. View a life-size replica of the original Shroud of Turin, which is believed to be the burial cloth Jesus was wrapped in after His crucifixion. The Shroud is credited as the most studied object in history. "It contains all of the information in the gospels, and then even more information that science has been able to extract from the shroud, showing the evidence that Jesus was a real person." Tony Cherniawski, Expert

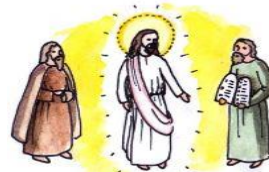


The first part of one of our **Inspired by the Spirit** projects has been completed. The asbestos has been removed from around the pipes in the basement. The next step is to replace the lighting. If you have pledged towards this campaign please make sure to send in your pledges so we can collect enough funds for the next step. Thanks!



**Kids Korner**

**Jesus Shows His Glory**



Jesus knew He was going to die, and He knew the apostles were going to be afraid. So He decided to show some of them something that they would not be able to forget. He took Peter, James and John up a mountain and suddenly He became dazzlingly bright, like the sun! The apostles were terrified. Then Jesus began to talk with Moses and Elijah, who stood beside Him.

Afterwards, Jesus told Peter, James and John not to tell anyone what had happened until after He rose from the dead. They were confused because they didn't understand that Jesus had to die. But now they knew that Jesus was not just a normal man. They had seen some of the awesomeness of God.



Later on, when Jesus was taken away and killed, the apostles were very sad. But some of them knew something amazing about Jesus. Like those apostles, when we are having a hard time we just need to think about Jesus. He is awesome and amazing, and waiting for us to come to Him in Heaven. The bad times will come, but Jesus is always there- we just need to remember Him!



Answers to Abraham Puzzle: Yes! He stopped him and sent a sheep instead.

**St. Peters Church - Middle Ridge**



**Cabin Fever Fest**

**Euchre Tournament & Luncheon**

**Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

**\$15 per person**

**Time: Basement Doors open at 12:00 p.m.**

**Cards start at 1:00 p.m.**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place prizes awarded (possibly more placings)**

**Soups, Snacks and Beverages**

**Included in the price!**

**PASTOR**

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

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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

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**PARISH WEBMASTER** Christopher Pundzak

**SACRISTANS** Richard Korish & Austin Menn

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

Mark Nicolai (Chairman), Rachel Persson,  
Brandon Flock & 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

**CEMETERY SEXTON**

Tom Schaub...(608) 486-4012

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

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

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**Middle Ridge, WI**  
**W697 State Hwy 33**  
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**



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

2/28 Wednesday 8:00 AM –

† **Robert, John & Linda Mashak (JM)**

3/1 Friday 8:00 AM –

† **Julie Haas (MLH)**

3/2 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† **Leo Bouska (AB)**

3/3 Sunday 10:00 AM –

**St. Peters Parish Family**

Ministry Servers

**Saturday March 2 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Mike Schaub

Lector: Dan Korn

**Sunday March 3 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Arnie Nicolai & Kate Gronemus

Ushers: Leo Leis & Mark Stephenson

Lector: Kathy Flock

**\*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!!

Stations of the Cross

**Wednesdays during Lent @ 7:30 PM**

**Adoration to follow**

Parish Calendar of Events

Mon. Feb. 26 – Parish Finance Council meeting @ 6:30 PM

Wed. Feb. 28 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Wed. Feb. 28 – Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 PM

Fri. March 1 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. March 3 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sun. March 3 – Cabin Feverfest Euchre Tournament & Luncheon - Doors open at noon

Sun. March 3 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Tues. March 5 – Parish Advisory Council meeting @ 7 PM

Wed. March 6 – Confessions available @ 6 PM

Wed. March 6 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Wed. March 6 – Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 PM

Sun. March 10 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Thurs. March 14 – St. Peter's Soup Supper @ 7:00 PM

Mon. March 25 – Confessions at Cathedral 9 AM- 6 PM

Mon. April 1 – PCCW meeting at 7:30 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

Monday .....5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

**Second Week of Lent - Mark 9:2-10**

Welcome to the 2nd Sunday of Lent! Last Sunday we followed Jesus into the desert. In today's Gospel, Jesus is with his disciples on the mount of transfiguration. Jesus' transfiguration occurs in the context of His journey to Jerusalem, the place of His suffering and death. During transfiguration we hear the voice of God declaring Jesus as the "beloved Son" and calling all disciples to listen to Him. In the presence of Jesus, transfigured in glory, Peter, James and John felt secure, happy, at home. They felt they had reached the end of their journey and they were not ready to move on - they just wanted to stay in their experience of comfort, joy, security, and glory.

They had found, in the transfigured glory of Jesus, a temporary serenity and security. But the journey of Jesus was not complete, and the disciple's journey was not complete either. They had to leave this experience, come down the mountain and accept life with all its joys and sorrows, even accept the cross and eventual death. They had to continue their journey into the unknown, uncertain, and insecure future. The journey of Jesus would take Him to the cross and then to unending glory. His disciples must follow and travel a similar path. On their way, Jesus would serve as their map, their route, their guide and eventually their way.

I invite you to reflect on being grateful and rejoicing in experiences of joy, success, greatness, wonder, glory, happiness - all of life's peak experiences. Reflect also on being prepared to come down the mountain and accept the inconveniences, suffering, pain, cross - all of life's struggles. Above all be focused on the life with the Lord because our final journey is being with the Lord and we have a glimpse of it in transfiguration.

Have a blessed Lent.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

**Cabin Feverfest:** St. Peter's annual Euchre party & Luncheon is Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The doors will open at noon and the card games will begin at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$15 and includes entry in the tournament and lunch of many kinds of soup & sandwiches. Please find fliers in the back of church to take around to local establishments. There is also a sign up sheet for food and help.

**Soup Supper & Fellowship:** There will be a Lenten gathering in the church basement on Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm that will include a light meal, speaker & fellowship. Please plan to attend and spend some time with our parish family!

**Diocesan Annual Appeal:** As you can see from the chart to the left, we are just over 50% of the way to reaching our goal for our annual collection. If these monies are not collected the parish is billed for the remainder. If we surpass our goal the extra comes back to our parish. Please consider donating. The deadline for funds to reach the Appeal office is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Lenten Morning of Reflection: Retreat for Women:** Co-Sponsors: Catholic Daughters of the Americas & La Crosse Deanery Council of Catholic Women *Faith and the Real Presence: Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread* Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>; 8 am to 12:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. 8:00 am Mass & Rosary -Main Church Followed by Presentations in the Undercroft . For more Info email: Therese351@live.com Free will offerings are accepted.

**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 March 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

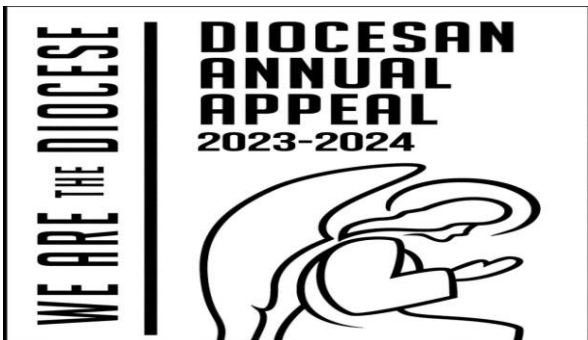
**Anointing of the Sick:** Fr. Biju will be available to perform this Sacrament on the first Friday of the month after daily mass. Please contact him directly if you or a family member would like to receive. **This is available March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Healing Mass & Service:** Are you suffering from physical, spiritual, or psychological distress? God's will is for you to be whole! A healing service will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Church in Cashton, WI. The evening begins at 4:30 PM with Adoration, devotions and confessions. Holy Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by prayers for healing using exorcised and blessed salt, oil, water, with intercessory prayers by our clergy and lay prayer teams.

**LDCCW Biennial Convention:** The convention will take place April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse. Our guest speaker is Abby Johnson, author of *Unplanned*, which was made into a movie of the same name. Ms. Johnson was a Planned Parenthood Director for many years. After witnessing an abortion on ultrasound Abby changed her position on abortion. Horrified by what she witnessed she became an outspoken pro-life advocate against Planned Parenthood and abortion. Her testimony is powerful and her message must be heard; abortion is the killing of innocent life and not simply a women's reproductive health issue. The event will be from 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM. The cost is \$65 and includes lunch. **Look for information & registration forms for this in the back of church.**

**"the ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally | June 7<sup>th</sup> at the La Crosse Center:**

"The Answer" Eucharistic Rally on Friday, June 7, 2024, is for catechetical leaders, catechists, interested adults, families, parents and their 7-12 grade students. This will be the largest event for our diocese; you don't want to miss it. Please encourage the people of the parish to join us for a Eucharistic Procession with Bishop Barron and Bishop Callahan, excellent speakers, music, vendors, and, of course, Mass, adoration and confession. Discounted tickets are now available for purchase. You can find more information about the event by visiting <https://diolc.org/the-answer/>. For such an important event, it would be amazing if every parish brought a bus full of parishioners. **Look for information for this in the back of church.**



**Goal: \$11,760.00**

**Total Pledged: \$6,760.00**

**Total Received: \$6,760.00**

**Under Goal: \$5,000.00**

**Participation: 57%**

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,067.00
	-\$803.00
Year to Date Target -	\$61,710.00
Year to Date Total -	\$70,608.67
	+\$8,898.67

Readings for March 3, 2024

**First Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

**Gospel Reading:** John 2:13-25