

Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of February 4: A Minute with Jesus: Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

When we look at the consecrated Host at Mass, our eyes see only bread, but the reality is we are looking at Jesus truly present. Jesus, grant me the grace to believe this truth, that though "hidden", You are truly present in Holy Communion. It is important to remember that what we are not able to see with our eyes, we grasp by choosing to believe – with faith's consent.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Lord, I want to believe. Please help me to believe that what You say is true, especially helping the part of me that sometimes questions. This week, read about the father of a sick boy who asked Jesus to help him believe what seemed impossible in Mark 9:20-27.

"the ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally | June 7th 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.

Heritage Bake Sale: Please join us on Saturday, February 10th from 9am - Noon for Blessed Sacrament Parish Women's Club Heritage Bake Sale, held in the parish hall. Featuring Polish Pierogis, Norwegian Lefse, Bohemian Kolotchkys, St Wenceslaus' Hot Lunch Fudge Bars, and other ethnic sweets! Plus, a live Lefse demonstration!

Location: Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall - 130 Losey Blvd S, La Crosse WI
Date: Saturday, February 10th, 9am – Noon

Fish Fry: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, February 16, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM, dine-in or carry-out. The price is \$12 for 2-piece and \$14 for 3-piece dinner and includes baked or batter fried fish, baked potato or fries, coleslaw and roll. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries, fruit and milk. Beer, wine and desserts available at dine-in for additional cost.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast: The Bangor Lions will be hosting a breakfast at the Bangor Elementary school on Sunday, March 3rd from 7 AM to noon. See a local Lion for the advanced ticket price.

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 Presenter
Mr. Cherniawski will offer free presentations to pilgrimage, parish, and school groups that would like to visit the exhibition.

Kids Korner

Spending Time with God



In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord went to Simon and Andrew's house, where He spent the evening healing the sick and casting out demons. But early the next morning before the sun came up He went away into the wilderness to pray.

At first we wonder why Jesus would have to pray- He is God, after all! But He was also human so He needed to take some time to be with His Heavenly Father. And that is what real praying is- it's being with God and talking to Him and listening to Him.



Like Jesus, we also need to spend time with God. Even if we are always doing His work, like helping people or studying His truths, we still need to take some time to talk with Our Father in Heaven. Starting today, take a few minutes every day to go to a quiet place and talk with God.



Important Cemetery Information

From the Cemetery Committee: It has come to the attention of the Cemetery Committee that several headstones in our cemetery are in need of repair/maintenance. Following is a list of the names on those headstones. It is the family's responsibility to take care of these headstones. If you are a family member or know of a family member, please consider taking care of the necessary repairs and/or contacting family members. If interested, the Committee does have the name of a person who does this kind of work. If you have questions, please contact one of the Committee members.

- Row 3** Peter & Barb Antony
- Row 4** John Schmit
- Row 4** Peter Neuburg
- Row 5** Antonia Smola
- Row 6** Ernest Muenzenberger
- Row 11** Nick Fischbach
- Row 15** Joe & Marie Kaiser
- Row 17** Casper Sieger
- Row 24** Alois Flaig

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

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

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

FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

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

MUSIC

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

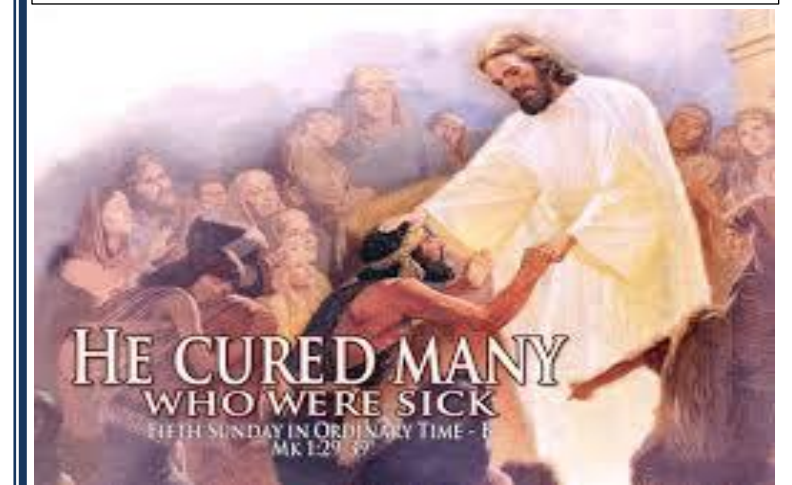
St. Peters Catholic Church
Middle Ridge, WI
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Rockland, WI 54653



Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4, 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

2/7 Wed. 8:00 AM – No Mass
2/9 Fri. 8:00 AM – All the Souls
in Purgatory (RJK)
2/10 Sat. 8:00 PM –
† Madonna Hundt (MLH)
2/11 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Harold
& Susan Muenzenberger(RBM)

Ministry Servers

Saturday February 10 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Isabell Korn, Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
Ushers: Bill Korn & Phil Gronemus
Lector: Julie Lundeen
Sunday February 11 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson
Ushers: Leo Leis & Mark Gronemus
Lector: Joseph Peterson
**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!!*

From the Pastor's Pen

The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Stewardship Reflection

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. The focus of Jesus' entire life was on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission — the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.
In today's Gospel, Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did not seek after the praise. Instead, He responded, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.
Christian stewards are humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. Our practice of stewardship begins right here in our home, parish, and community. He calls us to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and gratitude for all He has given us.
Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus decided to go to the nearby villages to preach, He first went off to pray. Through prayer, Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer — we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.
Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord — how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, 'Make me humble, Lord.'

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



Goal: \$11,760.00
Total Pledged: \$6,560.00
Total Received: \$6,560.00
Under Goal: \$5,200.00
Participation: 56%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$719.25
	-\$1,150.75
Year to Date Target -	\$56,100.00
Year to Date Total -	\$66,394.63
	+\$10,294.63

Readings for February 11, 2024

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1
Gospel Reading: Mark 1:40-45

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. Feb. 4 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
Sun. Feb. 4 – Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Wed. Feb. 7 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Fri. Feb. 9 – 3rd Annual St. Peter's Couples Night
Sun. Feb. 11 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Wed. Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday mass at 8:00 PM
Wed. Feb. 14 – CCD Students attend mass with your family
Sun. Feb. 18 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Fri. March 1 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule
Sun. March 3 – Cabin Feverfest Euchre Tournament & Luncheon - Doors open at noon



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)
Thursdav.....8:30am

Parish News

Visiting Priests: We welcome Msgr. Robert Hundt and Fr. Dan Sedlacek while Fr. Biju returns home for a visit. There will be no weekday masses until Friday February 9th.
Mark Your Calendars: Cabin Feverfest, St. Peter's annual Euchre party & Luncheon, is planned for March 3rd starting at noon. **We will need more help from parishioners this year as many who have helped in the past are out of town.** There will be fliers and a sign-up sheet for food donations closer to the event.
Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Please be generous in this week's collection. In the US over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our Diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working in the margins. **Please find an envelope in your bulletin for this collection this week.**
Members of St. Peter's Parish: The ladies of the parish who met this last month are hoping to be able to provide a service to our church members and greater community. We are going to try to organize and be available to those who may need some help. We are going to begin with meals and/or visits to those who may be needing this type of assistance. We are asking those able-bodied members of the parish to provide their contact information to be added to a list that will be utilized if a need arises. No one will be asked too much. We are hoping with enough of us involved that the needs of parish members can be spread out over the rest of us to provide assistance. Many hands make light work. This will allow us to be the hands of Christ in a more active manner and extend beyond our own families. I know all of us are busy. But I am hopeful that by making a group of us available and willing to help, the responsibilities for caring for others will be shared by all. Please contact LaVonne Hundt at lvhundt@gmail.com or 608-317-9541 to add your name to the volunteer list.

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 30th.
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 February 4th.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.
***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.
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.