

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:**

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

**Message for the week of March 4: A Minute with Jesus: As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.**

We humbly give our assent to what has been handed on to us for the last 2,000 years through the one Church that Jesus founded. This assent (giving our “yes – I choose to believe”) involves our commitment to persistence in prayer and study of Scripture in asking Jesus for deeper understanding regarding His true presence in the Eucharist. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: “Lord Jesus, I believe; please help my unbelief.” This week, read how a father gives his assent to believing that Jesus can heal his son in Mark 9:20-27.

**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 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.**

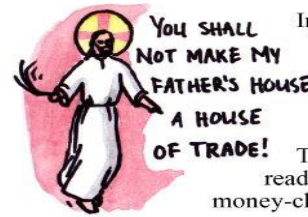
**Important Cemetery Information**

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

**Kids Korner**

**Sacred Places**



In the old times, people would bring animals to offer as sacrifices to God. By the time that Our Lord was born, there were people who were selling animals right in the area of the Temple. In today's Gospel reading Jesus drives the animals and money-changers out of the sacred space.

At one time the men who sold the animals for sacrifices were probably really helping the people who came to the Temple from far away. But now they were just trying to make money, and they were taking up space that was supposed to be used for people to worship God.



We also have sacred spaces like the Temple. Every Catholic church is a special place made for worshipping God in the Mass. We should always behave respectfully in church, and remember that Jesus is really there in the tabernacle. We can show our respect by walking quietly, not talking inside the Church unless it is necessary, and by paying attention when Mass is going on. Maybe you can be a good example to your friends of how to act in church!



Answers to front page, top to bottom: Left: 4, 9, 3, 5, 10, Right: 7, 6, 1, 8, 2.

**Jesus at the Temple Word-Find**



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 O U T A B L E S P E  
 P S U L E E H H L R  
 T H R E E D O V E S  
 M O N E Y I U S I X  
 S W E J E W S T O P  
 B O D S H E E P D Y

Find all the words in CAPITALS and then use the letters that are left over to fill in the blanks at the end.

Jesus made a whip out of cords and DROVE them all out of the TEMPLE area, with the SHEEP and the OXEN, and SPILLED the COINS of the MONEY-changers and OVERTURNED their TABLES, and to those who sold DOVES he said, "Take these OUT of here, and STOP making my FATHER'S house a market place." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, ZEAL for your HOUSE will consume me. The JEWS said to Him, "What sign can you SHOW us for doing this?" Jesus answered them and said, "Destroy this temple, and in THREE days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for FORTY - SIX years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

**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](mailto: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**  
**W697 State Hwy 33**  
**Rockland, WI 54653**



Parish website: [www.saintpetersparish.net](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 3, 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

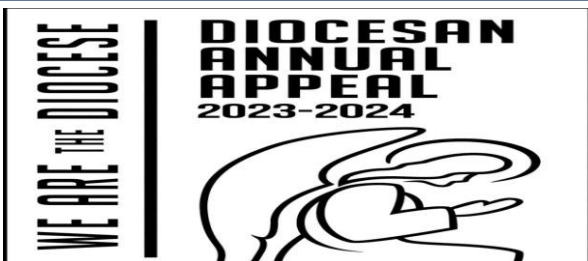
Parish Intentions

**3/6 Wednesday 8:00 AM –**  
**For the priesthood of newly**  
**ordained Fr. Jared Clements**  
**(MLH)**

**3/8 Friday 8:00 AM –**  
**† Chester, Lucille & Rick**  
**Schermerhorn (RPS)**

**3/9 Saturday 8:00 PM –† Harold**  
**& Susan Muenzenberger (RBM)**

**3/10 Sunday 10:00 AM –**  
**† Ruth Ann Rowell (MLH)**



**Goal: \$11,760.00**

**Total Pledged: \$7,260.00**

**Total Received: \$7,260.00**

**Under Goal: \$4,500.00**

**Participation: 62%**

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$997.27
	-\$872.73
Year to Date Target -	\$63,580.00
Year to Date Total -	\$71,605.94
	+\$8,025.94

Readings for March 10, 2024

**First Reading:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-23

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10

**Gospel Reading:** John 3:14-21

Ministry Servers

**Saturday March 9 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Isabell Korn, Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen

Ushers: Don Halderson & Phil Gronemus

Lector: Julie Lundeen

**Sunday March 10 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson

Ushers: Rob Slattery & 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!!

Stations of the Cross

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

**Adoration to follow**

Parish Calendar of Events

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 @ 6:30 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

Wed. March 13 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM

Wed. March 13 - Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 PM

Sun. March 17 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

Mon. March 18 - St. Peter's Soup Supper @ 7:00 PM

Mon. March 18 - Cemetery Committee meeting @ 7:30 PM

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

Mon. April 1 - PCCW meeting at 7:30 PM

Fri. April 5 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule



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

**Third Sunday of Lent Year**

“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” *John 2:13-25*

Hard to believe this week we are already into the third Week of Lent. Before we know it, Holy Week will be upon us and we will then celebrate the glorious feast of Easter. In preparation for Easter, there will be two priests available to hear the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Peters Catholic Church this Wednesday at 6:30 pm and at St. Joseph Parish on March 13th at 6:30 pm. I invite you to take some time to take part in this great sacrament of God's mercy.

In the Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus expelling the merchants from the temple, condemning commerce within the temple court. He told them “Stop making my father's house a marketplace.” I invite you to reflect on how much of reverence is given to God's temple as we come to the church. Also how do we treat our body; temple of the Holy Spirit? St Paul in first Corinthians 6:19 tells “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own”. Lent is the ideal time to clean out the Temple of Holy spirit and to offer to God proper worship. Allow God's Holy Spirit to control our hearts and lives.

The month of March is dedicated to devotion to St. Joseph. St. Joseph Patron and Protector of the Universal Church, is also the primary patron of the Diocese of La Crosse. March 19<sup>th</sup> we celebrate his feast. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man." As the head and protector of the Holy Family and a humble carpenter, St. Joseph is the perfect role model for men as a father, husband and worker. Though the Gospels are silent on the remainder part of St. Joseph's life, it is believed that he died peacefully in the loving arms of Jesus and Mary in Nazareth before Jesus began His ministry at the age of 30. Thus, he became the patron of a happy death. We can invoke the intercession of St. Joseph on all who are in their last moments of life. Let us ask St. Joseph to defend and help us on our path toward Heaven and to grant us a love for Jesus and Mary like he had in his heart!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

**Children's Choir:** St. Peter's is grateful for the sound of our children's voices during the Holy Liturgy of the mass. The children will sing again next Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Their presence in the choir every Sunday is greatly appreciated.

**Soup Supper & Fellowship:** There will be a Lenten gathering in the church basement on Monday March 18<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!

**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.

**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>.

**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 April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.**

**\*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.