

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Message for the week of August 25: A Minute with Jesus: At Mass, the Scripture Readings prepare us to receive Jesus**

There are two major parts to the Mass: the liturgy of the word and the liturgy of the eucharist. In the liturgy of the word, we listen to three readings and a psalm from the Bible. These readings help us recall all that God has done for us: His love and His plan for us. We stand up for the third reading – the Gospel, the most important reading – because Matthew, Mark, Luke and John deliver the message that Jesus brings, and include quotations of His very own spoken words. After the Gospel, the priest or deacon helps us to understand these readings from sacred scripture and how to apply the message to our daily life in order to be a more faithful follower of the Lord. Hearing the words of scripture and the homily prepare our hearts to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to come to Mass with an open heart, ready to hear the readings from scripture and the homily in order to know You better.

This week, read from the letter of Paul to Timothy about the importance of God's Word: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, correction and training in righteousness, so that the man (or woman) of God may be fully competent and equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

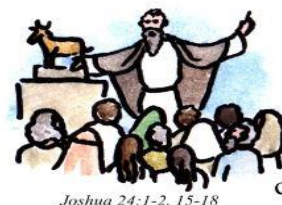
**Love for Life:** Come out to Pro-Life Wisconsin's 2024 Love for Life Gala at the Brookfield Conference Center on Saturday September 14th we raise the funds to protect all human life! The gala will feature keynote speaker Seth Dillon, CEO of the Babylon Bee. Doors open at 5:00pm, cocktail hour with open bar, games, and raffle from 5:30-6:30pm, and 6:30pm dinner program followed by live auction and keynote. Register by Monday Aug. 26th at [ProLifeWI.org/gala](http://ProLifeWI.org/gala).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Married Couples - Marriage is a journey! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married for 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next weekends in our area are Sept. 27-29 in Dubuque and Nov. 8-10 in Holstein. Call 563.920.9419 for more information or sign up at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

**Walking with Women, Praying with Scripture!** All women are welcome! This is NOT a physical exercise of the body. We practice the ancient exercise of lectio divina, engaging our five senses while reading the Gospels. This practice has been passed down through the church for ages, aiding the faithful to experience a deeper encounter with Jesus in His Living Word. As a group, we desire to offer Christian community for women of all ages. We will be gathering in the Undercroft at **St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral beginning on Thursday, September 19, at 6 p.m.** Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at [walking9praying8@gmail.com](mailto:walking9praying8@gmail.com) for more information.

**Kids Korner**

**We Choose to Follow Jesus**



Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

In today's first reading, Joshua told the people that they had to choose between the false gods and the true God. Joshua and the people chose to worship the true God.

In the Gospel today we hear that many people stopped following Jesus because they couldn't understand what He was teaching. But the Apostles chose to stay with Jesus. Like Saint Peter said, they knew that He was the Holy One of God.



Do you ever have a hard time understanding what Jesus tells us? We need to be like the Apostles and choose to follow Jesus even when it's hard, especially when other people don't follow Him.

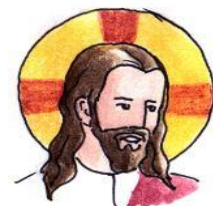


Answers to Word Puzzle: Holy One of God, believed, come, words, eternal, life, answer, him, go, you, twelve, you, Simon.

**The Apostles Stay with Jesus Word Puzzle**

John 6:60-69

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks. Use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



Jesus said to the

\_\_\_\_\_3\_\_\_\_\_ [EVLWTE],  
"Do \_\_\_\_\_5\_\_\_\_\_ [UOY] also wish  
to go away?"

\_\_\_\_\_11\_\_\_\_\_ [NMIOS] Peter

\_\_\_\_\_12\_\_\_\_\_ [WSNAREED]

\_\_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_ [MIH], "Lord, to whom shall we

\_\_\_\_\_10\_\_\_\_\_ [OG]? \_\_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_\_ [OUY] have the

\_\_\_\_\_8\_\_\_\_\_ [DRWOS] of

\_\_\_\_\_6\_\_\_\_\_ [TEENRLA]

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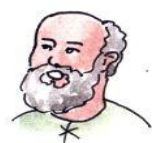
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have \_\_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_\_ [MCOE] to know that you

are the

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8 9 10 11 12



**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

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Bulletin deadline: .....Wednesday

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**PARISH WEBMASTER** Christopher Pundzak

**SACRISTANS** Richard Korish & Austin Menn

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Fr. Biju

**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,  
Pat Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

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**FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR**

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

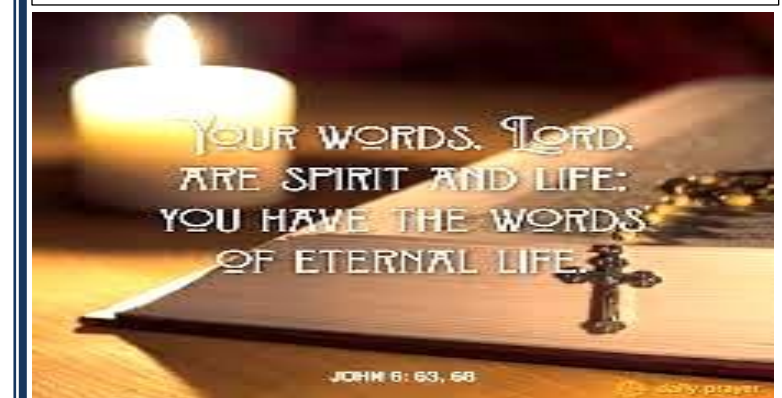
**MUSIC**

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

**St. Peters Catholic Church**  
**Middle Ridge, WI**  
**W697 State Hwy 33**  
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**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**AUGUST 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

8/28 Wednesday 8:00 AM –  
**No Mass**

8/30 Friday 8:00 AM –  
**No Mass**

8/31 Saturday 8:00 PM –

**† Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)**

9/1 Sunday 10:00 AM –

**† Francis & Annetta Benzing & family (PPB)**

Ministry Servers

**Saturday August 31 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Isabell Korn & Volunteer

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Bill Korn

Lector: Dan Korn

**Sunday September 1 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Madi & Allis Gronemus & Avin Stephenson

Ushers: Peter Benzing & Gary Gronemus

Lector: Pam Benzing

**\*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!!

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. August 28 - No Daily Mass: Father on Retreat

Fri. August 30 - No Daily Mass: Father on Retreat

Sun. Sept. 1 - Children's choir practice after mass

Fri. Sept. 6 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. Sept. 8 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Sun. Sept. 15 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

Wed. Sept. 18 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM



**\*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.

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

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

John's Gospel this weekend highlights the theme of the difficulty of listening to the Word of God: This saying is hard; who can accept it? The temptation not to believe begins when we find the teaching of Christ unpleasant, inconsistent with our own criteria and expectations. Jesus, however, did not soften his speech, even after the scandal He caused when he defined his Body and Blood as food to eat. God does not change a single letter in the word of truth, even though it may cause his disciples to leave him.

There is no hesitation in the Son of God, not even a temptation or a slightest doubt, when He speaks the truth. He is ready to lose everything and everyone just to preserve the truth. This inspires Peter to make his own uncompromising, yet fundamentally truthful, statement, expressed in the question: to whom shall we go? Jesus's boldness encourages Peter to the ultimate sacrifice, paying the highest price for the truth of confessing Jesus before others, to martyrdom.

Peter could not imagine his life without Christ. Only in abiding with Christ did he see meaning for his life. In our lives we tend to believe in many theories regarding what is the sense of life, what gives our life meaning. The reality is if Jesus had not become a man our lives would be meaningless, despite all our attempt to give life a meaning.

Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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**Children's Choir:** Greetings to our Children's Choir! Our first practice will be Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> after mass. You'll be singing at mass on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> (which is also the Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday). We look forward to hearing your uplifting voices.

**CCD News:**

**-Please watch your email for registration information. This can be printed out & brought in on the first day of class or dropped off in the church office before then. Classes will start on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> for grades 1 - 6 and Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> for grades 7 - 10.**

-We are still in need of a Director of Religious Education at St. Peter's. Carol Gronemus is willing to help out as a "co-director". We need someone who is computer savvy and has a desire to shape our young Catholics. This is a great opportunity for a parent who has their child/children in the program and are bringing them to church for class anyway OR a retired person looking to support our youth. This person should be available to oversee at least the Sunday morning classes as Carol will be teaching. Please contact Fr. Biju with questions and/or send your resume to him or the parish office.

**-WE NEED TEACHERS!!!! Please consider this role in your generosity to the church.** Contact Fr. Biju or Carol.

**Sauerkraut Supper:** Please mark your calendars for the upcoming supper related activities. We need parishioner HELP on these dates leading up to the supper:

Saturday September 14 at 9:00 AM – Basement cleaning & preparations

Saturday September 21 at 8:00 AM – Garage clean up & Coffeecake baking

Tuesday October 8 & Wednesday October 9 **ALL DAY** – Preparations for dinner

Wednesday October 9 from 4 PM – 7:30 – Serving dinner. Help needed afterwards for clean up.

**Come to Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM | Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock:** Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it.

**Job Opportunity:** The Diocese of La Crosse is in search of an Accounting Services Professional for the Shared Services department. Please go to Indeed.com and search for Diocese of La Crosse.

**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 September 8<sup>th</sup>.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.



**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$727.00
	-\$1,143.00
Year to Date Target -	\$13,090.00
Year to Date Total -	\$7,757.75
	-\$5,332.25

Readings for September 1, 2024

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:1-8

**Second Reading:** James 1:17-27

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23