

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Message for the week of September 1: A Minute with Jesus: Jesus Wants to Remain within Us**

The second part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We know that Jesus wants to remain with us—to abide within us. We celebrate at Mass the enduring self-gift of Jesus Christ by which He fulfills His promise to remain with us always (unless we choose to separate ourselves from Him through serious sin). When we receive the Eucharist, we are united to Jesus. He dwells within our heart. This is why the Eucharist is called Holy Communion. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please continue to "stay with me", to abide in me so that I can be strengthened as Your faithful follower. This week, read how after the Resurrection Jesus walked with two disciples, explained the Scriptures to them and then celebrated the Eucharist so that they could abide in Him in Luke 24: 13-35

**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).

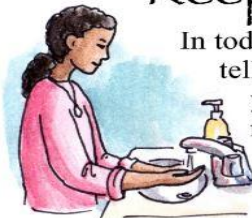
**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Married Couples - Marriage is a journey! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married for 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next weekend in our area is 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.

**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](http://Indeed.com) and search for Diocese of La Crosse.

**Kids Korner**

**Keeping Clean**



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the Pharisees that having your soul clean from sins is more important than keeping your body clean!

But that doesn't mean that we should be dirty! God wants us to keep our bodies and our souls clean. We keep our bodies clean when we wash our hands or take a bath. Do you know how we keep our souls clean?



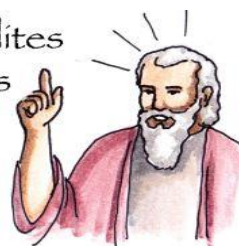
When someone does a big sin he or she needs to go to confession to get cleaned up. Confession cleans away our little sins too. Other things that take away small sins are going to Holy Communion, praying, and blessing ourselves with holy water.



Answers to True or False: 1. false 2. true 3. true 4. true 5. false 6. true 7. true

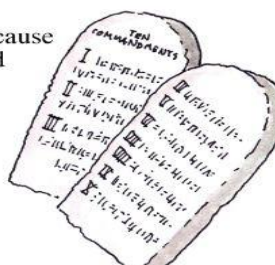
**Moses Tells the Israelites to Follow God's Laws True or False**

How much do you know about God's commandments for the Israelites? See if you know which of these are true and which are false:



1. Moses only taught some of the people of Israel that they had to obey the commandments that God gave them. True or false?
2. The people had to obey God's laws if they wanted to live in the land that He was giving them. True or false?
3. Moses said that they were not allowed to add to God's law, nor take away from it. True or false?
4. If the people obeyed God's commandments then all the other nations would see that they were wise. True or false?
5. The laws that God gave the people of Israel were unfair. True or false?
6. God gave His people laws because He cared for them and wanted what was best for them. True or false?
7. We should obey God's commandments because they tell us how to live well. True or false?

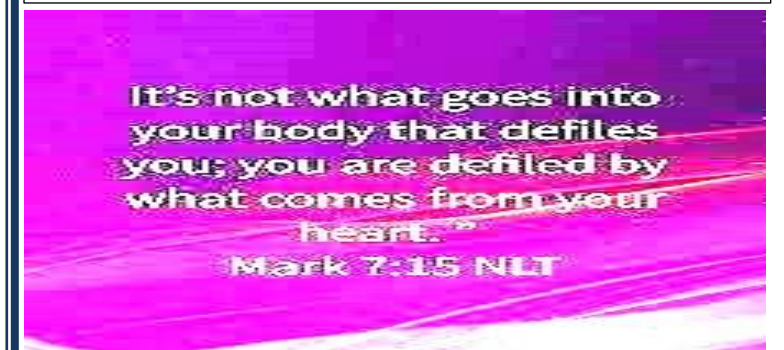
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8



**St. Peters Catholic Church  
Middle Ridge, WI  
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Parish website: [www.saintpetersparish.net](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)  
**TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**



**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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Home Phone: (608) 486-4012

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

**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

**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

**9/4 Wednesday 8:00 AM –  
St. Peter’s Parish family**  
**9/6 Friday 8:00 AM –  
† Wilfred & Alice Kotek (SMF)**  
**9/7 Saturday 8:00 PM –  
† Mary Weber & family (BJL)**  
**9/8 Sunday 10:00 AM –  
† Peter Drake (PTS)**

Ministry Servers

**Saturday September 7 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen  
Ushers: Tim Leis & Don Halderson  
Lector: Julie Lundeen

**Sunday September 8 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Lukas, Max & Abel Slattery  
Ushers: Robert Slattery & Mark Gronemus  
Lector: John Hundt

**\*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

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

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

**Sat. Sept. 14** – Basement cleaning & Supper Prep @ 9 AM

**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

**Sat. Sept. 21** – Garage clean up & Coffeecake baking @8AM



**\*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

❖ **Stewardship Reflection** ❖

Today's readings call us to pause momentarily and consider how we respond to God's love for us daily.

Our Gospel recounts a dialogue between the Pharisees and Jesus. The Pharisees questioned why Jesus' disciples did not practice the ritual washing before eating a meal.

Jesus' response reminds us to ask ourselves 'why.' Why do we remain faithful to God's commands? Why do we pray or go to Mass? Why do we participate in the sacraments? Why do we love others?

Our faith, when lived out of love, has the power to transform us and those around us. It's not just about obligations, fear, or duty, but about the profound love that Jesus showed us and calls us to share.

St. James reminds us that every moment of each day is an opportunity to respond to God's infinite love for us with love and gratitude in return.

Suppose we approach our relationship with Jesus with this in mind. In that case, we begin to realize that the gift of the Mass is an opportunity to worship God, the sacraments are ways to draw us closer to Him, and His commandments are opportunities to love Him more faithfully.

If we approach our day-to-day moments with this in mind, we begin to see just how many blessings God has given us. Looking at life through the lens of gratitude helps us see each moment as a gift with endless opportunities to respond in love.

Gratitude is not just a feeling, but a way of life. It's how we, as Christian stewards, should live — recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us.

Parish News

**Children’s Choir:** Greetings to our Children’s Choir! You will 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:

**-Registrations have been emailed out. 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:

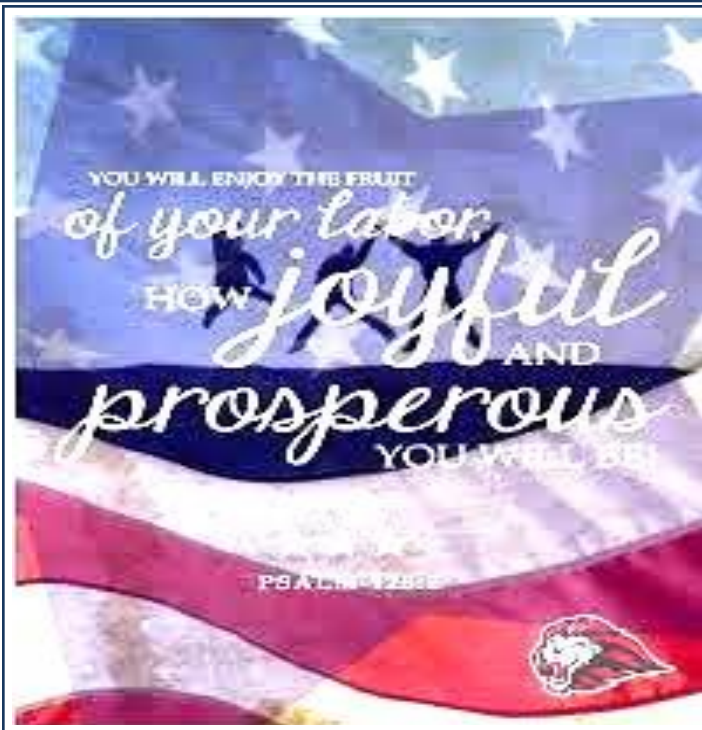
- Saturday September 14 at 9:00 AM – Basement cleaning & preparations
- Saturday September 21 at 8:00 AM – Garage clean up & Coffeecake baking
- Tuesday October 8 & Wednesday October 9 **ALL DAY** – Preparations for dinner
- Wednesday October 9 from 4 PM – 7:30 – Serving dinner. Help needed afterwards for clean up.

**The sign-up board can now be found in the back of church. Sign up today!!!**

**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.

**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 September 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Victory of the Light Conference:** Learn how to grow our DCCW council and make our leaders be the best they can be. Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 AM – 4 PM at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Richland Center. See flier in the back of church for more information or email the parish office. RSVP by September 14<sup>th</sup>. A \$10 fee will be collected.



**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,156.00
	-\$714.00
Year to Date Target -	\$14,960.00
Year to Date Total -	\$8,913.75
	-\$6,046.25

Readings for September 8, 2024

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7  
**Second Reading:** James 2:1-5  
**Gospel Reading:** Mark 7:31-37