

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of September 22:

A Minute with Jesus: Preparing to Receive Jesus

When we are at Mass, and preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, our minds will sometimes wander. When we find ourselves distracted in this way, we want to simply return our eyes to the altar and listen with our hearts as the priest prays the words of Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into His Body and Blood of Jesus. As we go forward to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, it is a good practice to repeat the following prayer: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed" (Mt 8:8). Let's pray this right now and every day this week in preparation for next Sunday: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." (Mt 8:8) This week, read Isaiah 26:3: "He does keep in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee."

Pro-Life Witness – Join 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse:

From Sept. 25 to Nov. 3, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – to stand and peacefully pray at a particular hour during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia St., La Crosse. For more information and to sign up, please get in touch with Marie Allen by visiting 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse. The 40 Days for Life opening rally will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia St., La Crosse. Topic: Post-abortion ministries in our area. All are welcome!

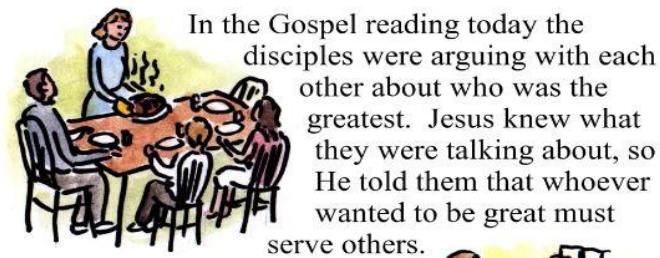
St. Wenceslaus Parish Chicken Dinner: (Milladore, WI) October 6th Drive-THRU ONLY serving from 11am to 1pm meals are \$14 and include: Chicken breast and thigh with every dinner, dressing, Potatoes, Sauerkraut with sausage, carrots, dessert and Kolache.

Annual Pancake Breakfast: St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 7:30 AM – Noon. Meal includes: delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-12, 5 and under free. New this year – Pancake topping bar! Your choice of maple syrup, blueberries, strawberries, chocolate syrup, sprinkles, whip cream and peanut butter (while supplies last).

Holy Trinity Chicken-Que and Bake Sale: Thursday, October 10, 11:00-5:30, 13th and Park Streets, La Crosse. 1/2 Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw and Roll \$11.00. Carryout, Drive Through, Delivery. Presales preferred—Call the Chicken Line at 608-782-2028 Ext. 2.

Kids Korner

Who is the Greatest?



In the Gospel reading today the disciples were arguing with each other about who was the greatest. Jesus knew what they were talking about, so He told them that whoever wanted to be great must serve others.

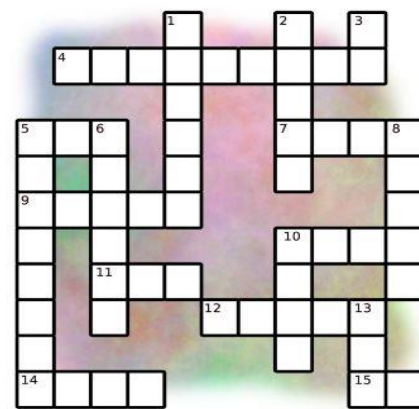
Can you think of anyone who serves you? What about your parents? Priests, teachers and doctors also serve us. How can you serve others?



What would you like to do when you grow up? How will you be able to serve people then?



Psalm 54 Cross-Word



Unscramble the words in today's Psalm to fit them into the puzzle.
a=Across d=Down

O God, by your name (ESAV 14a) me, and by your (THGMI 2d) (FENDED 6d) my cause.
O God, (ERHA 7a) my (YREPRA 1d); hearken (OT 15a) the (DROWS 12a) of my mouth.
For the haughty have (NERIS 8d) up against (EM 3d), the ruthless seek my (FLEI 10a); they (TES 13d) (NTO 11a) God before their eyes.
Behold, (DGO 5a) is my helper; the (DOLR 10d) sustains my life.
Freely will I (EFFOR 9a) you (FICESACIR 4a); I will praise your name, O Lord, for its (NSSEGDOO 5d).



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

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

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

St. Peters Catholic Church
Middle Ridge, WI
W697 State Hwy 33
Rockland, WI 54653



Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 22, 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

9/25 Wednesday 8:00 AM –
† Patrick Leis (TS)
9/27 Friday 8:00 AM –
† Chelsea Mashak (MF)
9/28 Saturday 8:00 PM –
Al Antony family (AA)
9/29 Sunday 10:00 AM –
† Kathleen Slattery (PTS)

Ministry Servers

Saturday September 28 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen
Ushers: Tim Leis & Duane Leis
Lector: Dan Korn

Sunday September 29 – 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!!

From the Pastor's Pen

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mark tells us in today's Gospel of how Jesus struggled to prepare His disciples for His impending death and Resurrection. As they were passing through Galilee, He spoke to them in very clear terms: The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after three days He will rise. (Mark 9:29- 36) The Lords' disciples were troubled by this news, for they were dreaming of an earthly kingdom. But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to ask Him. Despite the Master's warning, the disciples continued to debate the make-up of their future regime and who was the greatest. Upon their arrival at Capharnaum, Jesus asked them, what were you discussing on the way? Perhaps more than a little ashamed, they fell silent.

Jesus takes a little child present, sets him in the center and says to his disciples: "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes not me but the one who sent me." God came to us in the form of a child, totally dependent on others. Jesus in today's Gospel once again affirms his readiness to give up all power. His greatness lies in love and service. How much of that do we understand in our daily lives?

On Monday we celebrate the feast of Padre Pio (Padre Pio of Pietrelcina), a great saint of the 20th century. One of the things I most admire about Padre Pio is his extraordinary devotion to the Sacrament of Confession. For decades, he spent hours each day hearing confessions, often up to 10 or 12 hours at a time. Also, his love for the Eucharist. While praying before a cross, he received the stigmata on 20th September 1918, the first priest ever to be so blessed. He died September 23, 1968 in San Giovanni Rotondo, Foggia, Italy. Saint Padre Pio is famously known for his stigmata, visions, and the gift of healing.

2024-2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal begins on October 12 - 13, 2024 with the theme "For We are God's Co-workers". Soon you will be receiving the appeal packet in the mail. More information will be given as we approach near the date. Have a blessed weekend!

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju MSFS

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

Tues. Sept. 24 - Parish Advisory Council meeting @ 7 PM

Wed. Sept. 25 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM

Fri. Sept. 27 - Parish Office Closed

Sun. Sept. 29 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

Wed. Oct. 2 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM

Fri. Oct. 4 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

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

Sun. Oct. 6 - Knights of Columbus meeting after mass

Sun. Oct. 6 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Sun. Oct. 20 - World Mission Sunday collection



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
 Monday5:30pm
 Tuesday..... 5:30pm
 (Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)
 Thursday.....8:30am



Annual Sauerkraut Supper

Eat-In or Carry-out

St. Peter's Church

Middle Ridge, Wisconsin
 (W697 Highway 33, Rockland, WI)

Wednesday October 9, 2024
Serving 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Church-made Kraut & Pork, Polish Sausage, Glazed carrots, Mashed potatoes and Gravy, Home-made pie

Cost of Dinner **\$15.00**
 Raw Kraut (2.5 lb)
 available for **\$5.00**

Beverage Tent
Bake Sale
Raffles



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	\$2,291.00
	\$421.00
Year to Date Target -	\$20,570.00
Year to Date Total -	\$13,585.86
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Readings for September 29, 2024

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Parish News

CCD News:

- Please pray for our teachers and students as they embark on a new year of learning our faith.
- Please get your registrations in if you have not done so already.
- There is still help needed with the CCD program. Please prayerfully consider lending a hand. Contact Fr. Biju with your interest.

Sauerkraut Supper: We are a few weeks away from the Sauerkraut Supper and there are still many envelopes in the back of church. Keep in mind that they include a list of items we need donated. Without those donations our parish dinner would be lacking. Please stop to get yours today or see if there is a friend or neighbors that you can take them to. The sign-up board is there also. Please sign up today! Please mark your calendars for the upcoming supper related activities. We need parishioner HELP on these dates leading up to the supper:

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!!!

Children's Choir: It's good to hear your voices again!! Practice will follow mass on Sunday October 6th. We will be learning new mass parts (Gloria, Lamb of God, etc). New singers are always welcome!

Knights of Columbus: The KC's will sponsor donuts and coffee after mass on October 6th in the basement and will hold their meeting afterwards. If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus please plan to attend the meeting.

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 October 6th.** 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 October 4th.**

Fundraising Help Needed: If you would like to help brainstorm and execute a new fundraiser for the parish, please contact Rachel Persson: 608-386-9543. We are looking for alternative ways to help financially support our parish due to today's financial climate.

Parishioners: Please remember that we have a group of ladies willing to help with meals or visit for you or a family member if needed. Please call or text LaVonne at 608-317-9541 for more information.