

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Message for the week of November 24:**

**A Minute with Jesus:** The Best Way to Offer Thanks to God. The very best way to offer thanks to God is through the holy Eucharist. The word Eucharist, from the Greek, means “thanksgiving.” When the holy Eucharist is celebrated, it is an action of thanksgiving to God for His works of creating everything out of nothing, redeeming us through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, and sanctifying us in being cleansed, healed and strengthened through our cooperation with God’s grace received in the sacraments. Let us join the people in our parish community and attend Mass on our national day of Thanksgiving. Receiving Jesus in the holy Eucharist and expressing gratitude to our heavenly Father for all of His benefits will help us to keep the proper focus amidst family relations, good food and the other enjoyable activities of Thanksgiving Day. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: Thank you, Jesus, for the many blessings in my life, most especially that You give Yourself to me in the holy Eucharist. This week, pray this verse: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God"

**St. Mary’s Annual Craft Show:** Come join the fun on Saturday, December 7, 2024 and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St. Concessions available throughout the show. Free admission! Visit our website: [www.stmarycv.org/craft-show](http://www.stmarycv.org/craft-show) or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or [Peters@mwet.net](mailto:Peters@mwet.net).

**CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** The Cathedral (530 Main Street, La Crosse) annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale will be Saturday, December 7th from 8 am - 2 pm in the church undercroft. There will be a wonderful selection of unique gift items, Christmas decor, hand made greeting cards and religious items. The bake sale will feature a fabulous selection of cookies, cakes, breads and candy.

**Cookie Walk & Craft Sale:** Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 14, in the parish hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies, candies, breads, pies, Scandinavian sweets, handcrafted items, Scrip gift cards and raffles are available for sale. Serving breakfast (featuring egg bakes and cinnamon rolls) and lunch (homemade soup and chili). Door Prizes announced every half hour.

**Holy Trinity Cookie Walk:** Saturday, December 14, 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Large assortment of Christmas Cookies. Basket raffle drawing at 11 ( need not be present to win). **ATTENTION CRAFTERS** - there are still some tables available for crafters to rent during the Holy Trinity Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 14th. Email us at [htstannes@gmail.com](mailto:htstannes@gmail.com) for information!!

**Meet St. Nicholas:** St. Nicholas of Myra Celebration for Children 1:00 - 4:15 p.m. December 1, 2024. Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI on Sunday, December 1! Come for Mass at 1:00 p.m. and stay to meet Saint Nicholas. The day will conclude at 4:15 p.m. More information at [GuadalupeShrine.org/events](http://GuadalupeShrine.org/events)

**Kids Korner**

**Christ is the King!**

Every year on the last Sunday before Advent, we celebrate the feast day of Christ the King.

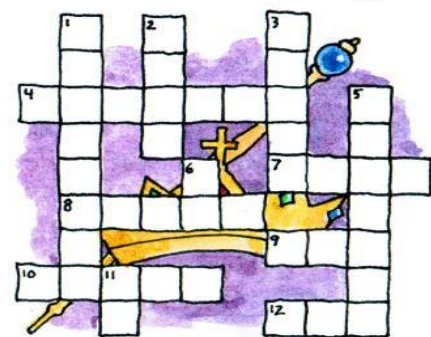
Jesus is a good king who loves His people so much that He died so we could go to Heaven.

What can you do to show Jesus that He is the king of your life? What can you do to show other people that Jesus is your king?

What is something special that you can do today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King?



*Christ the King Crossword*



Revelation 1:5-7

Here is a part of today's second reading. Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks and the puzzle.

D=down  
A=across.

(3D) \_\_\_\_\_ Christ is the (1D) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (4A) \_\_\_\_\_, the firstborn (11D) \_\_\_\_\_  
 the dead and ruler of the (2D) \_\_\_\_\_s of  
 the earth. To (12A) \_\_\_\_\_ who loves us and  
 has (8A) \_\_\_\_\_ us from our (7A) \_\_\_\_\_  
 by his blood, who has made us into a  
 (5D) \_\_\_\_\_, priests for his (9A) \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 Father, to him (6D) \_\_\_\_\_ (10A) \_\_\_\_\_  
 and power forever and ever. Amen.

**OF GLORY BE HIM WITNESS  
 GOD FAITHFUL SINS KING  
 FREED KINGDOM JESUS**

**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

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Bulletin deadline: .....Wednesday

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**PARISH WEBMASTER** Christopher Pundzak

**SACRISTANS** Richard Korish & Austin Menn

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Miranda Flock

**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  
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 Rockland, WI 54653**



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING



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

**11/27 Wednesday 7:00 PM –  
Thanksgiving Mass**

**† Jerry Hundt (AH)**

**11/29 Friday 8:00 AM –**

**† Madonna Hundt (AH)**

**11/30 Saturday 8:00 PM –**

**St. Peter’s Parish Family**

**12/1 Sunday 10:00 AM –**

**† Leo & Shirley Servais (SF)**

Ministry Servers

**Wednesday November 27 – 7:00 PM  
Thanksgiving mass- Volunteers needed for all**

**Saturday November 30 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen

Ushers: Duane Leis & Tim Leis

Lector: Julie Lundeen

**Sunday December 1 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson & Sawyer Tollefson

Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Leo Leis

Lector: Joseph Peterson



“For we are co-workers;  
you are God’s field,  
God’s building.”

1 Corinthians 3:9

**1 CORINTHIANS 3:9**

DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER

GOAL

**\$12,520.00**



PLEGDED AND  
RECEIVED

**\$5,909.00**

# OF DONORS

**21**

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,148.77
	\$721.23
Year to Date Target -	\$37,400.00
Year to Date Total -	\$26,828.03
	-\$10,571.97

Readings for December 1, 2024

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 21:25-36

Parish Calendar of Events

**Wed. Nov. 27** - Grades 7-10 NO CCD Class

**Sun. Dec. 1** - Grades 1-6 NO CCD Class

**Sun. Dec. 1** - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

**Tues. Dec. 3** - Parish Advisory Council meeting @ 7 PM

**Wed. Dec. 4** - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

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

**Sat. Dec. 7** - PCCW meeting & Cookie sorting @ 11 AM

**Sat. Dec. 7** - Casa Hogar Cookie sale after mass

**Sun. Dec. 8** - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

**Sun. Dec. 8** - Casa Hogar Cookie sale after mass

**Tues. Dec. 10** - Parish Finance Council meeting @ 6:30 PM



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

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

The liturgical year of the Church concludes with this Feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. The Council of Nicaea was convened on July 4th 325. It was the first council in the history of the Christian church that was intended to address the entire body of believers. It was convened by the emperor Constantine to resolve the controversy of Arianism.

Solemnity of Christ the King reminds us that our earthly cities, governments, and rulers will pass away, and that our lasting city will be in heaven, with Jesus Christ as our only King and Ruler. "When He comes again in glory" (Mt. 25:31) "the Lord will reign as king forever" (Psalm 29:10) and "all things will be subjected to His rule." (1 Corinthians 15:28). In the preface of today's Mass it is mentioned that his kingdom will be "an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace". How blessed we are to know that we are his subjects and He is our King.

As the month of November draws to a close, we continue to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Book of Remembrance will remain open during this whole month. Next Sunday, December 1, we begin a new Liturgical Year with the Season of Advent. At the entrance of the church there will be several copies of Advent and Christmas daily reflections booklets. This booklet contains meditations for each day of Advent. I invite everyone to take a copy home and read as one way to come closer to Christ during this holy season.

Have a blessed weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

**DRE Position:** A huge *THANK YOU* to Miranda Flock for accepting this position. God bless you for your service.

**Thanksgiving Mass:** There will be a mass celebrated on **Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**. We will need volunteers for mass assignments. This mass will take the place of the morning mass. Please note the mass time!!!

**Christmas Flowers:** If you would like to donate towards the flowers that will decorate our church you can place your donation in an envelope in the offertory. **We will be decorating the church on December 22<sup>nd</sup> after mass.**

**PCCW News:** There will be a PCCW meeting Saturday Dec. 7th at 11:00 am. We are once again having a Christmas cookie sale with proceeds going to Casa Hogar orphanage and would like to request donations of Christmas cookies or treats from parishioners. The sale will be after Dec. 7th and 8th masses. Please have donations to church by Dec. 7th at 11:00 am. Please attend the meeting as we will be repackaging and sorting cookies, discussing Sauerkraut Supper finances, and yearly donations.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** We will have confessions available here at St. Peters on Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:15 pm. There will be 2 priests available. St. Joseph Ridge will have confessions on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm. There will be all day confessions at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Monday, December 16th from 9 am - 6 pm. There will be four to five priests available to hear confessions at any given time.

**Thanksgiving:** The very best way to offer thanks to God is through the holy Eucharist. The word Eucharist, from the Greek, means “thanksgiving.” When the holy Eucharist is celebrated, it is an action of thanksgiving to God for His works of creating everything out of nothing, redeeming us through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus and sanctifying us in being cleansed, healed and strengthened through our cooperation with God’s grace received in the sacraments. Let us join the people in our parish community and attend Mass on our national day of Thanksgiving. Receiving Jesus in the holy Eucharist and expressing gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all of His benefits will help us to keep the proper focus amidst family relations, good food and the other enjoyable activities of Thanksgiving Day.

**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 December 1<sup>st</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 next on December 6<sup>th</sup>.** Contact Father if there is a need before then.