

Diocesan and Community News

Message for the week of December 22:

A Minute with Jesus: Jesus came into the world to save us. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which means "house of bread." Because there was no room in the inn Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger, which is significant because it is a feeding trough for animals. This was all part of God's plan for His birth on Earth, to point to the fact that Jesus came to save us. This is really the whole meaning of Christmas. Jesus came to give us Himself as food – He literally is the Bread of Life – supernatural bread that saves us, that spiritually nourishes and strengthens us with His grace. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for coming into the world as our Savior.

Feel free to clip out the form below and return it to the church:



"For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

Merry Christmas!

We are so glad that you are here with us to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

Welcome

How may we serve you?

- I have a special prayer request.
- I am going to this hospital- _____ and would appreciate a visit.
- I would like to return to the Parish.
- I would appreciate a call or visit by a member of the Parish.
- I am interested in joining an adult Bible study group or volunteering to serve the poor.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- I am interested in Parish membership.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Prayer Intention: _____
 Please place it in the basket or turn it in at the parish office.

Kids Korner

Christmas is Almost Here!



Now it's only a few days until Jesus' birthday! Are you all ready for it? If you have an Advent wreath then this is the week that all the candles will be lit. Jesus is coming soon, so the light should be getting very bright!

Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you know what it represents? A long time ago people used to have plays at Christmas time about how Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit from the tree, and how Jesus was born to save us from that sin. So a Christmas tree is there to remind us of why Jesus came.



Does your family have a nativity scene? It should be all ready for Christmas, but the Baby Jesus doesn't get put in the manger until Christmas Eve!



Luke 1.39-45

Elizabeth knew that Mary was the mother of the Messiah. What did she say to Mary when she came to visit her?

Use the code to find out!

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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

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

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 Leland Gregorich, Organist

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 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

12/24 Tuesday 8:00 PM –

† **Arnold & Theresa Arentz & Rick Schermerhorn (RPS)**

12/25 Wednesday 10:00 AM -

† **Dave & Marcie Hundt (HF)**

12/27 Friday 8:00 AM –

All Our Lady’s intentions(RJK)

12/28 Saturday 8:00 PM –

† **Theresa Schaub (MLH)**

12/29 Sunday 10:00 AM –

† **Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS)**

Ministry Servers

Tuesday December 24 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Duane Leis & Tom Schaub

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Wednesday December 25 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson & Sawyer Tollefson

Ushers: Peter Benzing & Mark Stephenson

Lector: Joseph Peterson

Saturday December 28 – 8:00 PM

Servers: Isabell Korn & volunteer

Ushers: Bill Korn & Ron Hurtz

Lector: Lynda Hurtz

Sunday December 29 – 10:00 AM

Servers: Madi & Allis Gronemus & Avin Stephenson

Ushers: Leo Leis & Gary Gronemus

Lector: Kathy Flock

From the Pastor’s Pen

The 4th Sunday of Advent

We have come to the last week of Advent season! Just a couple of days left for the celebration of Christmas. This weekend Luke tells us how two seemingly insignificant women met to celebrate the kindness and fidelity of God. It’s about Mary’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth. It shows us how sensitive Mary was to the needs of Elizabeth, her older cousin who had miraculously become pregnant in her old age. We can make a real difference in the lives of others by carrying Jesus to them. Sharing Jesus with others is the best Christmas gift we can give. The hill country of Judea is right here.

When Jesus first came into the world about two thousand years ago, his arrival was marked as the fulfilment of the promises of God. Scriptures tell us that from the fall of the first parents, God promised to send us the Redeemer. The people of God waited eagerly for him. The birth of Jesus is a reminder that God has not forgotten us. It is a reminder of how much God loves us. Christmas is God’s special and personal gift to humankind. Soon the liturgical season of Christmas will begin with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During these final days of Advent, we want to step back from our busy lives, taking time in stillness and solitude, to reflect more deeply on the mystery of God’s Incarnation – Jesus taking on human flesh to be among us.

As we celebrate Christmas this week, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Merry Christmas to each and every one of you. May the Peace and joy of Christ be yours.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Mass Time Change: The mass for the Solemnity of Mary on Wednesday, January 1st will be at 10:00 AM. This is a change from the Christmas letters that went out. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. **Volunteers are needed for servers, lector & ushers.**

Children’s Choir: All singers are welcome to join us to sing Christmas songs at the Holy Day mass on January 1st and at Epiphany on January 5th. Let us make a joyful noise!!

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. **Thank you to those who have donated towards our Christmas flowers:**

- In memory of Leo & Shirley Servais (S&GF) - From Lavina Flock
- From Margie Lee - From Jean Halderson
- From Gary & Deb Flock - In honor of the Al Antony family (AA)

Save the Date: There is a new fundraiser being planned to support our parish. Mark your calendars for February 8th and watch the bulletin for more information. If you would like to help with planning please contact Rachel at 608-386-9543. This is something NEW, DIFFERENT & EXCITING!!

Diocesan Thank You: “A heart-felt thank you from the Society of the Propagation of the Faith and our Diocesan Mission office to St. Peter Parish of Middle Ridge for your generous response of prayer and sacrifices for World Mission Sunday. Your response to Pope Francis’ call to ‘Go and invite everyone to the banquet’ gives witness to your commitment to Christ. We will forward your financial contribution of \$371.00 to our national office.”

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 January 5th.** 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 January 3rd.** Contact Father if there is a need before then.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: Our goal this year is \$12,520. The funds collected go towards the running of the Diocese and other smaller collections. Keep in mind that any donations over our goal come back to our parish for our own projects.

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. Dec. 22 – Christmas decorating of the church

Tues. Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Mass @ 8:00 PM

Choir will sing from 7:30 until time of mass

Wed. Dec. 25 – Christmas Day mass @ 10:00 AM

Wed. Dec. 25 - Grades 7-10 NO CCD CLASS

Sun. Dec. 29 – No CCD Grades 1-6 / Christmas break

Wed. Jan. 1 - Grades 7-10 NO CCD CLASS

Wed. Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary mass @ 10:00 AM (HDO)

Fri. Jan. 3 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. Jan. 5 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Sun. Jan. 5 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 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

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am



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

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER

GOAL

\$12,520.00



PLEGDED AND RECEIVED

\$8,675.00

OF DONORS

28

Pray Often & Daily!!!



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target - \$1,870.00

Last Week’s Total - \$1,314.00

-\$556.00

Year to Date Target - \$44,880.00

Year to Date Total - \$34,553.13

-\$10,326.87

Readings for December 29, 2024

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52