

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Message for the week of January 12:**

**A Minute with Jesus: Jesus' name means "God saves"**

The angel told Joseph in a dream that this Child was to be called "Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin" (Matt 1: 21). *Jesus saves us* from our sins by dying on the Cross and then giving us His resurrected body in the Eucharist. The holy Eucharist is the Church's most precious treasure. What a gift, that we may have a life-giving encounter with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for coming into the world to give us the greatest gift – Yourself in the holy Eucharist. This week, read the account of the angel appearing to Joseph in Matt 1: 18-25

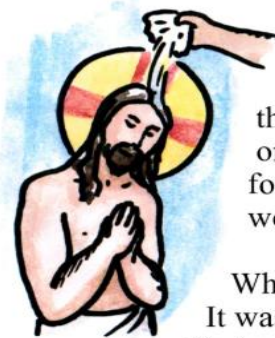
**Vendors Market:** The Cashton FFA is hosting their annual Vendors Market on January 25th, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will be held in the Cashton High School gym and there will be baked goods, hygiene products, clothing, jewelry, flowers, decorations, etc. See the flier in the back of church for more information.

**A gracious Thank You goes out for the Angel statue that was donated by Eugene & La Vina Flock. You can view it in the alcove by the Votive candle stand.**



**Kids Korner**

**Jesus Begins His Mission**



Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work? It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?



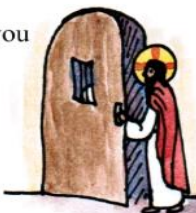
**Isaiah 42 Word Puzzle**

Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks!

Here is my \_\_\_\_\_ whom I uphold,  
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,  
upon whom I have put my \_\_\_\_\_;  
he shall bring forth justice to the nations,  
not crying out, not \_\_\_\_\_,  
not making his \_\_\_\_\_ heard in the street.  
A bruised reed he shall not \_\_\_\_\_,  
and a \_\_\_\_\_ wick  
he will not quench,  
until he establishes justice on the earth;  
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.



I, the Lord, have called you  
for the victory of justice,  
I have grasped you by the hand;  
I formed you, and set you  
as a covenant of the people,  
a \_\_\_\_\_ for the nations,  
to open the \_\_\_\_\_ of the blind,  
to bring out \_\_\_\_\_  
from confinement,  
and from the dungeon,  
those who live in darkness.



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| PRISONERS  | VOICE   | EYES  |
| SMOLDERING | SERVANT | LIGHT |
| SHOUTING   | SPIRIT  | BREAK |

**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](mailto: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**

Deborah 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](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**JANUARY 12, 2025**



**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

1/15 Wednesday - No Mass

1/17 Friday - No Mass

1/18 Saturday 8:00 PM -

**† Stanley Hundt (AH)**

1/19 Sunday 10:00 AM -

**St. Peter's Parish Family**



“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

**\$9,835.00**

# OF DONORS

**33**

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**



Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,870.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$2,241.00</u>
	\$371.00
Year to Date Target -	\$50,490.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$49,224.13</u>
	-\$1,265.87

Readings for January 19, 2025

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

**Gospel Reading:** John 2:1-11

Ministry Servers

**Saturday January 18 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Isabell Korn & Volunteer

Ushers: Bill Korn & Ron Hurtz

Lector: Lynda Hurtz

**Sunday January 19 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Jake & Josh Peterson & Sawyer Tollefson

Ushers: Leo Leis & Mark Gronemus

Lector: Joseph Peterson

**\*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.**

**8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration -**

**- Read Spiritual Books - Ask for Intercession - Meditate**

**- Offer a Holy Hour - Write a Prayer Journal -**

**Pray Spontaneously - Ask the Saints for help - Read the Scriptures**

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. Jan. 19 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

Sun. Jan. 19 - Parish Potluck after mass

Wed. Jan. 22 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM

Sun. Jan. 26 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

Sun. Feb. 2 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Fri. Feb. 7 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sat. Feb 8 - St. Peter's Beer, Wine & Cheese Tasting Event and Fundraiser at Timmers 10-Mile Pub from 2-5 PM

Fri. Feb. 14 - St. Peter's Couples Night



**\*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

The Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry.

Jesus begins His ministry through an act of deep solidarity with the fallen human race. John the Baptist had been preaching in the desert and offering a baptism of repentance. John's baptism was not the same as our baptism today. Instead, it was only a sign of one's willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God. Jesus, of course, had nothing to repent of. He was sinless in every way. But that didn't stop Him from freely choosing to receive the baptism of repentance. Why would He do that?

Simply put, Jesus chose to unite Himself with fallen humanity, taking upon Himself our own sins and suffering their consequences. He humbly allowed Himself to be identified as a sinner in need of repentance. This was done out of love for us and out of His longing to become one with us so that we could become one with Him.

By bowing His sacred head to receive the baptism of repentance, Jesus united Himself and His divinity to everyone who had already chosen to repent. And He gave power to every forthcoming act of repentance others would make, even until today. When we repent today, we meet Jesus in that same water of repentance.

It was not only the Eternal Son Who was present at that baptism of repentance, but the Father and the Holy Spirit as well. The Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and the Father's Voice spoke to acknowledge His oneness with His Son. Therefore, every time we make a humble act of repentance, such as when we combine the crucifixion, the Trinity, and holy water upon entering a church and blessing ourselves, we not only meet our Lord but also receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and share more fully in our adoption as sons and daughters of the Father in Heaven.

As we commemorate Jesus' baptism liturgically, we celebrate the fact that our Christian baptism was the beginning of this new unity with the Holy Trinity. But we also celebrate our oneness with God, which is renewed every time we make an interior act of repentance for our sins. If we fully understood what happens every time we acknowledge our sins and repent of them, we would never grow tired of repenting. Every time we acknowledge and repent of our sin, we meet Christ anew, receive a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and affirm and deepen our adoption by the Father in Heaven.

**“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”**

Parish News

**Nuptial Blessings:** Please keep Steven Hundt and Hannah Lazarescu in your prayers as they were wed here at St. Peters this weekend. May God bless their union!

**CCD Caroling:** Thank you to the parishioners who welcomed the CCD students into their homes for Christmas caroling, and thank you to the students for their time and fantastic effort of bringing cheer to others. All were amazing!

**Parish Potluck:** We will gather after mass on Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup> to have food and fellowship with our parish family in the church basement. Please bring a dish to pass.

**“Behold: Prayer of the Saints” Young Adult Retreat:** This retreat is for young adults aged 18-25 and will be held on January 25, 2025, from 9 am-5 pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in La Crosse. Hear inspiring talks about the prayer of the Saints, foster a deeper Catholic community with other young adults, and participate in the life of God via Mass, Confession, and personal prayer. There are also optional evening socials on Friday, January 24 at 7 pm at 608 Brewing Co. and Saturday, January 25 at 6 pm at Pizzeria Dolorosa. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a warm meal. Register at [tinyurl.com/beholdprayer](http://tinyurl.com/beholdprayer).

**NEW FUNDRAISER!** A Beer, Wine and Cheese Tasting evening is being planned at Timmers 10-Mile Pub on February 8, 2025 from 2-5pm. Call 608-796-2270 to reserve your tickets as seating is limited. Tickets are \$25 per person and include the choice of wine or beer tasting with cheese and chocolate pairings, and an artisan pizza buffet. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:** approximately 8 volunteers are needed for day-of help, and we are asking for items/cash donations to help put together raffle baskets. Please contact Rachel Persson at 608-386-9543 if you have items to donate or wish to help. Thank you in advance!

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Peter's Couples Night:** Valentine's day is a time to celebrate your love. St. Peter's Couples Night will be held **Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 - 9 PM in the church basement. There will be an inspirational speech by Deacon Chris Cabott, intimate multi-course meal with your Sweetheart, romantic music and Christian fellowship. Make your reservations before **February 7<sup>th</sup>** by calling or emailing the parish office or speak to Tom or Melissa Schaub. This event is open to all married or engaged couples. This is spiritual food for your marriage!!