

Diocesan and Community News

Supporting your Church

In good times and bad times, Catholic faithful have supported the church generously. Your Parish needs your generous support to continue. Collections at Weekly Masses are the main source of income. We need to consider alternative options to continuing your contributions to the Church. Our bank is not able to process ACH payments.

Please consider the following...

- Stop at the Parish Office and drop off contributions in person during office hours.
- Mail in your weekly/monthly offering to the parish office. (W697 State Hwy 33 Rockland, WI 54653)
- If you use online banking and would like to make your contribution using **bill pay**, set up St. Peter's Parish as a payment and the bank will mail it directly to the parish (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).

Wills & Estates:

As you prayerfully execute your will or do estate planning please consider keeping the St. Peter Parish in mind. The most common and simplest way to include the parish in your last wishes is to include a bequest in your will or trust.

Discouragement – All of us face this! Attend this important Virtual Conference "Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement" with Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V. Fr. Timothy Gallagher, a world-renowned teacher and spiritual director, will present on "Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement" at a Virtual Conference on August 29th. Learn to find freedom from one of the greatest obstacles in life – the "cage" of everyday discouragement we all experience. The presentations by Fr. Gallagher will be live-streamed by ZOOM webinar. Fr. Gallagher's warmth and style of speaking is for people of all states in life and all levels of formation. The schedule will include 4 talks by Fr. Gallagher, beginning at 10 a.m. For further details, a downloadable brochure or to register online, go to diolc.org/witness. Cost is \$15 which includes Fr. Gallagher's book shipped to your home.

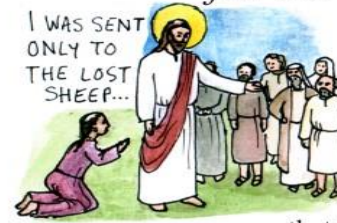
St. Patrick's Parish Summerfest: This year's event will be held at the Eagles Club picnic grounds on August 14, 15 & 16th. Friday starts with a motorcycle ride, Saturday includes food, fun, auctions, music, raffles and tournaments, Sunday will feature their famous Baked Chicken dinner (carry out only) from 10:00 AM until sold out. See the flier in the back of church or visit their website at <http://stpatricksparish.weconnect.com> or find them on Facebook.

Voting as a Christian – Faithful Citizenship: As the November election approaches, it is important to understand not only candidates and parties, but also the contrasting worldviews that underlie much of our politics – core beliefs about God, the human person, and the meaning and direction of our lives. For a reflection on this vital topic, visit www.diolc.org/faithful-citizenship, where you will find many other resources as well.

You may still observe the Sabbath from home via televised Mass (La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday) or online at diolc.org/sacredworship/televised-mass/

Kid's Korner

Does God Only Care for the Chosen People?



Long ago God had set aside the Israelites as His chosen people. He gave them laws and prophets and set up a covenant with them, that they would be His people and He would be their God. He promised them that He would send them a Savior.

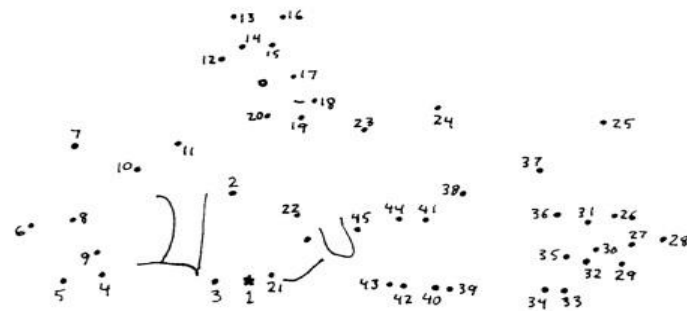
When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused- He had been sent to God's children, and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of His chosen people.



Dot to dot: dogs. Fill-in-the-blanks: just, revealed, Lord, servants, keep, sabbath, mountain, prayer, altar, house.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16th, 2020



In today's Gospel reading, a foreign woman was asking Jesus to cure her daughter. But Jesus said that He was sent to care for the children of Israel, not foreigners.

The woman replied to Jesus, "But even the _____ eat the scraps that fall from their master's table!"

*What did she say she was like?
Connect the dots to find out!*

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....8:00 PM

Sunday.....10:00 AM

Please keep capacity to 75 people.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Friday.....8:00 AM

ADORATION

Wednesday.....7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays during Adoration

& By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE (located in the church Sacristy)

Hours: Wednesday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16, 2020



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

8/19 Wed. 8:00 AM – Living & deceased members of the Carl & Mary Oelfke family (RJK)

8/21 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Leonard, Alberta & Andy Kick & Judy Murphy (AMS)

8/22 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Orvin Lee & family (MLF)

8/23 Sun. 10:00 AM – Living & deceased members of the Gronemus family (GF)

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. Aug. 23 – Confirmation at 10 AM Mass
Sun. Aug. 23 – Grades 1-6 CCD Classes begin 6:30-7:30 PM (evening class for 2 weeks)

Wed. Aug. 26 – Grades 7-10 CCD classes begin 7-8:15 PM

Sun. Sept. 13 – Rectory Open House after 10:00 AM mass

Wed. Oct. 14 – Curbside Kraut & Sausage Fest 4:00 – 7:30 PM (Carry-outs Only)

Tues. Oct. 20 – Parish Finance Council meeting 7:00 PM



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**Come spend some quiet time with Jesus.
Confessions available.**

August 15th - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven



St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m.

First Saturday Mass.....8:30am

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

Adoration after Mass until 7:00 pm

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastors Pen

Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.

This weekend we see Jesus is in Tyre and Sidon. Tyre and Sidon are the northernmost point of the boundaries of those days of Palestine. It's a place, mostly inhabited by the Canaanite. The Canaanite people were hated by the Jews. A Canaanite woman comes up to Jesus and begins to bother Him with a petition for help for her sick daughter. This passage from Mathew is one of disturbing readings because of the terms used in it. Jesus tells her "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

In the ancient world, dogs were seen as ritually unclean animals so to call someone a dog was one of the most derogatory comments that could be made. Again, at the beginning of the Gospel, the woman is presented as a Canaanite woman, meaning she was not one of the children of Israel.

At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away. We see how the woman turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. And her act of faith is recognized by Jesus at the end. Canaanite woman in the story, refused to be excluded and decided that she would no longer take 'no' for an answer. There we find how Jesus takes the term "children of Israel" to a new level of inclusion as he grants the favor she has requested.

Matthew didn't include this story in his Gospel in order to give us some kind of excuse to exclude others. Still the drama of life goes on. Are there people we would rather not have anything to do with? How do we respond to the Canaanite women in our world?

Please pray for the students who will be receiving the sacrament of confirmation on 23rd August.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

CCD Registration: Information has been sent to families by email. Please return them ASAP as our religious education year it starting very soon! Contact Mary Hundt if you have any questions or did not receive information.

Kraut Making: Thank you to all who came out to help cut cabbage for our upcoming Curbside Kraut & Sausage Fest.

Well Update: We have completed DNR requirements per the approved variance to connect the well to the water system serving the Church and Rectory. The DNR now has 30 days to review and perform the final testing requirements.

Confirmation: We are planning to have our Confirmation ceremony at the Sunday August 23rd mass. Please pray for our candidates: Lily Gronemus, James Hundt, Lauren Kadrmas, Rebecca Schaub & Alec Wall.

Reunite, Rebuild, Rejoice: We are beginning to celebrate the success of the program. The parish has collected \$8,765.00 thus far. We are very grateful for those who have given a one time gift and/or pledged to increase their giving to help the parish during this challenging time. If you have misplaced your pledge/donation card please contact the parish office.

Unite Wisconsin Rosary Rally: Unite Wisconsin will be held this Saturday, August 15, 2020, from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison. Great organizations of Faith are bringing us together in prayer to Almighty God to activate His powerful and merciful grace upon our hurting world. Only God can change the course of the evil that lie ahead of us. This is the time for Christian unity, action and prayer. This is not a political event, but a Holy Spirit driven event. Visit unitewisconsin.com for more details and to sign up. Event Details • Meet at 11:30 a.m. at Holy Redeemer Church, 120 W Johnson St, Madison, WI. • Eucharistic procession toward the State Capitol at noon. • Benediction in front of the State Capitol • Pray the Rosary • Ends at 3:00 p.m.

Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00
Last Week's Total - \$1,727.65
Offertory Recovery - \$380.00
+\$407.65

Year to Date Target -\$11,900.00
Year to Date Total - \$18,263.59
+\$6,363.59

Readings for August 23, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Prayer for Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already in my heart and unite myself to You completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.



Join Pro-Life Wisconsin in the spiritual battle to end abortion in our great State! We have joined forces with the Ave Maris Stella Group to encourage the Catholic Bishops of Wisconsin to consecrate Wisconsin to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

www.consecratewi.org

SIGN THE PETITION!

