

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.

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend: August 7-9, 2020 "Our Retrouvaille experience helped us so much to better deal with the problems we were facing." Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel disillusionment, coldness or conflict in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Visit <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/> for this couple's story and online inquiries. For information or to register for the next program in Central Wisconsin, see website or Call (Confidential) 1- 877-922-HOPE(4673).

75th Anniversary of Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: August 6 and 9 mark the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the first, and one hopes the last, time atomic weapons were employed in war. In observation of this 75th anniversary, the US Bishops invite Catholics in the United States to come together in solidarity in our personal prayers and Masses on Sunday, August 9. For information on the Church's response to nuclear armaments, visit www.usccb.org/nuclear.

Kid's Korner

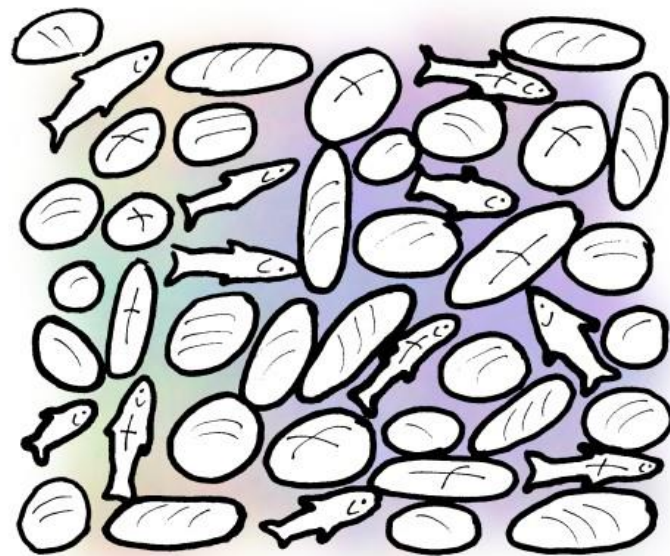
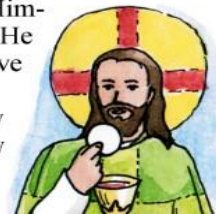
Jesus Feeds Five Thousand with five loaves and two fish



In today's Gospel reading, the disciples see all the hungry people who had come to listen to Our Lord and to be healed. They know that they can't feed them all, so they ask Jesus to send them to the towns to buy food. But Jesus isn't limited by nature, because He is God. He blesses a bit of bread and fish and it becomes enough to feed over five thousand people!

Our Lord was showing us that He will provide for all our needs if we listen to Him, just like it says in today's reading from the prophet Isaiah. In this story He was providing for the people's bodily needs, but He also provides for our spiritual needs.

In Holy Communion, Jesus gives Himself to us for spiritual food. Just like He could do the miracle of feeding the five thousand, He works the miracle of turning bread and wine into His Body and Blood for us at every Mass. Now He feeds millions of people all over the world with Himself!



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus turns five loaves and two fish into enough food for over 5000 people! On top of all that, they collected baskets full of leftovers.

To find out how many baskets they filled, colour in only the loaves and fish that are marked with crosses.

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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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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Dan Korn (Chairman), Gary Flock, Michael Hundt, Pat Lucey

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Rob Slattery, Ann Hundt, Peter Benzing, Chris Pundzak

PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women

Pam Benzing, Deb Leis, LaVonne Hundt

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus,

Jared Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

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Leland Gregorich, Organist

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 2, 2020

**Man shall
not live on
bread alone**

Matthew 4:4



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

8/5 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Theresa

Arentz (MLH)

8/7 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Peter Drake

(DD)

8/8 Sat. 8:00 PM – Living & deceased members of the Nikalas & Anna Antony family (AA)

8/9 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Ernie Gronemus (SAH)



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!



Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00
 Last Week's Total - \$832.00
 Offertory Recovery - \$50.00
 -\$818.00

Year to Date Target - \$8,500.00
 Year to Date Total - \$13,770.29
 +\$5,270.29

Readings for August 9, 2020

First Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13

Second Reading: Romans 9: 1-5

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33

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.

Parish Calendar of Events

Tues. August 11 - Cabbage cutting at 5:00 pm

Tues. August 11 - Finance Council meeting at 6:00 pm

Sun. August 23 - Confirmation at 10 AM Mass



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus.

Confessions available.



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

First Holy Communion

This weekend we read the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. The story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 is the only miracle recorded in all four Gospels. This is a story of compassion, of simplicity, of abundance, of generosity, of sharing, of giving, of trusting. Jesus, who continued to feed those who followed him with God's truth, became aware of their physical hunger and he attended to that need as well. He showed that it was important to recognize and meet those urgent needs. Jesus cared for the whole person and called his disciples to do the same. The feeding of five thousand prefigure Jesus the bread of life. He still comes to us and feeds us through the holy Eucharist.

July 28th we had a surprise gathering for an evening mass. Only the close family members of Madi Gronemus, Brinley Mlsna, Lukas Slattery, Liam Leis and Elise Weber; the first communicants and their families gathered for First Holy Communion. We had planned it earlier on a different date but unfortunately because of various reasons we had to cancel two other proposed dates and it was decided to have it done on Monday of 27th First Confession and Tuesday 28th First Communion. I like to thank all those who were involved in it including their teacher Carol Gronemus who did an exceptional job of preparing the children, Mary Hundt CCD coordinator, Austin, Terese, Rebecca & Rich and choir. Thanks to everyone. Please keep our children in your prayers as they have begun a new journey through faith by the reception of communion.

August 23rd Sunday during regular mass at 10 am we will have the Sacrament of Confirmation. Very. Rev. Fr William Dhein who is our dean and Chancellor of the Diocese of La Crosse will be the main celebrant. Please keep those who are preparing to receive the sacrament in your thoughts and prayers.

Live Jesus,
 Fr Biju

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Kraut Making: We will be cutting cabbage on Tuesday August 11th at 5:00 pm. More Sauerkraut information to follow.

First Communion: Congratulations to Madi Gronemus, Liam Leis, Brinley Mlsna, Lukas Slattery & Elise Weber who received this Holy Sacrament. May God bless you all!! (See picture on opposite page)

Well Update: We received approval from the DNR to use the well. We are working towards conforming to the DNR's requirements. Our goal is to have the well operational by mid-August.

CCD: We are in the planning stage of how religious education classes will continue. Your input is needed. All CCD families were sent a survey by email. Please respond promptly. Contact Mary Hundt with questions.

Reunite, Rebuild, Rejoice: We are beginning to celebrate the success of the program. The parish has collected \$7,435.00 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.

Wisconsin Farmer Wellness Hotline: Diocese of La Crosse farmers now have another resource they can use when facing extreme stress and other challenges. They now have access to a free and confidential counseling resource, by contacting the Farm Center at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. This is a 24/7 Farmer Wellness Hotline; it can be reached at 1-88- 901-2558. Licensed mental health professionals contracted by the department will provide immediate, in-the-moment care. In addition, long-term options are available. Persons who prefer an in-person session can request to meet with a local provider through the Farm Center's (1-800-942-2474) longstanding Counseling Voucher Program.