

## 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.

**First Saturday Devotions:** First Saturday Devotions are starting again at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Join us on Saturday, September 5 at 11:15 a.m. for a meditation on the Holy Rosary followed by the Holy Rosary at 11:45 a.m. and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12:15 p.m. Confession will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 a.m. and also following Mass.

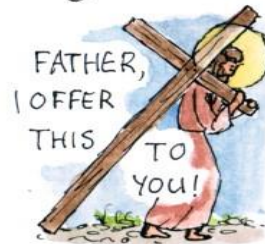
**Director of Youth Ministry Needed:** Stevens Point, WI Will be responsible for planning and implementing a catechetical program for middle and high school students. This program serves three parishes in Stevens Point, Wisconsin: St. Joseph, St. Peter and St. Stephen Parishes. Applicants should enjoy working with youth, be organized, self-motivated, and proficient in computer and communications skills. This fulltime position requires nights and weekends which are balanced with regular agreed-upon office hours. Certification or experience in Catholic youth ministry preferred. A degree in Theology, Catholic Studies, or Education is a plus. For the right candidate, this position could be part-time with an emphasis on our high school Confirmation program. For more information, contact Father Jeffrey Hennes at St. Joseph Parish, 715-341-1617. Submit résumé and cover letter to [pastor@pointcatholicfaith.org](mailto:pastor@pointcatholicfaith.org)

**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.dioc.org/faithful-citizenship](http://www.dioc.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 [dioc.org/sacredworship/televised-mass/](http://dioc.org/sacredworship/televised-mass/)**

### Kid's Korner

## If you want to be my disciple...



What would you think if your best friend told you that you would have to die if you wanted to stay friends? In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the Apostles that if they wanted to be like Him they would have to take up their crosses and follow Him.

Jesus was teaching them that this world is only a preparation for Heaven. If we make sacrifices for love of God then we will be ready for Heaven. Jesus opened the gates of Heaven to us by dying out of love for God the Father and for us. We get little crosses every day when things make us unhappy. If we offer them to God with love, they are like dying a little bit, and they prepare us for Heaven.



Sometimes we think that we need nice things or to be with fun people if we want to be happy. It's easy to forget that we will never be completely happy here. Next time you feel unhappy, remember that it's a cross that can help you get to Heaven!



**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 30th, 2020**



What did Jesus say that the people would have to do to be His disciples? Find your way through the maze and then use the letters from that path to fill in the blanks.

### PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

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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

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary

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Bulletin deadline: .....Wednesday

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### PARISH WEBMASTER

Christopher Pundzak

### SACRISTANS

Richard Korish & Austin Menn

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary Hundt, Coordinator.....(608) 780-6172

### 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

### CEMETERY SEXTON

Tom Schaub .....(608) 486-4012

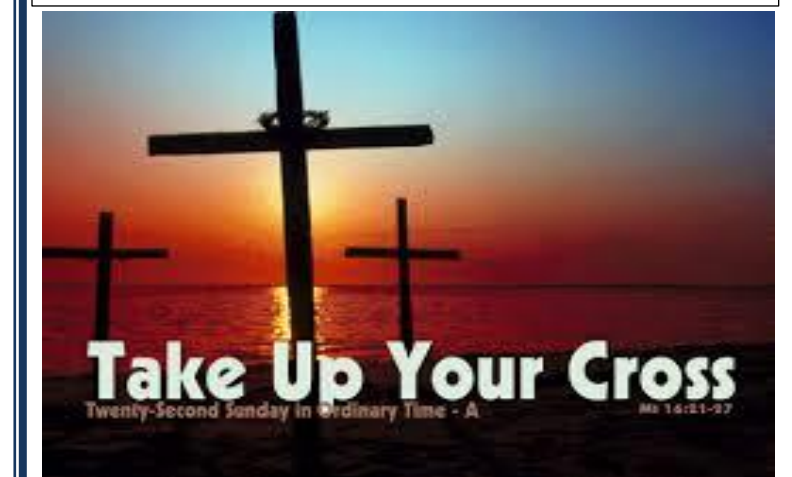
### MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 486-2605  
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)  
**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**AUGUST 30, 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

**9/2 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Peter**

**Drake (DD)**

**9/4 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Orvin Lee & family (MLF)**

**9/5 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Joan Mashak (MF)**

**9/6 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peter's Parish family**

### Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. Aug. 23 – Confirmation at 10 AM Mass

Sun. Aug. 30 – Grades 1-6 CCD 6:30 PM

Wed. Sept. 2 – Grades 7-10 CCD 7:00 PM

Thurs. Sept. 3 – Parish Advisory Council meeting 6:00 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.**



2020 Confirmation – Special thanks to Mary Hundt (DRE) and Sarah Hundt for preparing our candidates for this Sacrament.

### St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

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

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

Monday .....5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

Adoration after Mass until 7:00 pm

Thursday.....8:30am

### From the Pastors Pen

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt. 16:21-27

*“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me”*

Being a disciple of Jesus has a price. But its worth it. The rewards that come from discipleship are worth the struggle. It's the road that leads to the way, the truth and life. The promise of Jesus is there for all of us to seize hold of today and make our own. Jesus tells us “whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

I have completed one year of serving both St Joseph and St Peter on 27<sup>th</sup> august 2020. I thank God for his companionship during this past year. Thank you for all your support and love. Praying for all of you. The day happened to be on the feast of St Monica patroness of mothers. THANK YOU for praying for me.

Confirmation 2020 was an unforgettable event which will ever be remembered for being different this year. Done in our parish without our bishop maybe after decades, wearing masks, socially distanced all because of Corona 19. As I congratulate them I welcome them to keep the spirit alive and continue participating in the life of the church.

Next weekend (September 4-7) is Labor Day weekend. I encourage you and your family to join for the 5:30 Mass on Monday, September 7 at St Joseph. We will also have the mission appeal on that weekend and the second collection is for the mission.

I would like to express a profound THANK YOU to everyone who continues to financially support St. Peter in this time of pandemic. The generous contributions of so many of you helps to keep the church open, our lights and air on, and support our staff. Thanks to all your support towards the Reunite, Rebuild and Rejoice program. Also, the support towards the renovation of the rectory, well and parking lot. Thanks to the finance committee for all your hard works, too.

I will be away for the Mission Appeal the weekend. Msgr. Gorman will be with you to celebrate the Mass. We welcome him to the parish.

Live Jesus,  
Fr. Biju, MSFS

### Parish News

**Good News from the Diocese:** The Reverend Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS, Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph Ridge and St. Peter Parish in Middle Ridge, is appointed Pastor, effective August 18, 2020. His residence remains at St. Joseph Parish rectory in St. Joseph Ridge.

**Getting Back to Normal:** We are going to start using our missalettes again but will only use one set for Saturday mass & one set for Sunday mass. They will be sealed & stored during the week between the masses. Please pick one up on your way in to mass and return it to the bin afterwards.

**Mission Coop:** Sept 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> we will take up a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for our yearly mission. The Vincentian Congregation, a missionary sending Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India, on November 20, 1904, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. We have 164 Missionary Priests and 143 seminarians in the St. Joseph Province. As the Covid-19 Pandemic continues to dominate our lives, we are not able to come to your parish in person and make this appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missionaries and Seminarians. There will be special Mission Co-op Appeal collection to help the Missionary Work of the Vincentian Fathers. If you are not prepared to make an offering during the weekend you may bring your offering in specially marked envelope next weekend or may mail to the parish office. Checks should be made in the name of the parish.

**Well Update:** The water samples came back safe from the DNR laboratory.

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to our students who received the sacrament of Confirmation last weekend: Lily Gronemus, James Hundt, Lauren Kadrmass, Rebecca Schaub & Alec Wall. May God bless you all!

**Connecting High School Graduates with Newman Centers:** The Newman Connection does fantastic work connecting high school graduates/incoming college freshmen with the Newman Center at their college. This year they are focusing more on digital sign-ups. Here is the student sign up form link: [signup.newmanconnection.com](http://signup.newmanconnection.com)

## Year of St. Joseph

May 1, 2020 to  
May 1, 2021

Diocese of La Crosse

### Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00

Last Week's Total - \$1,967.05  
+\$267.05

Year to Date Target - \$15,300.00

Year to Date Total - \$21,636.64  
+\$6,336.64

**Reunite, Rebuild, Rejoice:** The parish has collected \$8,965.00 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. Thank you!!

### Readings for September 6, 2020

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:8-10

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 18:15-20

**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.