

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. You can mail in your weekly/monthly offering to the parish office. (W697 State Hwy 33 Rockland, WI 54653) Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Drive Through Chicken Q: St. Joseph Ridge Parish, W2601 State Rd 33, La Crosse will be hosting a drive-through Chicken Q on Sunday, September 27th from 11:00AM to 2:00PM or until sold out. \$10 per meal includes charcoal grilled chicken 1/2, potato salad, baked beans and a dinner roll. Ensure your meal by pre ordering, **contact our ticket sales coordinators Stan Clements (780-7710), Ann Degenhardt (452-3646) or Mary Jo Hess (788-1768) or the parish office 608-788-1646**, or purchase after Mass on Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday morning 8:30 AM.

Church Chicken-Q: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, September 17, from 11:00 - 5:30 for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$10 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

First Saturday Devotions: First Saturday Devotions are starting again at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Join us 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.

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

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, 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/

Kid's Korner

If you want to be forgiven..

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of a king whose servant owed him a lot of money. The king was going to punish the servant, but when the man knelt down and begged for mercy, the king forgave him. Then that same man went and punished a servant who owed him money. When the king found out about this he was very angry.



In this story Jesus is telling us that if we want God to forgive us our sins then we have to forgive the people who have hurt us.

Has anyone ever done something mean to you? How do you feel when that happens? Do you feel loving toward that person? Jesus tells us that we must forgive those people, even when they really hurt us, because we want God to forgive us too. Every time we sin we offend God, and He will still forgive us if we are sorry. If we want God to forgive us, then it's only fair for us to forgive others.



Answer to Word Find: Saint Helen
The forgave him.
Answer to puzzle on front:

Word-find: The Holy Cross
September 14th, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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I C A R R Y A I S H
L R L N A D A M A R
L O V E D P L A C E
J S A V I O U R R E
E S R E V E R Y I T
S K Y H E A V Y F W
U H H E A V E N I O
S K U L L I F E C O
I F E L L E D I E D
N L E T O R T U R E
S O F F E R E D N N



This Tuesday we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Try to find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

After ADAM and EVE sinned, the world needed a SAVIOUR who would free us from the punishment we deserved in HELL. JESUS, Who was the Son of God, LOVED us so much that He OFFERED His LIFE to God the FATHER as a SACRIFICE for our SINS.

When the time came for Jesus to die, the HEAVY WOODEN cross was placed on His shoulders. He was forced to CARRY it to the top of the HILL. EVERY step was TORTURE. He FELL several times, and met His holy mother MARY along the way.

Finally He came to CALVARY, also called the PLACE of the SKULL. The soldiers nailed Him to the CROSS and lifted it up. The SKY became dark as Jesus hung there for THREE hours. Finally He DIED. His soul went to God and He opened the gates of HEAVEN.

Who found Jesus' cross after it had been buried for 300 years? _____

PASTOR

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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

CEMETERY SEXTON

Tom Schaub(608) 486-4012

MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 486-2605
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13, 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

9/16 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Ernie Gronemus (TMS)

9/18 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Fr. Paul Sankoorikal (RJK)

9/19 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS)

9/20 Sun. 10:00 AM – Living & deceased members of the (†) Al Antony family (AA)

Parish Calendar of Events

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

Tues. Sept. 15 – Kraut meeting 6:30 PM

Wed. Sept. 16 – Grades 7-10 CCD 7:00 PM

Sun. Sept. 20 – Grades 1-6 CCD 8:45 AM

October 3/4 -Resumption of Mass Obligation

October 4 - Installation of Fr. Biju as Pastor

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



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

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

St. Peter's Parish

Kurbside Kraut & Sausage

October 14, 2020 3:30-7:00 PM

~ Please pick up your tickets in the back of church. We will NOT mail them! If you see an envelope for a family member or neighbor that is not attending mass please be charitable and take them to that parishioner. Thank you!

We will have a Garage Clean-up Day on Saturday September 26th from 8 – 10 AM

St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastors Pen

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 18:21-35 "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?"

Monday 14th Sept 2020 we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 and the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem around 335 AD. Exaltation of the Holy Cross, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of great salvific act of God, His love, His forgiving, His mercy. God has forgiven his people on the Cross. Often, we find it difficult to forgive. Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity. It is participating in the mercy of God. It can transform our life. God is always ready to forgive but he cannot enter into an unforgiving heart as the door is closed against him. Nineteen years ago, this past Friday, the United States and indeed the entire world was dramatically changed as thousands of innocent people lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and attempts upon other sites. We pray for forgiveness and healing. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

This week we remember Lord's goodness and love as we bless our rectory and have an open house after the mass on Sunday. I like to remember all those who were involved in it in various ways. People who contributed their time and resources. Both people of St Peter's and our friends who came forward with good will to support our project financially. (Thanks to Pam Benzing and Margie Lee and all those who were helping in getting things in order) Thanks to the finance committee and all those good Samaritans who donated time and money without being in the list. We also celebrate the work accomplished by the finance committee as they worked hard to complete the seal coating of the parking lot and getting the well ready for the needs of the community. A lot of hard work and good will. May God bless you!

Happy Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14th Sept)

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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Rectory Open House: On Sunday September 13 after the 10:00 AM mass there will be an open house for anyone who wants to look at the renovations done in our Rectory. Thank you to all who were a part of this project. We ask you to please remove your shoes before entering.

Kurbside Kraut Meeting: There will be a meeting on Tuesday Sept. 15th at 6:30 PM. Please plan to attend.

Rectory Items: There are several items that have come out of the rectory during the renovation that are still in good shape. These items can be found in the garage. Feel free to take what you want/need. Free will offerings will be accepted. All items should be removed before Saturday September 26th as we will be cleaning the garage for the Kurbside Kraut dinner.

Return to Mass: Bishop William Patrick Callahan has announced the resumption of the Mass Obligation beginning on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. With the reminder to keep wearing masks, social distancing, sanitation and other necessary precautions. All the guidelines for the Public Celebration of Masses continue as outlined in the document issued on 14 May 2020 in the Diocese.

Mission Coop: Donations can still be sent in. Please place in a marked envelope in the offertory basket. Checks can be made out to St. Peter's Parish.

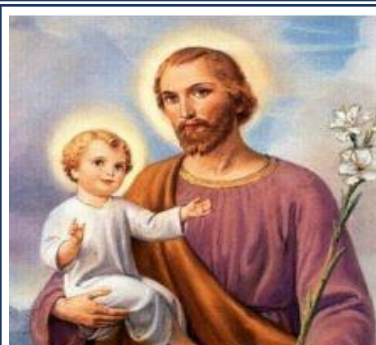
SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND ON SEPTEMBER 13: This year, due to the pandemic, taking up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Holy Land was not possible. Pope Francis has requested that this gesture of sharing be moved to September 13, which is the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. If you would like to donate to the Holy Land, simply note that intention on your check or envelope and place your gift in the collection. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

Weddings: Congratulations to Sierra Scharping & Austin Stoikes who were wed September 5th and to Jessica Hurtz & Joe Young who will be wed on September 26th. May God bless your unions!!!

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 - \$2,270.00
\$570.00

Year to Date Target - \$18,700.00

Year to Date Total - \$25,586.24
+\$6,886.24

Reunite, Rebuild, Rejoice: The parish has collected \$9,565.00 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 20, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24 & 27

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

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.