

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.**

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.

Let's vote Pro-Life in November: We Americans have shared many years of pride for our country and accomplishments. We have also suffered pain in the loss of thousands of our military who died to keep us safe. We have survived the Great Depression and many, many storms such as tornadoes, hurricanes, and earthquakes through the years.

But we still have the biggest hurdle of all. We need to abolish abortion once and for all! It is the killing of tiny innocent babies in the womb of their mothers. Babies are a precious gift from God. And no one has the right to kill them! They used to be safe in their mother's womb. But since 1973 when abortions were made legal it has become the most dangerous place for a baby to be. All the baby wants is to be loved and cherished.

With the November 3rd election coming up, we have the means to right this terrible wrong.

Abortion has already killed over 62 million babies in the USA since 1973. We could help save the lives of millions of babies.

We still have spots for enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year! At Aquinas, students explore their passions, give back to their communities, grow in faith and prepare for a successful future. Our schools are open to families of all faiths, and we offer several tuition assistance programs. We offer in person face to face learning or virtual learning. To learn more or to start your enrollment process visit us at www.aquinascatholicschools.org or contact us at (608) 784-8585.

Kid's Korner

Fill in the blanks:

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks, and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.



Brothers and _____⁵_____, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and _____²_____ is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means _____⁴_____ labour for me. And I do not know which I shall _____¹_____. I am caught _____⁶_____ the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for _____³_____ benefit.

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Like Saint Paul, we
should be ready to
either live or die for

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Austin Stoikes & Sierra Scharping

Wed at St. Peter's on September 5, 2020. God's Blessings!



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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Richard Korish & Austin Menn

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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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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20, 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

9/23 Wed. 8:00 AM – St. Peter’s Parish Family
9/25 Fri. 8:00 AM – Living & deceased members of the Roth, Korish & Sandau families (RJK)
9/26 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Arnold & Theresa Arentz (JPS)
9/27 Sun. 10:00 AM –Living & deceased members of the Gronemus family (GF)

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. Sept. 23 – Grades 7-10 CCD 7:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 27 – Grades 1-6 CCD 8:45 AM
October 3/4 -Resumption of Mass Obligation
October 4 - Installation of Fr. Biju as Pastor at St. Joseph’s 8:30 AM mass
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-fifth week in Ordinary Time

“Are you envious because I am generous?”

Last week we listened to the question of Peter how often must I forgive? To which Jesus answered “I say to you, not forgive seven times but seventy-seven times”. This answer of Jesus points to the fact that God’s ways and reason are different from ours. Today we have another instance in the parable of the landowner and the Workers in the Vineyard where the owner pays the same amount to all who came for work irrespective of hours each one put in. We may wonder how this can be possible? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this. In the parable we find the fifth time in one day the owner of the vineyard went out and hired more workers. People were there without work. We can imagine the plight of those unemployed flock in the context of the Covid -19 pandemic. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics as of June 2020 17.8 million people were unemployed. I am sure some of the business will never come back. Life looks different.

In the parable those who were hired late in the day, at five o’clock, were paid the same wage as those who worked all day long. This parable is a long metaphor whose aim is to provoke thought about life in the kingdom of heaven. This story of the landlord’s generosity represents God’s love and generosity towards each of us. The story shows us how God looks at us, sees our needs, and meets those needs. How much he wants us to be saved. He is exceptionally generous with us. I am sure you have had experience of the same. The land owner is not only generous at the end but also at different hours of the day as he makes efforts to hire those who had no work until in the evening, when presumably there were no remaining people in the marketplace. God comes in search of us. He knows our needs. He is generous. It’s more than what our mind can comprehend. Be open to his invitation.

Thanks to every one for being there as we blessed the rectory. Once again thanks to all those who made it possible. FYI on September 27th there is a Chicken Q at St Joseph.

Live Jesus. Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

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: 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 Exultation 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!!

Upcoming Wedding: Congratulations to Jessica Hurtz & Joe Young who will be wed on September 26th. May God bless your union!!!

Life Chain: On October 4th from 2:00-3:00 pm members of the Christian community will once again line Losey Boulevard to show its solidarity in stating that “Abortion is wrong”. The demonstration will start at LaCrosse St and extend down Losey Blvd for as far as the participants will go. This worthy event will be a memorable & blessed success if we as a Christian community in the greater LaCrosse area actively stand for the sanctity of LIFE!!

Year of St. Joseph

May 1, 2020 to May 1, 2021

Diocese of La Crosse



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,236.00
	-\$464.00
Year to Date Target -	\$20,400.00
Year to Date Total -	\$26,822.24
	+\$6,422.24

Readings for September 27, 2020

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

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.