

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.aquinascatholicsschools.org or contact us at (608) 784-8585.

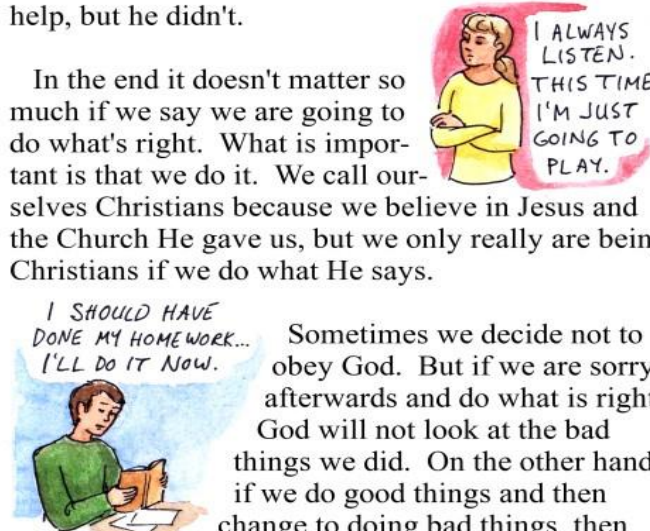
Kid's Korner

Changing Your Mind

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to help in the vineyard. The first son told his father he wouldn't help, but then he changed his mind and did what he was asked. The second son said he would help, but he didn't.

In the end it doesn't matter so much if we say we are going to do what's right. What is important is that we do it. We call ourselves Christians because we believe in Jesus and the Church He gave us, but we only really are being Christians if we do what He says.

Sometimes we decide not to obey God. But if we are sorry afterwards and do what is right, God will not look at the bad things we did. On the other hand, if we do good things and then change to doing bad things, then we have decided to turn away from God, and we will be punished for our sins.



**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27th, 2020**

*In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard.
Which one did what his father asked?*

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



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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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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

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Which of the two sons did the will of his father?
Matthew 21:28

The Parable of the Two Sons

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

9/30 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Bobby & Arlene Arentz (SSM)

10/2 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Bernie Clements (CF)

10/3 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Jacob, Ernie & Kayleen Gronemus (GF)

10/4 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peter's Parish Family

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. Sept. 30 – Grades 7-10 CCD 7:00 PM

Sun. Oct. 4 – Grades 1-6 CCD 8:45 AM

Sun. Oct. 4 - Installation of Fr. Biju as Pastor at St. Joseph's 8:30 AM mass

Sat. Oct. 10 – Public Square Rosary at Noon near the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary

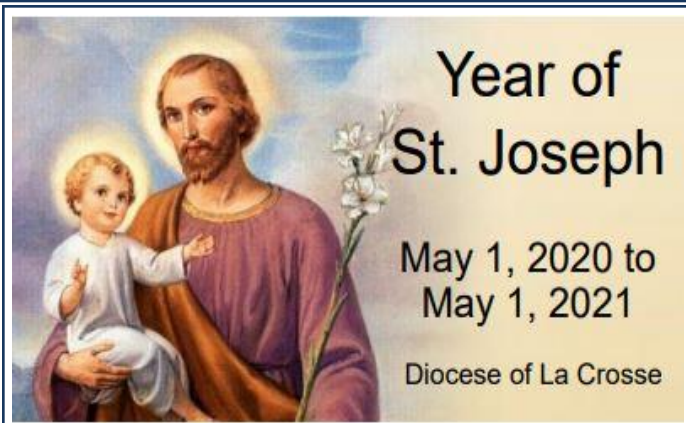
Wed. Oct. 14 – Curbside Kraut & Sausage Fest 4:00 – 7:30 PM (Carry-outs Only)



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

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



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,401.00</u>
	-\$299.00
Year to Date Target -	\$22,100.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$28,223.24</u>
	+\$6,123.24

Readings for October 4, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-43

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.

St. Peter's Parish

Middle Ridge
W697 Highway 33, Rockland, Wisconsin

October 14, 2020

3:30pm-7:00pm
Or until sold out

Kurbside Kraut and Sausage

**Drive Thru Only
Pre-Ordering Available**

Website - <https://saintpetersparish.net>

**Price \$5
Each**

Includes:
Polish Sausage on Bun with
Church-made Sauerkraut



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 Pastor's Pen

Mathew 21:28-32 "Which of the two did his father's will?"

Prior to the crucifixion and death, Jesus embarks upon the final stages of his ministry in Jerusalem. Tension is mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name these religious leaders, the source of his authority. Instead, he tells them "A man had two sons." One, when asked to go out and work in the vineyard, said "I will not", but afterwards changed his mind and went." The other replied, "Yes, sir," but did not."

The story compares Jewish leaders, tax collectors, and prostitutes in hope of changing people's views and inspiring them to live righteously. Religious leaders did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. The parable tells us how our actions reveal character and intention more than words do. Do our words and actions indicate our obedience to God? September 27th is also the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor." St. Vincent de Paul is a man who dedicated his life to the service of others. His actions reveal his love of God.

This year, on 27 September we celebrate 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the year is "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee." Next Sunday, October 4 we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He lived his life so faithful to that of Christ that he is called alter Christus, another Christ. Francis heard God's call in the small church of San Damiano on the outskirts of Assisi. Gazing upon the large cross in the church he heard God- Francis, go and repair my house which, as you see, is falling completely into ruin. Initially, Francis thought God wanted him to repair the physical church where he was praying. However, under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, Francis realized his real task was to bring healing and repair to a broken Church. Under God's inspiration he brought peace and respect between all classes of people. Next Sunday is also my installation as pastor. I request your prayers for me that I may be an instrument to build His church as He desires.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

Parish News

Wedding: Congratulations to Jessica Hurtz & Joe Young who were 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 La Crosse 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 La Crosse area actively stand for the sanctity of LIFE!!

Public Square Rosary Rally: Please join us on this Crusade to pray the Holy Rosary on Saturday October 10th at Noon near the outdoor statue of the Blessed Mother at St. Peter's in Middle Ridge. Reasons to pray the Public Square Rosary; **This year is the 103rd anniversary of the miracle of the sun:** On October 13, 1917 Our Lady performed a miracle at Fatima witnessed by 70,000 people, including atheists, communists and anti-Catholics. Some of them converted. The 2020 Public Square Rosary Rallies will remind the person on the street that conversion IS possible!

Preparing for Our Lady's triumph: The Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph over evil. It is a great privilege to be among those who trust in her triumph and honor her in the public square. **Public prayer is powerful:** In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis Marie de Montfort states: "Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering." **WHAT BETTER TIME THAN NOW??** For more information contact Terese Slattery at 486-2605.

Month of October Rosary: This fall we will not be doing the "Rosary in the Home" as in the past. Instead we will pray the Rosary before BOTH weekend masses starting a half hour before mass. Please join us!!