

**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.

**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.

**We are gearing up for the 2021-22 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](http://www.aquinascatholicschools.org) or contact us at (608) 784-8585.

**How does God speak to me?** Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

**You may still observe the Sabbath from home via televised Mass (La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday) or online at [diolc.org/sacredworship/televised-mass/](http://diolc.org/sacredworship/televised-mass/)**

**Kid's Korner**

*Use Your Talents!*

God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.



Some people have many talents and can do lots of good things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.



What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can show God's love and make people happy.

Some people have a talent of being patient with others, and show Jesus' love that way. What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer to God?



Answers to front page: The first man had ten, the second had four and the third man one.  
Answer to picture puzzle: Top, left to right: 6, 2, Middle: 4, 1, Bottom: 3, 5.

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 15th, 2020**



The first man here received five talents. The second received two and the third man one. When the master returned, how many did each man have? Colour them this way to find out:



Colour the coins with faces gold.



Colour the coins with letters silver.



Colour the coin with dots bronze.

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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 11:00 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, Peter Benzing, Chris Pundzak, Kathy Flock

**PCCW - Parish Council of Catholic Women**

Pam Benzing, Mary Bach-Filla, LaVonne Hundt

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

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**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

Your talent is Gods  
gift to you  
What you do with it is  
your gift back to God



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**

**11/18 Wed. 8:00 AM** – For all our **children-in-laws families (RJK)**

**11/20 Fri. 8:00 AM** – † **Carl Faust (SAH)**

**11/21 Sat. 8:00 PM** – † **Art Leis (GDF)**

**11/22 Sun. 10:00 AM** – **Living & deceased members of the Lee family (ML)**

**Parish Calendar of Events**

Wed. Nov. 18 – Grades 7-10 CCD 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Nov. 22 – Grades 1-6 CCD – No Class

Wed. Nov. 25 – No Mass – Father on retreat

Wed. Nov. 25 – Grades 7-10 No CCD (Thanksgiving break)

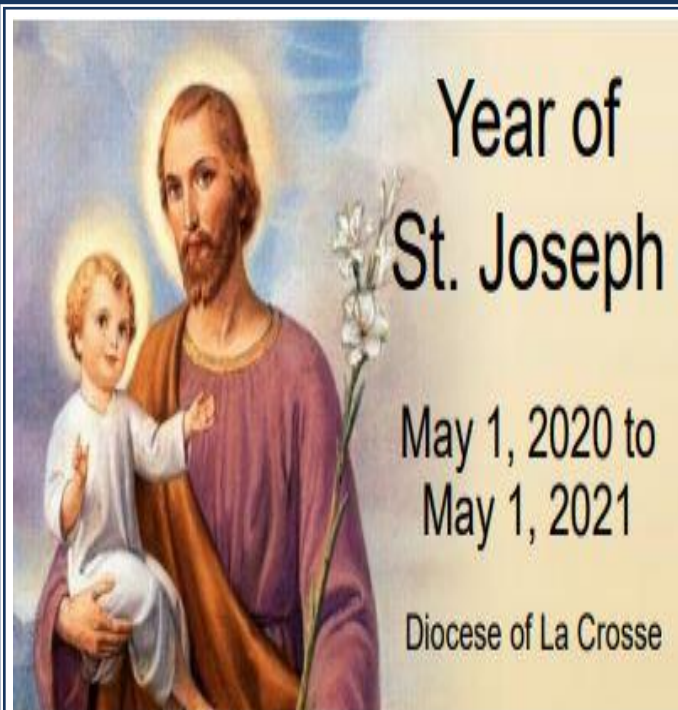
Sun. Nov. 29 – Grades 1-6 CCD – No Class (Thanksgiving break)



**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 8:30 a.m.

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

Monday .....5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

**From the Pastor's Pen**

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Hard to imagine that the Liturgical Year is coming to its close. The weekend gospel draws our attention to the end times. We hear the story of three servants who were entrusted with certain talents. Two of them were industrious. The one with five talents made another five; the one with two, another two. But the third one was afraid of losing in the game so he hid his talent away. He told his master "Master, I knew you were a demanding person...so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground." The master trusted him while giving those talents but he did not. Thus, the one talent man stands center stage in the drama. The tragedy of the third servant in the parable is that, out of fear, he hid what had been entrusted to him, even though he had the ability to use it well.

Do you know that there are more one talent men and two talent men in the world than five talent men? The parable of the talents challenges us to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with our talents here and now. We need to trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given. So, ask ourselves how are we using our particular gifts in the service of our Family, our Christian community and the wider society. Can I see the bigger picture, God's picture while making use of my talents?

Soon, Thanksgiving Day will be here. This year Thanksgiving celebrations will be different for many families. Take time to appreciate and be grateful to the good God who has given us talents and life. We will be having Mass for Thanksgiving on Thursday morning November 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at St Joseph Ridge. Before Thanksgiving Day, I will be in retreat from 22 to 25. I will definitely keep all of you in my prayer.

Just this past week, the priests received a letter from Bishop Callahan giving permission to start masses on Christmas Eve as early as 2:00pm. This does give us some unique possibilities and in the very near future we will publish the schedule for Christmas. Please stay tuned.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

**Parish News**

**Diocesan Annual Appeal:** Our parish goal this year is \$10,815 to help support the Diocese and all its good works. There are extra cards and envelopes available in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity.

**Book of Remembrance:** Throughout the month of November we invite parishioners to record the names of loved ones who have passed in our Book of Remembrance. Everyone is invited to pray for them. The Book of Remembrance is located in the back of the church.

**Plenary Indulgences for the Deceased through month of November:** According to an October 23 decree from the Holy See, "This year, in the current circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Plenary Indulgences for the deceased faithful **will be extended throughout the entire month of November**, with adaptation of works and conditions to guarantee the safety of the faithful." In brief, the changes include:

- "a.- the Plenary Indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased, even if only mentally [i.e., mental prayer], normally established only on the individual days from 1 to November 8, may be transferred to other days of the same month, until its end. These days, freely chosen by the individual believers, may also be separate from each other;
- "b.- the Plenary Indulgence of November 2, established on the occasion of the Commemoration of all the deceased faithful for those who piously visit a church or oratory and recite the 'Our Father' and the 'Creed' there, may be transferred not only to the Sunday before or after or on the day of the Solemnity of All Saints, but also to another day of the month of November, freely chosen by the individual faithful."

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

**Parish Finances**

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,072.00
	-\$628.00
Year to Date Target -	\$34,000.00
Year to Date Total -	\$37,364.76
	+\$3,364.76

**Readings for November 22, 2020**

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-17

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:31-46

**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.