

**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.

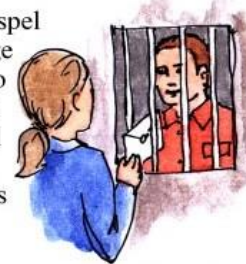
**How does God speak to me?** Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, 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**

**Whatever you do to others...**

Jesus is a fair king. In today's Gospel reading, He tells us how He will judge people at the end of time. Those who were good to God will be saved, and those who were not good to Him will be condemned. Whoever is good to others is good to God, and whoever is unkind to others is unkind to God.



Our Lord cares so much about His people that He will judge us according to how we treat each other. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the King, and He cares about every one of us specially. Imagine a king who came to see every one of his subjects to make sure that they were doing okay. Well, Jesus does more than that- He died for us on the cross! He looks after us all the time, and He says that anyone who is unkind to us will be judged as being unkind to Him.



Christ the King is the just judge. How do you think you will be judged when you die, or at the end of time? Are you kind to others? Do you ever think about how you would treat Jesus if He were here? Do you treat other people the way you would treat Jesus?



**Gospel Match-Up**

*In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the people how they will be judged. What did the righteous people do when they found people in need?*

*See if you can match up the needs on the left with the help on the right!*

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| 1. I was hungry and •  | • you welcomed me,   |
| 2. I was thirsty and • | • you clothed me,    |
| 3. a stranger and •    | • you gave me drink, |
| 4. naked and •         | • you cared for me,  |
| 5. ill and •           | • you visited me.    |
| 6. in prison and •     | • you gave me food,  |



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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 WEBMASTER** Christopher Pundzak

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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**

Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus, Jared Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

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Parish website: [www.saintpetersparish.net](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)  
**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
**KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
**NOVEMBER 22, 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**

**11/25 Wed. 8:00 AM – NO MASS**  
(Fr. Biju is on Retreat)

**11/27 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Jerry Hundt**  
(AMH)

**11/28 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Arnold & Theresa Arentz (DKS)**

**11/29 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peter's Parish family**

**Parish Calendar of Events**

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)

Wed. Dec. 2 – Grades 7-10 CCD 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Dec. 6 – Grades 1-6 CCD 8:45-9:45 AM

Mon. Dec. 7 – Parish Finance meeting 7 PM



**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm**

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus.  
Confessions available.

**ADVENT PARISH MISSION**

Preparing for the Birth of the Christ Child through the Eyes of St. Joseph.  
There will be four presentations, one for each week of Advent. The length of the talks will be roughly 30-40 minutes and discussion questions will be provided. The purpose of the Parish Mission is to bring parishioners together to prepare for Christmas and to strengthen the community.

The title and presenter for each of the four weeks of Advent.

**Week 1**  
St. Joseph: The Man Selected by God to be Closest to Mary and to Jesus.  
– Mgr. Joseph Diermeier

**Week 2**  
Joseph and Mary: A Holy Love Story  
– Mgr. Joseph Hirsch

**Week 3**  
That Holy Night, through Joseph's Eyes  
– Fr. Woodrow Pace

**Week 4**  
"Joseph, Son of David... You are to Give Him the Name Jesus"  
– Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Date: Sunday, Nov. 29; Dec. 6, 13, 20  
Time: 7:00 pm  
View presentations at the above dates and time or view anytime at [diolc.org/advent](http://diolc.org/advent).

**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**

**Solemnity of Christ, the King of the Universe**

Happy Feast to everyone. Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year; the solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Originally, the feast of "Christ the King" was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. Next Sunday, November 29, we begin a new Church year with the season of Advent. We will see the purple of Advent, which is used to remind ourselves to prepare for the coming season of Christmas.

Today's Gospel is a culmination of themes that we have read in Matthew over the past few months: ethical actions, final judgements, rewards and punishments. Jesus shares the vision of the final judgement, describing himself as a king sitting on a throne. He is like a shepherd separating sheep and goats. Jesus groups people based on how they lived their lives. "Sheep" show love and concern for others. They feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit the imprisoned. Acts of compassion in corporal works of mercy. "Goats" do the opposite, ignoring the people. Each group is judged for their actions or inactions. The final judgement reminds us that Christ is the king who is present amidst us among the poor, immigrants, sick and imprisoned.

In Jesus we have a king who teaches us to love the other. To reach out to the other with compassion and we are judged on our acts of kindness done or ignored. To see in the other the face of God. As we come to the close of our liturgical year the Church encourages us that beginning from tomorrow the days before thanksgiving be set aside for deeds of charity, for penance and for prayers for economic justice. Remember the words of Jesus 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' It is how we follow our King.

Wishing you a Happy thanksgiving.

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."

**La Crosse Warming Center:** This year has seen a lot of unexpected expenses - change in location, increased 2019-2020 season - increased staffing hours. We need your support. Please donate to our Homeless for the Holidays Appeal. Your donation will stay in this community, providing service to those who are experiencing homelessness! Volunteers are needed also. Check us out at [www.eclse.org](http://www.eclse.org) or call 888-212-4357.

\$10,815.00  
TARGET  
\$2,800.00  
COMMITTED  
25.89%  
% OF PARTICIPATION



**HIS CHURCH**  
IS STILL HERE + IT STILL PROVIDES  
IS YOU AND ME



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**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

**Parish Finances**

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,132.50
	-\$567.50
Year to Date Target -	\$35,700.00
Year to Date Total -	\$38,497.26
	+\$2,797.26

**Readings for November 29, 2020**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 63:16-19 64:2-7

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 13:33-37

**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.