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.

Donate to Project Milk: Help the Children of Casa Hogar in Peru The Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild and Rural Life Committee ask you to help support Project Milk. Help us send 800 bags of Wisconsin milk each year to Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Lurín, Peru – home to 72 children, families and staff. Casa Hogar also trades milk for needed resources and donates milk to local soup kitchens and families across greater Lima. Last year over 40 sites and hundreds of people received nutritious milk from Wisconsin. For more information and to give, visit diolc.org/project-milk.

Demand a COVID-19 Vaccine free from abortion: Among the vaccines currently in development, some are being produced using old cell lines that were created from the cells of aborted babies. There is no need to further exploit the bodies of aborted children. Other cell lines or processes that do not involve cells from abortions are available. To learn more and to make your voice heard, visit votervoice.net/usccb/home.

Help Stop Mail-Order Abortion: The number of chemical abortions in the US has gone up dramatically, and COVID-19 is only making the problem worse, with more women (and teen girls) seeking chemical abortions at home—even illegally, by mail and without a doctor's prescription. But there is hope: a new bill has been introduced that could help protect mothers and babies from chemical abortion. For more information and to make your voice heard, visit votervoice.net/usccb/home.

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Kid's Korner

Advent is Here! Jesus is coming!

Advent is here! It's time to begin preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Jesus came the first time long ago in Bethlehem. Now He comes to us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. But we celebrate Jesus' coming in a special way at Christmas time.

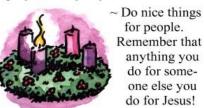
Advent is the time to get ready for Christmas. We get our houses ready by cleaning and decorating. We get our souls ready by cleaning out our sins when we go to confession, and by learning and thinking about Jesus.

Here are some things that will help you get ready for Christmas:

~ Light a candle on an advent wreath when you say your prayers every day.

~ Read a book about Advent or Christmas.

~ Go to Confession before Christmas.



Fill in the Blanks

for people.

Remember that

anything you

do for some-

one else you

do for Jesus!

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be ready for His next coming. Fill in the blanks with the words at the end and use the letters in squres to fill in the blanks at the

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the time will come.		
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and orders the gatekeeper		
to be on the	[_]	
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Be		.!
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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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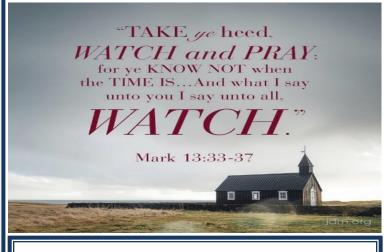
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Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 486-2605 Leland Gregorich, Organist

St. Peters Catholic Church Middle Ridge, WI W697 State Hwy 33 Rockland, WI 54653



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CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

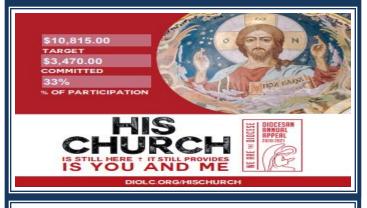
- Joining the Parish Weddings Baptisms
- Anointing of the sick (Please call Father Biju's cell phone)
- If you are home-bound & would like to be visited

Parish Intentions

<u>12/2 Wed. 8:00 AM</u> –Living & deceased members of the Gronemus family (GF)

12/4 Fri. 8:00 AM — † Msgr. Francis Ebo Abuah-Quansah (ML) 12/5 Sat. 8:00 PM — Living & deceased members of the Lee family 12/6 Sun. 10:00 AM — St. Peter's Parish family

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/



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00 Last Week's Total - \$919.00

-\$781.00

Year to Date Target - \$37,400.00 Year to Date Total - \$39,416.26

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Readings for December 2, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14
Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 1-8

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.

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. Dec. 2 - Grades 7-10 CCD 7 - 8:15 PM Sun. Dec. 6 - Grades 1-6 CCD 8:45-9:45 AM

Tues. Dec. 8 – Feast of Immaculate Conception mass 8:00 PM

Mon. Dec. 7 - Parish Finance meeting 7 PM

Wed. Dec. 9 - Grades 7-10 CCD 7 - 8:15 PM

Sun. Dec. 13 - Grades 1-6 CCD 8:45-9:45 AM

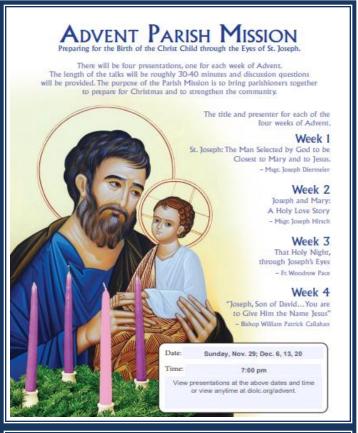
Wed. Dec 16 - Confessions available 6-9 PM

Sun. Dec. 20 - Christmas decorating after 10 AM mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.



St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

From the Pastor's Pen

A season of hope and preparation: Maranatha!

New Year! This weekend the ordo begins with the greetings "the beginning of the year of grace, 2021". This weekend marks the First Sunday of Advent and, with it, the beginning of the new Liturgical Year. Colors in church shift from green (for Ordinary Time) to purple. "Advent has two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the solemnities of Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight" (universal norms for liturgical year and calendar 39)

Days grow shorter, nights longer, and winter invites us to come inside and sit by the fire. Only yesterday, it seems, the leaves were flaming across the hillside. Today they lay bruised and broken, brought to earth by November winds. In this season of hope and preparation Mark comes to us in the Gospel reminding us to be watchful and alert. "Be watchful! Be alert!" The advent is the perfect time to wake up to what matters most.

FEASTS OF MARY -Tuesday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of our country. We will celebrate the feast with Masses at 5:30pm at St Joseph and 8 PM at St Peter. On Saturday, December 12 is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and Respect Life. We will celebrate this feast with a special Mass on Saturday, December 12 at 8.30 am at St Joseph.

Thanks to all of you for your prayers. I had a wonderful time with the Lord during the time of retreat and I prayed for all of you.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

<u>Advent Confession Opportunities</u>: The Cathedral will not be holding their annual Advent open confession day this year. However, Fr. Biju will be offering Confessions here December 16th at St. Peter Parish from 6-9 PM with the assistance of another priest. There will be a second opportunity on at St. Joseph Parish on Wednesday, December 2nd beginning at 6 PM.

Calendars: The 2021 calendars can be found in the back of church. Pick your up today!

Rest In Peace: Our condolences go out to the families of Elreda Meyer and former parishioner Levine Hauser who were called home to glory last week. May they rest in perfect peace.

Religious Retirement Collection: The annual collection in parishes for the national Retirement Fund for Religious is scheduled for the weekend of December 12-13. Religious in our diocese and across the nation benefit significantly from this national collection. Watch for an envelope to be attached to the bulletin that week.

<u>Famous Parishioners</u>: Be sure to check out pages 22 – 24 in your Catholic Life magazine for a wonderful article on our very own Arnie & Madonna Hundt! It was written by our own parishioner Rachel (Hundt) Persson as well!

<u>Christmas Masses:</u> We are offering 3 Mass times for Christmas this year. They will be on Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM & 8:30 PM and Christmas Day at 10:30 PM. (*Note the time change from the normal weekend mass times!*) If you are able to be a Eucharistic Minister, usher or lector, please call or email Melissa. St. Joseph will have masses available at 4 PM and 7 PM on Christmas Eve and 8:30 AM on Christmas Day.

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