

**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 Lurin, 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](http://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 [votervoices.net/usccb/home](http://votervoices.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 [votervoices.net/usccb/home](http://votervoices.net/usccb/home).

**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.cclse.org](http://www.cclse.org) or call 888-212-4357.

**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.



~ Do nice things for people. Remember that anything you do for someone else you do for Jesus!

~ Go to Confession before Christmas.

**Fill in the Blanks**

*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 squares to fill in the blanks at the end, in the order they come.*

You do not \_\_\_\_ [ ] when the time will come.  
It is like a \_\_ [ ] \_\_ traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] in charge, \_\_\_\_ [ ] with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  
Watch, \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] do not know when the [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ of the house is coming.  
Be \_\_\_\_\_ !

THEREFORE KNOW MAN  
SERVANTS EACH LORD WATCH YOU



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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**

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

**CEMETERY SEXTON** Tom Schaub...(608) 486-4012

**FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Debra Leis.....(608)632-7830

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Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 486-2605  
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**Middle Ridge, WI**  
**W697 State Hwy 33**  
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Parish website: [www.saintpetersparish.net](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

*"TAKE ye heed,  
WATCH and PRAY:  
for ye KNOW NOT when  
the TIME IS...And what I say  
unto you I say unto all,  
WATCH."*

Mark 13:33-37



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**

**12/2 Wed. 8:00 AM** –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/](http://diolc.org/sacredworship/televised-mass/)

**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.

**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 -	\$919.00
	-\$781.00
Year to Date Target -	\$37,400.00
Year to Date Total -	\$39,416.26
	+\$2,016.26

**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.

**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.  
– Msgr. Joseph Diermeier

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

**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**

**Advent Confession Opportunities:** 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.

**Famous Parishioners:** 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!

**Christmas Masses:** 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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