

**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.

**Gold Gala:** You are invited to the 2020 Gold Gala! The Aquinas 2020 Gold Gala will be on Saturday, November 14th at 6:30 CST. This gala helps support our five schools by raising funds for our STEM initiatives & helping to update our curricular support for inquiry-based learning. The event will be a live streaming VIRTUAL event! For more information, please visit <https://www.aquinaschools.org/gold-gala>.

**The Diocese of La Crosse**, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safeenvironment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safeenvironment/reporting). Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679; or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

**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**

*Always be Ready*

Have you ever thought to yourself that it would be better to have fun and be bad now, and then be good later? That's what some of the bridesmaids in today's parable were like. They only brought enough oil for their lamps, and didn't bother to bring any extra. But the other bridesmaids had been wise and took along extra flasks to refill their lamps when it got late. When the bridegroom came, those who hadn't brought extra oil were gone, getting more oil, and missed the feast!



Sometimes people say that they have lots of time to change from their evil ways, so they don't repent right away. This parable shows us that it is very foolish to leave important things until later. Nobody knows when they will die, so we should always be ready.

The oil of the bridesmaids is like the grace in our souls. We need to make sure that our soul always has sanctifying grace, which we need to get into Heaven. We lose that grace when we do a serious sin. That is why if we ever commit a serious sin, we should go to confession as soon as we can so that we will always have grace and be ready for when we die.



**Psalm 63 Word-Find**

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Psalm. The leftover letters will spell out a little prayer to God when you write them in the blanks at the end.



P A R C H E D P O W E R  
M W Y S B A N Q U E T W  
O I T H I R S T S U L I  
S L I P S T O W A R D T  
A L T H P H U F L E S H  
N A M E I G L O R Y I O  
C A L L N O I R S T W U  
T G A Z E D V S F O A T  
U B L E S S E M O U T H  
A L I F E H A N D S E R  
R I C H E S G O O D R T  
Y H E E K I N D N E S S

O GOD, you are my God whom I SEEK; for you my FLESH PINES and my soul THIRSTS like the EARTH, PARCHED and WITHOUT WATER.

Thus have I GAZED TOWARD you in the SANCTUARY to see your POWER and your GLORY; for your KINDNESS is a greater GOOD than LIFE; my lips shall glorify you.

Thus WILL I BLESS you while I LIVE; lifting up my HANDS, I will CALL upon your NAME. As with the RICHES of a BANQUET shall my SOUL be satisfied, and with exultant LIPS my MOUTH shall praise you.

**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 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary

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**PARISH WEBMASTER** Christopher Pundzak

**SACRISTANS** Richard Korish & Austin Menn

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Mary Hundt, Coordinator.....(608) 780-6172

**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

**MUSIC**

Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 486-2605  
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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



Parish website: [www.saintpetersparish.net](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 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**

**11/11 Wed. 8:00 AM** – † Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS)  
**11/13 Fri. 8:00 AM** – For healing & conversion of all parishioners (RJK)  
**11/14 Sat. 8:00 PM** – † Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS)  
**11/15 Sun. 10:00 AM** – † Arnold & Theresa Arentz (JPS)

**Parish Calendar of Events**

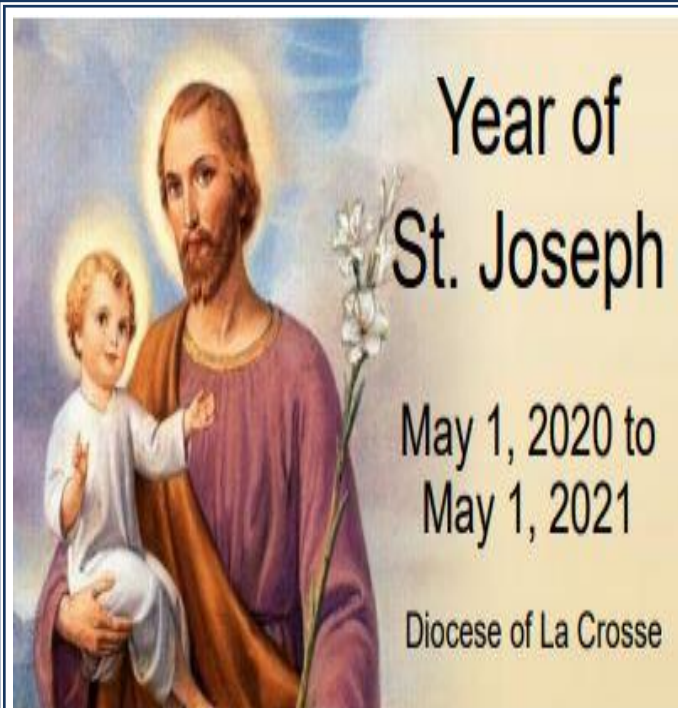
Tues. Nov. 10 – Parish Advisory Mtg 6PM  
 Wed. Nov. 11 – Grades 7-10 CCD 7 – 8:15 PM  
 Sun. Nov. 15 – Grades 1-6 CCD 8:45 AM  
 Wed. Nov. 25 – No Mass – Father on retreat



**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm**  
 Come spend some quiet time with Jesus.  
 Confessions available.

**Year of St. Joseph**



**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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him”.

According to marriage customs of Jesus’ day, a bride was first “betrothed” to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour, some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together. This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today’s Gospel.

*The parable of the maidens at the wedding was dear to the early church. Though delayed they were waiting in their expectation of the second coming of Jesus in the flesh. In the parable we hear the midnight cry, at an unexpected hour and the individuality of response. “Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you” is a sentence that seems rather worse than unchristian: it seems heartless in its selfishness. But the focus of the parable is the wisdom of readiness.*

Being ready is part of being a Christian. Do you recall what happens when a child is baptized? During baptism a candle is lit and given to the parents or Godparents as the priest or deacon says, “Parents and Godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly.... May he (she) keep the flame of faith alive in his (her) heart. When the Lord comes, may he (she) go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom”. Everyone is expected to keep the lamp burning brightly. We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes.

During this month we pray for our departed members. St Peter death’s from November 1, 2019- October 31, 2020: Arlene B Arentz, Alberta L Kick, Verl Howard Dow, Theresa Arentz, Ernest Gronemus, Roman J Kotek, Bernard Clements, Betty Ann Cavadini & Donald F Kaiser.

**“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen**

Have a great weekend & 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.

**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!

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

**Parish Finances**

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$786.75
	-\$913.25
Year to Date Target -	\$32,300.00
Year to Date Total -	\$36,292.76
	+\$3,992.76

**Readings for November 15, 2020**

**First Reading:** Proverbs 31:10-31  
**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:14-30

**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.