

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.

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 votervoicenet.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 votervoicenet.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 or call 888-212-4357.

Kid's Korner

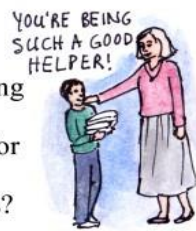
Prepare the Way of the Lord!



The readings in today's Mass remind us that we are preparing for the coming of Jesus. The first reading says, "A voice cries out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord!'" Saint Paul, in the second reading, tells us to conduct ourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for the day of the Lord.

In the Gospel reading we hear about Saint John the Baptist preparing the people for the coming of Christ.

What can we do to prepare for the coming of Jesus, which we remember especially at Christmas?



First, we should try to be holy like Saint Paul says. We should pray and do good. Then, we should make sure that we have repented of all our

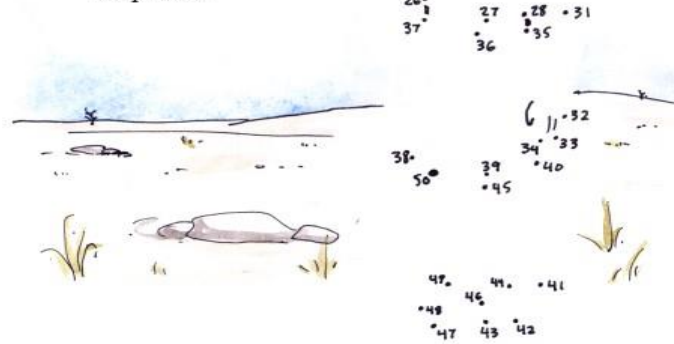
sins, like Saint John the Baptist taught the people. Finally, we should tell people about Jesus! The first reading tells us, "Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!"



Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 1. site 5 saw 7. illuminate 10 over 11 preserve 15 pure 17 min 18 lamb 20 ready 22 am 23 original Down: 2 him 3 you 4 hate 5 save 6 were 8 Mary 9 love 12 soul 13 baby 14 Adam 16 Eve 18 laws 19 born 21 Anne

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 6th, 2020**

*I am the voice of
one crying out in
the desert,
"Prepare the
way of the Lord,
make straight
his paths!"*



*What did God send before Jesus to prepare the
people for His coming?
Connect the dots to find out!*

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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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 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

12/9 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Bernie Clements (CF)

12/11 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Peter Krump Sr & the Krump family (PTS)

12/12 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Eugene Flock, Chad Mlsna & Kylie Von Ruden (LF)

12/13 Sun. 10:00 AM – Pope Francis (PTS)

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/

Parish Calendar of Events

Mon. Dec. 7 – Parish Finance meeting 7 PM

Tues. Dec. 8 – Feast of Immaculate Conception mass 8:00 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 – Grades 7-10 CCD 7 – 8:15 PM

Wed. Dec 16 – Confessions available 6-9 PM

Sun. Dec. 20 – Grades 1-6 CCD 8:45-9:45 AM

Sat Dec. 19 & Sun. Dec. 20 – Christmas decorating

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**Come spend some quiet time with Jesus.
Confessions available.**

Pray Often & Daily!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$949.70
	-\$750.30
Year to Date Target -	\$39,100.00
Year to Date Total -	\$39,510.96
	+\$410.96

Readings for December 13, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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.
- 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.

St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

This Sunday we celebrate the Second Sunday of the season of Advent. Each year on the Second Sunday of Advent our Gospel reading presents us with the familiar figure of John the Baptist. This year we read Mark's account of John's preaching. "John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." To receive the messiah, John recommended a baptism of repentance in the river Jordan. A sign of conversion. To repent genuinely is one of the hardest things in the world: yet it is basic to all spiritual changes and progress. Genuine repentance must include the subtle sins of the spirit, often so elusive that they are unrecognized and so deceptive that they assume the shape of angels. As we move on to the second week of the Advent I invite you to reflect ways of personal renewal.

Seventy-nine years ago tomorrow (December 7, 1941) we relive the memories of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor that began a few moments after 8:00am. President Franklin Roosevelt called it, "...a date which will live infamy..." Over 2400 people (whose average age was 23) died that day in the attack. Thousands of others (both military and civilians) lost their lives in the resulting Second World War. I encourage you to keep all those who have died in war in your prayers. Remember especially, to keep the men and women, presently serving in the armed forces, in your prayers. Also pray for restoration of peace in war-torn places.

This week we also celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas and Immaculate Conception. This year Immaculate Conception is not a holy day of obligation. I do encourage you to attend the mass on that day. "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and in view of the merits of Christ Jesus the Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin..." (Ineffabilis Deus - Latin for "Ineffable God"), apostolic constitution by Pope Pius IX. It defines the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Happy feast of St. Nicholas and Immaculate Conception!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

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.

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.

Church Decorating: This year things will be done a little differently. We hope to have family groups to take over the different areas (trees, garland, Nativity set, outdoor, etc) so as not to have everyone gathered at once. Watch for a sign up sheet to choose an assignment for YOUR family/group. We will decorate on December 19 & 20 unless other arrangements are made.

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. **PLEASE SIGN UP:** Fr. Biju would like a general idea of how many people are planning to attend each Christmas mass. We will look into putting information on the website and Facebook pages but in the meantime there will be a sheet in the back of church.

Fundraiser for Casa Hogar: It has been decided that due to Covid we will not have our annual Christmas cookie sale to raise funds for the orphanage in Peru. We would still like to send them a donation from our parish. If you would like to contribute watch for a basket in the back of church to drop donations through December or place yours in a marked envelope in the collection basket.

Religious Retirement Collection: Give in thanksgiving. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education" writes a donor. Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Watch for an envelope to be attached to the bulletin next 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!

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