

**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.

**March for Life:** While the Diocese of La Crosse is not taking pilgrims to the March for Life this year, you can still pray for the march in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 29. For more information visit [prolifewi.org/marchforlife](http://prolifewi.org/marchforlife).

**Marriage Preparation Retreats:** The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering Married Love: Two Becoming One, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples, on February 6, April 24, and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. Couples must register at least one month prior to the retreat. To register for a retreat, please email Mari at [mnerickson95@gmail.com](mailto:mnerickson95@gmail.com) or leave a voice message at 608-518-7655.

**ACS News:** We are excited to announce that enrollment for all new families and returning families for the 2021-22 school year opens up on Monday, January 18th! At Aquinas Catholic Schools, your child will be ready to succeed in literacy, faith development, social skills, and preparing them for the future. We provide our students with an excellent education, but we also help them grow in spirit and embrace virtues that will stay with them throughout their life. To learn more or to schedule a virtual visit with one of our principals please call (608) 784-8585 or visit [www.aquinasatholicschools.org](http://www.aquinasatholicschools.org) Already apart of the Aquinas family make sure to follow us on social media pages Facebook and Instagram pages! Did you know that Aquinas Catholic Schools provides free busing services from Tomah, Winona, Galesville, Genoa, Cashton, Lewiston, and all points in between? For more information check out the link below [www.aquinasatholicschools.org/enrollment](http://www.aquinasatholicschools.org/enrollment)

**Kid's Korner**

**Be Ready to do God's Will**

In today's first reading, God called young Samuel in a special way. Samuel's life had been dedicated to God, and because he was willing to follow God's plan, God made Samuel a holy prophet.

In the Gospel reading, Saint John the Baptist tells his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of them decided to follow Jesus, and one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother Simon. When Simon went to follow Him, Jesus told him that his name would now be "Cephas," or "Peter," which means 'rock.' God had a special plan for Simon Peter. He was to become the leader of the Church- the first pope!

God does not call all of us to very important jobs like the prophet Samuel and Saint Peter. But each of us should follow Jesus and be ready to do His will. If we always try to do what God wants, then we will be ready if He does have a special job for us! How can you do God's will today?



**Samuel's Call Cross-Word**

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

SAMUEL was sleeping in the TEMPLE. He heard a voice calling him, so he RAN to ELI and said, "Here I am. You called me."  
"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go BACK to sleep."  
So he went back to sleep. Then the same thing happened again. The voice CALLED Samuel again, for the THIRD time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "HERE I am. You called me."



Then Eli UNDERSTOOD that the Lord was calling the YOUTH. So he said to Samuel, "Go to SLEEP, and if you are called, REPLY, "SPEAK, Lord, for your SERVANT is listening." When Samuel went to sleep, the LORD came and REVEALED his presence, calling out as BEFORE, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel ANSWERED, "Speak, for your servant is LISTENING."

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect. What's another way of saying this was Samuel's calling? It was

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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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**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

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

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Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 486-2605  
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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 17, 2021**



**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

**1/20 Wed. 8:00 AM - † Robert Horsheit (MLH)**

**1/22 Fri. 8:00 AM – Robert & Dorothy Slattery (PTS)**

**1/23 Sat. 8:00 PM– † Don Kaiser (RER)**

**1/24 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Elreda Meyer (JM)**

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. Jan. 20- CCD for Grades 7-10, 7:00-8:15 PM  
Sun. Jan. 24 – CCD for Grades 1-6, 8:45-9:45AM

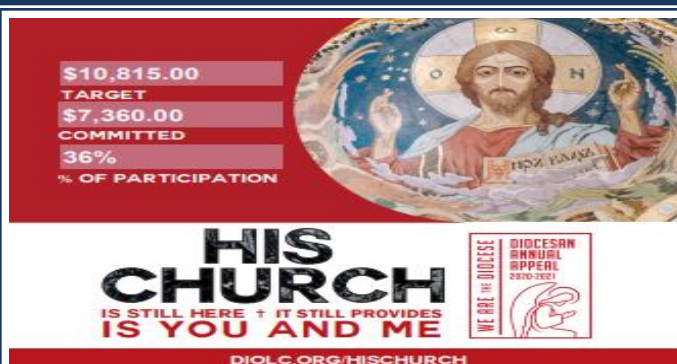
Wed. Jan. 27-CCD for Grades 7-10, 7:00-8:15 PM  
Sun. Jan. 31-CCD for Grades 1-6, 8:45-9:45AM



### Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm**

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.



#### Christ Our Cornerstone Campaign:

Last weekend we brought to your attention the Christ Our Cornerstone campaign to restore the steeple and facilitate other restorations to our beloved St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. The impact of the Cathedral is diocesan wide and beyond and stands as the iconic cornerstone of our faith which radiates as a place of prayer and worship to all our people. This structure, our faith in stone, was gifted to us by the hard work and sacrifices of generations past. It is now our time, our turn to honor our faithful patron St. Joseph the Workman and preserve this historic and magnificent Cathedral. In an unprecedented act of generosity, St. Ambrose Financial Services has offered to match \$2 for every \$1 generously pledged to this initiative up to \$3 million. That doesn't just double your gift to the Cathedral, it triples it! Informational flyers with donation options may be found in the back of church or pledges can be made online at <https://cathedralsjworkman.org/cornerstone/> We thank you for your kind assistance in this historic endeavor. It is only together as one that we can truly do great things!

### 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

#### **BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD**

Our Christmas celebration and the Christmas season are over, and we began the ordinary time in Liturgy. This Sunday we hear St. John saying "Behold, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world". John's vocation was to show the world the "Lamb of God". The two disciples of John heard what he said and followed Jesus. To their question "where are you staying?" Jesus tells them, "Come, and you will see." "Come and see..." it's a "vocation" –a call from God. This is a call to know Him more. This is the call which he has addressed to every one of us. Come and see, also know Him. It calls for a personal experience of Jesus as our Lord and Savior. How do we find it in our daily lives is a question for every follower of Christ? Go back to the bible where we will find Him. Our personal and family prayers, and our active participation in the Eucharistic celebration, many other ways unknown to us He still comes to us even today.

As we begin the new year 2021 there are a number of important events to remember. January marks the 158th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. On Monday, January 18 is a national holiday as we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Wednesday, January 20 we will inaugurate our 46th President of the USA, Mr. Joe Biden. Let's remember to keep all our elected national, state and local government politicians in our prayers and not hesitate to remind them to work for the good of all people. Friday, January 22 has been designated, by the US Bishops' Conference as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the 48th anniversary of the decision of the US Supreme Court regarding the legality of abortion. As Catholics we are called by our faith and belief in Jesus Christ to promote respect for all of life from conception to natural death. On January 24<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the feast of St. Francis de Sales known as "The Gentleman Saint." He was born in Thorens of the Savoy region of France on August 21, 1567. He is the patron saint of writers and journalists. Also, the patron saint of Missionaries of St Francis de Sales to which I belong. So please keep us in your prayers too. Have a good week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

### Parish News

**World Mission Sunday:** We in the Mission Office want to thank you for being a source of hope in a world affected by the pandemic of illness & unrest. As a result of World Mission Sunday, St. Peter Parish of Middle Ridge has helped to support the work of missionaries who foster hope and bring assistance. May God bless you for your financial contribution and all your prayers. We will forward the total to the national Society for the Propagation of the Faith office. Your collective gifts will support projects that build God's kingdom in our midst. Thank you!

**Diaconate Discernment Retreat:** Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Mary's Church in Altoona on February 27, 2021. Then contact Deacon Bryan Hilts, Director of the Office for the Diaconate at [bhiltts@diolc.org](mailto:bhiltts@diolc.org). A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.

**Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection:** "Walking with Moms in Need" Some people accuse pro-lifers of caring only about the child in the womb and not women in need. Not true at all, as you will see from this virtual afternoon of reflection on January 30, 2021, with keynote speaker Bob Perron, Executive Director of JMJ Pregnancy Center in Orlando, FL. You will also hear about the fourteen Pregnancy Care Centers in the Diocese of La Crosse and what you can do to help one near you. This afternoon of reflection will have broad appeal for families, adults and teens. Visit [diolc.org/respect-life](http://diolc.org/respect-life) -- More details coming soon!

## Year of St. Joseph

May 1, 2020 to May 1, 2021

Diocese of La Crosse

### Pray Often & Daily!!!

#### Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00  
Last Week's Total - \$732.50  
-\$967.50

Year to Date Target - \$49,300.00  
Year to Date Total - \$58,568.76  
+\$9,268.76

#### Readings for January 24, 2021

**First Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:14-20

**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.