

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.

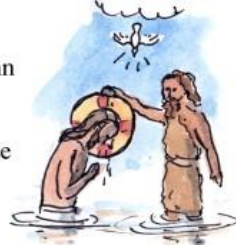
Marriage Preparation Retreats: The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering Married Love: Two Becoming One, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples, on February 6, April 24, and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary Mother of the Church Parish 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 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.aquinascatholicsschools.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.aquinascatholicsschools.org/enrollment

Kid's Korner Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptism of Our Lord. After Jesus had prayed and fasted in the desert for forty days He went to where Saint John the Baptist was baptizing people in the Jordan river. People were coming to Saint John, confessing their sins, and he was baptizing them with water. Saint John told the people that he only baptized with water, but One would come after him Who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit. He was talking about Jesus.

When Jesus came to him, Saint John did not want to baptize Him- he said that Jesus should baptize him instead! But Jesus wanted Saint John to baptize Him so that He could be an example for all of us.

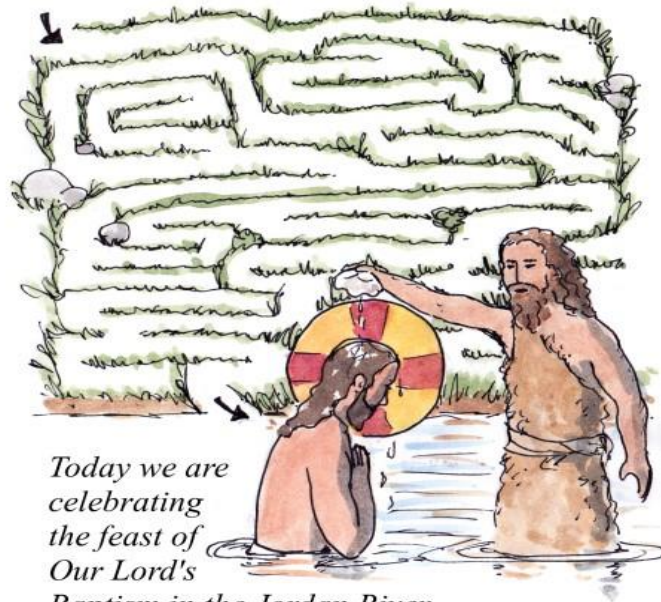


The baptism that Saint John was giving was only a sign of people being sorry for their sins. The baptism that Jesus gave us really takes away our sins. It makes us members of Jesus' Church and takes away both original sin and any actual sins we have done. We still have the effects of original sin, which are pain and death and a tendency to sin, but our souls are made perfectly clean when we are baptized. If we sin after our baptism we can be forgiven in the sacrament of confession.



Today ask your parents about your baptism, and thank God for letting you become part of His family, the Church.

**Sunday January 10th, 2021
Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**



Today we are celebrating the feast of Our Lord's Baptism in the Jordan River.

See if you can find your way through the maze to where Saint John is baptizing Jesus!

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

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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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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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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

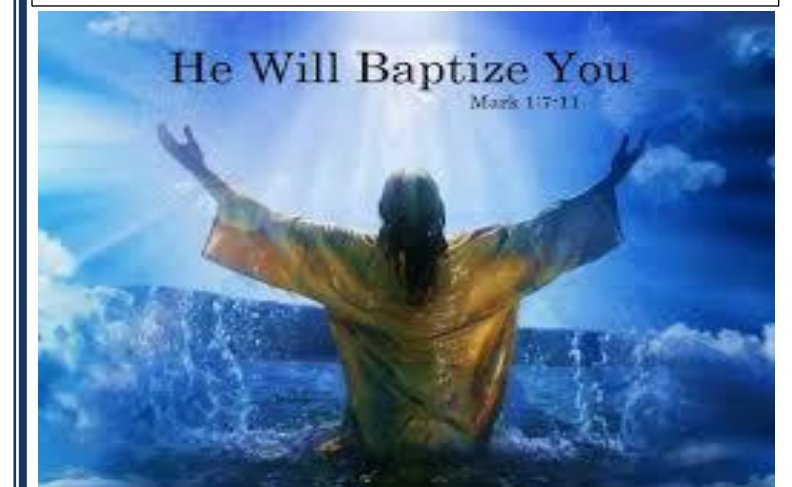
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Middle Ridge, WI
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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 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

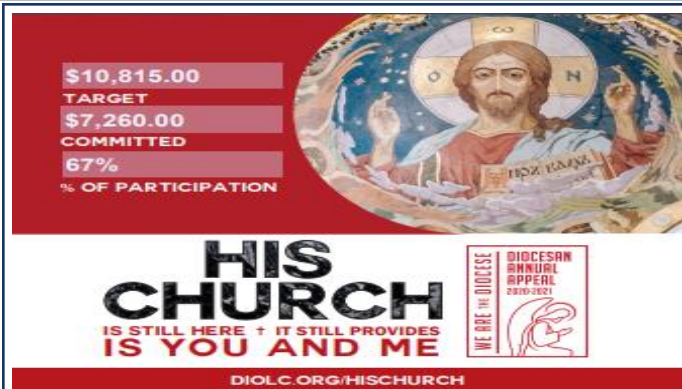
1/13 Wed. 8:00 AM - † Roger & Irene Cummings (PTS)

1/15 Fri. 8:00 AM – Living & deceased members of the Lee family (ML)

1/16 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Arnold & Theresa Arentz (DKS)

1/10 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peters 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 -	\$2,935.80
	+\$8,642.00
Year to Date Target -	\$47,600.00
Year to Date Total -	\$57,836.26
	+\$10,236.26

Readings for January 17, 2021

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-20

Gospel Reading: John 1:35-42

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

Sun. Jan 10 – Take down Christmas decorations

Wed. Jan. 13–CCD for Grades 7-10, 7:00-8:15 PM

Sun. Jan. 17–CCD for Grades 1-6, 8:45-9:45AM

Mon. Jan. 18 – Finance Council meeting 7:30 PM

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



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Thank you to all who donated to the beautiful Christmas flowers:

- The Marge Lee family
- In memory of Eugene Flock, Chad Mlsna & Kylie VonRuden
- The Halderson family
- In memory of Jacob, Ernie & Kay Gronemus from the Kast family
- Living & deceased members of the Otto Schaub family
- In memory of parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and miscarried babies; Jacinta Marie, Jean Marie, Jamie Marie, Jacob Michael Daniel, Jonas Thomas, Angela Jane & James Joseph
- From the Lucey family
- In memory of Bobby & Arlene Arentz
- In memory of deceased members of the Gronemus family
- From the Arnold & Theresa Arentz family

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

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

On this second Sunday of the New Year 2021 we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we also come to the completion of the Christmas season. We will return to green vestments and Ordinary Time tomorrow, Monday, January 11. The next change of seasons in the Church will be the beginning of Lent on February 17, Ash Wednesday.

Jesus didn't need to be baptized. But He descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. Baptism makes us children of God. Today the celebration of the feast reminds us of our own baptism. Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God.

Becoming a Catholic, being faithful to Jesus Christ, living the Commandments of loving God and neighbor is not accomplished by the mere pouring of the baptismal water. Baptism only begins a life-long task of growing in faith and love of God and neighbor. As we celebrate the feast of the baptism of the Lord, we are asked by the Church to reflect on how we might live our baptismal call each and every day of our life.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Christ Our Cornerstone Campaign: This weekend we bring 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!

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!

Catechesis & Evangelization: Dr. Petroc Willey will be speaking on the six ways that Christ is to be the center of all teaching, which is called Christocentricity. Petroc does this by way of Sacred Art. I heard the presentation that he gave to the Archdiocese of Minneapolis/St. Paul and it is both beautiful and extremely helpful for teaching. Dr. Willey is a gifted speaker, who makes everything understandable. He is a Director of the Catechetical Institute and a Professor of Catechetics. Further, he is a consultor for the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization. This presentation will be well worth your time, and will give you a spiritual lift in the Christmas Season. There is no cost for the ZOOM presentation on Thursday, January 7th, 2-3 p.m., but registration is necessary. Send an email to Paula at pboyle@diolc.org All are welcome.

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 bhilts@diolc.org. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2021 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite.