

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: 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. Aquinas is now accepting new students and returning students for grades 3P-12TH grade. To learn more or to schedule a virtual visit with one of our principals please call (608) 784-8585 or visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org. Did you know that Aquinas Catholic Schools participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program? If you meet income and residency requirements for the Wisconsin Parent Choice Program, you could attend Aquinas Catholic Schools tuition-free. This program is for parents wishing to send their children to Aquinas Catholic Schools, but due to income constraints, may not be able to do so. To learn more please visit our website at www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment

Kid's Korner

Come, follow Me...



If God asked you to come and follow Him right now would you be ready to drop everything and follow? In today's Gospel reading that's exactly what happened to Simon and Andrew and James and John.

They had been working at their fishing nets when Jesus walked past and called them to follow Him.

We are all called to follow Jesus in some way. God wants some people to give up their lives for others like Jesus did, and some people He wants to look after the poor and sick. Some people are called to care for children and some to build things. Some people are called to be special followers of Our Lord as priests and religious.



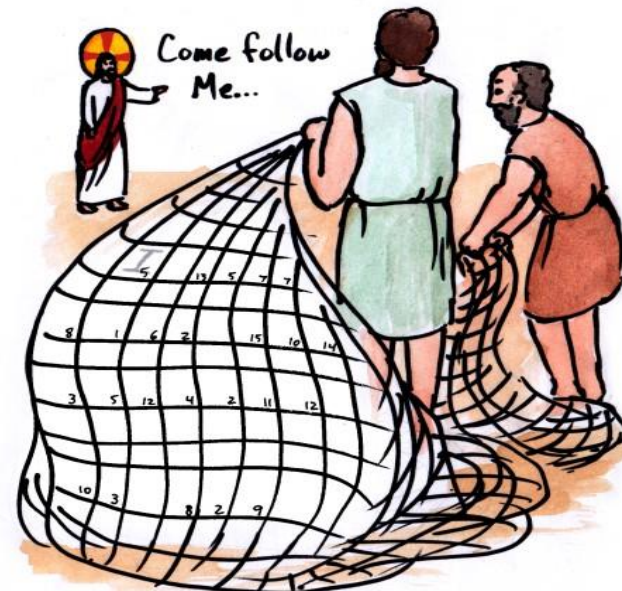
Do you know how you can best follow Jesus? When you're young the best way to be like Him is to be kind to everyone and honour and obey your parents like the Child Jesus did. Also, you can already start praying that when the time comes you will be know how to follow Our Lord in the way that you can serve Him best.



Answer to front page puzzle: I will make you fishers of men.
 Answer to True or False puzzle: 1: True, 2: false, 3: false, 4: true, 5: false, 6: true, 7: true.

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24th, 2021**

*What else did Jesus say when He called the fishermen?
Find the letters that match the numbers in the net to fill in the spaces in the net and find out!*



A E F H I K L M N O R S W U Y
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

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

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Dan Korn, Gary Flock, Michael Hundt
(Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Mark Gronemus)

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

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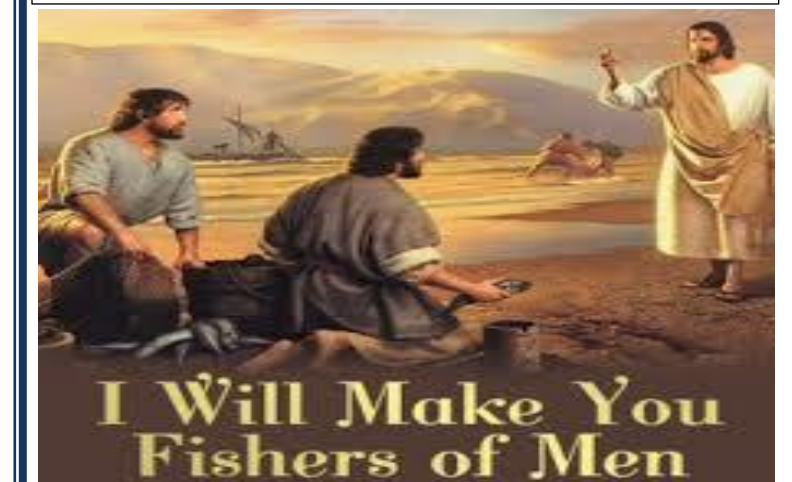
**St. Peters Catholic
Church
Middle Ridge, WI
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Rockland, WI 54653**



Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24, 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

1/27 Wed. 8:00 AM - Intentions of Mike & Anne Clements (SAH)

1/29 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Jerry Hundt (AMH)

1/30 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Ronald Berger (PTS)

1/31 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Asa & Ruth Ann Rowell (MLH)

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

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

Wed. Feb. 3 – CCD for Grades 7-10, 7:00-8:15 PM

Sun. Feb. 7 – CCD for Grades 1-6, 8:45-9:45AM

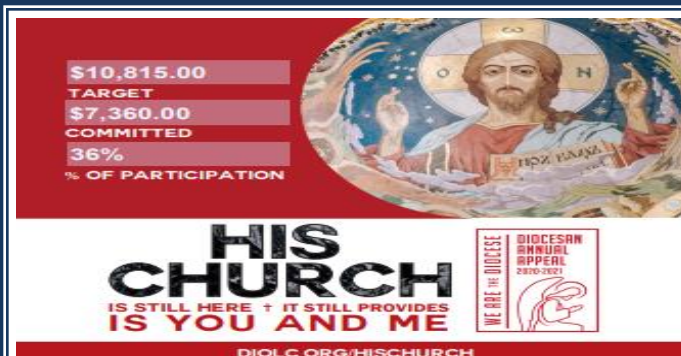
Wed. Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday



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://cathedralsiworkman.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

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This weekend we reflect on how Jesus invites Simon, Andrew, James and John and tells them “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” They “abandoned their nets and followed Him” God does call us to build the kingdom in ways we will never know. Even Jonah became His messenger. Our first reading is from the book of Jonah. The book of Jonah is a fascinating tale of God, stubborn Jonah, surprising Nineveh, and the famous fish. The book is a profound reflection about God and about all of us. This week's passage takes place shortly after Jonah's time in the fish's belly. Jonah finally performs the task that God asked of him, to call the people of Nineveh to repentance. People did respond to the call of conversion. “When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out”. Like the parable of the prodigal son the story of Nineveh reminds us of God's love and mercy which is extended to anyone who repent.

This Wednesday I had the opportunity to get vaccinated for Covid 19. But on Friday I received the sad news about the death of one of my companion priests. He was tested positive for Covid 19. Fr Alwyn Zothanzanga MSFS (38) passed away on 1/22/21. He has been working in Swaziland, Southern African Region. He just completed five years of his priestly ministry on 15th of January 2021. I request you to pray for Fr Alwyn. **Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord! & Let perpetual light shine upon him! MAY HE REST IN PEACE!**

I take this time to wish everyone Happy feast of St Francis de Sales.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju



Parish News

Diocesan Annual Appeal: Please note the picture to the left that shows our target and commitment so far to this appeal. We are \$3,455 short of our target to date. Keep in mind that if we do not reach this goal we will have to pay the difference to the Diocese from our church reserves. However, if we surpass this goal anything over and above comes back to us to use for our parish needs. Thank you for your generosity!

Census/Registration: With your contribution statement, all registered members, will receive a census/registration update form. Please update and return in the envelope that is provided. Additional information and instructions about the form will be included. If you did not make a contribution in 2020 the census will still be mailed to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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 -- 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 - \$909.36

-\$790.64

Year to Date Target - \$51,000.00

Year to Date Total - \$59,478.12

+\$8,478.12

Readings for January 31, 2021

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

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.