

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.

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 voterve.net/usccb/home.

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.

Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon of Reflection: "Walking with Mom's 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. More details coming soon!

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@mnerickson95@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 608-518-7655.

Kid's Korner

Our Lady and the Magi

On January 1st we celebrate the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. Do you know why Mary is so special? She always says yes to God. When God asked her to be the mother of His Son she said yes, even though she knew she would have to suffer a lot. She accepted Jesus' death on the cross because God willed it.

Mary was the way that God chose to come into the world. He could have come as a grown-up king with great power, but He chose instead to come into the world the way everyone else does, being born of a mother. Mary was the perfect woman- He had made her for Himself- so she deserves to be greatly honoured as God's mother.

On January 3rd this year we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, when the wise men, or magi, came from far away to worship the new baby King Jesus. They travelled for many days and were guided by a star that God put in the sky for them. Finally they came to the house in Bethlehem where Mary and Jesus were staying.

Even though Mary was just a poor young mother and Jesus was a poor helpless baby, the great men fell on their knees before them and worshipped Jesus, offering their expensive treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

God loves the poor so much he made Himself a poor baby. He is honoured every time we are kind to the poor and pray for them. Can you do something kind for someone who is poorer than you, or say a prayer for them today?



EPIPHANY CROSS-WORD

Fill in the blanks in the story to find the words for the puzzle!

Around the time that _____ (2d) was born, some wise men from the _____ (8a) saw in the sky a special _____ (9a) at _____ (13d) rising, and followed it to _____ (11a) the newborn Saviour. First they came to Jerusalem where _____ (10d) went to ask _____ (15a) Herod if he knew where the new King would be born. _____ (12d) Herod did not know, he called the priests and scribes, who told them that the Baby would be born in _____ (18a). Then Herod told a _____ (17d) and said that he wanted to go and honour the Baby King too, and told the men to return once they had found him and tell him where the Baby was. The men were _____ (7d) when they found Jesus with his mother _____ (4d), and they did him homage, giving their gifts of _____ (16a), _____ (1d) and _____ (4a). But _____ (3d) night an angel appeared _____ (6a) them and told them to _____ (14a) go home by another road, since King _____ (5d) wanted to kill Baby Jesus.



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 (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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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 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

1/6 Wed. 8:00 AM - † Andula Cassill (PTS)

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

1/9 Sat. 8:00 PM - † Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS)

1/10 Sun. 10:00 AM - † Bernie Clements (CF)

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. 6-CCD for Grades 7-10, 7:00-8:15 PM

Sun. Jan. 10-CCD for Grades 1-6, 8:45-9:45AM

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



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

Let Us Seek Him

Wish you happy Feast of the Epiphany. Several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," or "manifestation" including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. Today, we celebrate the visit of the Magi. The visit of the Magi occurs just before the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. We hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. They also represent our search for Jesus. They had gifts for the new born king. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. The visitation of the Magi reveals that in Jesus, salvation is open to all. Epiphany is about inclusion. Be blessed to know that I have a place in Him. On this day let's also reflect am I grateful to the Lord who came to save me? Do we still seek him? What gifts do we take to our Lord?

Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the completion of the Christmas season. We then return to Ordinary Time in the Church's calendar on January 11 until the Season of Lent arrives with Ash Wednesday on February 17.

I wish you Happy New Year and happy Feast of the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.**



Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

Parish News

Christmas Decorations: We will plan to take the decorations down after the **January 10th** mass. Please plan to help.

Parents: please accompany your children to the restrooms in the church.

Thank You from Casa Hogar: Hola Friends and Family, on behalf of all the children, families and staff at Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II, we wish you and your family a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and healthy New Year! Although the holiday season looks different for us all, we are closing out the year by counting our blessings, simple and grand, with reflection, music, graduations, and preparations for the New Year. We invite you to share in this joy of the season through a tour of our Nativity Scenes all made from recycled materials in the house. Thank you for the support, love and prayers you share with us throughout the year. It is only through your generosity that we are able to provide faith, family and a future for these children.

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

\$10,815.00
TARGET
\$6,270.00
COMMITTED
58%
% OF PARTICIPATION

HIS CHURCH
IS STILL HERE † IT STILL PROVIDES
IS YOU AND ME

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Pray Often & Daily!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$10,342.00</u>
	+\$8,642.00
Year to Date Target -	\$45,900.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$54,900.46</u>
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Readings for January 10, 2021

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:7-11

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.