

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.

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 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.

Christ Our Cornerstone Campaign: The Christ Our Cornerstone campaign to restore the steeple and facilitate other restorations to our beloved St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral is under way. 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!

February 20, 2021 Virtual Men's Lenten Retreat: We will have a free virtual Lenten retreat for men talking about looking to St. Joseph as a model for being a great husband and father. The retreat will feature speakers Fr. Sam Martin and Mr. Pat Brueggen. To register please visit: <https://diolc.org/virtual-lenten-mens-retreat/>

Kid's Korner

Keeping a Secret

In today's Gospel reading, a poor man with leprosy asked Jesus to heal him. Our Lord was sorry for the leper and healed him. But then He told him not to tell anyone. Do you know what the man did?



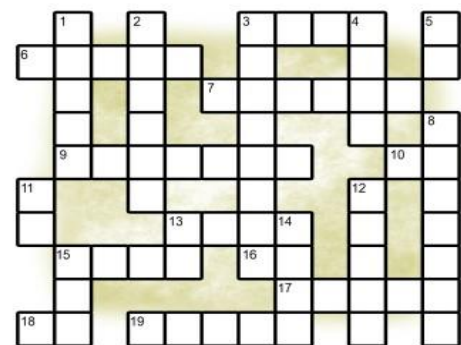
Well, he didn't keep the secret. He started to tell everyone what had happened. Soon Jesus couldn't walk into towns because there were such big crowds. He had to stay out in the deserted places so that there wouldn't be mobs in the towns.

Has anyone ever told you a secret? Do you find it hard to keep secrets? Once in a while somebody might tell you something that you will need to tell your parents, but usually you shouldn't tell anyone somebody else's secret. Before you tell something to your friends, always

ask yourself if it's okay to share it with them. Will it make things hard for somebody else? Might you hurt someone's feelings? Think about how you would feel if someone told one of your secrets to their friends. And finally, always remember that the way you treat others is how you treat Jesus.



The Leper Cross-Word



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A _____ (6a) came to Jesus and _____ (3d) _____ (14d) _____ (2d) him and said, " _____ (5d) you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his _____ (13a), _____ (8d) him, and said to him, "I do will it. _____ (11d) made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was _____ (15a) clean. Then, warning him _____ (9a), he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you _____ (4d) no one anything, but _____ (16a), show yourself to the priest and offer what Moses prescribed; that will be _____ (12d) for them."

The _____ (15d) went away and _____ (19a) to publicize the _____ (17a) matter. _____ (13d) spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for _____ (1d) to enter a town openly. He remained outside _____ (18a) deserted places, and _____ (7a) _____ (3a) coming _____ (10a) him from everywhere.

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 - 3:00 PM

Friday 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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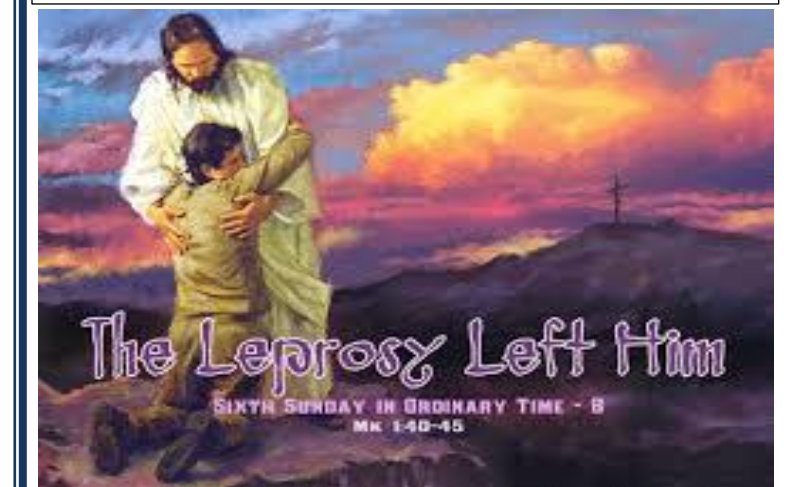
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 14, 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

2/17 Wed. 8:00 PM – Ash Wednesday
† Peter Krump (AMM)

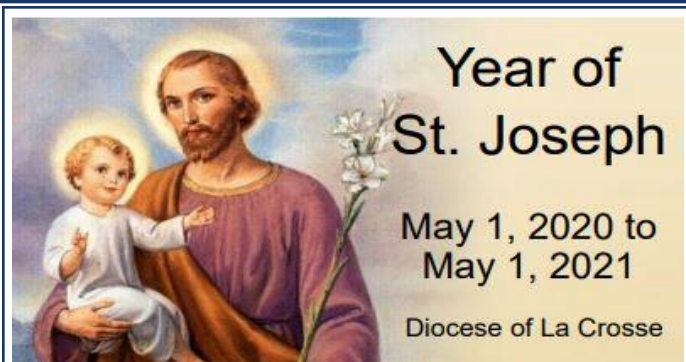
No Morning Mass

2/19 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Bernie Clements
(CF)

2/20 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Elreda Meyer
(DKS)

2/21 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peter's 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 -	<u>\$1,413.00</u>
	-\$287.00
Year to Date Target -	\$56,100.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$62,289.93</u>
	+\$6,189.93

Readings for February 21, 2021

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:12-15

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. Feb. 14 – CCD for Grades 1-6, 8:45-9:45AM

Mon. Feb. 15 – Finance Council Meeting 7:30 PM

Wed. Feb. 17 –NO CCD for Grades 7-10

Wed. Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday Mass 8:00 PM
(No morning mass)

Sun. Feb. 21 – CCD for Grades 1-6, 8:45-9:45AM

Wed. Feb. 24 – CCD for Grades 7-10, 7-8:15 PM

Wed. Feb. 24 – Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.



Diocesan Annual Appeal: Please note the picture above that shows our target and commitment so far to this appeal. We are \$3,105 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!

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

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In Mark 1: 40-45 which is the gospel for this weekend Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone. Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Happy Valentine's day! February 14 was for many years known as the feast of St. Valentine. Studies and scholarship of the last few decades have raised enough conflicting stories and uncertainties about the legend of St. Valentine that the Church removed the feast from the Calendar of Saints. However, the tradition of sending greeting cards of warm wishes, flowers to those whom we love and other expressions of care and devotion continue to be a noble and caring gesture towards others. So, tell those whom you love of your care and concern for them today, February 14, in the spirit of Valentine's day original meaning of caring for those whom we love. The Second Sunday of February is also World Marriage Day. To everyone who is married and those preparing for Marriage we ask God's special blessings upon you on this special day. We pray that you will always witness to love and God's presence in all that you do.

This weekend, is Presidents Day Weekend. It would be good to recall the ideals upon which our country was founded. As Catholics we are called to not only follow and live out the Gospel but also to be good citizens of the country. It is hard to believe but Wednesday (Feb. 17) is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent. As I have mentioned in the past couple of bulletins, this year our celebration of Ash Wednesday and Lent will be different due to COVID protocols for the safety of everyone. Yet no matter how we celebrate Ash Wednesday, Lent and Holy Week this year of 2021 all of our prayers, rituals and services are all meant to remind us of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. Many of us look forward to Ash Wednesday for a heart-felt beginning to this season of introspection and resolve to dive more deeply in communion with God. Wishing you a grace filled Lent.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

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Ash Wednesday Mass: There will be mass here on February 17th at 8:00 PM. Note there is NO daily mass that day here. St. Joseph Ridge has two opportunities to attend as well at 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM. St. Peter's will have Stations of the Cross on Wednesday's at 7:30 PM throughout Lent.

Lenten Regulations: The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Lenten regulations are as follows: 1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday. 2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday: The Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome recently released the following instructions for the distribution of Ashes during the present pandemic conditions: "The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel', or 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return'. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything." The US Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship continues: "These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient. The distribution of ashes via sprinkling is a common practice in some countries but is not well known here.

At Home Suggested Lenten Practices: Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, sign up to receive a daily email with a short video to help you connect in a stronger way with Jesus. • Sign up for Bishop Barron's daily Lenten reflections lentreflections.com/ or • Sign up for "Best Lent Ever" with Matthew Kelly at dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever Choose a Prayer Card for Lent in order to "Go Deeper" in your relationship with Jesus and your understanding of the prayer. Visit diolc.org/deeper for adult resources and diolc.org/prayer for children and young people resources.