

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.

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. You can find pamphlets in the back of church with instructions on how to donate to this cause.

Great Resources for Lent: Make Lent 2021 special and life-changing! Go to any or all of these websites and enjoy listening, watching or reading the daily reflections anywhere and anytime! Please go to these links to register.

- <https://relevantradio.com/father-rockys-40-lenten-lessonsmass/#form>
- <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/>
- <https://formed.org/>

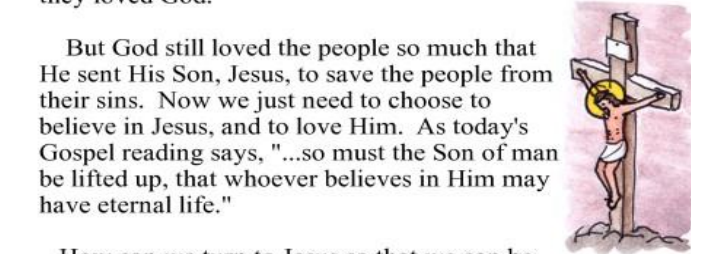
These are great ways to educate yourself on Catholic Faith! Be inspired to live the faith and love it!

Reporting Abuse: The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@dioc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: dioc.org/safeenvironment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@dioc.org

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.

Kid's Korner
For God so Loved the World

I KNOW GOD TOLD ME NOT TO, BUT... When God made the world He wanted the people to be His friends and always live in happiness. But instead of choosing to love God completely, the people sinned. They were cut off from the happiness of God because they chose to love themselves more than they loved God.

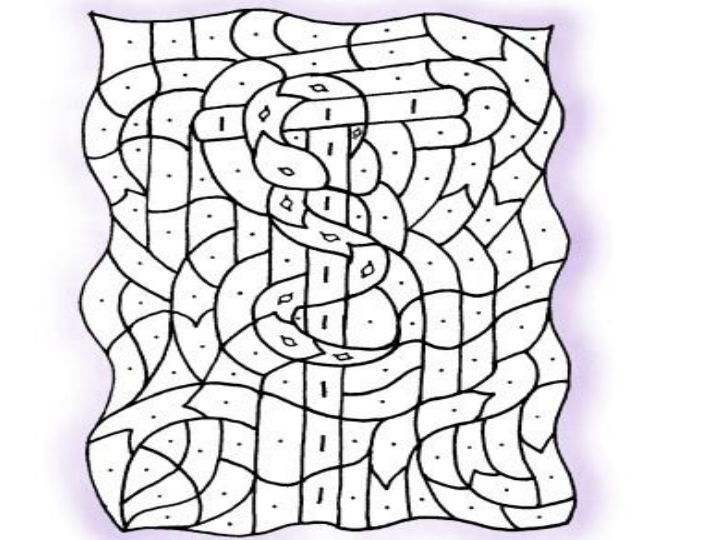


But God still loved the people so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to save the people from their sins. Now we just need to choose to believe in Jesus, and to love Him. As today's Gospel reading says, "...so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."

How can we turn to Jesus so that we can be saved from our sins?
Here are a few things that can help you a lot:
1. When you wake up in the morning, tell Jesus that you are offering everything that happens today to Him.
2. Every day look at a crucifix (a cross with Jesus on it.) Think about how much Jesus loves us. How much do we love Him back?

HOW HAVE I LOVED GOD TODAY?
3. Each night before you go to sleep, think about your day. Did you show your love for God today? If you did something bad, be sorry and think about how can you do better tomorrow.

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021



Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could go to Heaven. When God's people in the desert were bitten by snakes, Moses held up something he made from bronze that the people could look at and live. What was it? Use the colour code to find out!

- blue
- ! brown
- ◊ green

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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Mary Hundt, Coordinator.....(608) 780-6172

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
Leo Leis (Chairman), Mark Gronemus, Jared Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

CEMETERY SEXTON Tom Schaub...(608) 486-4012

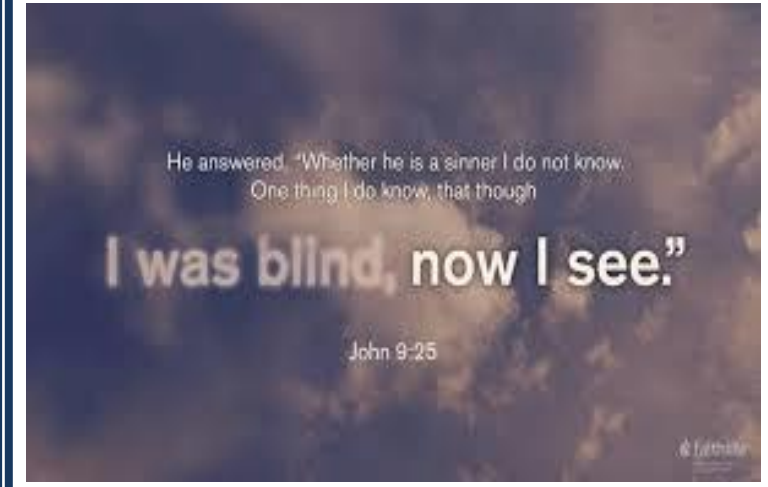
FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR
Debra Leis.....(608)632-7830

MUSIC
Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 486-2605
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 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

3/17 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Donald Kaiser (RER)

3/19 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Steven Hundt (SAH)

3/20 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Asa & Ruth Ann Rowell (MLH)

3/21 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/

Parish Calendar of Events

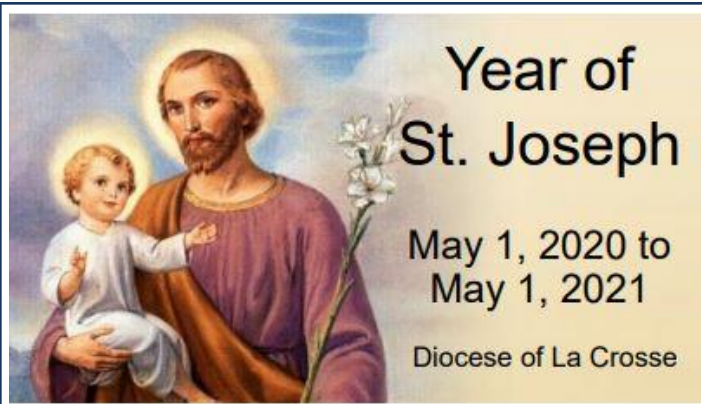
Sat. & Sun. March 13 & 14 - BLEST ART SALES
 Wed. March 17 - CCD for Grades 7-10, 7-8:15 PM
 Wed. March 17 - Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM
 Thurs. March 18 - Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM
 Sun. March 21- CCD for Grades 1-6, 8:45-9:45AM
 Wed. March 24 - CCD for Grades 7-10, 7-8:15 PM
 Wed. March 24 - Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM
 Sun. March 28- CCD for Grades 1-6, 8:45-9:45AM
 Wed. March 31 - Lenten Confessions 6 - 9 PM
 Tues. April 20 - Parish Finance Meeting 7:30 PM



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,213.75
	-\$486.25
Year to Date Target -	\$62,900.00
Year to Date Total -	\$68,649.46
	+\$5,749.46

Readings for March 21, 2021

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

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.



Diocesan Annual Appeal: Please note the picture above that shows our target and commitment so far to this appeal. We are \$2,805 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

This weekend we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Lent. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday. Laetare in Latin means rejoice. Holy Week and the Easter season are quickly approaching. We are half-way through the season of Lent. Like Gaudete Sunday, Laetare Sunday provides a similar break about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character. Rejoice because He won life for us through His death. Before His passion and death while being with Nicodemus he tells "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." Healing came to the snake-bitten Israelites by looking at the bronze serpent hanging on a pole, so life is given to those who look up with the eyes of faith upon the Son of man hanging on the cross. It's also a time to reflect about how much God loved us on the wood of the cross. Rejoice because the Lord continues to call us, and to draw us close to himself.

This year the Church has the joy of celebrating a special year in honor of Saint Joseph (December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021). As the Spouse of the Mother of God and the Foster-Father of the Son of God, he had a unique responsibility to care for and protect the Holy Family. Consequently, he is also the Patron of the Universal Church. He protects and guides the Church, the Body of Christ, with the same paternal care he showed to Our Lady and the Lord Jesus. I wish everyone Happy feast on the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19 also happy feast of St Patrick on March 17. May St Joseph and St Patrick bless everyone.

On 15th of March 2021, I completed 6 years of my presence in this great country. Day to remember with gratitude all the blessings which I have received from God. I take this time to thank everyone for your love and cooperation which I have received during my ministry. May the Lord bless you.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Census/Registration Update: As of this publication we have received 56 of 103 Registration Update forms. If you have not already done so, please return your form ASAP. Even if you feel all the information is correct, we would like you to return it as confirmation. If you have misplaced it simply call during business hours or email the parish office.

Blest Art visiting on March 13 and 14: Purchasing Blest Art's beautifully hand-crafted Christian items gives you the advantage of being able to reach out beyond our borders with uniquely, real, tangible and effective help. It is more than a hand-out as a collection plate would be, it is a hand-up for the Christians who want to live in peace and support their families with a centuries-old trade and way of life in the Holy Land. Your support for these craftsmen and hard-working Christian artists helps to ensure a viable Christian presence in the land where the gospel was first preached.

U.S. Bishops' Call to Action: Oppose Legislation threatening Unborn Children, Religious Freedom and Women's Dignity Abortion funding as "reproductive health care" is now being pushed on multiple fronts, including COVID-19 relief legislation and the ill-named "Equality Act," which threatens unborn children, religious freedom and conscience rights, and which would also enforce transgender ideology to the detriment of women's privacy and safety and women's sports. To make your voice heard against these evils, visit votervoicenet.org/USCCB/home.

Holy Week Schedule for St. Peter & St. Joseph:

St. Peter
 Thursday April 1st: 8:00 PM
 Friday April 2nd: 1:00 PM
 Saturday April 3rd: 8:30 PM
 Sunday April 4th: 10:00 AM

St. Joseph
 Thursday April 1st: 7:00 PM
 Friday April 2nd: 3:00 PM
 Saturday April 3rd: 8:30 PM
 Sunday April 4th: 8:30 AM