

**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-lessons/#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!

**Knights of Columbus Career Opportunity:** The Knights of Columbus is looking for men seeking a career opportunity, representing their insurance program as a Field Agent. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. One must be an eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. contact Tim Nowak, General Agent, at (920) 462-4100 or by email at timothy.knowak@kofc.org or check us out at: [www.kofcw.org](http://www.kofcw.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.

**Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild** Join us to celebrate Padre Jose and learn more about how he lives among us today. We will unveil a new video and share stories of his missions with the children in Peru at Casa Hogar! This event will be a lead in to Holy Week, which is always a special time to celebrate and remember Padre Jose in Peru and around the world. Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00pm CST. Zoom Meeting: Please email [ssceery@frjoesguild.org](mailto:ssceery@frjoesguild.org) to sign up in advance

**Kid's Korner**

*Unless a grain falls to the ground and dies...*

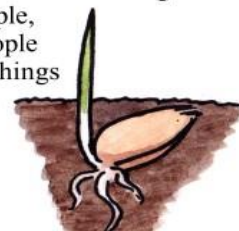


Jesus knew He was going to die soon. It made Him sad, but He knew that He had to do it. He told the apostles, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Because Jesus died, we can be freed from our sins and live!

Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.



Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.



Are you ready to be a saint?

Answers to The Annunciation Puzzle:  
sent, Joseph, name, Lord, confused, angel, not, God, SON OF GOD

*The Annunciation*

*The feast of the Annunciation is on March 25th. That is the day that Jesus became a tiny baby inside Mary. Finish this story by filling in the blanks with words from the lists and using the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.*

God  \_\_\_\_\_ an angel to a virgin who was engaged to  \_\_\_\_\_ . Her  \_\_\_\_\_ was Mary.

He told her that the  \_\_\_\_\_ was with her. But Mary was  \_\_\_\_\_ about what the angel said.

So the  \_\_\_\_\_ said to her, "Do  \_\_\_\_\_ be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with  \_\_\_\_\_"

Then the angel told her that she would have a Baby and that He would be the \_\_\_\_\_ .

CONFUSED		JOSEPH
ANGEL		LORD
NAME		SENT
GOD		NOT

**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

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, 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

**St. Peters Catholic Church**  
**Middle Ridge, WI**  
**W697 State Hwy 33**  
**Rockland, WI 54653**



Parish website: [www.saintpetersparish.net](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 21, 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**

**3/24 Wed. 8:00 AM – Matt & Francis Muenzenberger family (SHM)**

**3/26 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Robert, John & Linda Mashak (JM)**

**3/27 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Elreda Meyer (AMH)**

**3/28 Sun. 10:00 AM – Living & deceased members of the Lee family (ML)**

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/](http://diolc.org/sacredworship/televised-mass/)

**Parish Calendar of Events**

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

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Sun. April 4 – No CCD/ Easter Sunday

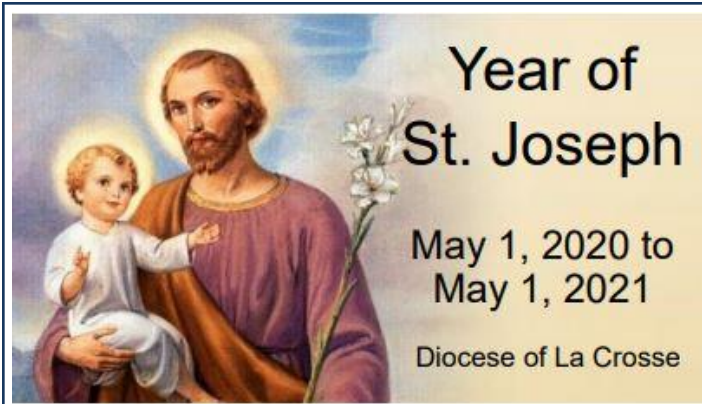
Tues. April 20 – Parish Finance Meeting 7:30 PM



**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 -	\$1,055.85
	-\$644.15
Year to Date Target -	\$64,600.00
Year to Date Total -	\$69,705.31
	+\$5,105.31

**Readings for March 28, 2021**

**First Gospel Reading:** Mark 11:1-10

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 14:1-Mark 15:47

**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  
 Monday .....5:30pm  
 Tuesday..... 5:30pm  
 (Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)  
 Thursday.....8:30am

**From the Pastor's Pen**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent: John 12: 20-33**

*"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."*

A year ago, most churches throughout the world had closed their doors to public worship in an unprecedented move to help stop the spread of the COVID virus. We had virtual Easter celebrations. Never would I have imagined to have Holy Week without people in the pews. I hope and pray this year nothing will prevent us from gathering as one family to celebrate Easter in person. This weekend we celebrate the fifth week of Lent. As we approach the Holy Week, the readings give us the opportunities to reflect about the last days of the Lord. This weekend, we find Jesus announcing that His "hour" has come. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus says "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." At the wedding in Cana Jesus said his hour had not yet come but in today's Gospel he says the "hour" has come. The hour of glory for Jesus is his passion and death, because when he is lifted up from the earth he will draw all men to himself (John 12:32). Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He says "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As we continue our journey through Lent and draw near Holy Week, let us ponder on Jesus, the grain of wheat that fell on the ground and died but yielded a rich harvest. As we die to ourselves during Lent through our penance, may we produce a rich harvest.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju, MSFS

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**Lenten Confessions:** Available Wednesday March 31 from 6-9 PM.

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

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

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

**Attention Lectors:** Please note that we will need more than one reader at the upcoming masses (Palm Sunday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday). Please plan to assist when available.

**Census/Registration Update:** As of this publication we have received 59 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.

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**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Devotions will take place on Sunday, April 11 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, 530 Main Street, La Crosse, from 12 Noon – 3:15 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at Noon. Confessions will be heard throughout the afternoon along with hourly recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. A Divine Mercy information video will be shown at 12:20 and 1:30 p.m. Devotions will conclude with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3:00 p.m. Come when you can; leave when you must.