

**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/>

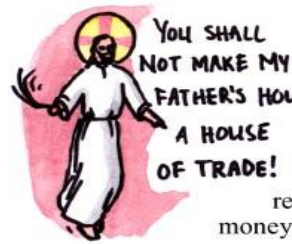
These are great ways to educate yourself on Catholic Faith! Be inspired to live the faith and love it!

**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](http://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](mailto: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**

**Sacred Places**



In the old times, people would bring animals to offer as sacrifices to God. By the time that Our Lord was born, there were people who were selling animals right in the area of the Temple. In today's Gospel reading Jesus drives the animals and money-changers out of the sacred space.

At one time the men who sold the animals for sacrifices were probably really helping the people who came to the Temple from far away. But now they were just trying to make money, and they were taking up space that was supposed to be used for people to worship God.



We also have sacred spaces like the Temple. Every Catholic church is a special place made for worshipping God in the Mass. We should always behave respectfully in church, and remember that Jesus is really there in the tabernacle. We can show our respect by walking quietly, not talking inside the Church unless it is necessary, and by paying attention when Mass is going on. Maybe you can be a good example to your friends of how to act in church!



Answers to Word-Find: the Temple (of) His Body. 9, 3, 5, 10. Right: 7, 6, 1, 8, 2. Answers to front page, top to bottom: Left: 4, 2, 8, 10, 1, 8, 2.

**Jesus at the Temple Word-Find**



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 T H R E E D O V E S  
 M O N E Y I U S I X  
 S W E J E W S T O P  
 B O D S H E E P D Y

Find all the words in CAPITALS and then use the letters that are left over to fill in the blanks at the end.

Jesus made a whip out of cords and DROVE them all out of the TEMPLE area, with the SHEEP and the OXEN, and SPILLED the COINS of the MONEY-changers and OVERTURNED their TABLES, and to those who sold DOVES he said, "Take these OUT of here, and STOP making my FATHER'S house a market place." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, ZEAL for your HOUSE will consume me. The JEWS said to Him, "What sign can you SHOW us for doing this?" Jesus answered them and said, "Destroy this temple, and in THREE days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for FORTY - SIX years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

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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)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 7, 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

**3/10 Wed. 8:00 AM** – † Pat Kowitz (MLH)

**3/12 Fri. 8:00 AM** – † Jerry Hundt (AMH)

**3/13 Sat. 8:00 PM** – † Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS)

**3/14 Sun. 10:00 AM** – † Peter Krump (AMM)

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 10 – CCD for Grades 7-10, 7-8:15 PM

Wed. March 10 – Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM

Sat. & Sun. March 13 & 14 - BLEST ART SALES

Sun. March 14- CCD for Grades 1-6, 8:45-9:45AM

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 31 – Lenten Confessions 6 – 9 PM

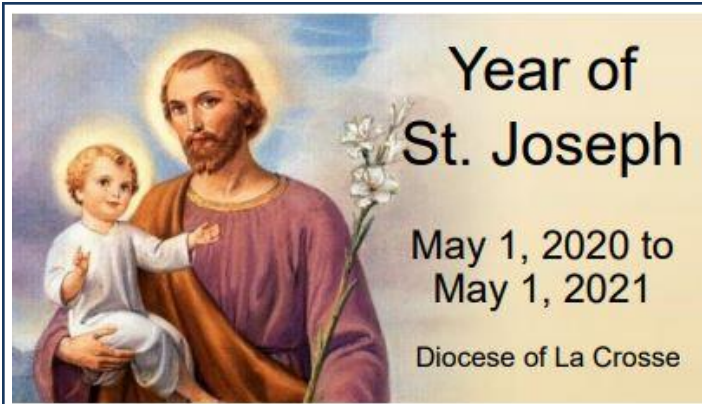
Tues. April 20 – Parish Finance Meeting 7:30 PM



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 -	<u>\$1,870.03</u>
	+\$170.03
Year to Date Target -	\$61,200.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$67,435.71</u>
	+\$6,235.71

Readings for March 14, 2021

**First Reading:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-23

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10

**Gospel Reading:** John 3:14-21

**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

**“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” John 2:13-25**

After the Exodus from Egypt, the Israelites assembled at the base of Mount Sinai, and Moses ascended to receive laws for them to follow in their promised land. The laws offer a window into ancient Israelite ideals for proper worship and interaction within a community. The temple, prayer, sacrifices were all sacred to the people of Israel. Jesus' act of overturning the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem gives us a different picture. Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. By the end of his ministry, Jesus becomes the ultimate Passover (paschal) lamb. During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We meditate how much he loved us on the cross by becoming the paschal lamb.

There is another important event taking place in the middle east during this Lent. The visit of our holy father. On March 5-8 of this year Pope Francis will be visiting Iraq, the birthplace of Abraham, the patriarch of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It's the same place where Sarah hails from too. Therefore, Christianity's roots in Iraq extend back to the first decades of the faith. Pope Francis says he is coming to Iraq as 'A pilgrim of peace'. He says "Yes, I am coming as a pilgrim of peace, seeking fraternity and prompted by the desire to pray together and to walk together, also with our brothers and sisters of other religious traditions, in the steps of Father Abraham, who joins in one family Muslims, Jews and Christians,". Please keep in your prayers our holy father and his intentions. Let his effort strengthen the faith of Christian communities present there.

Live Jesus,  
Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

**Census/Registration Update:** As of this publication we have received 53 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/USCCB/home](http://votervoicenet/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