

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.

Young Men: 100% Catholic, 100% Boys, 100% Boarding: St. Lawrence Seminary High School is an all-boys, Catholic boarding high school focused on college prep and spiritual depth. Located in Mt Calvary, WI since 1860, SLS students live, learn, work and pray together. Families invited to come visit April 23-24 or April 30-May 1 and to start the application online today! Call (920) 753-7570 or visit www.stlawrence.edu/weekend-visit

See Roe V. Wade the Movie: The Real Story You've Never been Told Coming in April, see Roe v. Wade, a new movie that looks behind the scenes of the infamous 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy. The story is told through the eyes of Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the New York OB/GYN who paved the way for abortion on demand but later became pro-life. Visit www.diolc.org/respect-life for links to the movie website and trailer. The film will be available for streaming on Amazon Prime and iTunes in April, with the DVD to be released in May. It is currently available for preorder from Amazon, Walmart and Target, as well as Christian booksellers.

Be Part of an Amazing Adventure in Faith: Join the Lay Formation Institute! Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in fall of 2021. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See complete information, schedule and application form at diolc.org/layformation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

Wisconsin Bishops Speak Out Against "Equality Act": Wisconsin's Catholic bishops join with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in opposing the Equality Act of 2021 (H.R. 5). While all people must be treated with dignity and respect, efforts to prevent discrimination cannot foster inequality and intolerance of religion and people of faith. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution specifically protects free speech and the free exercise of faith, as both are essential for a free and open society.... To read more and to find out how you can make your voice heard against this dangerous legislation, visit www.diolc.org/social-concerns.

Kid's Korner

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy. On this day we thank God for His forgiveness and love. It is the mercy of God that lets all of us come back to Him after we have sinned.

We know how much Jesus loves us because He suffered and died for us. When we have sinned, He wants us to be sorry and come back to Him. No matter how big of a sin you do, if you are sorry for it then God will forgive you. He wants to forgive you because He loves you!

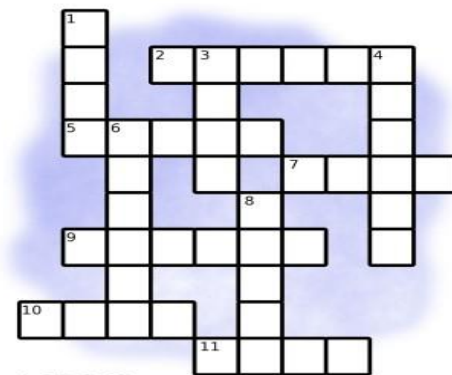
Today we should thank God for His mercy and forgiveness and ask Him to look on us and our friends and the whole world with love and forgiveness! Here is a prayer we can say:

*Eternal Father,
I offer You
the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity
of Your
dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the
whole world.*



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AN EASTER CROSS-WORD



How well do you know the story of doubting Thomas? Today's Gospel reading will help you find the answers!



ACROSS:

2. Which apostle wasn't there the first time Jesus came to them after the Resurrection?
5. Thomas wanted to see the marks on Jesus' hands from the _____.
7. "My _____ and my God!"
9. "As the _____ sent Me..."
10. Jesus showed him the wound in His _____.
11. "As the Father sent Me, so I _____ you."

DOWN:

1. Thomas, who was called the _____.
3. "I will send the _____ Spirit..."
4. "I will send the Holy _____."
6. The door was locked because the disciples were _____.
8. "_____ be with you!"

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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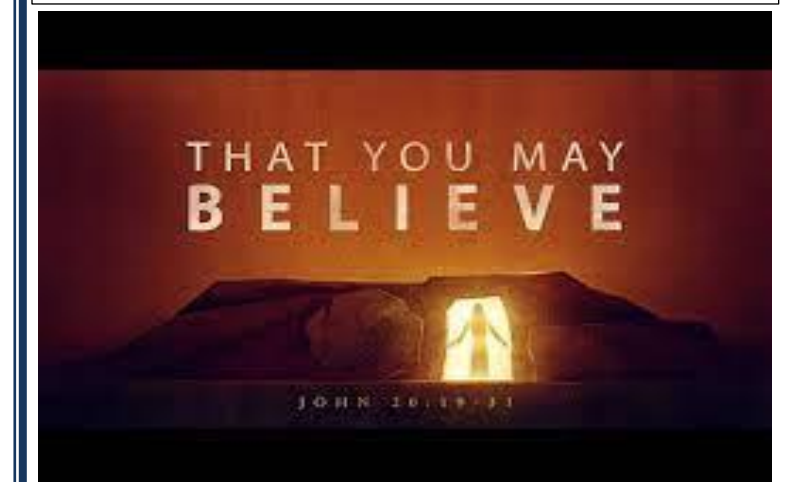
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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 11, 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

4/14 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Peter Krump (AMM)

4/16 Fri. 8:00 AM – The souls in Purgatory (MLH)

4/17 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS)

4/18 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/

Parish Calendar of Events

Wed. April 14 – CCD for Grades 7-10, 7-8:15 PM

Sun. April 18– CCD for Grades 1-6, 8:45-9:45AM

Thur. April 22 – Parish Finance Meeting 7:30 PM

Wed. April 21 – CCD for Grades 7-10, 7-8:15 PM

Sun. May 2 – First Communion



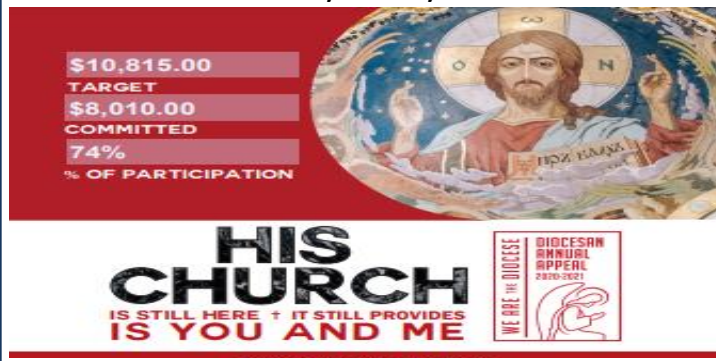
Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Easter Flowers: *Thank you to those who donated towards the beautiful flowers that adorn our church. If you would like to make a donation please put it in a marked envelope in the collection.*

- In memory of Jacob Gronemus & deceased members of the Gronemus family (PCG)
- From the Lucey 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

“My Lord and my God!”

Happy Easter! This Sunday is the last day of Easter octave. It ends today with the celebration of evening prayer. The Second Sunday of Easter, is also “The Sunday of Divine Mercy.” On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It was instituted by Pope St. John Paul II “a great apostle of Divine Mercy”. Today throughout the world many Catholics will gather in churches, shrines and other sacred places to ask for God’s mercy in their life and to ask for God’s mercy upon others.

Along with the Divine Mercy Sunday today we also celebrate the transforming power of resurrection. Gospel passage describes one of the post-Resurrection appearances of Jesus to the apostles who were behind “closed doors” (Jn 20:26). Jesus comes to them and repeats his greeting: “Peace be with you!” (Jn 20:19, 26). He invites Thomas and tells him “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” In the midst of their unbelief Jesus does not abandon them. Mercy does not abandon those who stay behind. He starts all over. The resurrection of his disciple begins here. Thomas makes the most simple and beautiful profession of faith: “My Lord and my God!” (v. 28). “Mercy is the heart of God,” Pope Francis tells us. I wish everyone happy Feast of Divine Mercy.

I would like to express a grateful THANK YOU to our musicians, cantors, readers, ushers, sacristans, church decorators, and everyone who came to St Joseph / St Peter during the Lenten Season, Holy Week and Easter services. Have a blessed week!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

“What God has joined Together...”: Please pray for our parishioners Mark Gronemus & Sarah Hundt who were joined in Holy Matrimony this weekend. May God bless your union! Congratulations!

Diocesan Annual Appeal: Thank you to those who have paid \$8,010 towards our 2020-2021 goal of \$10,815. With 74% of our goal paid, we are still short by \$2,805. Please prayerfully consider an additional donation to help the parish fulfill our obligation.

Divine Mercy Devotion at St. Peters: We will gather to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet & sing a few songs on Sunday April 11 at 3:00 pm. Please plan to join us for this devotion.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in the early 1930s. He told her that he would make her a missionary of his Divine Mercy to the world. As part of that mission, He gave her the prayers for the Divine Mercy Novena, a nine-day prayer that begins on Good Friday of each year and ends on the Sunday after Easter Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday). What makes this novena unique is that Jesus himself composed it and each day a prayer can be offered for one specific group of souls such as children, priests and religious, lukewarm souls, fallen-away Catholics, and so on. Pray the Divine Mercy Novena (starting on Good Friday) in preparation for this feast. For more information on Divine Mercy, go to thedivinemercy.org. 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.

Census/Registration Update: As of this publication we have received 62 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.

Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00

Last Week's Total - \$1,832.40

\$132.40

Year to Date Target - \$69,700.00

Year to Date Total - \$73,829.11

+\$4,129.11

Readings for April 18, 2021

First Reading: Acts 3:15-19

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:35-48

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.