

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

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.

Homemade Raised Glazed Donut Sale: Saturday May 8TH Sale starts at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Ridge Parish- School Hall. The St. Joseph PCCW will be making and selling homemade raised glazed donuts at the school hall. Grab & Go sales beginning at 10AM until gone. Get 'em while they're hot!

Chicken-Que: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, May 13, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$10 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

Kid's Korner

Our Good Shepherd



This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel reading Jesus tells His friends that He is the Good Shepherd who loves His sheep.

When sheep are out grazing in open fields, the shepherd watches them and protects them from hurting themselves, getting lost, or being killed by wild animals. Jesus looks after us like a shepherd looks after his sheep. He gave us the Church so we could know what is good for us, and He protects us from being ruined by the devil by giving us grace in the sacraments.



Now, Jesus did something that an ordinary shepherd would not do. Besides guiding and protecting us, He died to save us! Because He died for our sins, all of His sheep can now go to Heaven where they will be happy forever! How blessed we are to have such a loving Shepherd!



Answer to word-find: Follow Jesus
www.thekidsbulletin.com

Good Shepherd Word-Find



F O C O N C E R N L M
S C A T T E R S G L A
F J T L A Y S N O T N
A E C S O W H W O L F
T S H E P H E R D E W
H U E E A I E U M A O
E S S Y R P N I V R
R J L I F E E S N E K
S K N O W D U S E S S

Try to find the words in CAPITALS. The left-over letters will tell you what Jesus wants you to do.

JESUS said: "I am the GOOD Shepherd. A good shepherd LAYS down his life for the sheep. A HIRED MAN, who is not a shepherd, and whose sheep are NOT his own, SEES a WOLF coming and LEAVES the sheep and RUNS away, and the wolf CATCHES them and SCATTERS them. This is because he WORKS for PAY and has no CONCERN for the SHEEP. I am the Good SHEPHERD, and I know mine and MINE know me, just as the FATHER knows me and I KNOW the Father; and I will lay down my LIFE for the sheep.



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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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Dan Korn, Gary Flock, Michael Hundt
(Committee liaisons: Peter Benzing & Leo Leis)

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

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FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

Debra Leis.....(608)632-7830

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 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

4/28 Wed. 8:00 AM – † David Rabuck (JER)

4/30 Fri. 8:00 AM – Living & deceased members of the † Christina Jones family (RJK)

5/1 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Arlene Schmidt (AMH)

5/2 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

Sat. April 24 & Sun. April 25 – DCCW Collection

Sun. April 25 – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sun. May 2 – First Communion

Sun. May 2 – May Crowning of Mary, Mother of God

Sat. May 8 – Mother's Day Rose Sale (after mass)

Sun. May 9 – Mother's Day Rose Sale (after mass)



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.*

- In memory of Jacob Gronemus & deceased members of the Gronemus family (PCG)
- From the Lucey family
- From Marge Lee
- In memory of Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS)
- From the Halderson 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

"I am the good shepherd"

The fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday. The image of Christ as our Good Shepherd has always appealed to human nature. This weekend we hear, "Jesus said, I am the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them". The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. The actions of the good shepherd to protect and save are based upon the relationship and love that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. He also says "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd".

The sermon preached by our Savior nearly two thousand years ago is still echoing and re-echoing around the world, calling on his faithful flock to do all in their power to help those other children of God who are still outside the fold. Do not shut your ears to this call of Christ today. Give him a helping hand by helping your fellowman to see the light of the true faith.

Sunday of the weekend has been designated 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations'. I invite you to pray for those called by the Lord to serve as religious women & men, those called to priesthood or to the permanent diaconate. Also pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Next weekend is the First Communion Weekend! Please keep in your prayers Finnley Leis and Marshal Klinkner, first Communicants of 2021, as they receive Jesus on the first Sunday of May.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

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Census/Registration Update: As of this publication we have received 63 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.

Thank You: Our Sunday school & CCD classes have come to a close for the school year. Please let us thank all of our teachers for all they do to guide our students: Mark Gronemus, Erin & Michael Klinkner, Carol Gronemus, Kristen & Rebecca Schaub, Lori Olson, Pam Benzing, LaVonne & Michael Hundt and our DRE Mary Hundt. May God bless you all!

First Holy Communion: Please pray for Finnley Leis & Marshal Klinkner who will be receiving this most holy Sacrament on Sunday May 2nd. May the Lord always guide you on your path to holiness. Special thanks to Carol Gronemus for preparing them for this Sacrament.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Each year, we set a day aside to storm heaven with our prayers to ask our Heavenly Father to help young men and women discover what He is calling them to do. God's calling to each person often comes in the silence of their hearts and it is prayer that helps that call grow louder and more clear. Please pray for vocations daily, that the Church may continue to be enriched with many holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. See poster in the back of church for more information. — Fr. Nate Kuhn, Office for Vocations

Feedback Wanted: The Diocese of La Crosse is embarking on a feasibility study that embraces some of the short-term and long-term strategic initiatives and needs of the Catholic community of La Crosse. As part of this study, we have invited approximately 1,650 families from around the Diocese to provide their input so that it may guide the bishop as to how we may proceed. Hearing from so many faithful Catholics should provide the information necessary to forge our path forward. I encourage you, should you receive an invitation to participate in the study, to please do so. Your input will have a direct impact on the decisions we make for our future.

DCCW Collection Sunday: There will be a second collection this weekend. Monies collected will be sent to the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women to help with costs of programs such as Embrace Your Call to Holiness (a women's retreat), Project Milk, fight against human trafficking and Casa Hogar to mention a few. You can also use the envelopes in your parish giving boxes. Thank you for your generosity.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,289.00
	-\$411.00
Year to Date Target -	\$73,100.00
Year to Date Total -	\$77,565.36
	+\$4,465.36

Readings for May 2, 2021

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

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.