

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.

Holy Trinity Chicken-Q: Thursday, May 27 at Holy Trinity, 1333 SO 13th Street, La Crosse, Serving 11:00 a.m. until Gone. Drive-through and Delivery only. ½ Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw, Roll \$10.00. Pre-sale tickets preferred – Tickets are available after weekend Masses, call 608-782-2028 Ext. 2 or stop at the Parish Office Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral Chicken-Que: St. Joseph Cathedral PCCW, 530 Main St. La Crosse will be holding a Chicken-Que on Friday, June 11, 2021 from 11 am - 6 pm, for pick-up only. The price is \$10 and includes a half chicken, potato salad, baked beans and a roll. Tickets will be available after weekend Masses or by calling 608-769-7965. Please enter via King St. and proceed to canopy for pick-up.

Religious Freedom Week: June 22-29 Once again, the U.S. Bishops have declared June 22-June 29 Religious Freedom Week. We are all called to defend the God-given right of religious liberty, which faces grave threats in the U.S. and abroad. Join us, as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious freedom. Visit the website <https://diolc.org/social-concerns/religious-freedom-week/> for more information.

Kid's Korner

Jesus has gone back into Heaven!

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He went with His followers to the top of a mountain, where he told them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and then he went up through the clouds and returned to God the Father in Heaven.

But Jesus isn't gone forever! He is still with us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. He will also come again at the end of the world.

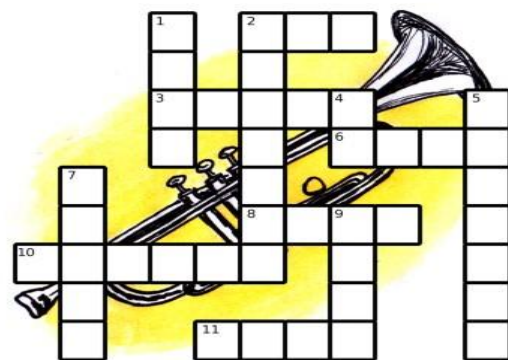
Sometimes someone that we love goes away from us too. Sometimes people move away, or we move away from our friends. Sometimes people that we love die.

But we know that we will see our friends again, and we will be with the people who died when we die and go to Heaven.



Today let us celebrate Jesus returning to the Father in Heaven, and remember that we hope to join them some day!

Psalm 47 Cross-Word



Unscramble the words in CAPITAL letters. Then you can fit them into the puzzle. (A means across and D means down.)

LAL (2A) you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the Lord, the SOMT (8A) HHGI (1D), the EMOSAEW (2D), is the TREAG (3A) king VROE (6A) all the HTREA (7D). God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord, amid UMPRET (5D) blasts. GISN (9D) praise OT (4D) God, sing praise; Sing SIEARP (10A) to our INKG (11A), sing praise.

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 & 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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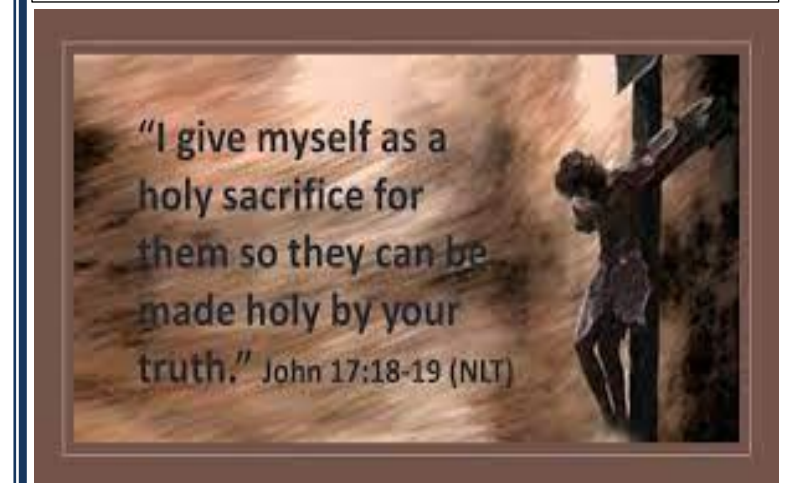
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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 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

5/19 Wed. 8:00 AM – Special Intentions (TMS)

5/21 Fri. 8:00 AM – DelMarie Hemmersbach family (ML)

5/22 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Asa & Ruth Ann Rowell (MLH)

5/23 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/

Parish Calendar of Events

Mon. June 7 – PCCW meeting @ 7 PM

Tues. June 8 – Parish Advisory meeting @ 6:30 PM

Tues. June 15 – Parish Finance meeting @ 7:30 PM

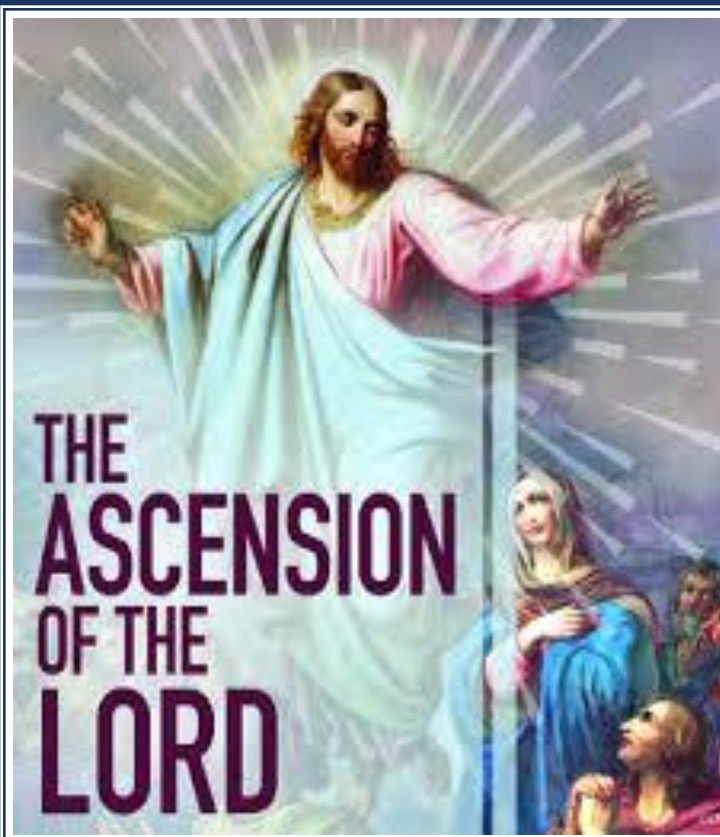
Tues. July 6 – Cemetery Committee meeting @ 7 PM



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.



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

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Mk. 16:15-20

Forty days after Jesus' resurrection we celebrate His ascension. We profess it in our creed when we pray "He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father". This is our faith. Before He ascends into Heaven, Jesus tells the apostles to remain in Jerusalem for the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost, which occurs ten days after the Ascension and fifty days after the resurrection, is considered to be the birth day of the church.

The last thing Jesus said to the Apostles was, "But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The Greek word here for "witness" is *marturion*, the same word used for "martyr." Few of us are called to be literally martyred, but we are all called to the slow martyrdom of a daily death to self in the process of letting Jesus be known.

With the ascension of Jesus, His work on earth is now complete, but the task of bearing witness to Him and making disciples is never done, not until He returns at the end of time. That is the task the Apostles began to do, starting with prayer in the upper room as they awaited the promised Holy Spirit. Clothed with the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the Apostles and disciples of Jesus began to preach and teach about him to Jews and to Gentiles. They began to do what the Lord Jesus asked them to do: bear witness and make disciples. That task is not just theirs; it belongs to all of us too. As we celebrate this Ascension Day 2021 perhaps, we should look into our own hearts and ask, "How am I proclaiming the Gospel to others?" How can Jesus be made known?

Have a good week

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Maintenance Position: St. Peter's is looking for a general maintenance person. Knowledge of electrical, plumbing, HVAC and general carpentry preferred. If interested please contact the parish office or a member of the Finance Council.

Parishioner Visits: If anyone would like a visit from our priest or if you feel a family member would like a visit, please contact Fr. Biju. He would be more than happy to visit!

50th Anniversary Celebration: If there are any couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year please contact the parish office. The Bishop plans to have a special celebration July 13th to commemorate.

DIocese of LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD 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. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.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@diolc.org.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,683.10
	-\$6.90
Year to Date Target -	\$78,200.00
Year to Date Total -	\$81,834.80
	+\$3,634.80

Readings for May 23, 2021

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

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.