

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.

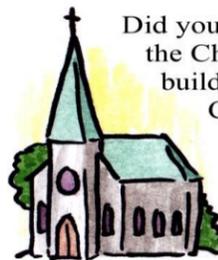
Holy Trinity Chicken-Q: Thursday, May 27 at Holy Trinity, 1333 SO 13th Street, La Crosse, Serving 11:00 a.m. until Gone. Drive-through and Delivery only. ½ Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw, Roll \$10.00. Pre-sale tickets preferred – Tickets are available after weekend Masses, call 608-782-2028 Ext. 2 or stop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

Happy Birthday, Church!

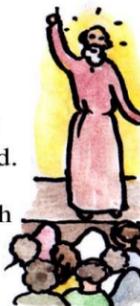


Did you know that Pentecost Sunday is the Church's birthday? Not the church building, but the people who are the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Why is Pentecost the Church's birthday?

Because on that day, the Holy Spirit first came to the apostles and sent them out to become the Church and to teach the good news about Jesus everywhere in the world.



The Holy Spirit works through the Church in many ways. He inspired the men who wrote the Bible. He teaches us through priests and missionaries and teachers. Did you know that He even inspires us to pray?

You can pray that God will send you the Holy Spirit every day. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that God will give the Holy Spirit to whoever asks.



Answer to Word-Find: native language.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

Pentecost Word-Find

M N C Y R E N E A T	PARTHIAN
E L A M I T E S I A	MEDES
S V P R O M E E L S	ELAMITES
O A P H R Y G I A I	MESOPOTAM
P P A M P H Y L I A	JUDEA
O J D N G U P A G M	CAPPADOCIA
T E O P O N T U S E	PONTUS
A W C R E T A N S D	ASIA
M S I J U D E A E E	PHRYGIA
I P A R T H I A N S	PAMPHYLIA
A R A B S L I B Y A	EGYPT
	LIBYA
	CYRENE
	ROME
	JEWS
	CRETANS
	ARABS

On Pentecost Sunday, when the apostles went out of the upper room, there was a great crowd in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast. So they began to tell the people the good news of Jesus. See if you can find the names of all the different kinds of people who were in the city listening to them.

All these people heard the apostles speaking in their _____!



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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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

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Jared Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 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

5/26 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Theresa Arentz (LRH)
5/28 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Arlene Schmidt (MLH)
5/29 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Elreda Meyer (MJM)
5/30 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Dave Hundt (HEC)

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. May 24 – Marian Devotion Presentation by Fr. Tim Welles @ 6:30 PM
 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
 June 26 & 27 – Visiting Priest for Mission Co-op
 Tues. July 6 – Cemetery Committee meeting @ 7 PM
 July 31 & Aug. 1 – Fr. Biju gone for Mission Appeal



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.



Renew your devotion to Mary, the Mother of God

Learn how Monday, May 24 at 6:30 pm

St. Peter's Church basement

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

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Happy Pentecost! The celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost brings the Easter season to an end. The feast of Pentecost reminds us of God sending the holy spirit upon Jesus's disciples after his resurrection and ascension, the birthday of the church. The book of Acts of the apostles describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. I often wonder what it would have been like to be there, in that house, sitting in the room with the Apostles; to be able to experience and witness what the Apostles saw and see how this experience dramatically changed them. "And suddenly from Heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them and a tongue rested on each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability." Acts 2:2-4. It is the Holy Spirit that changed the lives of the Apostles.

Pentecost is not just a historical event that happened long ago, but the releasing of the power of the Holy Spirit to bring forth the presence of Christ Jesus into our world today, using all of us, the disciples of Christ Jesus, to live out the teachings of Christ Jesus. The work of the holy spirit is amazing. Throughout the world there are over 1.2 billion Catholics. That's a lot of brothers and sisters in the faith. Over 40% of Catholics live in Latin America. The fastest increasing area for growth in the Catholic Church is in Africa. Catholics continue to be the largest single denomination in the USA. It's all because of the power of the Holy Spirit, "soul of the Church."

This week we also received new guidelines for the Public Celebration of Masses, Effective May 18, 2021 from the diocese. Here are some extracts from the guidelines.

1. Out of concern and safety for others, anyone with fever or flu-like symptoms should not attend Mass.
2. We have removed the ribbon from one section of the pews, the other section barriers would remain in place for those for whom distancing remains an important safety measure.
3. Wearing face coverings and maintaining social distance is highly encouraged for unvaccinated persons.
4. Holy water fonts would be filled, please use them at your discretion.
5. We can have Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, greeters, ushers, and other volunteers to assist at the Mass
6. The Sign of Peace will continue to be omitted.
7. Communion will continue to be given to the faithful under the form of bread alone. Communion is encouraged to be received in the hand.
8. Hand sanitizer would be available for those who wish to use it.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

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Marian Presentation: Fr. Tim Welles will be here on Monday, May 24th at 6:30 PM to give a presentation on Mary, Mother of God. Subjects to be covered are: Marian Devotion, Mary & Bishop Sheen, Mary & Mother Seton and Explaining Marian Devotion to non-Catholics. Please plan to attend and bring a friend!!!

Serving Schedule: We will be creating a schedule for mass helpers again soon. Please let us know if you are willing to be put on the schedule as an usher, lector or mass server. Extraordinary Ministers will be requested "as needed". Please contact the office through phone call or email by June 9th.

Mass Intentions: We are getting low on mass intentions. If you would like a specific date please indicate so and Melissa will let you know if it is not available.

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 11th to commemorate.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,375.00
	-\$325.00
Year to Date Target -	\$79,900.00
Year to Date Total -	\$83,209.80
	+\$3,309.80

Readings for May 30, 2021

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

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.