

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.

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.

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.

Dive Deeper in Faith – Join the Lay Formation Institute (LFI): Spend one weekend a month (Friday evening-Saturday afternoon) in an enthusiastic, faith filled community that prays, learns, discusses and dines together. Discover a renewed spirit that says: this is what life in Christ should be like! That is the contagious spirit LFI participants carry back into their families and their parishes. Visit diolc.org/lay-formation for full details and speak to your pastor about enrolling. Class size is limited, so don't delay!

Visit the U.S. Bishops' "Action Alerts" Page: Our Bishops have a list of action items calling upon us to make our voices heard. Many have to do with threats against the unborn, against the dignity of the family, and against religious freedom as individuals and Christian charitable institutions. Visit voterveice.net/USCCB/home for more information and to take action.

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.

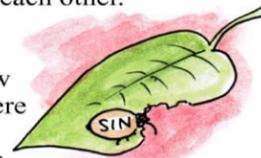
Kid's Korner

the kingdom of HEAVEN



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about the Kingdom of Heaven. Heaven isn't just where we will go when we die if we were good. Jesus was telling us that Heaven grows in our hearts when we choose to love God and each other.

Our Lord compares the Kingdom of Heaven to plants that grow up from little seeds. When we were baptized we received the gift of Faith. When we receive the other sacraments, especially Holy Communion, the Faith grows in us, like a plant that has water and sunshine. If we sin it's like little bugs or sickness that start to kill the plant. Confession will take those away so that our Faith can grow again.



How can you help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in you? Going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion whenever you can, and going to Confession often are the best ways. Praying every day and learning about the Faith and about the saints will also help the Kingdom of Heaven to grow in your heart like a strong, healthy plant!



Answer to puzzle on front page: LIKE A MUSTARD SEED... THE GREATEST OF SHRUBS GROW IN OUR HEARTS.

A Kingdom of God Word-Find

"The KINGDOM of GOD is as if a MAN should SCATTER seed upon the GROUND, and should SLEEP and RISE NIGHT and DAY, and the SEED should SPROUT and GROW, he KNOWS not how. The EARTH PRODUCES of itself, first the BLADE, then the ear, then the full GRAIN in the ear. But when the grain is RIPE, at once he puts in the SICKLE, BECAUSE the HARVEST has come."

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Find the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Gospel reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The Church helps our love for God to

PASTOR

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....8:00 PM

Sunday.....10:00 AM

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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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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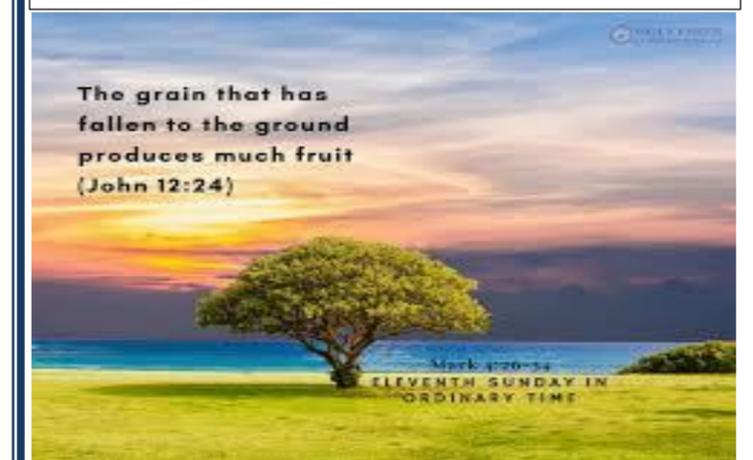
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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 13, 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

6/16 Wed. 8:00 AM – 74th Wedding Anniversary of Arnie & Madonna Hundt (PTS)

6/18 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Michael Knothe (MLH)

6/19 Sat. 8:00 PM – Living & deceased members of the Lee family (ML)

6/20 Sun. 10:00 AM – † John Leis (LRL)

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/

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,089.05
	-\$610.95
Year to Date Target -	\$85,000.00
Year to Date Total -	\$86,404.67
	+\$1,404.67

Readings for June 20, 2021

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41

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.

Parish Calendar of Events

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

Tues. June 15 – Sauerkraut Supper meeting @ 7PM

Sun. June 20 – Server Refresher Course after mass

June 26 & 27 – Visiting Priest for Mission Co-op

Wed. June 30 – Deadline for DAA donations (Please allow 1 week before for processing)

Tues. July 6 – Cemetery Committee meeting @7 PM

Sun. July 11 – Diocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration & mass by the Bishop

Mon. July 12 – PCCW meeting @ 7 PM

July 31 & Aug. 1 – Fr. Biju gone for Mission Appeal

Aug. 14 & 15 – Fr. Biju gone for Retreat



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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God. Today's Gospel reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells about a man who scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed which develops into a tree. Though small at its planting, it germinates and sprouts and grows into a big tree with branches for shelter for birds of the air. In these images the potential fruit is not evident in the seed's appearance, but comes about according to God's plan and in a way that is mysterious to us. After planting hundreds of acres, the farmer can only wait. He cannot make the seed grow. It's not until the rows begin to appear that he knows the promise of a crop. It's the same with our faith as with its germination and maturing. God's grace without humble efforts will bring our life of faith to fruition. A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things if our heart is open to Him.

We are almost close to the financial year end and we still have not met the Diocesan Annual Appeal goal. We are almost there but not yet. Please remember that this Appeal supports the education of seminarians, support personnel for parish and school administration, and replaces 14 collections for national and global ministries formerly taken up in the course of each year. Please consider helping us meet our goal in the support of the wider church.

On June 14, 2021 each household in the diocese will receive a letter from Bishop Callahan. The letter will announce that the dispensation of the Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation in the Diocese of La Crosse will be lifted beginning with the weekend of June 26-27, 2021. Please watch for this notice, and read it for more information.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Sauerkraut Supper fundraiser: There will be a meeting on Tuesday June 15th at 7 pm to discuss the future supper details. If you want your suggestions heard PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND! Everyone is welcome to lend a hand & hand.

Server Training: Fr. Biju will have a brief refresher course for servers after the Sunday June 20th mass. Please plan to attend so we can get the new schedule put together.

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". We've heard from a few but not many. A refresher course for servers is being planned.

Pray for our Farmers: The recent dry, hot weather has posed a serious threat to farmers in our region. Please remember them daily in your prayers, that they will have the moisture and other needed conditions for a successful growing season and harvest.

Maintenance Position: St. Peter's is **STILL** 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.

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.

Father's Day Outing: Sunday June 20th at the Bohemian Valley Sportsman's Club. Serving charcoal chicken. Activities include Music, Horse pull and a Trap Shoot. Raffle a deer rifle and cash prizes.

God's Blessings: Congratulations to MaKayla Lucey & Benjamin Schafer who were wed last weekend. May God bless your union!