

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.

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR: Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

FAITH - INTEGRITY - EXCELLENCE - LEADERSHIP - DIGNITY
As a student at Aquinas Catholic Schools, you can expect an advanced education in preparation for the next level of schooling and a safety-first atmosphere that prioritizes the development of valuable life skills and a positive self-image. Aquinas offers flexible options for financial aid, scholarships, and bus routes to support students and families from all walks of life. Alumni have gone on to succeed in various industries and their accomplishments continue to make Aquinas proud. Enroll **today** for grades 3P-12TH grade! To learn more or to schedule a visit with one of our principals please call [\(608\) 784-8585](tel:6087848585) or visit www.aquinaschools.org

Veteran Caregiver Support Program: There are plans under way for a caregiver & family resource fair to be held in August by the Tomah VA Medical center. They plan to provide support, help caregivers navigate the VA healthcare system and access resources within the VA and surrounding community. Contact Charise.Liebhart@va.gov for more information.

Kid's Korner

When Jesus Was Tired...

The apostles were tired when they came back from their mission trip, so Jesus took them across the lake to a quiet place to have a rest.



But the other people saw where they were going and got there ahead of them! Jesus saw that these people were like sheep without a shepherd, so He felt sorry for them. Even though He was tired and hungry He decided to teach the people who needed Him, without taking a rest.

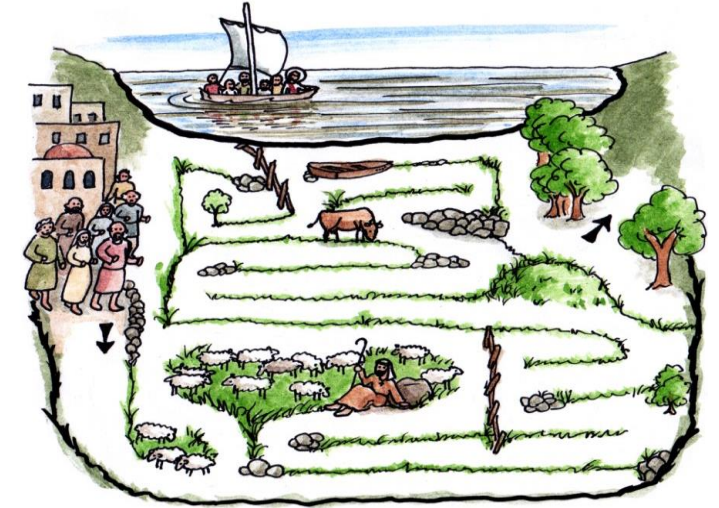


Have you ever been asked to help someone when you were tired? It isn't easy, is it? But we can learn from Jesus that no matter how tired we are, we should still be ready to help others who are in need.



Answers to Psalm 23 Word Puzzle: green, soul, for, dark, side, that, me, spread, sight, head, overflows, Lord, GOOD SHEPHERD

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday July 18th, 2021**



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus wanted to take the tired apostles across the lake to rest in a quiet place. But the people saw where Jesus was going and ran ahead. See if you can find their path through the maze.

Mark 6:30-34

PASTOR
Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS
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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 WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak
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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

CEMETERY SEXTON Tom Schaub...(608) 486-4012

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

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Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 486-2605
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net
16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JULY 18, 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

7/21 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Roman Kotek (RK)

7/23 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Theresa Clements (JH)

7/24 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Dave Hundt (HEC)

7/25 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Rosella Kammel (WE)

Parish Calendar of Events

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

Tues. Aug 3 – Finance Council Meeting @ 7:30 PM

Tues. Aug. 10 – Cabbage Cutting @ 5:30 PM Committee Meeting to follow

Aug. 8-20 – Fr. Biju gone for Retreat

Wed. Oct. 13 – Sauerkraut Supper



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Ministry Servers

Saturday July 24 -

Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Isabell Korn

Ushers: Bill Korn & Phil Gronemus

Lector: Kristen Schaub

Sunday July 25 -

Servers: Lily & Kate Gronemus

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Stephenson

Lector: John Hundt

***Reminder* We understand everybody's schedules get busy. If you are not able to make it on a day you are scheduled PLEASE make the effort to find a replacement or at least let somebody know ahead of time!!**

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

Mark 6:30-34

“His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.”

Today's gospel begins with the twelve apostles returning from their first missionary journey preaching repentance, casting out demons, and healing the people through the laying on of hands. Jesus responds to their reports of all that “they had done and taught” by inviting them to: “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” This way the disciples are welcomed into Jesus' own pattern of ministry, which is found in the first chapter of Mark. After traveling to Capernaum, preaching in the synagogue, curing a demonic, and healing Simon's mother-in-law, Jesus wakes up early the next morning and goes to a deserted place to pray. Sometimes all of us need this precious time to be away, reflecting and praying upon God's movement in our own lives. Unfortunately, it seems that both Jesus and His disciples do not find as much peace as they desired. In Capernaum, a small fishing village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, it is the disciples who pursue Jesus and finding Him say, “Everyone is looking for you.” In today's gospel, the crowd sees the disciples and Jesus by the boat. They are ready to greet them when they arrive at the place Jesus had intended to be one of quiet and rest. Jesus' response to the crowd that clamors for His attention, is not resentful or irritated. Instead, looking at the people, He is moved with pity for them. This passage invites all of us to consider two aspects of discipleship: How do we take time for necessary prayer and renewal, and how do we respond to the people who come to us searching for help and a listening ear?

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Serving Schedule: *The new serving schedule can be found in the back of church.* If you are not able to make it at a time you are scheduled please find a replacement. As always, if you see a position that needs to be filled please volunteer.

Thank you: Thank you to the Margie Lee & family for their memorial donation to the church for the upcoming door project and to the cemetery fund for perpetual care. Your donation is greatly appreciated!

Church Roof Repairs: The outside roof repairs are complete but we are still waiting to hear from the insurance company on the interior damage coverage. If you would like to donate towards the roof repairs you can place your donation in a marked envelope in the collection basket.

Maintenance Position: St. Peter's is **STILL** looking for a general maintenance person. Knowledge of electrical, plumbing, HVAC and general carpentry preferred. Please contact a member of the Finance Council.

15th Annual Ridgefest: Celebrate the Ridge History Park on Sunday September 19, 2021 from 11 AM- 4 PM with a classic car, truck & tractor show, live polka music, food & beverages, silent auction & bake sale, Farmers market, horse & wagon rides, Barrel train & kites for the kids and a petting zoo. Fun for the whole family!

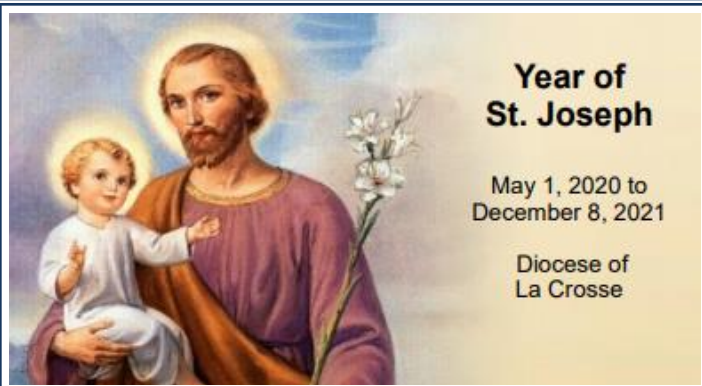
The Beauty of NFP: To have, To hold, To honor. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 25th-31st. Learning how to live in harmony with God's design for love and life in marriage is the mission of NFP education. The Diocese of La Crosse offers NFP classes virtually and face to face in 3 different methods. To find a class or learn more go to diolc.org/nfp.

Is this a good time to deepen your relationship with God? Be part of the Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference on August 7th, featuring Dr. Petroc Willey, a most engaging speaker who will present at a level that all adults can understand. Cost is \$10. For further info and to register, visit diolc.org/witness

Year of St. Joseph

May 1, 2020 to December 8, 2021

Diocese of La Crosse



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00

Last Week's Total - \$780.11

-\$919.89

Year to Date Target - \$3,400.00

Year to Date Total - \$1,719.92

-\$1,680.08

Readings for July 25, 2021

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-15

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.