

## 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](http://diolc.org/layformation). Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at [ministries@diolc.org](mailto:ministries@diolc.org) or call (608) 791-0161.

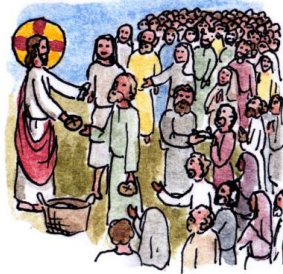
**ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR:** Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

**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.aquinascatholicschools.org](http://www.aquinascatholicschools.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](mailto:Charise.Liebhart@va.gov) for more information.

### Kid's Korner

## Jesus Multiplies our Gifts

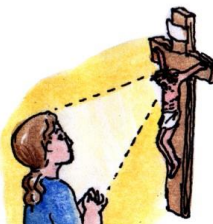


Jesus saw that a huge crowd of people had come to Him, and He knew that they needed food. However, all they had was a few loaves of bread and a couple fish that a boy had brought along.

Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish and blessed it, and started giving it to the crowd. Soon there was enough to feed five thousand people, plus there were twelve baskets of leftovers!



Jesus still multiplies what we give Him today. At Mass we offer to God some bread and wine and He turns it into the Body and Blood of Jesus!



We have something to offer to Jesus too. If you offer your work, or your talents, or even your whole life to God, He will use your gifts to bring His blessings to the world.



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### Loaves and Fishes Word-Find



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

When Jesus saw that a large CROWD was coming to him, he said to PHILIP, "Where can we BUY enough food for them to eat?" He said this to TEST him, because he knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of BREAD would not be enough for each of them to have a LITTLE." ANDREW said to him, "There is a boy here who has five BARLEY loaves and two FISH; but what good are these for so MANY?" Jesus said, "Tell the people to sit down." Now there was much GRASS in that place. So the men SAT down, about five THOUSAND in number. Then JESUS took the loaves, gave THANKS, and distributed them to those who were seated, and also as much of the fish as they WANTED. When they had EATEN their FILL, he said to his disciples, "GATHER the PIECES left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled TWELVE BASKETS with fragments of the loaves, left by those who had eaten.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the bread and fish.

### 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

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary

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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

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

### FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

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

### MUSIC

Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 486-2605

Leland Gregorich, Organist

**St. Peters Catholic  
Church  
Middle Ridge, WI  
W697 State Hwy 33  
Rockland, WI 54653**



Parish website: [www.saintpetersparish.net](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 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



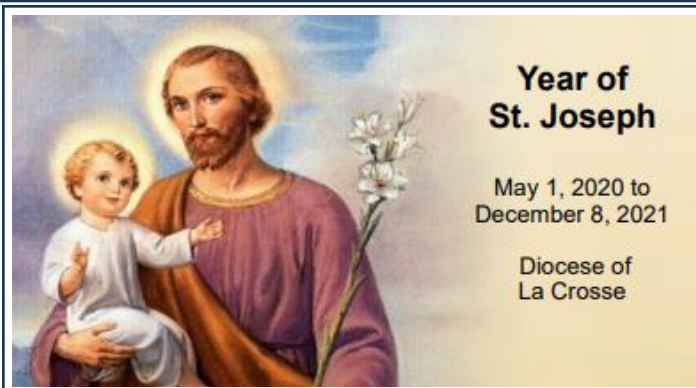
### Parish Intentions

**7/28 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Joann Williams (TMN)**

**7/30 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Jerry Hundt (AMH)**

**7/31 Sat. 8:00 PM – St. Peters Parish Family**

**8/1 Sun. 10:00 AM – Otto Schaub Family (TMS)**



### **Pray Often & Daily!!!**

#### Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,366.00</u>
	-\$334.00
Year to Date Target -	\$5,100.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$3,085.92</u>
	-\$2,014.08

#### Readings for August 1, 2021

**First Reading:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

**Gospel Reading:** John 6:24-35

**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.

### Ministry Servers

**Saturday July 31 -**

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Tim Leis & Ron Hurtz

Lector: Dan Korn

**Sunday August 1 -**

Servers: James Hundt & Arnie Nicolai

Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Leo Leis

Lector: Kathy Flock

**\*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!!

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm**

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

### 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. 9 – 20 – No Daily Masses**

**Aug. 8-20 – Fr. Biju gone for Retreat**

**Wed. Oct. 13 – Sauerkraut Supper**



### St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

First Saturday Mass.....8:30am

Monday .....5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

### From the Pastor's Pen

**John 6:1-15**

“They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over – twelve wicker baskets full”.

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for John for the next several weeks. This week's scripture from St John chapter 6 begins a series of Eucharistic discourses. This chapter is sometimes called the “Bread of Life Discourse.” In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of Jesus' authority, divinity and allusion to the Eucharist. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. He has left us a memorial of his eternal presence in the Eucharist which nourishes and sustains our soul and binds us together in him.

Every celebration of the Eucharist reminds us of the love of God and our gratitude towards his love. Just like Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish, in the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus.

Recently in the light of media news about Catholics and Eucharist the U.S. bishops meeting at their spring general assembly approved a plan to draft a text focusing on the meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the church. Exploring "The Eucharist, A Mystery to be Believed", "The Eucharist, A Mystery to be Celebrated" and "The Eucharist, A Mystery to be Lived" hopes it would help in our faith journey to realize that in the Eucharist we receive Christ himself. Have a great weekend,

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

### Parish News

**Mark Your Calendars:** We will be cutting cabbage to make sauerkraut on Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. A committee meeting will follow. Please plan to attend to finalize plans for our annual Sauerkraut Supper.

**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.

**15<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Bishops Respond to Extreme Push for Taxpayer Funding of Abortion, Ask the Faithful to Make their Voices**

**Heard:** “The most extreme pro-abortion appropriations bill we have seen” – This how Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Archbishop Joseph Naumann have characterized the spending bill making its way through the U.S. House of Representatives with the support of the Biden Administration. “Americans’ tax dollars should be used for the common good and welfare of all, not to finance abortion or force Americans to violate deeply-held beliefs. We ask all Catholics and all people of good will to contact their legislators and make their voices heard,” they wrote, through a petition drive that can be found at [notaxpayerabortion.com](https://notaxpayerabortion.com).

**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](https://diolc.org/witness)