

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.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 for more information.



Kid's Korner
Priests
Take the Place of Jesus

In today's Gospel reading Jesus was preaching in the synagogue. (A synagogue is kind of like your local church building.) The people there didn't believe in Him because they thought they knew Him. They didn't take Him seriously because they knew His family.

Do you know the priest at your church? He takes the place of Jesus at every Mass and when you go to Confession. God gave him a very special job.



However, even though priests have a very special job, they are still people like you. They need lots of help from God to do their job well. We should pray for our priests every day!



Here is a prayer you can say:
*Dear Jesus,
Please bless all priests. Make them be like you. Give them all the help they need to lead us to Heaven.
Thank you for all the priests who have helped me, and please send more good priests to the Church. Amen.*

Saint Paul Accepts Suffering from God

P O W W E B O A S T P
R P E R F E C T C H E
G R A C E G L O R D R
L R K H I G E S P T S
A I N R M E A A A C E
D N E I Y D V L U O C
L S S I P E V L N U
Y U S T R O N G E T T
O L E I N W M A D E I
U T S D W E L L M N O
E S A K E R M O S T N

Find the words in CAPITALS. The leftover letters tell you why Saint Paul said he would boast of his weakness.



Saint PAUL tells of asking God to take away his suffering: "Three times I BEGGED the LORD about this, that it might LEAVE me, but he said to me, "My GRACE is sufficient for YOU, for power is MADE PERFECT in weakness." I will rather BOAST MOST GLADLY of my WEAKNESSES, in order that the POWER of Christ may DWELL in me. Therefore, I am CONTENT with weaknesses, INSULTS, hardships, PERSECUTION and constraints, for the SAKE of CHRIST; for when I am weak then I am STRONG."

"That the _____ of _____"

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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 website: www.saintpetersparish.net
14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JULY 4, 2021

MARK 6:3

"Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, And brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?"
AND THEY TOOK OFFENCE AT HIM.

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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

7/7 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Steven Hundt (SAH)

7/9 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Elreda Meyer (RBM)

7/10 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS)

7/11 Sun. 10:00 AM – † David Rabuck (TMS)

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. July 11 – Virtual 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration @ 1:00 PM, see Diocesan website

Tues. July 6 – Cemetery Committee meeting @7 PM

Mon. July 12 – PCCW meeting @ 7 PM

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

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.

HIS CHURCH
IS STILL HERE † IT STILL PROVIDES
IS YOU AND ME

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Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

(End of Fiscal Year)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$1,105.00
	-\$595.00
Year to Date Target -	\$90,100.00
Year to Date Total -	\$93,867.93
	+\$3,767.93

Readings for July 11, 2021

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:7-13

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.

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

Understanding God's ordinariness

The Gospel of this weekend immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples. He comes to his native place Nazareth and the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinariness. This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith.

This weekend we are celebrating the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle (July 3) and our nation's Independence (July 4). As we celebrate this 245th Independence Day, feel blessed to be in this great nation, the land of the free and the home of the brave. Prayers for peace and prosperity.

St Thomas the apostle's name occurs in all the lists of the Synoptists (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6, cf. Acts 1:13), but in St. John he plays a distinctive part. First, when Jesus announced His intention of returning to Judea to visit Lazarus, "Thomas" who is called Didymus [the twin], said to his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). Again, it was St. Thomas who during the discourse before the Last Supper raised an objection: " Thomas saith to him: "Lord, we do not know where You are going; how do we know the way?" (John 14:5). But more especially St. Thomas is remembered for his doubt when the other Apostles announced Christ's Resurrection to him: " Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe" (John 20:25); but eight days later he made his act of faith, drawing down the rebuke of Jesus: "Because thou hast seen me, Thomas, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed" (John 20:29). He is the patron of builders in India and Pakistan. My home state in India is one of the places where we believe he established communities beginning from 52 -72 AD.

On July 1, 2021 through the beautiful mass celebrated by Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, D.D., Bishop of La Crosse, has merged St. Leo the Great Parish in West Salem and St. Mary Parish in Bangor into St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish. Congratulations and prayers to Reverend Arulsamy Raja Kennedy and parishioners.

The 2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal Year ended on June 30, 2021. I was so happy that we made it this year. **Thanks to all who generously contributed.** Wishing all of you a Happy 4th of July and a Blessed Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

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".

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. If interested please contact the parish office or a member of the Finance Council.

Back to Mass June 26/27: Last weekend the general dispensation was lifted and everyone is welcomed back to Mass. Materials can be found at diolc.org/back-to-mass for more information.

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!