

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.

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.

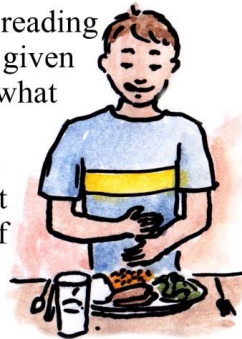
Veteran Caregiver Support Program: There are plans under way for a caregiver & family resource fair to be held in August by the Tomah VA Medical center. They plan to provide support, help caregivers navigate the VA healthcare system and access resources within the VA and surrounding community. Contact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

Pregnancy Resource Centers: Pro-Woman, Pro-Life If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, there are many pro-life pregnancy care centers around the diocese. For a complete listing, visit diolc.org/respect-life and click on "Pregnancy Help."

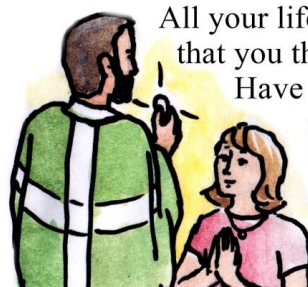
Kid's Korner

We are Hungry for Jesus

The people in today's Gospel reading followed Jesus because He had given them bread. He told them that what they really needed was not just ordinary food, but the food that God would give them. And that was Jesus Himself, the Bread of Life!



Have you ever been hungry? You know you need food and you want to eat. But did you know that your soul can be hungry too? The food for our souls is Jesus. We receive Him in Holy Communion. Just like our bodies need food to stay alive, our souls need God.



All your life there are things you want that you think will make you happy. Have you ever gotten something that you really wanted? It probably made you really happy for a while. But we can only be really satisfied if we have God living in us.

God Provides Bread word puzzle

John 6 24-35

Fill in the missing words. Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

The people came looking for Jesus after the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Jesus said to them, "You are only looking for me because you the loaves and were filled. Don't work for food that perishes but for the that lasts for eternal .

The people asked, "What can do to do the works of ?" Jesus said to them, "This is the work of God, that you in the one he sent." So they asked him, "What can you show us so that we can believe in you? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, like it is written in the Scriptures, "He gave them bread from Heaven to eat." So said to them, "It was not Moses who gave you bread from Heaven; my gives you the true bread from Heaven. The bread of God comes down from Heaven and gives life to the .

So the people said to Jesus, "Sir, give us this always!"

Jesus said to them, "I am the

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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

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary

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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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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

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 1, 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

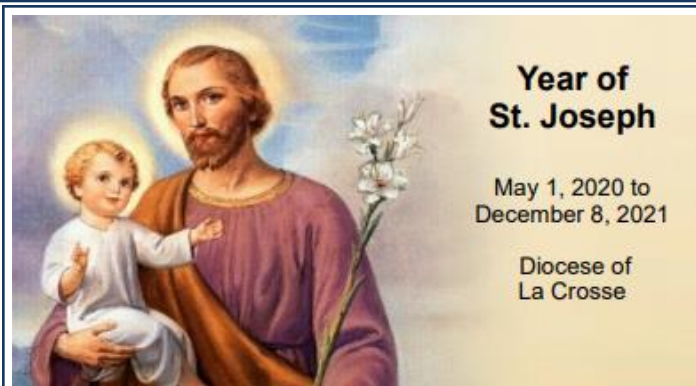
Parish Intentions

8/4 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Elreda Meyer (RBM)

8/6 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Theresa Clements (PF)

8/7 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Dave Hundt (HEC)

8/8 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Arnold & Theresa Arentz (JPS)



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,087.32</u>
	-\$612.68
Year to Date Target -	\$6,800.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$4,173.24</u>
	-\$2,626.76

Readings for August 8, 2021

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel Reading: John 6:41-51

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 August 7 -

Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Isabell Korn

Ushers: Don Halderson & Tom Schaub

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday August 8 -

Servers: Kate & Madi Gronemus

Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Gary Gronemus

Lector: Ann 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!!

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

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

Hunger and thirst. Wouldn't it be nice if you were never hungry or thirsty again? What's fascinating is that Jesus uses these very natural human experiences to teach us about Himself. He uses natural hunger and thirst to teach us that we long to be satisfied spiritually. And there is only one way to satiate these spiritual longings...through Him.

Last Sunday, we heard the story of Jesus feeding thousands of people with five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus demonstrated his care and concern for the physical needs of his community. In today's Gospel, we see Jesus tending to the spiritual needs of the community, offering himself as spiritual nourishment. Jesus affirms that belief in him will cure spiritual hunger and thirst, and he makes a clear reference to the story of the manna sent from heaven to the people of Israel.

Jesus compares himself to this manna from heaven, calling himself the bread from heaven, sent by the Father to sustain and nourish: “For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” Belief in Jesus offers spiritual fullness. As the bread of life, Jesus proclaims that he fulfills the spiritual needs of everyone. Jesus the bread of life is the visible, tangible sign of His abiding presence and love for all of us. Let's love the Lord who comes to us in the Eucharist quenching our thirst and satisfying our spiritual hunger.

This weekend let's also welcome Fr Bill Kulas as he celebrates the Holy Eucharist. Have a wonderful week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

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

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!

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

Join us for Rural Life Day – Sept. 22: The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 40th annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 22, hosted by Carla Kostka and her son, Barry, at their Castle Rock Organic Farms, S12360 Young Road in Osseo. Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by members of St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish. For a flyer or brochure, visit www.diolc.org/rural-life. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, rzietlow@diolc.org.

Priests For Tomorrow Fundraiser: Priests For Tomorrow supports the education and formation of seminarians. The fundraiser will be held Sunday, August 1 at the Waterfront Restaurant in La Crosse. Tickets are \$125 each, \$225 per couple, or \$1,000 for table of 8. Spend the evening with Bishop Callahan, the newly ordained and the seminarians. Contact vocations@diolc.org or call Renee' at 608-791- 2667 for tickets or more information.