

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.

Tell Congress – No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion: The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress, with the support of the Biden Administration, want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Here are two ways you can tell Congress “NO” to taxpayer funding of abortion:

- Sign the petition sponsored by the U.S. Bishops at notaxpayerabortion.com.
- Visit marchforlifeaction.org and click on the link for “Save Hyde” to send an email to your U.S. Senators and Representatives.

St. Mary’s Annual Craft Show-Crafter Registration Now Open!

We are currently accepting crafters for our 20th Annual Craft Show on December 4, 2021 in Coon Valley, WI. Visit our website: www.stmarycv.org/craft-show for registration application and information or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or email Peters@mwt.net.

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

The Assumption of Our Lady



Today we are celebrating the feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. When her life on earth was over, Our Lady was assumed- taken body and soul- into Heaven to be with God.

When we die, our bodies will be buried and break down. This happens because of original sin. When Adam and Eve committed the first sin, people could no longer live forever on earth. But Our Blessed Mother was kept free from original sin so that she could be the perfect mother for Jesus. Our Lady suffered from some of the effects of original sin, but God would not permit her body to decompose in the tomb.



At the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel brought Mary the message that God wanted her to be His mother, she gave herself totally to God. All through her life, even when He died on the cross, she did everything for Jesus. So God decided that instead of being buried like everyone else, His holy mother should come, body and soul, into Heaven.

Our Lady is now in Heaven with Jesus, waiting in happiness for us to come and join her in loving and praising God forever.

Queen of Heaven Word-Find

Find the words in CAPITALS and use the letters left over to fill in the blanks at the end.

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 QULEEEJAA
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 HEAVENSEY
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 NMARTYRSO
 EMYAHHEAP
 AHRYOURIH
 TELISTENE
 BLESSEDTT
 APOSTLESS



When Our Lady's life was over, JESUS took her, body and soul, into HEAVEN. There He honours her as the Queen of Heaven and EARTH. She is the most PERFECT of all the SAINTS. MARY is the QUEEN of the APOSTLES, MARTYRS and PROPHETS. She rules beside her Son Jesus on His THRONE in Heaven.

But Our BLESSED MOTHER does not forget us. She is full of LOVE and CARES for us, and will always LISTEN when we PRAY to her. She is OUR greatest HELP and prays to God for us.

Here is a name that you can give Our LADY to remember how much she loves you:

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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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

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

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 15, 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

8/18 Wed. 8:00 AM – No Mass
8/20 Fri. 8:00 AM – No Mass
8/21 Sat. 8:00 PM – 60th
Wedding Anniversary of Cletus & Marilyn Hurtz (HF)
8/22 Sun. 10:00 AM – Living & deceased members of the Lee family (ML)

Parish Calendar of Events

Aug. 16 - 20 - No Daily Masses
Aug. 8 - 20 - Fr. Biju gone for Retreat
Wed. Oct. 13 - Sauerkraut Supper
Tues. Oct. 19 - Cemetery Committee mtg @ 7:30PM
Thurs. Oct. 21 - Finance Council meeting @ 7:30PM



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$2,294.00</u>
	\$594.00
Year to Date Target -	\$10,200.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$7,610.79</u>
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Readings for August 22, 2021

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32
Gospel Reading: John 6:60-69

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 21 -
Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Isabell Korn
Ushers: Tim Leis & Mike Schaub
Lector: Kristen Schaub

Sunday August 22 -
Servers: Lily & Madi Gronemus
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Leo Leis
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!!**

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Father Biju enjoying his retreat in Texas



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

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Happy feast to everyone. August 15th we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the oldest feast day of Our Lady. There is also uninterrupted tradition about Mary's death and Assumption starting from the first century. On 1 November 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution Munificentissimus Deus which in Latin: The most bountiful God. Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary as a dogma of the Catholic Church: he declared, "By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. She is blessed because "The Mighty One has done great things for me" It was a blessing for humanity. She was chosen to be the mother of Jesus, Filled her with His Holy Spirit, Created her "full of grace," embodiment of all virtues, And God allowed her to become Co-redemptories and given her as our mother.

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended.

May the blessed mother bless you and your family. Have a great week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Cabbage Cutting: Thank you to everyone who came out to help cut cabbage to make sauerkraut for our annual Sauerkraut Supper. Let the fermenting begin!!!

Father has a new email: Please update your records, Fr. Biju's new email address: bchennala@diolclergy.org

CCD Registration: Registration is now open. If you have a child registered with the parish you should have received an email from the DRE Mary Hundt. If you haven't, please contact the parish office. Wednesday night classes start on September 15th and Sunday morning classes start on September 19th. We are looking for some additional teachers for both Sunday morning and Wednesday night. Whether as a full time teacher, team teacher, every other week teacher... we can make something work for you! Please consider joining the CCD teaching team! Registrations are due ASAP.

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!

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.