

**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.

**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](http://www.stmarycv.org/craft-show) for registration application and information or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or email [Peters@mwt.net](mailto: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](http://diolc.org/respect-life) and click on "Pregnancy Help."

**Church Rummage Sale:** Mary, Mother of the Church, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, September 17, 11 am - 3 pm, \$6 a bag; and on Saturday, September 18, 8 - 11 am, \$3 a bag. Some items priced individually.

**St. Patrick's Summerfest:** St. Patrick's in Sparta will have a Baked Chicken Dinner available at 10:30 am until gone on Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be a drive thru only at 100 South L Street in Sparta but dine-in and delivery is available. Go to their page at [www.facebook.com/SummerfestSparta](http://www.facebook.com/SummerfestSparta) or call 269-2655 for more information. Other activities are a Live specialty auction and a raffle ticket drawing.

**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](http://www.diolc.org/rural-life). For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, [rzietlow@diolc.org](mailto:rzietlow@diolc.org).

**Kid's Korner**

**We Choose to Follow Jesus**



Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

In today's first reading, Joshua told the people that they had to choose between the false gods and the true God. Joshua and the people chose to worship the true God.

In the Gospel today we hear that many people stopped following Jesus because they couldn't understand what He was teaching. But the Apostles chose to stay with Jesus. Like Saint Peter said, they knew that He was the Holy One of God.



Do you ever have a hard time understanding what Jesus tells us? We need to be like the Apostles and choose to follow Jesus even when it's hard, especially when other people don't follow Him.



Answers to Word Puzzle: twelve, you, Simon, answered, him, go, you, words, eternal, life, believed, come, HOLY ONE OF GOD.

**The Apostles Stay with Jesus Word Puzzle**

John 6:60-69

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks. Use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.



Jesus said to the

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [EVLWTE],

"Do \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [UOY] also wish to go away?"

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [NMIOS] Peter

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [WSNAREED]

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [MIH], "Lord, to whom shall we

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [OG]? \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [OUY] have the

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [DRWOS] of

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [TEENRLA]

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [FLIE]; and we have

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [VEEBILDE] and

have \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ [MCOE] to know that you are the



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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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**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

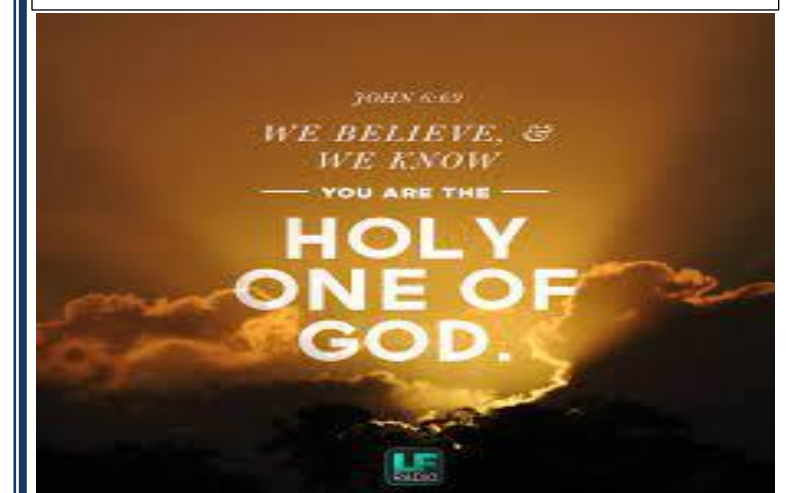
**St. Peters Catholic Church**  
**Middle Ridge, WI**  
**W697 State Hwy 33**  
**Rockland, WI 54653**



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

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 22, 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

**8/25 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Roman Kotek (RK)**

**8/27 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Dorothy Sagen (SAH)**

**8/28 Sat. 8:00 PM – Mr & Mrs Julius Halderson & family (MJH)**

**8/29 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Rosella Kammel (RER)**

Parish Calendar of Events

Tues. Sept. 14 – Parish Advisory meeting @ 6:30PM

Tues. Sept. 21 – Parish Corporation mtg @ 10:20AM

Wed. Oct. 13 – Sauerkraut Supper 4-8 PM

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>\$995.80</u>   |
|                       | -\$704.20         |
| Year to Date Target - | \$11,900.00       |
| Year to Date Total -  | <u>\$8,606.59</u> |
|                       | -\$3,293.41       |

Readings for August 29, 2021

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

**Second Reading:** James 1:17-27

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 7:1-23

**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 28 -**

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Tom Schaub & Don Halderson

Lector: Melissa Schaub

**Sunday August 29 -**

Servers: James Hundt & Arnie Nicolai

Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Mark Gronemus

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.

**Congratulations to August Verlyn Slettedahl, son of Corey & Anna Marie (Sidie) Slettedahl, on being baptized on August 15, 2021**



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

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Jos 24;1-18; Ps 34; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69**

‘We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.’ (Jn 6:69)

This weekend in the Gospel, we continue to hear reactions to Jesus calling himself the bread of life and comparing himself to manna from heaven. Many of the Jews would not accept that Jesus was one with the Father—that he was God. For some, Christ’s divinity was a leap greater than they were ready to make. His message had not yet penetrated into their hearts. So, when he explained how he would give himself to them in the Eucharist, they drew back.

Christ’s invitation to accept his truth and his love is always just that: an invitation. He doesn’t force himself on us. After this discourse on the Eucharist, many of Christ’s disciples left and no longer accompanied him. As he had invited them to follow him freely, so were they free to go. But Peter who believed in Jesus tells him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” Peter here affirms his desire to continue to follow Jesus, recognizing that his words lead to eternal life.

Jesus recognizes the difficulty and complexity of the Gospel, as he challenges how people think, live and believe. Many people, when confronted with these difficulties, opt out. It is hard even for us to accept certain teachings of Jesus. Opting out means they refuse receiving the fullness of life that Jesus promises. As I listen to Jesus asking me “Do you also wish to go away?” I hear the pain in his question. How do I reply?

Have a great week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

**Sauerkraut Supper:** Our annual dinner is BACK but still with a few changes. This event will include our full menu but will be for carry out/drive thru only. Mark your calendars for October 13<sup>th</sup>. Serving will begin at 4 pm and will go until 8 pm or we run out. The price will be \$14. Raw kraut will be available again too. Raffle tickets are available now in the back of church. **HELP SAVE THE PARISH MONEY by picking up yours TODAY!!!**

**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.

**Praise In The Valley:** Come and enjoy a country gospel concert with 5 acts including our very own **KATHY FLOCK** featuring her song A Better Place on Sunday August 29th from 1:00-5:00 pm. The concert will be held 5 miles south of Rockland on County Road J, watch for the signs. Refreshments are available. Please bring a lawnchair and join in the fun & great music!!

**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!