

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!

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.

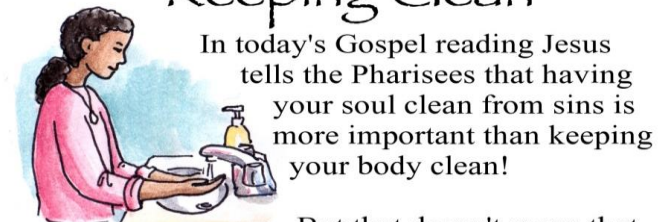
Pregnancy Resource Centers: Pro-Woman, Pro-Life If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, there are many pro-life pregnancy care centers around the diocese. For a complete listing, visit diolc.org/respect-life and click on "Pregnancy Help."

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.

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.

Blue Mass: On Sunday, September 12th, St Patrick Parish (1031 Main St. Onalaska) will celebrate its 3rd annual Blue Mass during our regularly scheduled 10:30 Mass. This Mass recognizes the sacrifices of first responders throughout our area. All parishioners and local citizens are welcome. If you are a law enforcement officer, a fire fighter, an emergency medical services professional, or a 911 dispatcher, or if you know a First Responder, please encourage them to attend in uniform or other appropriate attire at the 10:30 Mass on September 12th. Responders do NOT need to be Catholic to participate. Any first responders wishing to participate should please inform our Liturgy Planner, Steven Nott, liturgyplanner@stpatsonalaska.com or at 783-5535.

Kid's Korner
Keeping Clean



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the Pharisees that having your soul clean from sins is more important than keeping your body clean!

But that doesn't mean that we should be dirty! God wants us to keep our bodies and our souls clean. We keep our bodies clean when we wash our hands or take a bath. Do you know how we keep our souls clean?



When someone does a big sin he or she needs to go to confession to get cleaned up. Confession cleans away our little sins too. Other things that take away small sins are going to Holy Communion, praying, and blessing ourselves with holy water.



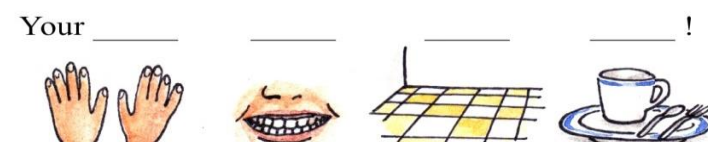
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 29th, 2021



Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Jews knew that it was important to keep their bodies and their dishes clean. But Jesus told them that something else was more important. What was it?

Match the letters from the top pictures with the things they clean at the bottom of the page to find out what is the most important thing to keep clean!



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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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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

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

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Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 486-2605
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net
22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 29, 2021



Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them. Mark 7:15

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

9/1 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Elreda Meyer (BCM)

9/3 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Theresa Clements (PF)

9/4 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Dave Hundt (HEC)

9/5 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peters Parish Family

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.

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,144.00</u>
	-\$556.00
Year to Date Target -	\$13,600.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$9,750.59</u>
	-\$3,849.41

Readings for September 5, 2021

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:31-37

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 September 4 -

Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Isabell Korn

Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Bill Korn

Lector: Dan Korn

Sunday September 5 -

Servers: Lily & Kate Gronemus

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Leo Leis

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

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

Sun. Sept. 19 - 10 AM Mass for CCD students

Tues. Sept. 21 - Parish Corporation meeting @ 10:20AM

Mon. Oct. 11-Tues. Oct. 12 - Fr. Biju gone to Fall Ministry Conference

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

Tues. Oct. 19 - Cemetery Committee meeting @ 7:30PM

Thurs. Oct. 21 - Finance Council meeting @ 7:30PM



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

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. In the gospel this weekend, we find Jesus and his disciples were criticized because they had failed to complete the ritual washing before eating. Jesus told them that it was insufficient to cling to mere human traditions while ignoring God's law. Jesus called them to a conversion of heart, mind, and attitudes and not for clean hands and clean words on the lips. Jesus teaches us today that inner purity, the holiness which the law is supposed to create, cannot be achieved by mere external observances. The cleansing of heart does not happen by mere washing of hands. It is inner conversion, change of attitudes, and dispositions in response to God's call for conversion that brings about purity of heart. Christianity is a religion of the heart, not of laws.

As announced last weekend we are taking up a second collection in both churches for the people of Haiti, the most impoverished nation in the western hemisphere. As you all know the natural calamity has devastated the people of Haiti. The death toll from the quake, which happened on August 14 with magnitude of 7.2, destroyed lives and property. As on Wednesday's report, about 2,207 people died 12,200 were injured. More than 53,000 homes were destroyed. Bishops of the country have requested Parishes to support the humanitarian aid to suffering people of Haiti. So our special collection this weekend is in support of the suffering people of Haiti. Thank you for your generosity. Pray also for people in Afghanistan fleeing and US service members and others killed in the attack recently in Kabul.

We will be beginning the Religious Education program for this academic year next month. A lot of planning and meetings have taken place. I like to thank all the Catechists and CREs for all that you do to keep the program going. May the good Lord bless your efforts in imparting the faith to the little ones.

Thanks to all those who helped with the preparation of Mass while I was out for retreat. I had a wonderful time of renewal. Prayed for all of you. I am back safe and sound. Thank you for your prayers for me to get my green card, which extends my stay in the United States. Now I can plan on visiting my parents. Thank you and God bless you.

Live Jesus, Fr. Biju

Parish News

Special Collection: The Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse is requesting a special emergency collection for Haiti for relief in the wake of the massive earthquake and tropical storm that have caused such devastation there. We will take up a second collection. You can also place your donation in a marked envelope in the collection basket. Please make checks out to St. Peters and write "Haiti" in the memo line.

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 13th. 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!!

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!

Employment Opportunity: St. Patrick's in Onalaska is looking for a full-time or 2 part-time secretaries. Please call Msgr. Steve Kachel at 608-783-5535 ext. 5 with inquiries.