

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.

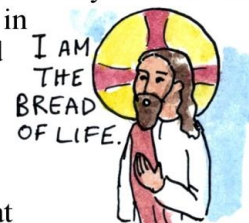
Pregnancy Resource Centers: Pro-Woman, Pro-Life If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, there are many pro-life pregnancy care centers around the diocese. For a complete listing, visit diolc.org/respect-life and click on “Pregnancy Help.”

Kid’s Korner
Believing in Jesus



In today's Gospel reading some people were grumbling about Jesus when He said that He had come down from Heaven. They thought they knew who He was because they knew His family on earth, and they didn't want to listen to what He was saying.

Jesus told the people that He really is from Heaven - and He is the way to Heaven. He gives us His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. He is the food that our souls need to stay alive and get to Heaven.



Sometimes people around you might not believe in Jesus or what He says. If that happens, remember to trust Jesus. Even in His own time some people didn't believe in Him. But Jesus has given us faith to believe in Him and wants us to be happy with Him forever in Heaven!



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday August 8th, 2021



Jesus told the people that He was the Bread of Life. The people were confused and wondered what He was talking about. So He explained again, and told them this:

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(Use all the letters that you pass in the maze to fill in the blanks and find out what Jesus said) John 6:41-51

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

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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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Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 486-2605
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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 8, 2021

I am the living bread that came down from heaven:
whoever eats this bread will live forever;

John 6



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

8/11 Wed. 8:00 AM – No Mass
8/13 Fri. 8:00 AM – No Mass
8/14 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS)
8/15 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peter Parish family
Please welcome Msgr. Hundt for our weekend masses

Ministry Servers

Saturday August 14 -
Servers: James Hundt & volunteer
Ushers: Bill Korn & Phil Gronemus
Lector: Dan Korn

Sunday August 15 -
Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Lukas Slattery
Ushers: Rob Slattery & Peter Benzing
Lector: Pam Benzing

**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!!*

From the Pastor's Pen

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

“I am the bread that came down from heaven”

The last two Sundays we reflected about Jesus feeding the multitude with five loaves and a couple of fish and the discussion that followed. The readings of this Sunday from the “Bread of Life discourse” provides us another opportunity to continue our reflection on the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

The Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus’ claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”

It requires faith to accept and believe in Jesus the bread of life. Just like the Jews we do sometimes struggle with the aspect of faith. But Jesus clearly tells us through the gospel that it is He himself, the Incarnate Son of God, who is the new and perfect manna, literally “come down from Heaven.” Those who believe will have eternal life. This is the central element of our Eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it. He offers himself for the life of the world.

The people arguing with Jesus in today’s Gospel are missing the point; they are failing to see what God is offering them in Jesus. Can we believe that in the sacramental way we take Jesus into our lives – through the Eucharist? We eat this bread in faith, as a real way of being united with Christ to receive life.

I will be away for the retreat in Texas. I will keep all of you in my prayers. Have a great week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Thank you to Fr. Paul Check for celebrating mass with us today!

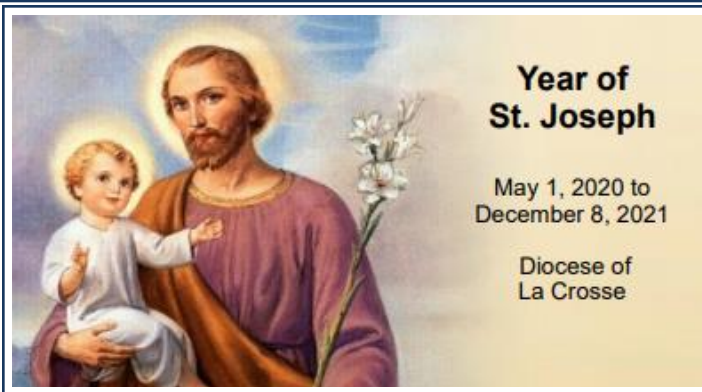
Mark Your Calendars: We will be cutting cabbage to make sauerkraut on Tuesday August 10th at 5:30 pm. A committee meeting will follow. Please plan to attend to finalize plans for our annual Sauerkraut Supper.

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

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.



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,143.55</u>
	-\$556.45
Year to Date Target -	\$8,500.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$5,316.79</u>
	-\$3,183.21

Readings for August 15, 2021

First Reading: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-57
Gospel Reading: Luke 11:27-28

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

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
Tues. Oct. 19 - Cemetery Committee mtg @ 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