

**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](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.

**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).

**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](mailto:liturgyplanner@stpatsonalaska.com) or at 783-5535.

**Kid's Korner**

*Jesus Gives the Gift of Hearing*



Being able to hear is a wonderful gift from God. Imagine what it would be like if you couldn't hear anything! In today's Gospel reading, the people begged Jesus to heal a deaf man. What do you think it was like for that man when suddenly he could hear everything that was going on around him?

God has given us the gift of hearing to be able to talk with and listen to other people, and to appreciate the sounds of creation. We use this gift to hear God's Word at Mass and when we are being taught.



Think of all the things that we can do because we can hear: we can listen to and play music, we can sing and talk with people, we can hear birds and wind in the trees, and we can also be warned of things like barking dogs, or cars coming. Did you ever thank God for the gift of hearing? Thank Him today!



Answer to front page: He has done all things well!  
Happy Birthday Mary!  
Answer to Our Lady's Birthday Word-Find!

*Our Lady's Birthday*

C H J E W S I N M P  
H A P P M O T H E R  
O W Y J A N N O S E  
S A B O R N B L S P  
E I I A Y R F Y I A  
N T T C H D A A R  
W I T H O U T Y H E  
M N B I R T H D A Y  
A G R M Y J E S U S  
P U R E C H R I S T

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.

Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.



On September 8th we celebrate Mary's BIRTHDAY. She was CHOSEN by God to be the MOTHER of JESUS before she was even BORN. To PREPARE Mary to receive His SON, God made her PURE and WITHOUT SIN right from the first moment of her life.

JOACHIM and ANN were HOLY JEWS who were waiting for the MESSIAH to come. God chose them to be the FATHER and mother of MARY, who would become the mother of CHRIST.



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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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**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

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



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

**23<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 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

**9/8 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Rosella Kammel (CDA)**

**9/10 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Sharon Friet (SAH)**

**9/11 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Greg Molner (PTS)**

**9/12 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Bernard & Katherine Hundt**

**Congratulations!!**

We have had two baptisms in the past weeks but due to internet issues are not able to post pictures here until next week. Please welcome Vienna Faustine Slattery, daughter of Robert & Nicole Slattery and Flora Immaculata Menn, daughter of Austin & Mary Menn to our parish family!! God's blessings on you!

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,077.40</u>
	-\$622.60
Year to Date Target -	\$15,300.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$10,827.99</u>
	-\$4,472.01

Readings for September 12, 2021

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-9

**Second Reading:** James 2:14-18

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 8:27-35

**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 11 -**

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Mike Schaub & Tim Leis

Lector: Kristen Schaub

**Sunday September 12 -**

Servers: James Hundt & 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!!**

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

Wed. Sept. 15 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Sept. 19 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

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

Tues. Sept. 21 – Parish Corp. meeting @ 10:20AM

Wed. Sept. 22 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

Sun. Sept. 26 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

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 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

Monday .....5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

***“Ephphatha!”***

Happy Labor Day weekend! Since 1894, the first Monday in September has been observed as a federal holiday to honor workers in the USA. Originally established to honor the nation's working people, this holiday has come to be seen as the end of the summer season too. On this weekend I invite you to take time to say thanks and pray for all workers who struggle each day to care for us directly or indirectly. The Mass on Monday is at 5:30 pm at St. Joseph. Prayers for every student too, as they begin a new school year this month.

This weekend we find Jesus in the district of Decapolis which was largely a gentile territory. Jesus' ministry was open to all, not just to the Jews. We read about a deaf man brought to Jesus for healing. Jesus took him aside, away from the crowd, touched him and healed him, using the words “Ephphatha!”. Fulfilling the prophecy in today's First Reading, “Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared”. In the ritual for the baptism of infants, the priest touches the ears and mouth of the baby, saying: “May the Lord Jesus, who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, grant that you may soon receive his word with your ears and profess the faith with your lips, to the glory and praise of God the Father.” It reveals the compassionate heart of Jesus beyond all kinds of elements which separates people from one another.

This weekend we also celebrate the feast of a saint who was known for her compassion. September 5 is the feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta. She was born on August 26, 1910. In 1928, she joined the sisters of Loreto. From 1929 to 1937, Agnes lived in the convent in Darjeeling, India until she professed her final vows. Agnes was given the name Teresa in honor of St. Teresa of Lisieux. In 1946, while she was on the train traveling to a retreat in Darjeeling, she heard a call from the Lord to leave the Sisters of Loreto and establish a new order in which she would bring Him to the “poorest of the poor.” Mother Teresa followed His call, and in 1950, the new congregation of the Missionaries of Charity was officially erected as a religious institute for the Diocese of Calcutta. She cared for the untouchables, those who were sick and dying on the streets. By 1997, her members numbered nearly 4,000 in 600 foundations and 123 countries. She died in Calcutta on September 5, 1997. Pope Francis canonized Mother Teresa on September 4, 2016.

Thank you for your generous contribution towards the people of Haiti. Prayers for all those who travel this weekend. Have a good Labor Day weekend

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

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**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. You can still donate by placing 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 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 News:** 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!

**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!

**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.