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.

Aquinas News: Join us for the 2021 Gold Gala Saturday, November 13, 2021 and take part in supporting Aquinas Catholic Schools' mission of furthering educational opportunities for its students. Doors Open 5:00pm. See aquinascatholicschools.org/gold-gala and click on the Greater Giving logo for more information.

Fr. Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild Dinner Benefitting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II: You are invited to attend the Father Joseph Walijewski Guild Dinner Benefiting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II on Friday, November 5 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 130 Losey Blvd S, La Crosse, WI. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour followed by dinner and a program. Please RSVP online at homeajpm.org/events or via email by Wednesday, October 27. If you have any questions, contact Noel Furger at nfurger@frjoesguild.org or 715.297.5139.

ST. JAMES & PROVIDENCE ACADEMY 55th ANNUAL HOLLY BERRY FAIR

WHEN: Saturday, November 13, 2021, 9am-4pm WHERE: In the Providence Academy Gymnasium 716 Windsor St. across the street from St. James. WHAT: Booths include Bakery, Rummage & Antiques, Crafts, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Packers Tickets Raffle, Jewelry, Mystery Gifts, Religious Items. Visit Santa's Winter Wonderland for face painting & pictures with Santa! Pulled Pork Lunch Plates & Walking Tacos available for dine in or take out.

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™

Wednesday, November 10th at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will offer a Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage 、Experience. ™

As part of this spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette you will:

- immerse yourself in the Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette
- experience the grotto rock and the healing grace of Lourdes Water
- · receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary
- receive a bottle of Lourdes Water
- be offered an extraordinary pandemic plenary indulgence

/ Join us on this pilgrimage journey to encounter the healing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ through / His Immaculate Mother. The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a pilgrimage journey without the travel! Admission is free; donations are welcome. For more information, contact Jackie Craig at (608) 782-0322 Ext. 0.

Kids Korner

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

In today's Gospel reading, one of the scribes asked Jesus what was the most important commandment of God. Jesus told him that the most important rule was to love God with everything- our heart, our soul, our mind and all our strength. The next most important rule is to love others as much as we love ourselves.

GOD, YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN MY LIFE!

God made us to love Him.
We will never be really happy unless we do. But if we keep God first in our lives then everything else will happen the way God wants it to. If we love God first, then we can love others the way God asks.

What can you do to keep God first in your life? How about saying a prayer as soon as you wake up in the morning, and last thing before you go to bed at night?

Answer to front page puzzle: You shall love the Lord your
Answer to Greatest Commandment Puzzle:
COD, OTHERS



The Greatest Commandment Puzzle

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God	LORD
is2 _ alone! You shall4	HEART
the Lord your God with all your	YOUR
6, 5 all your soul,	SECOND
	LOVE
with all your, and with all	YOURSELF
your The	WITH
⁹ is this: You shall love	STRENGTH
neighbor as	MIND

What is the order of importance of those we must love?





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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 - 3:00 PM
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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

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Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605 Leland Gregorich, Organist

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



Parish website: <u>www.saintpetersparish.net</u> 31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 31, 2021

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart & with all your soul & with all your mind & with all your strength.

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

11/3 Wed. 8:00 AM -

† Elreda Meyer (LRH)

<u>11/5 Fri. 8:00 AM</u> –

†Theresa Clements (PF)

<u>11/6 Sat. 8:00 PM</u> –

†Dave Hundt (HEC)

<u>11/7 Sun. 10:00 AM</u> –

St. Peters Parish Family



Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00 Last Week's Total - \$783.75

-\$916.25

Year to Date Target - \$28,900.00 Year to Date Total - \$20,714.20

-\$8,185,80

Readings for November 7, 2021

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44

<u>Prayer for Spiritual Communion:</u> 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 November 6 -

Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Isabell Korn

<u>Ushers</u>: Mike Schaub & Tim Leis

<u>Lector</u>: Kristen Schaub

Sunday November 7 -

<u>Servers</u>: Lily & Madi Gronemus <u>Ushers</u>: 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.

Parish Calendar of Events

Mon. Nov. 1 - All Saints Day

<u>Tues. Nov. 2</u> – All Souls Day Mass at St. Joseph @ 5:30 PM

<u>Wed. Nov. 3</u> - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM

<u>Sun. Nov. 7</u> – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM <u>Wed. Nov. 10</u> – Mass for CCD Students @ 7:00 PM

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

Sun. Nov. 14 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM



St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m. First Saturday Mass......8:30am

Confession time available after Mass

Monday5:30pm Tuesday5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

In one of his conversations with the scribes, Jesus is asked which commandment is first, and he gives a three-part answer drawing from Dt 6:4-5 and Lv 19:18. From Deuteronomy, Jesus quotes the *Shema Yisrael* (Hear, O Israel), the Jewish prayer that expresses communal faith in God and the oneness of God. He then expresses the need to love God with one's whole self. From Leviticus, Jesus stresses the importance of loving one's neighbor. Let love of God and neighbor be the foundation of our faith.

Monday, we celebrate All Saints Day. Tuesday is All Souls Day, the day we remember all who have died, and pray for them. In addition to offering Mass and praying for the souls of the faithful departed, the Church also gives us the opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory. A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who from November 1 through 8 piously visit a cemetery and pray for the dead; or who on November 2 as well as the Sunday preceding or following, and on All Saints' Day, piously visit a church. In visiting the church, it is required that an Our Father and the Creed be recited. To acquire a plenary indulgence, it is necessary also to fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and praying the Our Father and Hail Mary for the intention of the Holy Father. The three conditions must be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the visit; it is, however, fitting that communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day as the visit.

Throughout the centuries, the Roman Catholic Church has held many gatherings called "synods". The word synod derives from an ancient Greek term that means "coming together" or "traveling together." Pope Francis formally opened a two-year process called "A Synod on Synodality," officially known as "Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church." In preparation for it the Synod of Bishops, each diocese has been asked by Pope Francis to foster a broad consultation process. In response to this call we are invited to have a special meeting of the parish pastoral council. Our council members will be receiving materials for discussion, which will be used for the next meeting.

Have a wonderful week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

<u>To Honor the Deceased</u>: We will once again have the "Book of the Names of the Dead" set out for anyone to add names to. The Catholic Book of the Dead looks at the heritage of the final journey in the joyful light of the Resurrection. Through the intercession of Mary, the angels and saints, we come to realize that death is the beginning, not the end of life. Please pray for those written amongst its pages!

Rosary in the Home: With the month of October being the "Month of the Rosary" we will finish it out with a gathering at the Richard & Janice Korish home to pray the rosary at 7:00 PM. Please plan to attend. All are welcome!!!

<u>Diocesan Annual Appeal</u>: There is no denying that this past year and a half has been the most challenging of our times. As you know, the DAA funds the charitable and good works our community so graciously supports. Please watch for more information coming this week in your mailbox. Our goal for the Annual Appeal this year is **\$10,765.00**. Please prayerfully consider donating.

<u>World Mission Sunday Collection</u>: There were envelopes in the bulletins last week. Please return them as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your envelope there are more on the book cases in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity!

<u>Giving Opportunity</u>: Our current Holy Water tank is nearing the end of its usefulness due to corrosion. We have chosen a new one at the cost of \$895.00. If you would like to donate towards the new tank you can place your donation in a marked envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Pray for Dobbs – Join Catholics and Protestants uniting in Pro-Life Prayer: In the USA, abortion takes the lives of over 600,000 babies a year. Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health could change that. The Mississippi law at stake in this case bans abortion after 15 weeks. This is the case that could overturn Roe v. Wade—the Supreme Court decision which made abortion legal in all 50 states. Nine justices stand between life and death for millions of innocent children and their mothers. What can we do? The most important thing we can do to is to bend our knees in supplication to our Lord Jesus Christ, asking for the end to Roe, and to the brutal practice of abortion. We all need to pray without ceasing. And we need to tell our friends and church communities to join us. Can you imagine what could happen if all who want an end to abortion joined together? If each believer committed to prayer and fasting? And if we organized within our local churches so that our communities would do the same? What would happen if tens or hundreds of millions of Americans prayed for an end to abortion? With God, all things are possible! Go to www.prayfordobbs.com for more info.