

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: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021 ~ Come join the fun and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8:00 AM-1:30 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St. Concessions available throughout the show. Visit our website: stmarycv.org and click on the Craft Show tab for information, or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 Peters@mwt.net

St. Joseph Ridge Parish Gun Raffle: Tickets are \$10 each (only 500 will be sold) will be sold after Mass at St. Joseph Ridge Parish or by contacting Fr. Biju or the St. Joseph Ridge Parish Office.

- 1st Prize: Ruger American Camo 350 Legend
 - 2nd Prize: Weatherby 12 ga, Automatic
 - 3rd Prize: Browning A-Bolt Synthetic 243
 - 4th Prize: Legends LSI Pointers 12 ga. Automatic
 - 5th Prize: Savage Axis XP-243 w/scope
- Drawing will be held at the February Friday Fun Night at St. Joseph Ridge Parish School on February 25, 2021 at 9 PM. **Please contact Fr. Biju if you would like tickets.**

Sunday, December 5, 2021 2:00pm & 5:30pm: Join us for the annual Aquinas High School Christmas Concert as we kick off the Christmas season in style!

Cookie Walk & Craft Sale: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 11, at the Parish Hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade Candies, Breads, Pies, Handcrafted Items and Scrip Gift Cards available for sale. Serving Continental Breakfast and Lunch (homemade soup and chili). Raffles and hourly Door Prizes.

Advent Retreat: Unshakeable Joy. Sign up for a free 26-day Advent retreat with Chris Stefanick and Cardinal Cantalamessa. With 26 days of joy-filled videos and daily reflections, made specifically to fit your busy schedule, we know that YOU can unlock the secret to Unshakeable Joy today. Visit reallifecatholic.com to register.

Celebrate the Immaculate Conception & Close of the Year of St. Joseph: Bishop William Patrick Callahan will preside at the 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesday, December 8, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman to celebrate both the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (a holy day of obligation) and the Close of the Year of St. Joseph. Join us for this special celebration honoring both the Blessed Mother and her spouse, St. Joseph, either in person or via livestream at diolc.org/live.

Kids Korner

Advent is Here!

Today is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.



The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming". In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward to Christmas, which is the celebration of His first coming and we also look forward to His second coming.



Did you know that the most important thing to have ready for Christmas is a clean soul?

During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!

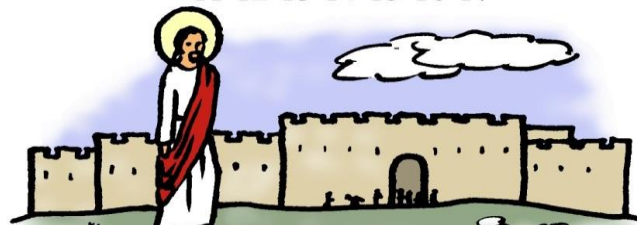


The Second Coming Word Puzzle

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Fill in the missing letters from today's first reading and copy them to finish the last line.

The days are c__ming (5), says __he (14)
Lo__d, (10) when I will f__llfill (9) the
p__omise (6) I made to the __ouse (2) of Israel
and Judah. In tho__e (13) days, in that tim__,
(3) I will raise up for __avid (7) a just shoot; he
shall d__ (8) what is right and jus__ (1) in the
__and.(4) In those days __udah (11) shall be safi
and Jer__salem (12) shall dw__ll (17) secure;
th__s (15) is what they shall __all (16) her:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
11 12 13 14 15 16 17



PASTOR

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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 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,
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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

"THERE WILL BE SIGNS."

JESUS

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

12/1 Wed. 8:00 AM –
For Thanksgiving (AMM)
12/3 Fri. 8:00 AM –
† Jim Smith (ANN)
12/4 Sat. 8:00 PM –
† Theresa Clements (PF)
12/5 Sun. 10:00 AM –
St. Peters Parish Family

2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$10,765.00
Total Pledged: \$2,775.00
Total Received: \$2,225.00
Under Goal: \$7,990.00

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00
Last Week's Total - \$779.50
-\$920.50
Year to Date Target - \$35,700.00
Year to Date Total - \$25,617.07
-\$10,082.93

Readings for December 5, 2021

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-11
Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

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 December 4 -
Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Isabell Korn
Ushers: Mike Schaub & Bill Korn
Lector: Kristen Schaub

Sunday December 5 -
Servers: Lily & Madi Gronemus
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Stephenson
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

Wed. Dec. 1 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Dec. 5 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Sun. Dec. 5 – Rosary in church @ 7:00 PM
Mon. Dec. 6 – PCCW meeting @ 7:30 PM
Tues. Dec. 7 – Parish Advisory Meeting @ 6:30 PM
Wed. Dec. 8 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Fri. Dec. 10 – Parish Office Closed
Dec. 11 & 12 – Religious Retirement Collection
Sun. Dec. 12 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Mon. Dec. 13 – Parish Finance Meeting @7:30 PM
Wed. Dec. 15 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Sun. Dec. 19 – Christmas Decorating after mass
Wed. Dec. 22 – Reconciliation @ 6 PM until finished



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
Tuesday..... 5:30pm
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)
Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we begin the season of Advent. A time of preparation. It's a new liturgical year for the church. We move from year B where we focused on the gospel of Mark to C with Luke's gospel. The first two weeks of Advent call our attention to the second coming of Christ and last two his first coming. There are many ways during Advent that we can prepare our hearts and minds for celebrating Jesus' birth at Christmas. You may want to pray more, participate in the Mass during the week, have an Advent wreath, or create family traditions. No matter what you do, remember the reason you are preparing. It's about Jesus. The sacrament of penance is an important part of our Advent preparation for a worthy celebration of Christmas. Fr Hilary OFM will be coming to St. Joseph and St Peter to help hear confessions and offer God's forgiveness. Reconciliation service will be on Wednesday, December 15 at St Joseph and Wednesday December 22 at St Peter. At both churches it begins at 6 pm until the last person. Also, we will have the blessing of Advent wreath on the first weekend during vigil mass. An Advent wreath is a wreath with four candles. Usually, there are three purple candles and one pink candle. Purple symbolizes penance and rose/pink symbolizes joy. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, which is also called, Gaudete Sunday. It is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. I have some information for you about Christmas mass times.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. at St Joseph. and 8:00 p.m. at St Peter.
Christmas Day: 8:30 a.m. at St Joseph. and 10:00 a.m. at St Peter.
There will be no vigil mass on Christmas Day (4pm and 8pm) which is on Saturday 25th December both at St Joseph and St Peter.

December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day of obligation. On that day we will have 6:00 pm mass at St Joseph and 8:00 am mass at St Peter.

May you have a blessed Advent.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Advent books: There are new Advent books available for you in the back of church that have a daily reflection for each day of Advent. Please take advantage of this gift from St. Peters to you. Happy Advent!!!

Serving Schedules: Please find the new schedules in the back of church. Note the mass times for Christmas & New Years as they are different from previous years.

PCCW Meeting: There will be a meeting on Monday December 6th at 7:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

First Sunday Rosary: We will begin praying the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at 7:00 PM. The first one will be December 5th. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: Watch for updates in the box below the mass intentions. Our goal for the Annual Appeal this year is **\$10,765.00**. Please prayerfully consider donating.

Are you celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2022?? If you have reached this milestone of marital bliss please contact the parish office by December 31st. There are special things being planned for you!

New Comic Book on the "Champion of the Poor": A new action-packed, full-color comic book biography tells the inspiring life story of Father Joe Walijewski, priest of the Diocese of La Crosse and founder of the Casa Hogar orphanage in Peru. From his days as an impressionable young boy in Michigan, where he discovered a unique call to the priesthood, to his daring adventures as a missionary in South America, readers are immersed into the heroic actions of a courageous Champion of the Poor. Parishes and individuals are invited to pre-order now to receive the comic book in time to be a Christmas gift. To see sample pages and to pre-order, visit: voyagecomics.com/fatherjoe