

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)

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.

Pray for Dobbs, Pray for our Supreme Court Justices by Name:

Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health is the Supreme Court case that could overturn Roe v. Wade—the decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states. Nine justices stand between life and death for millions of innocent children and their mothers. The hearing began Dec. 1, with a ruling expected in June. Please fast and pray for God’s grace to touch our Supreme Court justices. Pray for them by name: John Roberts, Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barrett, Brett Kavanaugh, Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, and Stephen Breyer. For more information and resources, visit PrayforDobbs.com.

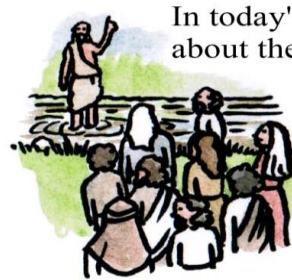
15 min. with the Scriptures for Advent: A beautiful way to spend quiet time during Advent is to pray with Sacred Scripture that describe the events leading up to the birth of the Christ Child. For simple resources to help prayer become more personal, visit diolc.org/deeper and click on “Praying with Scripture” – Advent and Christmas or click on “Mysteries of the Rosary”

Christmas Stocking Stuffer: 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 order now to receive the comic book in time to be a Christmas gift. To see sample pages and to order, click here: voyagecomics.com/fatherjoe

2022 Pilgrimage for Life: We are excited to announce that we are planning to travel to Washington, DC for the Pilgrimage for Life January 19-23, 2022. Please see <https://diolc.org/yva> to read the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details.

Kids Korner

Painting the Way to Jesus



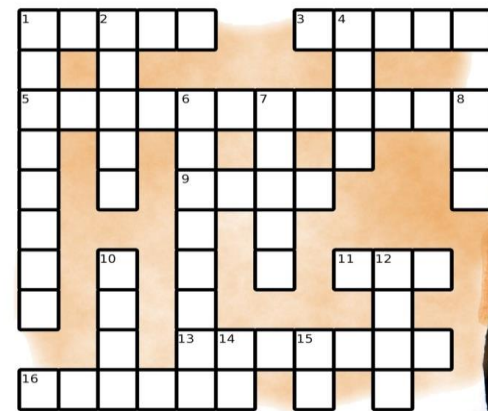
In today's Gospel reading we hear about the people being filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist told the people how to prepare for his coming- by doing good and repenting of their sins.

At first the people thought that John the Baptist might be the Messiah. But Saint John was only a messenger. We can think of him as a sign-post pointing the way to Jesus. People came to see and hear him, and he showed them the way to God.



How can you be like Saint John the Baptist and show other people the way to Jesus?

Philippians 4 Cross-Word



Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom and fit them into the puzzle.
a=across
d=down



Brothers and _____ (13a): Rejoice in the _____ (12d) always. I _____ (3a) say _____ (14d) _____ (2d): rejoice! Your _____ (6d) should be known _____ (15d) all. The Lord is _____ (9a). _____ (4d) no anxiety at _____ (11a), but in everything, by prayer and _____ (1d), with _____ (5a), make _____ (10d) requests known to _____ (8d). Then the _____ (1a) of God that surpasses all understanding will _____ (7d) your hearts and minds in _____ (16a) Jesus.

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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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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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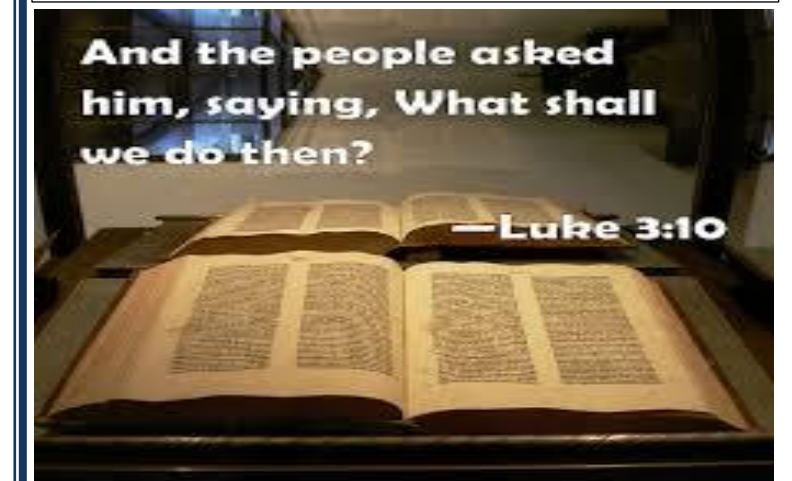
Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 12, 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

12/15 Wed. 8:00 AM –

† **Arlene Schmidt (AMH)**

12/17 Fri. 8:00 AM –

† **Peter Drake (PTS)**

12/18 Sat. 8:00 PM –

† **Eugene Flock, † Chad Mlsna &**

† **Kylie VonRuden (LF)**

12/19 Sun. 10:00 AM –

St. Peters Parish Family

2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$10,765.00

Total Pledged: \$4,305.00

Total Received: \$4,105.00

Under Goal: \$6,460.00

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

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| Weekly Target - | \$1,700.00 |
| Last Week's Total - | \$2,223.36 |
| | \$523.36 |
| Year to Date Target - | \$39,100.00 |
| Year to Date Total - | \$29,071.30 |
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Readings for December 19, 2021

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-45

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 18 -

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub

Ushers: Tim Leis & Tom Schaub

Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday December 19 -

Servers: Lukas Slattery & Arnie Nicolai

Ushers: Peter Benzing & Rob Slattery

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

Dec. 11 & 12 – Religious Retirement Collection

Mon. Dec. 13 – Parish Finance Meeting @ 4:00 PM

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

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

Sun. Dec. 19 – Christmas Decorating after mass

Sun. Dec. 19 – CCD Christmas Caroling/party @ 4 PM

Wed. Dec. 22 – Reconciliation @ 6 PM until finished

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

Sun. Dec. 26 – No CCD class for Grades 1-6

Wed. Dec. 29 – No CCD class for Grades 7-10

Sun. Jan. 2 – Rosary in church @ 7:00 PM

Tues. Jan. 6 – Parish Advisory Meeting @ 6:30 PM



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

Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent has traditionally been called "Gaudete" Sunday. "Gaudete" is Latin for "rejoice". The rose-colored vestments and rose candle on our Advent wreath remind us that we are halfway through the Advent season besides reminding us that it is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. As Advent quickly moves along, I encourage you to be sure and take some time for quiet in your life to reflect upon the great mysteries we celebrate at this time of the year.

The sacrament of penance is an important part of our Advent preparation for a worthy celebration of Christmas. We have it at St Joseph on December 15th at 6pm and St Peter on December 22nd at 6pm. There will be additional opportunities for confession as the priests of the Deanery will gather for a penance service at the Cathedral on December 20th.

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. The crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. Luke 3: 10-18 "What should I do?" John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. What does it tell me? Today, December 12th, we also celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. It was in 1531 that Mary appeared to Juan Diego (The feast of St. Juan Diego was celebrated on December 9) on Tepeyac Hill outside Mexico City. Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, is patroness of the Americas and recently was designated as patroness of Respect Life. Since December 12th falls on a Sunday the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is replaced by the third Sunday of Advent.

There is an envelope in the bulletin today for the Religious Retirement Fund collection. On behalf of the many retired women, religious sisters and retired religious priests and brothers, I thank you for your generous assistance.

Happy feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

Parish News

Religious Retirement collection: Support aging religious: Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years for small stipends. Today, many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps pay for medications, nursing care, and other needs for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Look for an envelope in this bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Decorating: Sunday December 19th after the 10 AM mass. Please stay or come by to help!!!

Christmas Flowers: Anyone who wishes to donate to the Christmas flowers that will decorate our church may place their donation in a marked envelope in the collection.

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 which is on Saturday the 25th both at St Joseph and St Peter.

Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II Virtual Nativity Tour December 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm: During Advent the Casa Hogar family has the tradition of creating nativity scenes for each family, the cafeteria and the Church. If you are counting, that is eleven nativity scenes in all. The amount of work and time put into making the fields, rivers, shepherds, kings, animals, stables, Josephs, Marys and Baby Jesus' is amazing. It only seems fair to share all the hard work with you. Join us for the 2nd Annual Nativity Tour on December 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm CST. With this virtual tour the kids will guide you through each family's nativity scene. And because the kids like a little competition, our virtual guests can vote on the top girl house and top boy house. If you have never seen Christmas in Peru, you're in for a real treat! For more information and to get the zoom link, email nfurger@frjoesguild.org.

First Sunday Rosary: We will begin praying the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at 7:00 PM. The next one will be January 2nd. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.