

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.

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/vya> to read the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details.

Help those Devastated by the Recent Tornadoes in Several States: Assist families and communities affected by the recent devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and at least 5 other states. Visit Catholic Charities’ website – CCLSE.org – click on “Donate Today,” and enter “tornado relief” and your gift amount in the “general donations” box.

Kids Korner

Christmas is Almost Here!



Now it's only a week until Jesus' birthday! Are you all ready for it? If you have an Advent wreath then this is the week that all the candles will be lit. Jesus is coming soon, so the light should be getting very bright!

Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you know what it represents? A long time ago people used to have plays at Christmas time about how Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit from the tree, and how Jesus was born to save us from that sin. So a Christmas tree is there to remind us of why Jesus came.



Does your family have a nativity scene? It should be all ready for Christmas, but the Baby Jesus doesn't get put in the manger until Christmas Eve.



Answer to front page puzzle: Blessed are you among women! Answer to True or False: 1. true, 2. false, 3. false, 4. true, 5. true, 6. false, 7. true.

Congratulations!!!

Duane Leis & Abigail Schaub received the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday December 11th.
Please pray for the Lord to bless their union.



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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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

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Debra Leis.....(608)632-7830

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 19, 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

12/22 Wed. 8:00 AM –

† Fred Peltz (ANN)

12/24 Fri. 8:00 PM (Christmas Eve)–

† Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS)

12/25 Sat. 10:00 AM (Christmas Day)–

† Dave Hundt (HEC)

***Note* No Saturday evening Mass**

12/26 Sun. 10:00 AM –

† Arnold & Theresa Arentz (JPS)

Ministry Servers

Friday December 24 -

Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Volunteer
Ushers: Don Halderson & Tom Schaub
Lector: Melissa Schaub

Saturday December 25 -

Servers: Lily Gronemus & James Hundt
Ushers: Leo Leis & Mark Gronemus
Lector: John Hundt

Sunday December 26 -

Servers: Kate & Madi Gronemus
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Stephenson
Lector: Ann Hundt

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm (NOT Dec. 22)

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. Dec. 19 – Christmas Decorating after mass

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

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

***Note* NO Adoration this evening**

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 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM

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

Wed. Jan. 5 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM

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

Sun. Jan. 9 – Take down decorations after Mass



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Wow, we come to the Fourth Sunday of Advent. On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child.

Mary and Elizabeth, both were totally overtaken by God's actions in their lives. For one person pregnancy ends the scourge of barrenness, while the other concludes the fulfillment of promise of a Savior. They sang of the Lord who loves, forgives, redeems, and renews them, and acts in tangible ways to fulfill the divine promise.

Mary's faith and her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. The Visitation, which is the focus of today's Gospel, expresses joy at the recognition of Jesus. As Elizabeth tells "For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." We must always be looking for signs of God's presence in our lives. We can see Him in everyday moments if we just open ourselves to the possibility. I wish you a grace filled Advent journey as we long to hear those words "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you", we are invited this week to behold the God-made-flesh. Let our Advent, rekindle in us our own deep desire for God: to hear, see and touch Him.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

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2022 Donation Envelopes: Please find your envelopes in the back of church. If you are able to deliver any to family members or close neighbors we would greatly appreciate it!

Reconciliation: There will be an opportunity for confession on Wednesday December 22nd starting at 6 PM until finished. There will be two priests available. Please make time for this important Sacrament. There will be no Adoration that evening.

Religious Retirement collection: Religious give thanks. "'Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister regarding the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection!

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.

Congratulations: Duane Leis & Abigail Schaub (both lifetime members of the parish) were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday December 11th. Congratulations and may God bless your union!!

Fr. Biju to Visit Family Next Month: Fr. Biju will be returning to India to visit his family from [January 12](#) through the first week of [February 2022](#). Those days if anyone wishes to be remembered in daily mass or prayed for let him know. If you have an intention, place it in an envelope marked "Fr Biju Masses" and drop it in the collection.

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.

Join our Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C.: With two Special Guests! There has never been a more important time to join the March for Life in our nation's capitol, with the Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court and the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Plus, our pilgrims will be addressed by two amazing speakers, before and after the March: Terry Beatley, Founder of Hosea Initiative, and Valentyna Pavsukova, Founder of Chalice of Mercy. For the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details, visit [diolc.org/M4L](#).

2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$10,765.00

Total Pledged: \$4,905.00

Total Received: \$4,705.00

Under Goal: \$5,860.00

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00

Last Week's Total - \$1,127.00

-\$573.00

Year to Date Target - \$40,800.00

Year to Date Total - \$30,198.30

-\$10,601.70

Readings for December 26, 2021

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-14

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52

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.