

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. For more information and resources, visit PrayforDobbs.com.

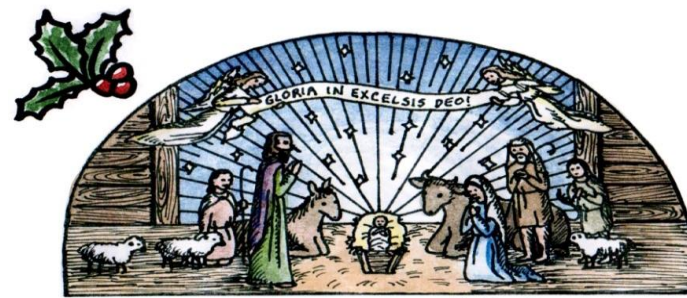
2022 Pilgrimage for Life: We are excited to announce that we are planning to travel to Washington, DC for the Pilgrimage for Life January 19-23, 2022. Please see <https://diolc.org/yva> to read the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details.

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.

2022-2023 ACS ENROLLMENT PERIOD BEGINS SOON:

On Monday, January 17, 2022, enrollment for the 2022-23 Aquinas Catholic Schools school year begins! If you are interested in exploring your options when it comes to education, we would be happy to show you what Aquinas has to offer. Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Please join us for our upcoming open house dates at Aquinas High School & Middle School: • AHS Open House: Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6pm • AMS Open House: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6pm

Kids Korner



Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Today we celebrate Jesus' Birthday!

For many years people had been waiting for God to send them a Messiah who would save them from their sins. When the time was right God Himself became a Baby and was born of the beautiful and holy virgin Mary. His name was Jesus, and today is His birthday!

What do you do on Christmas? Is it a big celebration? Do you think about whose birthday it is? Jesus gave Himself to us because He loved us. What can you do to show your family that you love them?

Thank You to those who have donated towards our beautiful Christmas flowers!

- The Lucey Family
- Lavina Flock
- Gary & Deb Flock
- The Kast family in memory of Jacob, Ernie & Kay Gronemus
- The Gronemus family in memory of Jacob Gronemus & all deceased family
- The Korn family in memory of Ray & Audrey Korn & Charles Leis
- The Korish family in memory of our parents & grandparents and our children & grandchildren who have gone before us



PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

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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

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary

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Bulletin deadline:Wednesday

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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) 452-4605
Leland Gregorich, Organist

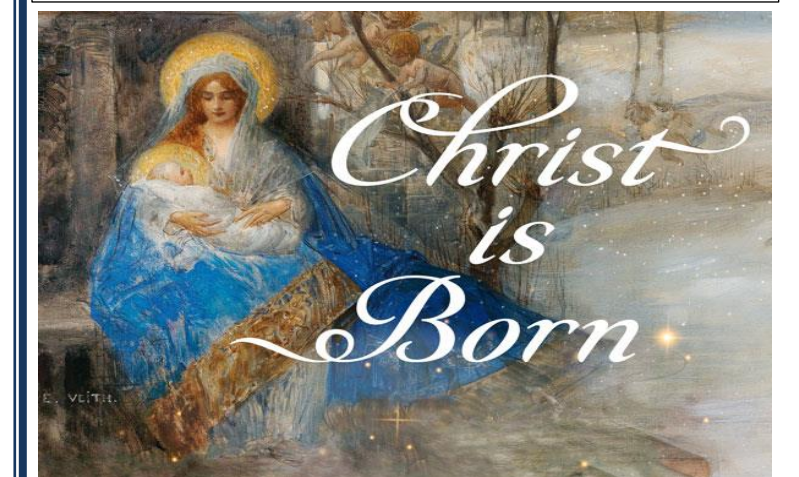
**St. Peters Catholic
Church
Middle Ridge, WI
W697 State Hwy 33
Rockland, WI 54653**



Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 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

12/29 Wed. 8:00 AM –
Living & deceased members of the Peter Krump family (PTS)
12/31 Fri. 8:00 AM
† Bernard & Katherine Hundt
1/1 Sat. 8:00 PM –
† Roman Kotek (RK)
1/2 Sun. 10:00 AM –
St. Peters Parish Family

2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$10,765.00
Total Pledged: \$5,805.00
Total Received: \$5,605.00
Under Goal: \$4,960.00

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00
Last Week's Total - \$1,649.75
- \$50.25

Year to Date Target - \$42,500.00
Year to Date Total - \$31,848.05
- \$10,651.95

Readings for January 2, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-6
Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

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 January 1 -
Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Isabell Korn
Ushers: Tim Leis & Tom Schaub
Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday January 2 -
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

Wed. Dec. 29 – No CCD class for Grades 7-10
Fri. Dec. 31 - Fr. Biju's Anniversary of Ordination
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
Sun. Jan. 9 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM
Wed. Jan. 12 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM
Jan. 12 to Feb. 7 - Fr. Biju on Vacation in India visiting family – No weekday masses



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

Merry Christmas!

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus” Luke 1:31

God became flesh. Christmas is the promise that we will not be alone in our journey or in our struggles. The glory of God has visited us as a child. God has become one of us. A savior is born for us. We know how the message of his birth was first announced to the simple shepherds. They were watching over sheep on a typical night and then suddenly their life changed forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appeared proclaiming that great joy. “And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people”. Luke 2:10. They were frightened and overjoyed at that moment. He is the savior for all. No matter where you find yourself this Christmas know that Jesus loves you. Reconnect and rediscover and renew your relationship with the Lord.

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The first family to welcome Jesus inspires us to do the same. The feast is celebrated to present the holy family as a model for Christian families. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family this weekend, I encourage you to pray for all families.

As the first seconds, minutes and hours of 1-1-2022 is just around the corner I want to take a moment and thank everyone. Thanks for the many people who help make our parish so special. Thanks to all who put in several hours to decorate the church for Christmas. Thanks to Ushers, Lectors, Altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Eucharist, Sacristans, CCD teachers, music directors and members of the different councils. Thanks for all the Christmas cards and presents including cookies. I want to let everyone know that you have been in my thoughts and prayers.

I would invite everyone to pray for me as I celebrate the 20th anniversary of my ordination on 31st December 2021. It's been a journey of God's goodness and love. I remember with gratitude all those who were with me during my ministry both in India and USA. Next year, 2022 I will be visiting my home after almost three years. Looking forward to seeing my family and friends on the other side of the world.

Merry Christmas!!!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

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!

Christmas Flowers: Anyone who wishes to donate to the Christmas flowers that decorate our church may place their donation in a marked envelope in the collection. Thank You to those who have already donated towards our beautiful Christmas flowers. See a list on the back page of this bulletin.

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.

Help those Devastated by the Recent Tornadoes: 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.

K of C News: Council 9438 of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who have supported us in our fundraising efforts in the past year. All money raised from raffles and other events goes into our charity accounts to help the less fortunate. A portion of the money raised from our State Raffle comes back to our charity account and the rest is held at the State level from which we are then able to write grants to use for those in need. In the past we have been able to write grants for fire victims, flood victims and for those with medical needs etc. Please contact a Knights of Columbus member or the church secretary if you know of someone who could use our help. Thank you.