

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.

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.

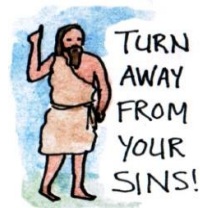
Advent Retreat: Unshakeable Joy. Sign up for a free 26-day Advent retreat with Chris Stefanick and Cardinal Cantalamessa. With 26 days of joy-filled videos and daily reflections, made specifically to fit your busy schedule, we know that YOU can unlock the secret to Unshakeable Joy today. Visit reallifecatholic.com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

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. Pleaser 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.

Kids Korner

We Joyfully Wait for Jesus



Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

An Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a bit brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance- being sorry and making up for our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the third week of Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.



In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?

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

CEMETERY SEXTON Tom Schaub...(608) 486-4012

FUNERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

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

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Leland Gregorich, Organist

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 5, 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

12/8 Wed. 8:00 AM –

† **Rosie Kammel (AMH)**

12/10 Fri. 8:00 AM –

† **Roger & Irene Cummings (PTS)**

12/11 Sat. 8:00 PM –

† **Harriet Leis (SSM)**

12/12 Sun. 10:00 AM –

**Leonard & Alberta Kick family
(NDB)**

2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$10,765.00

Total Pledged: \$4,305.00

Total Received: \$3,755.00

Under Goal: \$6,460.00

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,230.87</u>
	-\$469.13
Year to Date Target -	\$37,400.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$26,847.94</u>
	-\$10,552.06

Readings for December 12, 2021

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:10-18

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 11 -

Servers: James Hundt & volunteer

Ushers: Ron Hurtz & Don Halderson

Lector: Dan Korn

Sunday December 12 -

Servers: Kate & Madi Gronemus

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Stephenson

Lector: Kathy Flock

***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

Sun. Dec. 5 – Rosary in church @ 7:00 PM

Mon. Dec. 6 – PCCW meeting @ 6:00 PM

Tues. Dec. 7 – Parish Advisory Meeting @ 7:30 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 – 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



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

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths”

Eighty years ago on Tuesday, December 7, 1941, shortly before 8:00 am in Honolulu on the island of Oahu, many people were in church praying, waking up at home or spending a quiet Sunday morning. That peace and tranquility was dramatically destroyed in the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor that began a few moments after 8:00 am. President Franklin Roosevelt called it, “...a date which will live in infamy...” Over 2400 people (whose average age was 23) died that day in the attack. Thousands of others (both military and civilians) lost their lives in the resulting Second World War. As we gather this Sunday to worship, I encourage you to keep all those who have died in war in your prayers. Remember especially, to keep the men and women, presently serving in the armed forces, in your prayers.

This week as we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Advent the gospel presents before us the familiar figure of John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming.

This week we also celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas and Immaculate Conception on December 8th. I do encourage you to attend the mass on that day. “The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and in view of the merits of Christ Jesus the Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin...” (Ineffabilis Deus) apostolic constitution by Pope Pius IX. It defines the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This dogma proclaims that our Blessed Mother was conceived without original sin. It refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother Anne, even though the gospel we hear at Mass this day is about the conception of Jesus. The relevance of this feast for us is to see in Mary an example of what God can do in a person and what we can do, if we put ourselves in God's hands and at God's service as Mary did.

Happy feast of St. Nicholas and Immaculate Conception. Have a blessed Advent!

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

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Religious Retirement collection coming December 12: Give in thanksgiving. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education" writes a donor. Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

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 6:00 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.

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!

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.