

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)

Pray for Dobbs, Pray for our Supreme Court Justices: 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.

Beacon Conference: First Free Church (123 Mason St, Onalaska, WI) is hosting a conference where we will seek to bring hope, healing and community to anyone going through miscarriage, infertility and/or loss. 1 in 4 women will go through a miscarriage in their lifetime. Many people go through infertility and miscarriages, and have no idea where to turn for support. Going through miscarriages/infertility puts a lot of stress on marriages. We want to help people in the Coulee Region who are going through these journeys to find hope in Christ and a community to support them during and after the conference. This conference is for ANYONE going through this journey - Christian or not - and we strongly encourage spouses to attend as well. The fee is \$45/person or \$60 per couple. Lunch will be provided on site, and is included in the fee. Doors open Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. with light refreshments, and the conference itself starts at 8:00 a.m. The conference will be done by 2 p.m. See flier in the back of church for more details.

Congratulations to Jacob Steiger & Mandi Scharping who were joined in Holy Matrimony on January 8, 2022



Kids Korner

Mary asks Jesus for a Miracle



In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus' first miracle. Wine was an important part of a wedding, and Our Lady felt bad for the people when they ran out.

When Mary hinted to Jesus to do something, Jesus said that the time wasn't ready yet. But do you know what? He did what His mother wanted anyway! He told the servants to fill six big jars with water, and when they did it turned into wine! And not just ordinary wine, but the very best.

We can learn from this story that we should listen to our parents. Jesus is God and even He obeys His mother!



Here's another thing: if you need Jesus to help you with anything, pray to His Blessed Mother to ask Him for it. You know He will listen to His Mother!

Colt Henry Flock, son of Brandon & Kelsey Flock, was Baptized into the Lord on January 9, 2022



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, Jared Lucey, Don Halderson, David Scharping

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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 16, 2022



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

1/19 Wed. 8:00 AM –No Mass

1/21 Fri. 8:00 AM – No Mass

1/22 Sat. 8:00 PM –

† **Theresa Clements (LRH)**

1/23 Sun. 10:00 AM –

† **Levi & Emma Cavadini (LPC)**

2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$10,765.00

Total Pledged: \$6,455.00

Total Received: \$6,255.00

Under Goal: \$4,310.00

Participation: 60%

Pray Often & Daily!!!

Parish Finances

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,057.00</u>
	-\$643.00
Year to Date Target -	\$47,600.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$42,027.72</u>
	-\$5,572.28

Readings for January 23, 2022

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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 22 -

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Tom Schaub & Mike Schaub
Lector: Dan Korn

Sunday January 23 -

Servers: Lily & Kate Gronemus
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Leo Leis
Lector: Ann 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

Now until Feb. 7 - Fr. Biju on vacation in India visiting family - No weekday masses

Wed. Jan. 19 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM

Sun. Jan. 23 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

Wed. Jan. 26 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM

Sun. Jan. 30 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

Sun. Jan. 30 - 2022 Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection

Sun. Feb. 6 - Rosary in church @ 7:00 PM

Wed. Feb. 16 - CCD mass @ 6:45 PM All are welcome

Sun. March 6 - Cabin Feverfest Doors open at Noon



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

Journey with Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

From the year 1534 the city of Geneva had become the bastion of Protestantism, and Calvin had conquered the whole region. The Catholic faith was suppressed with raids, pillaging and massacres; churches were destroyed, worship forbidden, priests exiled or done to death. In Francis' day the Chablais had been gripped in the jaws of Calvinism. Theodore Beza, Calvin's successor, reigned supreme. Peaceful advances proved uncertain and futile. Catholics in Upper Savoy lived in discouragement and dejection.

It is into this milieu that Francis De Sales was born. (1567). In 1584 Francis de Sales attended a theological discussion about predestination, convincing him of his damnation to hell. A personal crisis of despair resulted. This conviction lasted through December 1586. His great despair made him physically ill and even bedridden for a time. Sometime in either late December or early January 1587, with great difficulty, he visited the old parish of Saint-Étienne-des-Grès, Paris, where he prayed the "Memorare" before a famed statue of Our Lady of Good Deliverance, a Black Madonna. He consecrated himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and decided to dedicate his life to God with a vow of chastity. He then became a tertiary of the Minim Order (1470 Francis of Paola).

Francis was born into a broken world and found himself broken and in despair. A simple prayer to Mary, Our Lady of Good Deliverance brought healing for his brokenness and his life was forever changed. It is in his brokenness that Francis found Hope and emerged as a champion for joyful optimism.

Brokenness makes us aware of human frailty and enables us to remember that we can do nothing on our own strength, but we can do all things by the strength that God gives. Nothing is impossible with God. "I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me" (Philippians 4:13)

Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself. Do not be disheartened by your imperfections, but always rise up with fresh courage (St. Francis De Sales)

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Wisconsin Right to Life: Our local chapter will be placing an ad in the paper with a list of people who are against the legalization of abortion on the anniversary of the Roe vs Wade decision. If you would like to have your name added to the list there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Please sign up by January 16th. We ask for a donation of \$3 per name or \$5 per family. Please stand up and make a statement of our belief of the sanctity of human life. There will also be a peaceful demonstration on Saturday January 22nd in front of the Gunderson Medical Center from 10 – 11 AM to stand up for LIFE!!! Signs will be provided.

2022 Catholic Campaign for Human Development: This collection will take place the weekend of January 29/30. Please watch for an envelope in the bulletin and thank you for your generosity!

Mark your Calendars: Fr. Biju has agreed for us to host our annual **Cabin Feverfest** again! We are planning the Euchre tournament and soup luncheon for Sunday March 6th. Doors will open at Noon and cards will start at 1:00 pm. Please watch for a sign up sheet for donated food items and help needed. Cost will be \$10 per person with 1st-4th prizes awarded. Come join us & tell your friends!!

First Sunday Rosary: We will be praying the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at 7:00 PM. The next one will be February 6th. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages: When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of "post sessions" provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call toll-free: 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on February 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!

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.