

**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)

**Fish Fry:** Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Fish Fry on **Friday, March 25**, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM, dine-in or carry-out. The price is \$12 for 2-piece and \$14 for 3-piece fish meal and includes baked or fried cod, coleslaw, baked potato or fries and bread. \$5 kids meal includes grilled cheese, fries and fruit. Beer, wine and dessert available at dine-in for additional cost.

**Cub & Boy Scout Religious Emblems:** All Cub Scout & Boy Scout religious emblem applications need to be submitted by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send to the Boy Scout Catholic Committee chair at: W4894 N Kinney Coulee Rd., Onalaska, 54650, any questions please email to [catholicreligiousemblems@gmail.com](mailto:catholicreligiousemblems@gmail.com).

**Attention Farmers:** Project Seed Sales 2022 coming in March and April, A Forage & Seed Corn sale supported by the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, offering high quality, low cost seed in the midst of a challenging economy. Seed corn is offered in both conventional and glyphosate tolerant varieties. There will be alfalfa and clover ready for sale and non-GMO seed can be ordered. Comparable yields make this seed an attractive alternative. Sale dates and locations: March 12 in Richland Center; March 19 in Stanley; March 26 in Colby; April 2 in Cassel; all Kendall area sales will be directed to Richland Center. Full details can be found at [www.diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/project-seed/](http://www.diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/project-seed/).

**Diocese Of La Crosse Guidelines For Reporting Instances Of Child Abuse:**

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

**Kids Korner**

*What Kind of Fig Tree are You?*



In today's Gospel reading, we hear a parable about a fig tree. The owner waited three years for it to grow some figs, but it still wasn't producing any. He told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener said he would try just for one more year to get it to bear fruit- and if it didn't give any then he would cut it down.

The fig tree is like a person who can do good things but doesn't. The owner shows the justice of God- he has given the tree enough chances so its time is up. But the gardener is like God's mercy. He wants to give the tree one more chance. And he's going to give it extra fertilizer to try to help it.



Lent is a good time to look at our own life and see if we are doing all the good things we can. Maybe there's something nice that we know we could do for someone but we just never bother to. Or maybe we aren't praying quite as much as we know we should. God is giving us a chance to become better people this Lent, and it's your job to make it happen!

*The Burning Bush Word-Find*

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 B D E L I V E R O M F S  
 R G O D J E T H R O R U  
 A L O R D E A O W S E F  
 H A V E F S K L A E J F  
 A N I L I H E Y R S A E  
 M D S G R O U N D A C R  
 F L A M E E G Y P T O I  
 A O A B U S H O R E B N  
 C O C N D B L A Z I N G  
 E K M I S E R A B L E S

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story.



The left over letters tell what the Israelites in Egypt wanted:

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MOSES was looking after the sheep of his father-in-law, JETHRO, on Mount HOREB. Suddenly he noticed a BUSH that was BLAZING like FIRE, but it wasn't burning up! He came FORWARD to look closer, but GOD spoke from the FLAME, saying "Come no nearer. TAKE your SHOES OFF, for this is HOLY GROUND. I am the God of your fathers- of ABRAHAM, ISAAC and JACOB." Moses was AFRAID to LOOK at God, and covered his FACE. The LORD said, "I HAVE seen the MISERABLE state of my people in EGYPT and heard their cry to be FREE. I will DELIVER them from their SUFFERING and bring them to a new LAND."

**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

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

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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](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 20, 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

3/23 Wed. 8:00 AM – † **Kathy Doyle**  
(ANN)

3/25 Fri. 8:00 AM – † **Karen Schroeder** (TMN)

3/26 Sat. 8:00 PM – † **Jerry Hundt**  
(AMH)

3/27 Sun. 10:00 AM – † **Orvin Lee**  
(ML)

**2021-22 Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Goal: \$10,765.00  
Total Pledged: \$6,980.00  
Total Received: \$6,860.00  
Under Goal: \$3,785.00  
Participation: 64%

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances

Weekly Target - \$1,700.00  
Last Week's Total - \$7,188.00  
\$5,488.00  
  
Year to Date Target - \$62,900.00  
Year to Date Total - \$59,811.30  
-\$3,088.70

Readings for March 27, 2022

**First Reading:** Joshua 5:9-12  
**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
**Gospel Reading:** Luke 15:1-3,11-32

**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 March 26 -**  
Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub  
Ushers: Don Halderson & Phil Gronemus  
Lector: Kristen Schaub

**Sunday March 27 -**  
Servers: Lukas Slattery & James Hundt  
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

Tues. March 22 – Parish Council meeting @ 7:00 PM  
Wed. March 23 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM  
Wed. March 23 – Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 PM  
Sun. March 27 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45– 9:45 AM  
Mon. March 28 – Lenten Mission with Fr. Tim Welles on Our Lady of Fatima @ 7:00PM  
Tues. March 29 – Cemetery Comm mtg @ 7:30 PM  
Wed. March 30 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM  
Wed. March 30 – Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 PM  
Tues. April 5 – Finance Council meeting @ 6:45 PM  
Sun. April 3 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 –9:45 AM  
Sun. April 3 – Rosary in church @ 7:00 PM  
Wed. April 6 – Stations of the Cross @ 7:30 PM  
Wed. April 13 – Confessions at 6 PM until done  
(Two priests available)

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  
Monday .....5:30pm  
Tuesday..... 5:30pm  
(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)  
Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor's Pen

**Third Sunday of Lent - Burning Bush**

Today's first reading (Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15) explains how God, speaking from a burning bush, called Moses to leave the tending of his father-in-law's flock for a challenging role as liberator of God's Chosen People. He was to free them from their enslavement by Egyptian rulers who were systematically persecuting and exterminating them. The reading contains the call of Moses, the greatest Jewish liberator and law giver, and the explanation of God's proper name: Yahweh. God not only trusts Moses enough to share His Name with him, but He also explains what it means. "I am who AM, Yahweh proclaims. This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you."

God also insists He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Israel's ancestors, in order to prepare the freed slaves to reclaim their noble heritage. This reading is appropriate for Lent, because it begins the story that will reach its climax so dramatically on Holy Saturday with the reading which explains how God finally led the Israelites out of Egypt. Also, it reminds us of our own heritage. That we are His children. To claim our identity and belong to God is by returning to the Lord. Repentance is the first step in our redemption. That is why Jesus gives the strong warning in today's Gospel, "If you do not repent, you will all perish." Let these days of Lent be a time of renewal. God's invitation was given when Moses was tending the flock. When he was at work. Be open to the invitation of God. Like the fig tree in today's Gospel, God gives us every chance to produce good fruit through the sacraments, especially the sacrament of penance. There will be opportunities for confession as Easter approaches.

I encourage families to come to the Stations of the Cross at both churches on Wednesdays. May this Lenten season be one of grace and blessing for all of us, especially those who may have become estranged from the Church and desire reconciliation.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju

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**Lenten Mission:** With all that is happening in the world today we need to remind ourselves of the messages sent to us from our Mother Mary. Please join us on **Monday March 28th** at 7:00 pm to hear from Fr. Tim Welles as he reminds us of the message from Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome!!

**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 **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

**Congratulations to COUSINS Isaac Stanley, son of Mark & Sarah Gronemus AND Veronica Marie, daughter of Andrew & Rachel Persson who were Baptized together in Christ on March 13, 2022. May God bless them!**

