

**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)

**NFP:** Come learn about Natural Family Planning (NFP) and associated topics!

- What : Natural Family Planning Educational Talk
- When: 12 PM, **Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 2022**
- Where: Undercroft, St Joseph the Workman Cathedral
- Who: Men and women (age 16+ years old)

Ruby Gravrok, medical student and NFP instructor, will be discussing Theology of the Body, Fertility, Natural Family Planning, Birth Control and much more!

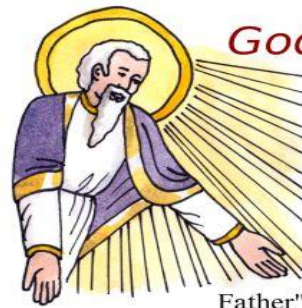
**Door of Hope Pregnancy & Family Care Center:** This center located in Viroqua is planning a fundraising CORN BOIL at the Vernon County Fairgrounds Expo Center on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Door of Hope serves new moms and those with young children by providing practical & emotional support. Call 608-637-8688 for more information.

**Catholic Singles:** September 16th-18th, 2022 - join hundreds of single Catholics from across the country (and beyond!) at the 21st National Conference for Single Catholics at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, VA (DC Metro Area). The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food and more. Register between July 5th and July 25th with this promo code (PARISH22) to get \$100 off the general admission! Discount limited to the first 50 people nationwide to use this code. Visit [www.NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://www.NationalCatholicSingles.com) for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

**Mission:** Casa Hogar Optical Mission is looking for volunteers for its January 2023 mission to Lurin, Peru. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Sjolander at [casahogaropticalmission@outlook.com](mailto:casahogaropticalmission@outlook.com) with any questions and the application form.

**Chris Stefanick to speak on Living Joy on Wednesday, August 24:** Living Joy is an urgently needed message for a world grasping for joy but settling for short-lived pleasures. With his characteristic humor and insights from daily life, Chris Stefanick will share the path to living joy, the joy that only Jesus Christ can give. Chris, an internationally known author and speaker, will present virtually on Wednesday, August 24th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. The first 80 people to register will receive Chris's new book, "Living Joy," retail cost of \$24. To register visit [diolc.org/witness-joy](http://diolc.org/witness-joy).

**Kids Korner**



**God Gives us What We Need**

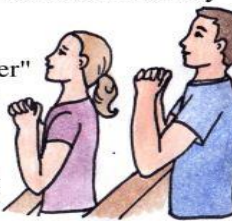
In today's Gospel reading, the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, so He taught them the "Our Father."

In the first part of the "Our Father" we give glory to God by praising Him, and in the second part we ask Him for the things we need. First we ask for our daily bread. This can be asking both for the things like food that our bodies need, and for the spiritual things as well, especially Holy Communion. Next we ask for forgiveness for our sins and for God to keep us away from temptation and evil.

Jesus said that if a father on earth would give his children the things they need, then God, Who is our Father in Heaven, will certainly give us what we need. All He wants us to do is show that we trust in Him by asking Him.

Make sure you say the "Our Father" every day to praise God our Father and ask Him for everything you need.

Answers to "The Lord's Prayer" Puzzle: Father, Heaven, us, lead, deliver, evil, "Ask and it will be given you", name, kingdom, Give, daily, bread, forgive, we, respass.



**Congratulations to Cody Eirschele and Mysterie Hodges who were wed here on July 16, 2022.**

**May God Bless your Marriage!!**



**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)

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 24, 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

**7/27 Wed. 8:00 AM – The Souls in Purgatory (RK)**

**7/29 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Asa & Ruth Ann Rowell (MLH)**

**7/30 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Larry Silha (MLH)**

**7/31 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Bernard & Katherine Hundt**

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Sauerkraut Supper Drive-Thru**  
**Wednesday October 12, 2022**  
**Serving 3:30 – 7:30 PM**

Help needed both Tuesday & Wednesday all day!

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$1,946.95</u>
	\$246.95
Year to Date Target -	\$5,100.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$4,376.57</u>
	-\$723.43

Readings for July 31, 2022

**First Reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23  
**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11  
**Gospel Reading:** Luke 12:13-21

**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 July 30 – 8:00 PM**  
Servers: Rebecca Schaub & Isabell Korn  
Ushers: Bill Korn & Ron Hurtz  
Lector: Kristen Schaub

**Sunday July 31 – 10:00 AM**  
Servers: Madi Gronemus & Arnie Nicolai  
Ushers: Peter Benzing & Gary Gronemus  
Lector: Pam Benzing

Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm**

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

- Mon. July 25 – Cemetery Committee Mtg @ 6:30 PM
- Friday Aug. 5 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule
- Sun. August 7 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM
- Tues. Aug. 9 – Cabbage Cutting @ 5:30 PM
- Tues. Aug. 9 – PCCW informal mtg during cutting
- Tues. Aug. 9 – Sauerkraut Supper committee meeting after cabbage cutting
- Aug. 8 – Aug. 12 – Fr. Biju on Retreat
- Mon. Aug. 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass @ 8:00 PM
- Aug. 21 & 22 – Fr. Biju gone on Mission Appeal Please welcome Fr. Woody Pace to celebrate mass.
- Sat. Sept. 24 – Clean Garage for Sauerkraut Supper
- Wed. Oct. 12 – Sauerkraut Supper 3:30 - 7:30 PM



**\*NOTE\*:** When sending money for flowers, mass intentions, church support or special collections PLEASE make out separate checks or cash as these things go into different accounts and it is easier for bookkeeping purposes. Thank you.

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

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The people of Sodom and Gomorrah sinned and their sins were so great that God intended to destroy them. It was just for God to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah for their sins. But we find the twist when Abraham pleads with God for them. He even went to the extent of bargaining with God to save a few righteous people in Sodom and Gomorrah, including his nephew Lot, and his family. This dialogue between God and Abraham should not lead us to believe Abraham changed God's mind (or that we can do that). God is unchangeable and knows all things. While Abraham's petitioning didn't change God's mind, it revealed God's mercy. God replied, "For the sake of those ten...I will not destroy it," (Genesis 18: 32).

In this weekend's gospel we reflect more on prayer. Jesus teaches his disciples (including us!) how to pray. In response to his disciples' request to teach them to pray, Jesus gives them a model of prayer which, because it comes from the Lord himself, has come to be known as the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer begins by focusing on God, His nature, and His work in the world. This teaches us that our prayers should focus first on God, through praising and thanking Him. Only then, do we turn to our requests. "Give us each day our daily bread". We can have assurance that when we ask, He will answer. Even if we don't get what we want, God does give us the best needed. In fact, the ultimate and best gift He gives us is Himself, his companionship and presence. Finally, our prayers should include confessing our sins to the Lord and asking for forgiveness. Its about getting reconciled with oneself, others and God. It makes our relationship with our "Abba" Father right. The more time we spend in prayer, the closer our relationship is with God. We will come to know who God is and who we are in His eyes.

Let us not grow weary of calling upon the Lord, waiting on Him and persevering in our prayer and faith. Jesus tells us "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you," (Luke 11: 9). The challenge for us is to remain steadfast and preserving in seeking and maintaining the right relationship with God.

Our condolences go out to the family of Peggy Arentz who passed away last week.

Have a great weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

**Serving Schedules:** The new schedules can be found in the back of church. As of now we only have 3 servers available on Saturday nights. WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you are able to help at Saturday masses please contact the parish office. Any Sunday servers that are able to fill in on Saturday's are greatly appreciated. PARENTS, please talk to your students about the honor of serving for the Holy mass.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Father Biju will be available to perform this Sacrament on the first Friday of the month after daily mass. Please contact him directly if you or a family member would like to receive.

**First Sunday Rosary:** We pray the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at **7:30 PM**. The next one will be **August 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

**Organ Recital at Cathedral:** The third in a series of three summer organ recitals will be performed at the Cathedral on Sunday August 7 at 3:30 by Samuel Holmberg, principal organist at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. He is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and Luther College and was formerly the director of music at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette, Michigan. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Ample parking available. An opportunity to hear great organ music performed on a magnificent Noack organ!

**Giving Back: A special opportunity for you and for our parish!!** James Cherf, owner of By James Galleries, would like to give you the opportunity to help your parish while putting artwork in your home. Between August 17<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>, 75% of the sale of any piece of artwork will be donated to your parish by James as he sells off his entire inventory at 111 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Just let him know the name of your intended parish at the time of the purchase and he will send a check!! Store hours are Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm and by appointment.