

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)

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 .

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 17th and September 17th, 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 5th 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.

St. Patrick's Parish Annual Summerfest: Mark your calendars for August 20 & 21 for this annual fundraiser. Saturday there will be Mexican & American food stands, family games & activities, arts & crafts sale, Country Store, Bake sale, Quilt sale, Bingo, Silent auction, 50/50 raffles & a live Mariachi band all at the Eagle's Club in Sparta. Sunday will be a Baked chicken dinner (dine in or carry out & delivery available), Live Specialty auction & Raffle ticket drawing at the St. Pat's School. See the flier in the back of church for more info or check it out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SummerfestSparta/> .

Aquinas News: Aquinas Catholic Schools is pleased to announce that Mr. JT Gilbert has been selected as the new Dean of Students for Aquinas High School and Aquinas Middle School. Mr. Gilbert will officially start as Dean on September 6, 2022 and join Principal Mr. Andrew Bradley in leading the High School and Middle School. Mr. Gilbert is a 1988 graduate of Aquinas High School. He has received his Religious Education degree from Viterbo University in 2000, and his Master's of Education in Leadership from Viterbo University in 2010. Following his education, Mr. Gilbert moved to Atlanta, Georgia where he was a Theology teacher at St. Pius X Catholic High School. During his time at St. Pius he also coached football, baseball, golf, and served on various leadership committee's.

Kids Korner

Fire in Our Hearts



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course He didn't mean that He wanted everything to burn up. He meant that He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.

What do you think happens when the Holy Spirit is in someone's soul? The Holy Spirit pulls us closer to Himself and God the Father and Jesus. When we are closer to God that means we love Him more, and the more we love God the more we will love other people too. We were made to love God and be happy with Him, so we want the Holy Spirit to live in us and bring us close to Him!



How does the Holy Spirit come into our souls? When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes into us for the first time. He will stay with us unless we sin and close our hearts to Him. But when we go to Confession He comes back, and in Holy Communion and the other Sacraments He becomes even stronger in us. He comes in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, when He gives us grace and strength to live as grown-up Christians and soldiers for God. Pray to the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and make you love God more every day!



Answers to Assumption Cross-Word: Across: 4 be 5 He 6 Mary 7 sing 9 Assumption 13 put 15 take 17 go 19 worth 20 total 21 go Down: 1 Jesus 2 sin 3 saint 4 by 8 Son

Assumption Cross-Word

This Monday, August 15th, we celebrate the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven!

Across:

- God chose a holy young woman to _____ His mother.
- _____ wanted her to be perfect.
- Her name was _____.
- We _____ hymns about her.
- Today we celebrate her _____ into Heaven.
- God took her body _____ of the tomb _____ so He could _____ it up into Heaven.
- She had lived a life of _____ for God.
- "Blessed is the fruit of thy _____, Jesus."
- Mary had given herself as a _____ sacrifice to God.
- When we die, we hope to _____ to Heaven too.

Down:

- She was the mother of _____.
- Mary never committed any _____.
- She is the greatest _____ in Heaven.
- She proved her love of God _____ her obedience to His will.
- Her _____ was God.
- Mary's _____ went straight to Heaven
- because she was so _____ and free from the stain of sin.
- We should try to _____ her virtues.
- God would not permit His mother's body to decay in the _____.
- Mary's obedience to God overcame the _____ of Eve's sin.
- _____ Mary is in Heaven with her Son.
- We will try _____ love and obey God like Mary did.

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

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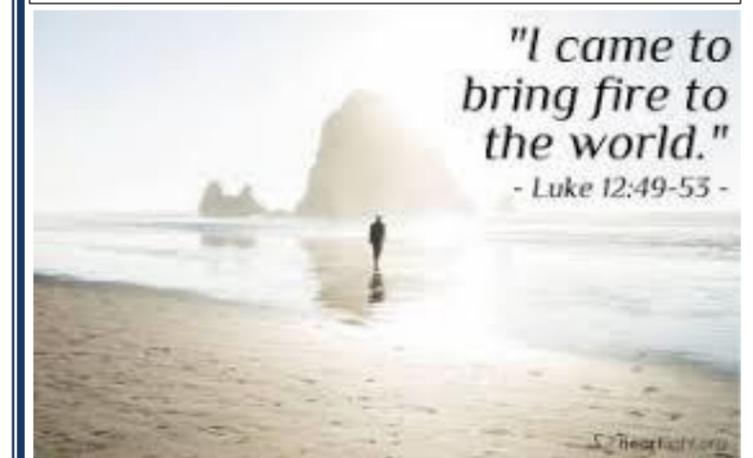
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Parish website: www.saintpetersparish.net

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 14, 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

8/15 Mon. 8:00 PM – † Steven Hundt (AH)

8/17 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Fred Peltz (ANN)

8/19 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Stanley Hundt (MLH)

8/20 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Roman Kotek (RK)

8/21 Sun. 10:00 AM – St. Peter’s Parish Family

Ministry Servers

Monday August 15 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Don Halderson & Ron Hurtz
Lector: Kristen Schaub

Saturday August 20 – 8:00 PM
Servers: Andrew & Matthew Schaub
Ushers: Phil Gronemus & Mike Schaub
Lector: Dan Korn

Sunday August 21 – 10:00 AM
Servers: Madi Gronemus & Arnie Nicolai
Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Leo Leis
Lector: Ann Hundt

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

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. Pace to celebrate mass for the Mission Appeal of the Hoima Diocese, Uganda

Tues. Aug. 23 – Parish Finance meeting @ 7:30 pm

Friday Sept. 2 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. Sept. 4 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

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

Monday5:30pm

Tuesday..... 5:30pm

(Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm)

Thursday.....8:30am

From the Pastor’s Pen

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” Luke 12:49

Today’s Gospel is a bit sobering. In his opening words, Jesus tells the disciples: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” He continues talking about the baptism with which he would be baptized and the anguish he would experience in this process.

Then Jesus asks his disciples a question: “Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” He then talks about households being divided and family members turning on each other. This Gospel passage is difficult to understand if we look at it or read it from a human or earthly point of view. Jesus is talking about the “fire and division”.

Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke’s Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus’ Resurrection.

At the Easter Vigil, there is a powerful moment in the darkened church when each person lights a candle from that of their neighbor. These pinpoints of light multiply until, suddenly, the whole church is blazing with light. At our baptism we have received that fire of God’s spirit. If Jesus has kindled the light in my soul, how can I transmit that light to my neighbor? How can I be an agent of that fire of God’s love and goodness?

Have a great weekend

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

Cabbage Cutting: Thank you to all who helped cut cabbage for our Sauerkraut Supper.

Mass: Monday August 15th we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a mass at 8:00 PM.

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 **September 4th**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

CCD registration is open: Families were sent the registration materials via email. If you did not receive the information or are new to our program please contact Mary Hundt at hundthill@gmail.com or **608-780-6172**.

Mission Co-op Appeal: Fr. Woodrow Pace from our diocesan Mission Office will be offering the Masses and giving a Mission Coop appeal the weekend of August 20-21 on behalf of Fr. Joseph Birungi for the St. Ambrose Nursing School in Hoima Diocese, Uganda. Fr. Birungi had unexpected spinal surgery and thus was unable to travel to the U.S. as planned. In Uganda, Fr. Joseph has a parish of 26,500 parishioners. Due to an acute need for the training of nurses and midwives, he started and is responsible for a nursing school in addition to his parish ministry. With a nurse to patient ratio of 1:11,000, nurses in Uganda are very scarce, over-worked, and many people die because there are no nurses to attend to them. St. Ambrose Nursing School currently has 613 students (both men and women) studying to become nurses and midwives. The number of students keeps increasing and more space is needed to accommodate them. Consequently Fr. Joseph has started constructing another hostel which is at the roofing level. Donations are desperately needed to complete the roof and remaining construction. Every sacrifice no matter how big or small will make a big difference. Please make checks payable to **St. Peter Parish** with “*Uganda Mission Coop*” in the memo. Let us join hands with Fr. Joseph to train more nurses in Uganda and save as many lives as possible. Thank you very much in anticipation for your generosity. May God bless you all.

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. **This is available Friday September 2nd**.

U.S. Bishops’ Action Alert: Tell Senators to say “No” to codifying Same-Sex “Marriage” The “Respect for Marriage Act” would prevent states from restoring the authentic understanding of marriage between man and woman if given the opportunity by the Supreme Court. It would also infringe on the religious freedom of small business wedding vendors and faith-based foster care agencies who serve their communities. Please tell Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin to vote “No” on the poorly-named Respect for Marriage Act. To make your voice heard, and for more information, visit www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home.

Mark Your Calendars!
Sauerkraut Supper Drive-Thru
Wednesday October 12, 2022
Serving 3:30 – 7:30 PM
Help needed both Tuesday & Wednesday all day!

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week’s Total -	\$1,245.25
	-\$454.75
Year to Date Target -	\$10,200.00
Year to Date Total -	\$7,727.32
	-\$2,472.68

Readings for August 21, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:22-30

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.