

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:**

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from, or lack understanding of, the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: His Real Presence in the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year movement in the United States, sponsored by the U.S. Bishops, to restore and deepen understanding and devotion to this great mystery. You are encouraged to participate in this important Eucharistic Revival. Visit: [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org). How do we get to know Jesus better? We get to know Jesus better by being with Him "in person." We do that at Sunday Mass. At the Mass Jesus is present personally and truly in the Holy Eucharist. He meets us there, and He wants to listen to us, as well as speak to us through the Scripture readings and prayers of the Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, give me the desire to read the Bible a few minutes each day. This week, read Luke 1: 39-56

**Help Needed:** Are you looking for a way to live your faith through service? Then become a volunteer or employee with Catholic Charities of the La Crosse Diocese! We are currently looking for volunteers to help in our La Crosse Warming Center this season. Take a look at the Volunteer website at: <https://cclse.org/volunteer-opportunities/> for information.

**Cookie Walk & Bake Sale:** Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 10, 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.

**Bambino Gesù ("Baby Jesus") Christmas Collection for Ukraine:** As we approach the Advent and Christmas season, Valentyna Pavsyukova is organizing a diocese-wide charitable collection for the suffering children, women, and men of Ukraine. To learn what is needed, how you can give, and to find a parish or school collection site near you, visit [diolc.org/Chalice-of-Mercy](http://diolc.org/Chalice-of-Mercy). To make a much-needed financial donation, visit [chaliceofmercy.org/donate](http://chaliceofmercy.org/donate).

**Prayer during Advent:** Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the coming of our Savior at Christmas. If you would like to pray a decade of the Rosary each day or to Pray with a Scripture passage, with a focus on Advent, using a downloadable prayer card that helps prayer to be more personal, visit: [diolc.org/deeper](http://diolc.org/deeper). Families may join together for 10 minutes after a meal to pray a decade of the Rosary or to Pray with a Scripture passage using a simple prayer card that can be downloaded here: [diolc.org/prayer](http://diolc.org/prayer).

**Kids Korner**

*The Immaculate Conception*

This Thursday we will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother. The words "Immaculate Conception" mean that she had no sin on her soul, not even original sin, from the first moment her life began!

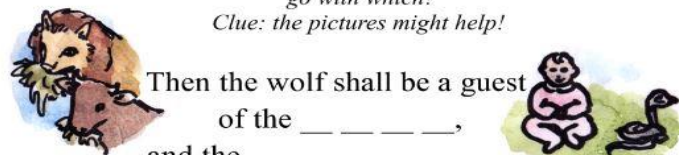
Why do you think God saved Mary from all sin? He wanted her to be the perfect mother for His Son Jesus. If you could make your own mother wouldn't you make her perfect too?



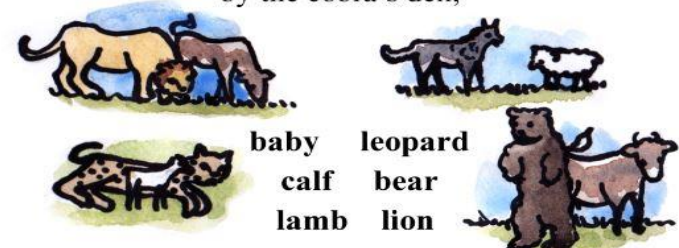
Mary is also a model to all people of how to live a good Christian life and to serve God as best we can. We should thank God for giving us such a beautiful example in His holy Mother. We should pray to Mary every day and ask her to help us love her Son Jesus more. Can you say an extra 'Hail Mary' on Our Lady's feast day?

**Peace Among the Animals**

*In today's first reading, the prophet describes peace between animals and people in God's kingdom. Can you figure out which animals (or people) go with which? Clue: the pictures might help!*



Then the wolf shall be a guest of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall lie down with the kid; the \_\_\_\_\_ and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the \_\_\_\_\_ shall eat hay like the ox. The \_\_\_\_\_ shall play by the cobra's den,



baby leopard  
calf bear  
lamb lion

**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 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Melissa Schaub.....Secretary/Bookkeeper

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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

**MUSIC**

Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605  
Leland Gregorich, Organist

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**Middle Ridge, WI**  
**W697 State Hwy 33**  
**Rockland, WI 54653**



Parish website: [www.saintpetersparish.net](http://www.saintpetersparish.net)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 4, 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

**12/7 Wed. – No Morning Mass**

**12/7 Wed. 7:30 PM – Feast of the Immaculate Conception - † Thomas Chennala (MLH)**

**12/9 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Joyce DeFlorian (BDF)**

**12/10 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Richard Reget (RF)**

**12/11 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Stanley B Hundt (AH)**

Ministry Servers

**Wednesday December 7 – 7:30 PM**

CCD Students will serve, usher & lector

**Saturday December 10 – 8:00 PM**

Servers: Isabell Korn & volunteer

Ushers: Bill Korn & Tom Schaub

Lector: Melissa Schaub

**Sunday December 11 – 10:00 AM**

Servers: Kate & Allis Gronemus

Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Gronemus

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

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

**Tues. Dec. 6 – Parish Advisory Council mtg @ 7 PM**

**Wed. Dec. 7 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM**

**Wed. Dec. 7 – Anticipation Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary mass @ 7:30 PM**

**Sat. Dec. 10/Sun. Dec. 11 – Holiday Bake Sale**

**Sun. Dec. 11 – Retired Fund for Religious Collection**

**Sun. Dec. 11 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM**

**Wed. Dec. 14 – Confessions available @ 6PM**

There will be two priests available

**Wed. Dec. 14 – Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 – 8:15 PM**

**Sun. Dec. 18 – Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 – 9:45 AM**

**Sun. Dec. 18 – Church Christmas decorating**

**Fri. Jan. 6 – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available after mass; contact Fr. Biju to schedule**

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

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL FOR 2022-2023

As you know, the fall is traditionally the time of year when we conduct our Diocesan Annual Appeal to support the wonderful ministries of our Diocese. This year will be slightly different. The Annual Appeal for the 2022-2023 year has been incorporated into the **Inspired by the Spirit** Campaign. This comprehensive, all-parish campaign effort began in parishes this past spring and is being conducted throughout this fall and through the first half of 2023. It will not only incorporate and support the ministries through the Diocesan Annual Appeal but will also provide an opportunity for every parish in the Diocese to raise funds for their own parish needs, the Diocesan Center, and the new Catholic Foundation of West Central Wisconsin. Our parish is assigned to the second block of the campaign timeline. You will be hearing more details in the coming months. Please begin to pray about your commitment to this campaign and know that we will be inviting you to participate after the New Year. While the **Inspired by the Spirit** campaign will include this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal, it will benefit our own parish and the larger Church of La Crosse for years to come. The Diocese plans to raise \$40,000,000. Our parish goal over a 5 year time period is \$85,000 with \$55,250 coming back to our parish for our own needs and projects.

Saint of the Week

**St. Nicholas Day is December 6**

Saint Nicholas lived in the country of Greece, just a couple hundred years after the birth of Christ. This day is in honor of Saint Nicholas and his life. Saint Nicholas became a priest, and later, a Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor. He was model pastor and noted for charity. He was well known for giving to needy people, especially children. There are many stories and tales of him helping out children in need. The practice of hanging up stockings originated with Saint Nicholas. As the ancient legend goes, Saint Nicholas was known to throw small bags of gold coins into the open windows of poor homes. After one bag of gold fell into the stocking of a child, news got around. Children soon began hanging their stocking by their chimneys "in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there". It wasn't until the 1800's that the spirit of St. Nicholas' life evolved into the creation of Santa Claus. Santa Claus emerged (or evolved) from the stories and legends of St. Nicholas.

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**Christmas Flowers:** If you would like to donate towards the flowers that will adorn our church at Christmastime please place your donation in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or mail to the church.

**Information Needed:** There are times that we find the need to contact parishioners by phone or email with important information (funeral plans, canceled masses or CCD, etc). We have found that many people have changed their phone numbers & emails without passing that information along to us. In an attempt to update our records please send an email to the parish office, drop a note in the mail or basket or call the office with your current information. Thank you!

**Holy Day:** We will have mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**. There will be NO morning mass on Wednesday. CCD students should report to class at 7 pm and then come up to mass with their class. St. Joseph Ridge parish will have mass at 6:00 PM on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8:30 AM on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Holiday Bake Sale:** The PCCW will have a holiday bake sale after Masses December 10/11. All proceeds will go to Casa Hogar. The PCCW is requesting contributions of your favorite holiday treat of cookies, baked goods, or candies. Please bring a dozen or more of your favorite treat or treats to church Friday Dec. 9 or if possible, by Saturday 10 am. Treats may be left in the church basement or garage and will be repackaged. Door prizes will be available.

**Mark your Calendars:** We will decorate the church for Christmas on December 18<sup>th</sup> after mass. Please plan to help!

**Retirement Fund for Religious:** The annual collection in parishes for the national Retirement Fund for Religious is scheduled for the weekend of December 10-11. Religious in our diocese and across the nation benefit significantly from this national collection. Give in thanksgiving. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education" writes a donor. Please join in thanking senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young, provide health care, minister in parishes, and serve others in need. Please give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. May God reward you.

**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 **December 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Fr. 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 January 6<sup>th</sup>**.



**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	<u>\$2,666.22</u>
	\$966.22
Year to Date Target -	\$37,400.00
Year to Date Total -	<u>\$32,211.88</u>
	-\$5,188.12

Readings for December 11, 2022

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-10

**Second Reading:** James 5:7-10

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 11:2-11

**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.