

**Diocesan and Community News**

**Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:**

Visit: [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) for more information.

**Message for the week of April 23:**

**The Eucharist is the Risen Christ**

On Easter Sunday, two disciples were leaving Jerusalem without hope as they believed that the Savior was dead. Jesus joined them as they walked but the disciples did not recognize Him as He now had a glorified body. When Jesus sat down with the disciples at Emmaus, they recognized Him in the "breaking of bread," which was the Eucharist. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Lord, make my heart burn with a desire to read Your Word in Sacred Scripture. This week, read how Jesus explained how He fulfilled the Old Testament in His Passion, Death and Resurrection, and allowed the disciples to recognize Him in the breaking of the bread in Luke 24:13-35.

**April is Abortion Recovery Awareness Month:** Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry of the Diocese of La Crosse offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email [projectrachel@diolc.org](mailto:projectrachel@diolc.org).

**Caregiver Opportunities:** The Villa St. Joseph is seeking applicants for part-time help on all shifts for LPN or RN & CNA's on all shifts. Includes every other weekend. Training provided. Apply at [fspa.org/careers](http://fspa.org/careers) and look under Villa tab.

**Lenten Series:** All are welcome to join St. Joseph Parish for the Eucharist Lectio series with Brant Pitre. It's free. It is Tuesday evenings at 6:15 PM in the school hall. This will follow the regular Adoration (5:00 pm) and Mass (5:30 pm). There will be 10 sessions (one per week) that explore Scripture, history, and Church teaching to illuminate the wonder and the MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST. Please call Stacy Burns @ 608-769-8828 to register or with any questions.

**Spring Luncheon:** Saturday, April 29th, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Coon Valley. Only \$7 per person. Open to the general public. Invite your family and friends and join us for lunch and door prizes. Lisa Olson, a children's book author, will present her latest book starting at 11:30 AM. For more information call 608-452-3841.

**Chicken Que:** Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, will be holding a Chicken-Que on Thursday, May 11, from 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. for pick up and delivery only. The price is \$12 and includes a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans and a dinner roll. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145. No minimum order and no delivery charge. Enter at Weston Street driveway.

**Kids Korner**

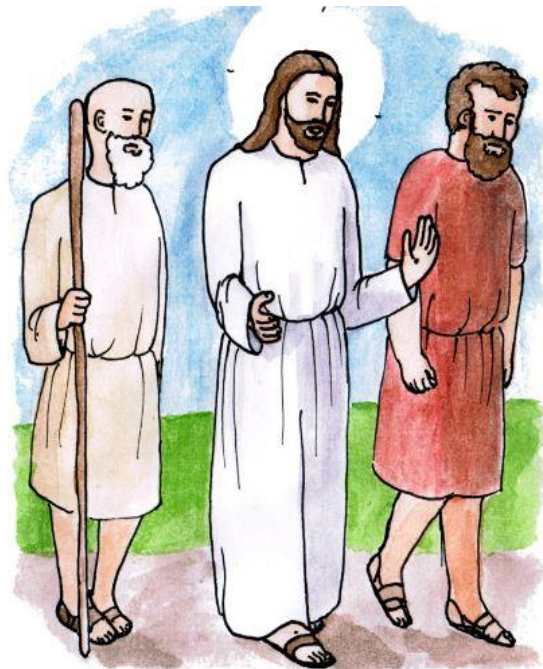
**Reading the Scriptures**

In today's Gospel reading two disciples were walking together and thinking sadly about how Jesus had just been tortured and killed. Then Jesus started walking with them- but they didn't recognize Him. He explained to them what the Scriptures had said about Him suffering and dying. He helped them to understand what God's plan had been.



Every time we go to Mass we hear about Jesus in the Gospel reading. But we don't need to wait until Mass to learn about Jesus. You can read the Bible every day. God wants us to know Him better so we can love Him more. And the more we love Him the happier we will be.

Do you have a children's Bible? Maybe your Mom or Dad can read to you from the big Bible a little every morning or night. Reading saint stories also helps us to know God through His friends. Try to read or listen to some of the Bible or the life of a saint every day!



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 The disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus at first. How did they recognize Him eventually? Use the code to find out!

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**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 8:30 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 - 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**

Gary Flock, Michael Hundt, Rachel Persson, Brandon Flock, Mark Nicolai (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**

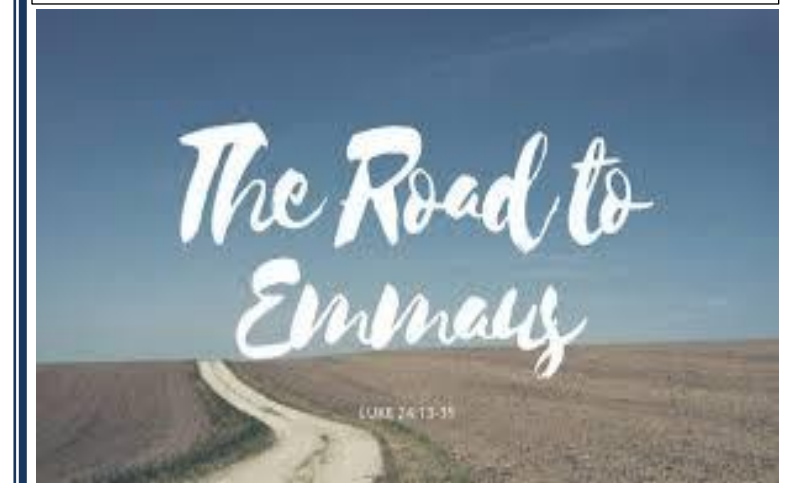
Terese Slattery, Coordinator.....(608) 452-4605  
 Leland Gregorich, Organist

**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 EASTER**  
**APRIL 23, 2023**



**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

**4/26 Wed. 8:00 AM – † Del Marie Hemmersbach (ML)**  
**4/28 Fri. 8:00 AM – † Marcie & Dave Hundt (HF)**  
**4/29 Sat. 8:00 PM – † Arlene & Norbert Schmidt (AMH)**  
**4/30 Sun. 10:00 AM – † Bobbie & Arlene Arentz (DKS)**



Please join us for an informational reception in the church basement on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 10 AM mass. There is also the opportunity to attend on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the St. Joseph Parish school basement. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

**Pray Often & Daily!!!**

Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target -	\$1,700.00
Last Week's Total -	\$777.75
	-\$922.25
Year to Date Target -	\$71,400.00
Year to Date Total -	\$82,841.34
	\$11,441.34

Readings for April 30, 2023

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14,36-41  
**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:20-25  
**Gospel Reading:** John 10:1-10

**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 April 29 – 8:00 PM**  
**Servers:** Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen & Isabell Korn

**Ushers:** Bill Korn & Ron Hurtz  
**Lector:** Kristen Schaub

**Sunday April 30 – 10:00 AM**  
**Servers:** Arnie Nicolai & Joe Peterson  
**Ushers:** Peter Benzing & Mark Gronemus  
**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 until 8:30 PM**  
Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

**Sun. April 23** - Inspired by the Spirit Reception after 10 AM Mass in St. Peter's basement  
**Wed. April 26** - Grades 7-9 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM  
**Sun. April 30** - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM  
**Sun. April 30** - Inspired by the Spirit Reception @ 7 PM in the St. Joseph school basement  
**Fri. May 5** - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule  
**Sun. May 7** - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM  
**Sun. May 7** - First Holy Communion @ 10 AM Mass  
**Sun. May 21** - Graduation & Confirmation Mass @ 10



**\*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

**Road to Emmaus**

The two disciples are on the way to Emmaus. We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred. Jesus himself approaches the two men and asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture.

In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God. In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which St. Luke the Evangelist calls it "the breaking of bread": a phrase Luke uses throughout his other book of the Bible—*Acts of the Apostles*—to refer to the Holy Eucharist the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus.

Like those disciples on the road to Emmaus, we encounter the presence of the risen Lord every time we gather to hear the Scriptures proclaimed and witness the bread of the Eucharist broken. Joy abounded in their hearts. Hope was restored in their recognition of Jesus. At our participation of the Eucharist does it bring us joy and hope as we receive Him into our hearts?

Have a Blessed weekend.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

Parish News

**Easter Flowers:** Thank you to those who have donated: from Pat & Darla Lucey, from Gary & Sarah Gronemus, in memory of Bobby & Arlene Arentz (DKS), in memory of deceased members of the Lee family (ML), in memory of Arlene & Alfred Bahr (DW), in remembrance of Stanley & Steven Hundt (AH), from Gary & Deb Flock and in memory of Eugene Flock, Kylie VonRuden & Chad Mlsna (LF), in memory of deceased members of the Gronemus family (PCG).

**Seeking Babysitters:** If you are willing to babysit, please send your name and phone number to Rachel Persson at 608-386-9543. She is compiling a list of babysitter-aged women from our parish. The information will be posted in the back of the church so that families in need of babysitting may contact you directly. Note: rate of pay, number of children, etc, is all to be determined by the babysitter individually. The church is merely providing a list of potential babysitters, nothing more.

**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 May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 **May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

**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. 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. 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.

**Parents - Protect Your Children:** The culture is bombarding your children and young people with lies about their identity. The stark reality is that the "gender revolution" is being streamed into your children's daily lives, offering a seductive vision that is deeply disturbing and untrue. The work of Person and Identity Project is an excellent service to parents navigating urgent issues around 'gender identity' and 'gender transition.' The information on their website is objective and up to date. personandidentity.com