Diocesan and Community News

Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

Message for the week of May 7:

Confession – a preparation for receiving the Eucharist

The best way to prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is by going to Confession (also known as the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Penance). We want to receive Him with a clean heart. If it is not possible to go to Confession before receiving Jesus, make a sincere Act of Contrition in your heart, and as always pray with sincerity the prayer at Mass, "I confess to Almighty God..." A sin that is mortal – serious or grave – requires Sacramental Confession before receiving Holy Communion. If you are not sure about this, speak with a priest. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please give me the grace to be truly sorry for my sins. This week read how God calls us out of darkness into His own wonderful light in 1 Peter 2:9-10.

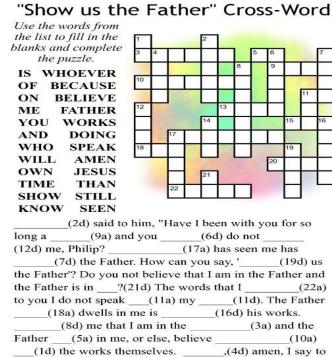
<u>Caregiver Opportunities</u>: The Villa St. Joseph is seeking applicants for part-time help on all shifts for LPN or RN & CNA's on all shifts. Includes every other weekend. Training provided. Apply at <u>fspa.org/careers</u> and look under Villa tab.

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.

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

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.

<u>This is my Body</u>: On Saturday, June 10, the people of the southern Minnesota Diocese of Winona-Rochester will gather for a day-long celebration of Christ made present to us in the Eucharist. Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime event.



Kids Korner

(14d), whoever believes in me (13a) do the (17d) that I do, (15a) will do greater ones (20a) these, because I am going to the Father."

Important Cemetery Information

From the Cemetery Committee: It has come to the attention of the Cemetery Committee that several headstones in our cemetery are in need of repair/maintenance. Following is a list of the names on those headstones. It is the family's responsibility to take care of these headstones. If you are a family member or know of a family member, please consider taking care of the necessary repairs and/or contacting family members. If interested, the Committee does have the name of a person who does this kind of work. If you have questions, please contact one of the Committee members.

Row 1 Johann & Catharina Brecht

John Bell Row 4 Anton Kerska Row 5 John & Anna Burbach Row 6 Ernest Muenzenberger Row 7 Anton & Margarete Lomis Row 10 Anna Arentz John & Katherina Burbach Row 11 Nick Fischbach Nick Antony Row 12 Edmund Ott Row 13 Vaclav Silha Row 15 Mathias & Anna Becker Row 16 Walter & Mabel Cavadini Row 17 John & Anna Weber Row 19 Peter & Margaret Hurtz Row 22 Joseph & Mary Korn Row 24 Mary Repky Clarence & Mildred Muenzenberger Row 25 Joseph & Wilma Clements

Row 26 Gasper

PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

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Email: <u>bchennala@diolclergy.org</u>

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

| Satu | rday | 8:00 PM |
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| Sund | lay | 10:00 AM |

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

| Wednesday | and Friday | 8:00 AM |
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| 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 Office Phone: (608) 486-2180 Home Phone: (608) 486-4012 Bulletin deadline:Wednesday Email: <u>parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.org</u> Fax: (608) 486-2181

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 & Louisa Peterson (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

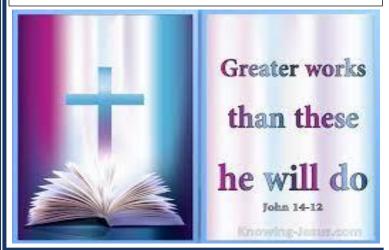
MUSIC

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: <u>www.saintpetersparish.net</u> FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 7, 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

<u>5/10 Wed. 8:00 AM</u> -+ Donald Althoff (AMH) 5/12 Fri. 8:00 AM – + Stanley B Hundt (AH) 5/13 Sat. 8:00 PM -+ Richard Reget (DKS) 5/14 Sun. 10:00 AM -+ Arnold & Theresa Arentz. **Rick Schermerhorn & Peggy** Arentz



Goal: \$85,000 Parish Share: \$55,250 Total Pledged: \$11,000 Goal Balance: \$74,000 Annual Appeal portion to by paid by 6/30/23: \$11,815

Pray Often & Daily!!!

| <u> Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)</u> | | | |
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| Weekly Target - | \$1,700.00 | | |
| Last Week's Total - | \$1,104.10 | | |
| | -\$595.90 | | |
| Year to Date Target - | \$74,800.00 | | |
| Year to Date Total - | <u>\$85,651.08</u> | | |
| | +\$10,851.08 | | |

Readings for May 14, 2023 First Reading: Acts 8:5-17

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

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 May 13 – 8:00 PM Servers: Isabell Korn & volunteer Ushers: Tom Schaub & Tim Leis Lector: Melissa Schaub

Sunday May 14 – 10:00 AM Servers: Joe & Josh Peterson Ushers: Mark Gronemus & Mark Stephenson 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 until 8:30 PM Come spend some quiet time with Jesus. Confessions available.

Parish Calendar of Events

Sun. May 7 – First Holy Communion @ 10 AM Mass Sun. May 7 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM Wed. May 10 - Parish office closed May 13 & 14 – Mother's Day Rose sale Sun. May 21 – Graduation & Confirmation Mass @ 10 Fri. June 2 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Thank You!!

Many thanks to our teachers at the end of our CCD year: Duane & Abigail Leis, Erin & Mike Klinkner, Carol Gronemus, Kristen Schaub, Laura & Mark Nicolai, Mike & LaVonne Hundt and Tom Schaub. Special thanks to Mary Hundt, our DRE.

| <u>St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times</u> | | | |
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| Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m. | | | |
| First Saturday Mass8:30am | | | |
| Confession time available after Mass | | | |
| Monday5:30pm | | | |
| Tuesday 5:30pm | | | |
| (Adoration before Mass beginning at 5:00 pm) | | | |
| Thursday8:30am | | | |

From the Pastor's Pen **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

When God made the covenant with Moses he promised, "You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation". (Ex 19:6). In 1 Peter 2:9 we read it again addressed to the people of the new covenant, "you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. It is addressed to each of us. Through our baptism we have been reborn in Him by water and sprit and we share the royal, prophetic, priesthood. How blessed we are to be chosen. We have a great challenge trying to be Christ's ambassadors to the world. The only way we will be able to act like Him, with love, compassion, and generosity, is by intentionally paying attention to our spiritual life, through prayer and the sacraments. It also finds its expression in loving others. Prayer helps us to be in communication with the Lord. Celebrating the sacraments (especially Holy Communion and Confession), we are strengthened by God's grace to remain faithful members of God's family. When we are rooted in Christ, we will love our brothers and sisters. We become a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a people of his own.

I like to congratulate our 3rd graders who are receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday. I thank all the teachers who prepared them well. Most Holy Eucharist is the greatest gift we have, as Catholics. Eucharist is entering into the MYSTERY of His whole being. It's the reality that transforms our life as we celebrate it just as bread and wine are transformed in the celebration, we are transformed. The Eucharist is a redeeming, transforming, life-giving, fulfilling, joy-filled celebration. Once again congratulations to the first communicants. Prayers for their families too.

This year May 7th, the fifth Sunday of Easter, is also the first death anniversary of my Dad. I request you to pray for his soul. Also please keep my mom, brother and sister and their families too in your thoughts and prayers. May the Risen Lord bless him with eternal bliss. May the good Lord bless you all.

First Communion: Please pray for these students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion: Henry Kadrmas, Hadlee Leis, Adeline Nicolai, Abel Slattery, Avin Stephenson & Conrad Weber. May God bless & protect them. Finance Council: Thank you and Welcome to the newest members of our finance council; Rachel Persson, Brandon Flock, Mark Nicolai & Louisa Peterson.

Help Needed: We are in need of more lectors for Saturday nights. If you are willing to serve the church in this capacity please contact Fr. Biju or the parish office by May 17th.

Mother's Day Rose sale: Next weekend we will be selling roses after mass. The proceeds will go to our local Wisconsin Right to Life chapter. The suggested price is \$2 per rose. Happy Mother's day!

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 June 2nd.

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 7th. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

Prayers for Farming and Rural Life: As spring and planting season arrives, remember to support those who grow our food and fulfill God's command to "till the earth and keep it." As a farming community please pray for the following: -For favorable weather during planting season: that the fruits of the earth may provide food enough for all people and provide for the livelihoods of farmers and growers. Let us pray to the Lord. -For farmers and their families, and for those who work in agriculture: that they be good stewards of the goods of the earth and receive what they need for their spiritual and material well being. Let us pray to the Lord. -For farmers who are struggling to make ends meet: that they may be encouraged by the support of their neighbors, their parish and all of God's people. Let us pray to the Lord.

-For a greater knowledge and love of rural life: that its values, traditions and faith be nurtured in our communities. Let us pray to the Lord.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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