### **Diocesan and Community News**

#### Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

<u>Message for the week of September 10:</u> *A Minute with Jesus* is being provided in light of the Eucharistic Revival - a movement to help all Catholics know and believe that the Eucharist is Jesus. We Respond with Thanksgiving after Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion"

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the words of Jesus repeated by the priest, a miracle happens at every Mass. The substance of the bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, even though the bread and wine still look the same. When we receive Jesus, we want to thank Him for this incredible Gift. Then we can speak with Him about anything that is on our heart. We also want to listen to what He might say to us in the quiet of our heart. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, I believe in you. Jesus, I hope in You. Jesus, I want to love You with all my heart. Jesus, I thank You for having come to dwell in me as I receive You in Holy Communion. I welcome You into my heart and I ask you to "crowd out" whatever might be there that is not of You. And I desire to give You full reign as my Lord, my Savior and my King. Thank You for giving Your life for me on the Cross, loving me this much and allowing me to receive You into my heart in this present moment. And now that You are so close to me, please help me love You more and more, and serve You by loving the people around me. Amen. This week, read Psalm 107:1. "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"

**Chicken Q:** Mary, Mother of the Church Parish (enter at Weston Street driveway) is holding a Chicken Q on Thursday, September 14 from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. Dinner includes half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, homemade beans, and a dinner roll. Meals are \$12 each. Pick-up and delivery only. For pre-sale tickets (guaranteed) and deliveries, call (608) 518-6145.

**Rural Life Day - Marshfield - All are Welcome:** The 42nd Annual Rural Life Day will be held on Sept. 13, 2023, hosted by Ken and Joellen Heiman of Heiman Holsteins, at 11875 US Hwy 10 in Marshfield. The day begins with a 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery and a catered meal. There will also be wagon rides to tour the ridge-top farm. All are welcome to this celebration of the uniqueness of rural life, giving thanks to God for the contribution of rural values to the life of the Church.

Men of the Cross Conference | Oct. 14 (8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.) The La Crosse Center, La Crosse, WI: Connect with other Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse who will lift you in this role and be encouraged and challenged by men of deep faith. Tickets are \$45 per person. Fathers, make this a Father/Son day and bring your high school-age son for free! If you are planning to bring your son, please put his name in the comment section on the online registration form. For registration and more information visit www.menofthecross.org.

#### **Kids Korner**

What should I do when somebody else sins?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that if someone sins against us we should quietly go and talk to them about it. Have you ever seen someone else do something bad? Did you talk to them about it?

I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU, BUT I THINK YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE!



WE REALLY WANT YOU TO BE OUR FRIEND, BUT YOU CAN'T KEEP LYING TO US!

When we talk to somebody about something bad they are doing we should do it with love. We aren't trying to make them feel bad; we're trying to help!

Has anyone ever told you when you were doing something wrong? Did you find it easy to listen to them? When we try to help people who do bad things, what God wants us to do is be kind to them and help them to turn away from their sins. It's hard to do, but it makes God

so happy to see us helping people come back to Him!

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#### ...Where two or three are gathered in my Name...

| TWHICHPRTA | Here is the last part of                         |
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| HHEARTHSHT | today's Gospel reading.                          |
| REAGAINHEO | See if you can find all<br>the words in CAPITALS |
| ERVRMYWARG | in the puzzle. Use the                           |
| EEEESGLEE  | left-over letters to fill in                     |
| PINENARLNT | the blanks.                                      |
| RTLHOYATAH | What is Our Lord                                 |
| ANYTHINGME | asking us to do?                                 |
| YYOUFATHER |  |
| GATHEREDHE | <u> </u>   |
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AGAIN, AMEN, I SAY to YOU, if two of you AGREE on EARTH about ANYTHING for WHICH they are to PRAY, it SHALL be GRANTED to them by my HEAVENLY FATHER. For WHERE TWO or THREE are GATHERED TOGETHER in my NAME, THERE am I in the MIDST of them.



#### PASTOR

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

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#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

| Saturday | 8:00  | PM |
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| Sunday   | 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) 452-4680 Home Phone: (608) 486-4012 Bulletin deadline: .....Wednesday Email: parishoffice@stpmr.diolcparish.org

#### PARISH WEBMASTER Christopher Pundzak

#### SACRISTANS Richard Korish & Austin Menn

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Mary Hundt, Coordinator......(608) 780-6172

#### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Gary Flock, 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, Kathy Flock, Sarah Gronemus

#### **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> TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 10, 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**

9/12 Wed. 8:00 AM - No Mass 9/15 Fri. 8:00 AM – No Mass 9/16 Sat. 8:00 PM – + Madonna Bahr (TDL) 9/17 Sun. 10:00 AM – Living & deceased members of the Al Antony family (AA)



## Pray Often & Daily!!!

| <u> Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)</u>                        |  |  |  |
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| Weekly Target -   | \$1,850.00                                       |  |  |
| Last Week's Total -   | <u>\$873.75</u>                                  |  |  |
|   | -\$1,282.00                                      |  |  |
| Year to Date Target -<br>Year to Date Total -                       | \$18,850.00<br><u>\$11,855.23</u><br>-\$6,994.77 |  |  |
| Readings for September 17, 2023<br>First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7 |  |  |  |

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#### **Ministry Servers**

Saturday September 16 – 8:00 PM Servers: Isabell Korn Brielle & Brooklyn Lundeen Ushers: Tim Leis & Don Halderson Lector: Julie Lundeen

Sunday September 17 – 10:00 AM Servers: Madi & Allis Gronemus Ushers: Gary Gronemus & Mark Gronemus Lector: Ann Hundt

\*Remind<u>er\*</u> 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. 8 Ways to Pray During Eucharistic Adoration ~ - Read Spiritual Books - Ask for Intercession - Meditate - Offer a Holy Hour - Write a Prayer Journal - Read the - Pray Spontaneously - Ask the Saints for help Scriptures

### **Parish Calendar of Events**

<u>Sept. 11 – 15</u> – Fr. Biju on Retreat/ No daily masses Wed. Sept. 13 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM Sun. Sept. 17 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM Family CCD mass after classes to kick off new year Wed. Sept. 20 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM Sun. Sept. 24 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM Sun. Oct. 1 – Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM Fri. Oct. 6 - Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule



**\*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.

#### St. Joseph's Ridge Mass Times

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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

#### **Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone . . . If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church . . . Matthew 18: 15-20

What happens when someone misbehaves and hurts you? Retaliate? No. That is not being a Christian. Jesus lays out a detailed plan in the gospel about how to help a person. First step is to go to the person, then later other means are relied on. There is an urge in Jesus to restore the relationship. It means that sometimes we have to take the first step, even though we know that the other person is in the wrong. We are called to be messengers of love. St. Francis of Assisi had the wonderful prayer which begins, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon.."

September commemorates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, one after another, on Sept. 14 and 15, respectively. Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the finding of the True Cross in 325 by Saint Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine. The mystery this feast commemorates is the redemption accomplished by our Lord's sacrificial death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead.

On September 8<sup>th,</sup> we celebrated the Nativity of the Blessed Mother. On September 15th we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. It's also called the feast of the Mother of Compassion. We are invited to mediate on the seven principal sorrows: 1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35) 2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21) 3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50) 4. The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17) 5. The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30) 6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40) 7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)

September 10<sup>th</sup> is 'National Grandparents Day' - a time to honor grandparents. Celebrating it is a reminder for us to show greater understanding and respect to grandparents and elderly who are often ignored by many. Many grandparents inspire us to face faith and life with confidence. Therefore, cherish your grandparents when they are with you.

I will be out for my retreat from Monday to Friday. I will keep all of you in my prayer. Have a blessed week.

### Sauerkraut Supper: Please pick up your raffle tickets. The sign up board is now in the back of church. Please note that there is more than one day that we need help!!! Many volunteers are needed so mark your calendars for October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> to help. Fliers are also available for you to take around to local establishments and spread the word!

DCCW: Have you heard about or seen the movie the "Sound of Freedom", a story about child and human trafficking? Come learn more about this problem from Deacon Steve Przedpelski of the Franciscan Peacemakers of Milwaukee. He is the speaker for the La Crosse Deanery of Catholic Women Fall Assembly. It will be held at Mary, Mother of Church, September 18, 2023. The program will start at 6 p.m. with a light supper and desserts. All ladies of all area parishes are invited, but please tell us if you are coming so we have enough food! If needed, rides will be provided. Please call Rita Sanchez, 608-780-3621 or Kay Kesler, 608-780-0485.

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 October 6<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 October 1st. Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

**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!

Hearing Assistance: For anyone finding it difficult to hear during mass we now have head-sets available in the sacristy that can be used to help. They are linked into our sound system directly.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

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