# **Diocesan and Community News**

## **Eucharistic Revival - 2022 through 2025:**

Visit: eucharisticrevival.org for more information.

# Message for the week of November 12:

The Eucharistic Revival is meant to stir a deeper love for the incredible Gift of our Eucharistic Lord. God created you to be His beloved son or daughter so that you may spend eternity with Him. God is our Creator, and He only wants what is best for us. We must remember! It is our choice: we want to knowingly be open and receive God's love; or we can refuse it. God gives us the freedom to choose Him. Let us choose to receive God's love by receiving the Eucharist—Jesus Himself. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: God, help me not to prefer anything more than You, nor to substitute anything for You. Thank You for the grace that will always strengthen me to choose You above everything.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW ~ SAT. DECEMBER 2, 2023: Come join the fun and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St. Concessions available throughout the show. Free admission! Visit our website ~: www.stmarycv.org/craft-show or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 or Peters@mwt.net

Advent Christmas Fair: Saturday, November 18 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Please use the parking lot or side streets. Please keep the Drop Off Area for those with special needs. Use the Losey Blvd. entrance. Visit or have a photo with St. Nick or our Living Advent Candles. There will be Raffle Baskets (drawing at 1:45, need not be present to win), Giving Tree, Children's Secret Store, Grandma's Pantry, Cache of Jewelry, Catholic Family Room, Attic Treasures, Book Nook (with kids corner while you shop). St. Lucy Cinnamon Rolls from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Join us for lunch from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm. Lunch is \$5 and includes: pulled pork / bun (add your own sauce), chips, cookie & beverage.

<u>Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale</u>: Hosted at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral on Saturday December  $2^{nd}$  from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Includes a Raffle, Baked goods, Candy, Handmade gifts, crafts and greeting cards.

Cookie Walk and Craft Sale: Held at Holy Trinity Parish Leo Hall on Saturday, December 9. Cookie Walk (Fancy Cookies can be purchased by the pound) from 8:00 a.m. until gone - Craft Sale featuring 10 tables of crafts from local parishioners and vendors from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

<u>Courage Apostolate</u>: Everyone is called to chastity. The <u>Courage Apostolate</u> (<u>couragerc.org</u>) is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of persons who experience same-sex attraction and wish to faithfully live the Church's beautiful teachings on human sexuality. A Courage chapter with a trained chaplain is active in our diocese, meeting monthly online. Contact Ann Lankford, the Director of Catechesis & Evangelization at 608-791-2658 or alankford@diolc.org for details.

## **Kids Korner**

# Always be Ready

Have you ever thought to yourself that it would be better to have fun and be bad now, and then be good later?
That's what some of the bridesmaids in today's parable were like. They only brought enough oil for their lamps, and didn't bother to bring any extra.
But the other bridesmaids had been wise and took along extra flasks to refill their lamps when it got late. When the bridegroom came, those who hadn't brought extra oil were gone, getting more oil, and missed the feast!



Sometimes people say that they have lots of time to change from their evil ways, so they don't repent right away. This parable shows us that it is very foolish to leave important things until later. Nobody knows when they will die, so we should always be ready.

The oil of the bridesmaids is like the grace in our souls. We need to make sure that our soul always has sanctifying grace, which we need to get into Heaven.

We lose that grace when we do a serious sin. That is why if we ever commit a serious sin, we should go to confession as soon as we can so that we will always have grace and be ready for when we die.

Congratulations to Moses Joseph Menn, son of Austin & Mary, who received the sacrament of Baptism last week. May God bless you all!



#### **PASTOR**

# Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, MSFS

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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 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

#### **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

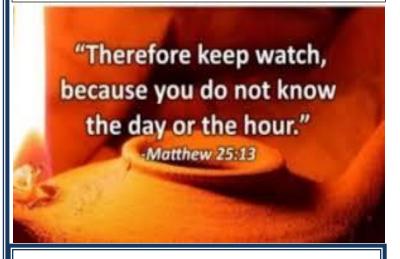
#### **MUSIC**

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: <a href="https://www.saintpetersparish.net">www.saintpetersparish.net</a>
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 12, 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**

11/15 Wed. 8:00 AM — The
Korish & Walker families(RJK)

11/17 Fri. 8:00 AM — † Levina
Hauser (HF)

11/18 Sat. 8:00 PM — St. Peter's
Parish Family

11/19 Sun. 10:00 AM — † Andy
Kick (MAS)

## Sauerkraut Supper Report 2023

#### Expenses

\$750.00 – Raffle (\$700.00 in prizes, \$50.00 licenses)

\$4,138.88 – Meat

\$2,746.53 – Other meal expenses (food, paper products, milk, misc)

\$626.42 – Beverages (beer, wine, soda, water, cups)

\$650.00 – Tent expenses (\$600.00 rental, \$50.00 entertainment)

\$146.20 - Dumpster

\$9058.03 - Total Expenses

#### Income

\$6,385.00 - Eat-in dinners

\$7,897.00 - Carry-out dinners

\$1,787.00 - Bake sale & raw kraut sales

\$840.00 – Beverages

\$250.00 - Donations

\$982.00 - Other food (leftovers sold)

\$3,550.00 - Raffle (\$3375.00 cash raffle, \$175.00 50/50 raffle)

\$21,691.00 - Gross Income

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#### Parish Finances (Fiscal Year Budget)

Weekly Target - \$1,870.00 Last Week's Total - \$2,574.28 \$704.28

Year to Date Target - \$33,660.00 Year to Date Total - \$25,438.83 -\$8.221.17

#### Readings for November 19, 2023

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-21

## **Ministry Servers**

# Saturday November 18 – 8:00 PM

<u>Servers</u>: Andrew & Matthew Schaub <u>Ushers</u>: Tom Schaub & Phil Gronemus

**Lector**: Melissa Schaub

# Sunday November 19 – 10:00 AM

<u>Servers</u>: Arnie Nicolai & Kate Gronemus Ushers: Mark Stephenson & Peter Benzing

Lector: John Hundt

## **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**

Tues. Nov. 14 - Parish Advisory Council mtg @ 7:30

Wed. Nov. 15 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM

Sun. Nov. 19 - Grades 1-6 NO CCD Class

Wed. Nov. 22 - Grades 7-10 NO CCD Class

Sun. Nov. 26 - Grades 1-6 NO CCD Class

Wed. Nov. 29 - Grades 7-10 CCD Class 7 - 8:15 PM

<u>Fri. Dec. 1</u> – Anointing of the Sick Sacrament available; contact Fr. Biju to schedule

Sun. Dec. 3 - Grades 1-6 CCD Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM

Sun. Dec. 3 - Rosary in church @ 7:30 PM

Thurs. Dec. 7 - Immaculate Conception mass @ 8 PM

Fri. Dec. 8 - No morning weekday mass

Sat. Dec. 9 - PCCW meeting @ 10 AM

Cookie sale packaging to follow



# 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

### **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We have entered the final weeks of the liturgical year. We encounter Jesus at Jerusalem. He is in his last days before his passion and death. He is looking ahead to the time of the Church, and urging his disciples, in no uncertain terms, to spiritual vigilance. It's in this context he tells them the parable of the Ten Virgins. A parable which reminds us of the need to be vigilant. The parable of the Ten Virgins is found in St. Matthew's Gospel alone. The Ten Virgins represent all Christians as they wait for Christ to return at the end of time in glory.

In the center of today's parable there is a thrilling cry. "Behold the Bridegroom! Go out to meet him!" It's the cry each of us will hear, in some way, at the moment of our death. But according to the parable, when the bridegroom came, he found out that half of them were unprepared. They weren't evil; just rather lazy, shallow, thoughtless. They were just unprepared. So, they were destined to hear those words of the bridegroom "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you." Therefore, Jesus tells us stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Fill our lamps with the oil of sanctifying grace, and love, replenished by frequent reception of the sacraments. Be vigilant. God is merciful.

This week on Saturday we celebrate Veterans Day week! For over 100 years, we have remembered those who served our country in uniform on 11 November – first as Armistice Day, and then, since 1954 as Veterans Day. Let's honor the veterans by remembering them in our prayers and acknowledging the great sacrifice they have done for our country. Have a blessed week.

Live Jesus, Fr Biju MSFS

## **Parish News**

<u>Christmas Cookie Sale</u>: Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> after mass. Asking for donations of 2 dozen or more of your favorite Christmas cookies or treats from parishioners. Please have cookies at church by 11:00 AM on Saturday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Cookies will be repackaged for sale. All proceeds go to Casa Hogar Orphanage.

**PCCW Meeting:** Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Please come to help with Christmas cookie packaging.

<u>Bishops Annual Appeal</u>: Our goal this year is \$11,760. Keep in mind that any money collected above this goal comes back to the parish for our own use.

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 December 1<sup>st</sup>.

<u>First Sunday Rosary</u>: We pray the rosary on the first Sunday of each month in church at 7:30 PM. **The next one will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Please plan to attend to pray as our Holy Mother has called us to do.

**Looking ahead:** On December 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holyday of obligation. We will have a vigil mass on Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. There will be no Friday morning mass.

<u>Information Needed:</u> 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!

<u>Hearing Assistance</u>: 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.

In November we honor and pray for those who have gone before us. Our Book of the Dead is displayed in the back of church. Please add any names you do not see inside and pray for those whose names are listed. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

